



Remember the Hostages

Merry Christmas to Everyone!

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OLD FASHIONED TREE - The Christmas tree at the Motley County Courthouse recalls memories of by-gone days. The cedar tree is decorated with paper chains and tinsel. Mrs. Curtis King, David Zarate and Mrs. Leon Smallwood (l to r) are shown placing boxes of cheese sold by the Motley County 4-H Club under the tree.

Chrismon Tree New Custom At Methodist Church

In the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church this year is a "Chrismon Tree." The tree is decorated with ornaments, called Chrismons, made by various families of the church.

The Chrismon Tree originated in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Danville, Virginia in 1957. From that beginning the idea has spread to Christians all over the world.

The evergreen tree, which symbolizes the eternal life which our Savior has won for us, is a background for tiny white lights and white and gold Chrismons. The lights speak of Him Who is the Light of the world, and the Chrismons (CHRIST - MONogram) proclaim the Name, the Life, and the saving Acts of Jesus the Christ.

Some Chrismons are simple copies of symbols of Christianity from its earliest days; others are new explanations of God's never-changing presence in our ever-changing world; and some are combinations of several elements, old and new.

All of the Chrismons are made in either white or gold or in a combination of the two colors.

WHITE, the Liturgical color for Christmas, suggests the innocence, purity, and perfection of our Savior. In our culture, it is the color of joy. Scripture often uses white to portray purity and equates it with light to denote completeness.

GOLD, as a symbol for the glory and majesty of God and the Son of God, is also derived from Biblical usage. For emphasis, certain Chrismons show a touch of RED to remind us of the blood of Christ by which we are saved.

The tree at the Methodist Church was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wason.



"CHRISMON TREE" at the First United Methodist Church is shown with ornaments made by families of the church. Admiring the tree are Jeremy and Jessica Perkins, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Perkins. Each year new "Chrismons" will be added to the tree. The tree was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wason.

Program Of Music Entertains Lions

Two attractive young girls from Lubbock entertained Matador Lions Club members with a program of music at the club's regular meeting Dec. 16 at the United Methodist Church. They were Miss Lisa Pipkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Pipkin, and her friend, Miss Lauren Wagon.

Miss Pipkin, vocalist, was accompanied at the piano by Miss Wagon. They presented a variety of numbers which included a ballad, a popular sheet, one of the songs from the Broadway hit, "Annie," and "O Holy Night," in

keeping with the Christmas season. At Lisa's invitation, the Lions joined her in singing several Christmas carols.

The girls were introduced by Neal Pipkin, a Matador native, who confessed that "I never thought I would be back here to introduce a 17-year-old daughter," when he was introduced by Lion Billy Wason, program chairman. His daughter is a senior in Monterey High School, secretary of the Student Body and a member of the National Honor Society, and Christian Athletes. She was chosen Monterey

High School Homecoming Queen this fall. Miss Wagon is a junior at Monterey High School and both girls are members of Tri-Hi-Y and the school choir.

Lion Bill Pipkin, grandfather of the young singer, was fined by Tailtwister Larry Hoyle for having such a talented, charming granddaughter.

Boss Lion Ronnie Vandiver presided at the meeting and reported on action of the directors of their regular breakfast. A report of the successful Christmas party given by the club for the Motley County School, was made

by Lion Warren Multer, and special appreciation was expressed for the concert staged by the Patton Springs Band, directed by Mrs. Ralph Marshall. Lion Charley Johnson announced that lighting contest for homes and businesses would be judged by out of town judges possibly during the week end.

Lion Tamer Bob Stanley introduced the guests from Lubbock, and Mr. Pipkin's mother, Mrs. Bill Pipkin, local resident. The Methodist Women received a round of applause for the enjoyable luncheon, and other action of the club was the appointment of program and flag committees for the next quarter.

Holiday Greetings Businesses Closing For Yule Holidays

Local businesses have announced plans to close for the Christmas Holidays.

Ronnie's Dept. Store and Matador Variety will close Christmas Day and remain closed until Monday, Dec. 29th.

Billy's Grocery, Stanley Pharmacy, Higginbotham-Bartlett, ASCS Office, Household Supply, West Texas Utilities, and Matador Branch Plainview Savings & Loan will be closed Thursday, Christmas Day and Friday, Dec. 25 and 26.

First State Bank will close at noon on Dec. 24

and open again Friday Dec. 26.

Spray Auto and Farm Supply will close at noon Wednesday, Christmas Eve, and open Monday, Dec. 29, as will the Rolling Plains Production Credit Association.

El Matador Travel Center, both the station and restaurant, will be closed Dec. 24 and 25. They will open Friday, Dec. 26.

Billie Dean's Drive In will close Dec. 24th and will open Wednesday, Dec. 31st.

Most local stores will be open Christmas Eve until regular closing time.

Senior Class Entertains At Christmas Program

The Senior Class presented a Christmas Program, Friday, December 19 at 10:30 a.m. at the Motley County School auditorium.

Charles Ed Cammack, president of the class, gave the welcome and presented Mrs. H. R. (Earlyne) Jameson with a gift of appreciation for helping with the program.

Santa's trip one dark and foggy night was related in song when the senior boys sang, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer", followed by the class singing a happy tune, "He'll Bring Gifts For Everybody When He comes". Bunni Zabielski read the scripture of the Christmas Story. With a cold north wind blowing outside, the Christmas season was felt as the pretty senior girls sang, "White Christmas."

The class greeted Santa Clause's joyful and bouncing entrance singing "Here Comes Santa Clause". Those being lucky enough to be chosen to sit on Santa's knee, assured him they had been good and hoped he would visit them Christmas Eve night.

After the distribution of the gifts, the class sang, "We Wish You A Merry Christmas". Cindy Johnson and Kelli Taylor, editors of the school paper, announced a Christmas edition with a Christmas centerfold had been printed for everyone.

Wayland Moore closed the program with a reminder to the students to return to classes, Monday, January 5. Everyone left thinking of the fun they had planned for the welcomed holidays.

Christmas Coffee Held For Golfers

La Voe Thacker was hostess for the golfers and other friends for a most delightful coffee, Thursday morning, Dec. 18. She was assisted by Lillian Thacker, Nell Clem, Mamie Yeates and Regina (Ronnie) Thacker.

The theme for the decorations was trees-evident throughout the house. Over the bar was a large tree card, (a jigsaw puzzle put together by Jana, Johny, Amy and Melanie Thacker and very carefully mailed). Colorful Christmas cards were mounted on the wall fireplace, in a tree shape--and on a table nearby was a golf tree, copied from a smaller lollipop tree placed on a small table.

The golf tree, a wooden constructed tree (made by Bruce Lefevre) was decorated all over with colored golf balls and tees--as one golfer was heard to remark, always wondered where golf balls came from--and now found a golf tree!

The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated, and the refreshment table was centered with a hurricane lamp with candle and greenery. Refreshments included an assortment of canapes, cookies, and candies, coffee and wassail. All very festive and enjoyable.

F.B.C. Plans New Year's Eve Watch

On Wednesday, December 31, members of the First Baptist Church will meet for regular Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Following the service, a

supper, consisting of sandwiches and snacks, will be served and then the watch night to bring in the new year.

Everyone is invited to attend.

New Year's Paper To Be Out Early

This week's Matador Tribune is the last issue with a 1980 dateline.

The New Year's paper will be published early

however, and will be in the mail next Tuesday. Anyone having news or ads is asked to have them in the news office by Saturday, December 27.



Beth Bingham looks as though she can't remember what she was supposed to tell Santa, when he visited the Motley County School recently. Beth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bingham.

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Christmas Parties Enjoyed By Groups

Three Sunday School classes of the First Baptist Church were entertained at parties during the past week.

Mrs. Bill McCaghen was hostess at a coffee Friday morning, Dec. 12 for the Winsome class. Hurricane lamps, red candles and pixies in greenery formed the centerpiece for the dining table.

Mrs. E. A. Day presided at the silver coffee service. Cookies, canapes, mints and nuts were served to Mrs. Edgar Lee, teacher, and Mesdames Tom Spears, Calvin Nimmo, Wayland Moore, Luther Green, Stuart Dixon, Joe Campbell and Gary Hillyard.

The class presented Mrs. Lee with a ceramic Christmas tree, fashioned and made by Mrs. Spears.

Gleaners Class

The Gleaners class met Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 17 at the home of Mrs. Alvin Stearns for its annual party. After singing carols and Christmas hymns with Miss Rachel Patton at the piano, Mrs. Stearns read the nativity story from the second chapter of Luke.

A pound coffee can of pennies which the class had collected since last Christmas, was an offering for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for

foreign missions. The pennies were counted and rolled at the meeting.

An array of cookies and canapes, mints and nuts were served with coffee and hot spiced tea from the dining table, centered with a holiday arrangement featuring a large white candle surrounded by crystal flaked greenery.

Mrs. Dowell Garrison presided at the silver coffee service. Other present were Mesdames Roy Smith, Fern Henderson, Audrey Price, J. D. Craven, C. D. Garrison, Cecil Shelton, Eddie Russell, Douglas Meador, Buford Hobbs and Gary Hillyard, and Rachel Patton. Mrs. C. D. Garrison, teacher, and Miss Patton, secretary, were presented with gifts of appreciation.

Couples Class

Mr. and Mrs. James Stanley were hosts Saturday night, Dec. 21, to a Couples' Class taught by Rev. Gary Hillyard.

Games were played and snacks were served from the dining table, decorated in holiday appointments.

Those attending were Donna and Larry Hoyle, Debra and Joel Dean Spray, Doris and Roger Vinson, Joanie and Roy Stephens, Frances and Roy Hobbs, Cindy and Gary Hillyard, and the hosts, Margaret and James Stanley.



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE at Matador Branch Plainview Savings and Loan was held Friday, December 19. Phil Green, manager, and his wife Nita served as hosts for the affair. They were also assisted by Miss Sherry Green, Mrs. Jack Green and Mrs. Bill McKelvey.

at Christmas

May all the precious little things that mean Christmas bring joy to you and those you love and cherish. Thanks.

Matador Floral

Christmas Open House Held At Matador Branch Plainview Savings & Loan

Mrs. Greta Smallwood was awarded a Toaster Broiler Oven and Mrs. Lillian Thacker was awarded a Sunbeam Electric Skillet in the drawing at open house held by **Matador Branch, Plainview Savings and Loan Association** during business hours on Friday, December 19.

Manager Phil Green and his wife Nita welcomed guests in the Community Room which was decorated for the Christmas season.

A green tree decorated with 300 miniature lights, crystal-like snowflakes and icicles, variegated colored Christmas balls, and tiny red birds greeted guests in the entry. Tables were decorated with various sizes and colors of candles surrounded by

strings of holly-berry and tinsel. Large plaid bows and holly-berry decorated plant holders on the birch wall.

Out of town guests included Mr. Don Harmon, President, Plainview Savings and Loan; Mrs. Joy Assiter, Manager Floydada Branch, Plainview Savings and Loan; Mr. O. V. Johnson, Wellington; Mrs. Lillian Thacker, Mrs. Odessa Mullins, Mrs. Tom Yeates and James Bearden, Roaring Springs; and Miss Pina Sue Sturdivant of Charlotte, N.C.

Refreshments of fruit cake, cookies, sausage balls, nuts, candies, punch and coffee were served to guests by Mrs. Jack Green, Mrs. Bill McKelvey, Miss Sherry Green and Mrs. Phil Green.



MR. and MRS. ALFRED WATSON

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Watson

To Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Watson will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, December 27th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Community Room, Matador Branch Plainview Savings and Loan in Matador.

The Anniversary will be hosted by the couple's son

and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Watson of Casper, Wyoming and their sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson were married in Whiteflat on December 27, 1930. They have been residents of Motley County for over fifty years.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. No gifts please.

Tuneful arrival of the Yuletide

In pagan times it was thought that noise would drive away evil spirits. Today, in many areas of the Scandinavian countries and in Germany, a delightful (though somewhat noisy) holiday custom is observed, that probably stems from that pagan belief.

A group of musicians take their instruments into the belfry of their local church where they play four Christmas carols, one in each direction of the compass.

Their music is played loud and clear and the finale is a joyful pealing of the church bells, announcing the arrival of Christmas!

Attend Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Green attended the Plainview Savings and Loan Christmas party Monday, Dec. 15 at the Plainview Country Club in Plainview. There was a Christmas gift exchange. Also, Phil was awarded a two-year

service pin set with three sapphires.

The Greens renewed acquaintances with employees from Plainview, Floydada, Hale Center and met several new employees.

Don Martin & Family to Preach Here

Rev. Don Martin and Family will be leading the singing and preaching at

the Assembly of God Church here, Sunday, December 28.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Merry Christmas and Many Thanks

To Our Friends and Customers Who Supported Us In Our Business Each of You Will Be Remembered In A Very Special Way.



Sut, Karmen Steven & Jeff Braselton

Our fond thoughts of you will sparkle from one end of Christmas to the other. Warm thanks.

Pete's Texaco

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The beauty of Christmas lies in the thought that we live in the memory of our friends. We think of you with warmth and appreciation and wish you a bright and glowing holiday season.

Matador Branch Plainview Savings & Loan

merry christmas

Friends are a wonderful part of Christmas, so we want to say thanks for our congenial and warm relationship. May it continue to flower long after Christmas.

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Christmas Tea Honors District President

Mrs. Harold Campbell, president of Santa Rosa District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs was the guest of honor and speaker, December 11 at El Progreso Club's annual Christmas Tea. Mrs. Franklin Price was hostess for the occasion.

Business was conducted by the club president, Mrs. Furman Vinson, and Mrs. John Hamilton, leader for the day, presented Mrs. Campbell. Her introduction lauded the district president for her many contributions to the community, her church and local organizations.

Mrs. Campbell has taught Sunday School classes at the First Baptist Church, has served the Order of the Eastern Star as Worthy Matron, and also was president of El Progreso Club in 1975-77, leading the club in its participation in the local Bicentennial celebration. Mrs. Hamilton also pointed out that Mrs. Campbell is a native of Motley County, married a native and has two native sons.

With the subject, "Federation at Christmas," Mrs. Campbell presented thoughts both of a religious nature and club federation.

"The miracle of Christmas made possible our

world today," she said. "If it had not been for the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ, we would not have had our nation, and without our nation, there would have been no clubwomen or federation of clubs. Caring for each other was the central thought behind the General Federation of Women's Clubs when it was formed in 1889. It was the binding together to be mutually helpful."

The GFWC motto: "Unity in Diversity," this year has been extended to include "GFWC Blueprint -- 21st Century," according to Mrs. Campbell, who stressed the voluntary action of clubwomen in taking an active role in all phases of national, state, district and local club work.

She quoted from the Book of Resolutions in enumerating the legislative actions of GFWC, and its accomplishments, politically. On the district level, she reviewed the various aims and projects of Santa Rosa District during her administration and with her theme of "Looking at Ourselves."

"How do we really look," Mrs. Campbell said in conclusion. "How do we look to the Master... are we still in the race (referring to the Apostle Paul) and are we looking

for hope, and living from day to day to help others? I am thankful for the Miracle of Christmas -- and for clubwomen everywhere."

Mrs. Vinson presented Mrs. Campbell with a gift of appreciation from the club. Roll call by the secretary was answered by each member relating a memorable Christmas. Inspirational Thought by Mrs. Ted Elliott concluded the program.

Coffee, hot spiced tea, cookies and tortes were served by a tea committee composed of Mesdames Carl King, D. E. Pitts, C. D. Garrison and Douglas Meador. Mrs. Vinson presided at the silver coffee service, and Mrs. King served apricot and strawberry tortes which she made.

The table was beautiful with a centerpiece of candles and greenery which complimented the other room decorations and which featured a handsomely trimmed Christmas tree.

Mrs. Vinson adjourned the club for Christmas recess until the first meeting in January.

Present, in addition to those mentioned were Mesdames Joe Campbell, Phil Green, E. A. Day, J. E. Edwards, W. N. Pipkin, Howard Traweek, Robert Darsey, R. E. Campbell Jr., W. F. Jacobs and Bill McCaghren; Miss Rachel Patton and Miss Mary Keith.

Origin of Xmas

Many people take offense at the term "Xmas," suggesting it is an attempt to take Christ out of Christmas, when actually it is merely an abbreviation of the word itself. In modern times the letter X is a way of crossing out unwanted information... and so, the misconception.

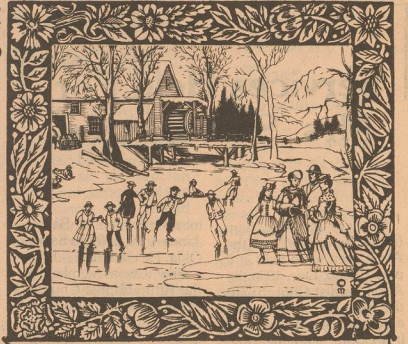
The X in Xmas is the Greek letter Chi, the first letter of Christ's name when written in that language. It has always stood for Christ... without any bad intentions.

This simple abbreviation dates back to about the 12th century and continues to be used to this day.

"At Christmas play and make good cheer. For Christmas comes but once a year."
—Thomas Tusser, 1580



May the blessings of the holy season fill you with peace and joy.
Edna Waybourn and Family



GREETINGS

May the endearing customs and pleasures of an old fashioned Christmas decorate every moment of your Yuletide.

Cowboy Boot Shop

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
You all
R E J + Chris

Ringing out our brightest greetings for

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

City Cleaners

You won't find us napping when it's time to say

Happy Holiday

Household Supply Frank & Lola

YULETIDE WISHES

The holiday brings no greater pleasure than a chance to express our sincere thanks for your trust and patronage.

May all your Christmas dreams come true, and our friendship be as lasting as the endearing traditions of Christmas.

Stafford Farm Store

Roaring Springs Phone 348-3271

a Merry Christmas to all

Santa's merry spirit enhances every dazzling moment of the magic of Christmas... the sharing and caring of family and friends. Loaded with good wishes, we reach out to say thanks and to hope you have a beautiful, bountiful holiday!

Higginbotham Bartlett

Services Held For Mrs. Sam Baxter

Services for Mrs. Sam (May) Baxter, 92, of the Afton area were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 in the Afton Baptist Church with the Rev. Victor Crabtree, a retired Baptist minister from Spur, and the Rev. Raleigh Adcock, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Afton Cemetery under direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Baxter died about noon Wednesday at her home five miles west of Afton following an illness.

The Limestone County native had lived in Dickens County since 1917. She

married Samuel M. Baxter January 19, 1909, in Sayre, Okla. He died May 1, 1973.

She was a member of the Afton Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, John of Lake Elsinore, Calif., Leo of Plainview, and Dee of Wichita, Kan.; six daughters, Mrs. Dumont Bridge and Ann Rodrigues, both of Afton, Nora Barnett, Edith England and Dorris Gaither, all of Plainview, and Della Jackson of Lubbock; 31 grandchildren; a number of great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Services Held Dec. 20 For Rites Held At Afton Robert Weldon Foard For Former Resident

Services for Robert Weldon Foard, 61, of Littlefield were conducted Tuesday, Dec. 20 in the Hammons Funeral Home Chapel in Littlefield with Elder Kenneth Martin officiating.

Burial was in the Littlefield Memorial Park under direction of Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Foard died at 5:45 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15, in Littlefield Medical Center Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Cottle County and had been a Littlefield resident for 11 years. He was a retired farmer and veteran of World War II.

Survivors include two daughters, Ginger Rainbolt and Cathy Shipp, both of Littlefield; a son, Don of Canyon; a brother, Kirby of South Plains; four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Buck Ford, John Shipp, Sam Gutierrez, Dorr Blasingame, Bill Lebow and Jimmy Duke.

Services for former Afton resident Betty Jean Kimzey, 51, of Big Spring were held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Afton Baptist Church with the Rev. Rawleigh Adcock, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Afton Cemetery under direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Kimzey died Tuesday morning at Big Spring State Hospital after

a brief illness.

She was a native of Dickens County and had lived in Big Spring for 26 years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her mother, Myrtle Carothers of Afton; three brothers, Alvin Carothers and Bill Carothers, both of Afton and Leroy Carothers of Ropesville; and two sisters, Agnes Williams of Afton and Linda Dement of Lubbock.

In some countries, a child born on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve is considered lucky. In Poland, however, it is believed the child will turn into a werewolf, and, in Greece, that the new baby will turn into an evil, half-human monster called a Kallikantzaroi.

"I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year."

Ebenezer Scrooge "A Christmas Carol"—1843

Stained glass

Imagine having stained glass windows in your home! Here's an easy way to decorate one or two of your windows for Christmas.

Choose your sunniest windows for the most dazzling and best effect. Draw your design on paper, or trace something from a magazine. Tape the design on the outside of the window.

For a small pane, mix about one tablespoon of glue (mucilage)

and six drops of food coloring for each color you need.

Mix double quantity if your design is large.

Spread newspaper below the window to catch the drippings. Following the picture or design pasted on its outside, paint the "stained glass" window.

After the holidays, it can all be washed off with a wet cloth.

You'll find the glowing colors a holiday inspiration.

Happy Holidays

Wishing you everything bright and beautiful in this and all seasons. We prize your continuing friendship and say "thanks."

Ronnie's

Silent Night

With a deep feeling of gratitude we pray that the holiday's most precious gifts will be yours.

Matador Variety

YULETIDE

Bringing old fashioned joys to warm your heart this holiday. Thanks to you all.

Melinda's T-Shirts

With warm gratitude we wish you peace and ask His blessing for you this Yuletide.

Clarence and Gussie Jinkins

Merry Christmas

Santa's here with a pack crammed full of the joys of Christmas!

Bill and Judine

Holiday Greetings!

from your Good Neighbor Pharmacy staff ...

Bob Stanley Pharmacy

James Stanley
Jill Stanley
Margaret Stanley
Patsy Simpson
Jason Stanley
Evelyn Stanley
R.M. Stanley
Dorothy Knight
Alicia Martin
Mary McMahan
Katherine Martin

May the merriment of Christmas sing through all your holidays. As we remember all our trusted friends we send a graceful note of thanks.

a note of CHEER

Thacker Supply Co.
Roaring Springs

Places named for holiday

A close look at your atlas will reveal many cities and other geographical locations named for the most loving holiday of the year. To name a few . . .
Mistletoe, Kentucky.
Noel in Missouri and Virginia.
Holly in Colorado, Michigan and West Virginia.

Bethlehem in Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania.
Christmas Cove, Maine.
Mount Holly in New Jersey and Vermont.
Santa Claus in Idaho and Indiana.

And, **Christmas** in Florida and Michigan.
 Traveling around the globe we find two islands, each called **Christmas Island** . . . one in the Indian Ocean; the other, one of the Gilbert Islands, in the Pacific.

Methodist Children Featured In Play

A Christmas Play, entitled "Grandma's Remembrance" was presented at the First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, December 17 and featured children of the church.

The theme of the play was the Nativity and Birth of Christ as told to Mary's grandchildren as she remembered the events.

Children in the play were Jeremy Perkins, Heather Turner, Amy and Leann Pipkin, Will, Bonnie

and Luke Richards, Paige Williams, David and Wesley Stafford, Jason Jameson, Jennifer and Wendy Grundy, Beth Bingham, Nancy Cooper, Cindy Johnson, John Douglas Russell and Scott Read.

The play was directed by Mrs. Alan Bingham who was assisted by Mrs. Jessie Perkins and Mrs. Ron Richards.

Fellowship was held for the cast and congregation following the play.

Sunshine Club Has Recent Meeting

The Sunshine Club met December 9 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Zelma Crump. Invocation was by Iris Blevins. The minutes were read by Iris Blevins and approved by the group.

There were 16 members present and one guest, Bessie Zabielski of Chicago, who is Ray Zabielski's mother. We truly happy to have her with us.

A Thank You Note from

Social Security Tips

By Virginia DeWitt

Question: I cannot afford gas in my car to go to the social security office to file for my benefits. Is there any other way to file without going to a social security office?

Answer: Yes, social security will take your claim over the telephone and do all necessary correspondence through the mail. The teleclaim service is designed for the convenience of the public.

Teleservice will save you time, energy and money! To file a claim for Social Security of Supplemental Security Income payments call collect, 806-293-4371. For assistance with other social security matters or Medicare call toll free 1-800-392-1603.



GREETINGS

The delicate sounds of Christmas bells sound the jubilant music of a festive holiday. As their melody echoes we chime in with our fervent thanks.

We Will Be Closed
 December 24th and 25th
 Open December 26th

El Matador Travel Center

Grady, Jean and Kim

Holiday superstitions

You'll lose a friend before next Christmas if you don't partake of the traditional holiday plum pudding. And to refuse mince pie is to court bad luck for the following year.

The weather on each of the 12 days of the holiday observance is supposed to foretell what the weather will be in each of the months ahead.

You'll have as many months of good fortune in the coming year as the number of houses in which you eat mince pie during the festive holiday.

Midst the glow and glimmer of Christmas we are reminded of the many dear friends we cherish. We hope our friendship will continue to burn brightly through this and every season.

Matador Auto Company

CHEERS

That festive holiday spirit is in the air! With hearts filled with excitement, we say Merry Christmas, and thanks.

Motley County Farm Bureau

CHRISTMAS

A celebration of love and hope reborn, of everlasting faith. We glory in His Birth and rejoice as we share these eternal and holy gifts.

Production Credit Association

Alan, Froyne, Beth & Alana

Butch, Judy & Renee

THE LORD HAS COME

May our spirits be uplifted and our hearts filled with contentment at this Glorious and Holy Time. As an expression of our thanks we wish all our friends a memorable Yuletide season.

Billy's Grocery

Billy, Marihelen and Mark

Richard Turner Leona Cox Faye Slover Pauline Hand
 Joe Fair Lee Hurt Tommie Cruse Kenny Holt

Letters To Santa Clause

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl.
Please bring me a doll, a Secret Barbie, and a bike.
Love,
Cynthia Jones

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl.
Please bring me a Baby Cry, a doll house, and a purse.
Love,
Cathy Perryman

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl.
Please bring me a doll and a bicycle.
Love,
Rosa Vela

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl.
Please bring me a Secret Barbie Town house and a coke machine.
Love,
Amber Brandon

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl.
Please bring me a sleeping bag, a doll, and Princess Leia.
Love,
Lisa Jones

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy.
Please bring me a bike, and a gun belt.
Love,
Jammie Davis

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl.
Please bring me a Bugs Bunny Clock, some perfume, and a Bylo Baby.
Love,
Christi Shorter

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy.
Please bring me a B B gun.
Love,
Eric Farley

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl.
Please bring me a bike, B

Please bring me a bike, Baby Come Back, and some perfume.
Love,
Mindy Hillyard

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl.
Please bring me a doll, a bike and a clown.
Love,
Linda Gonzalez

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I'm just fine. I'm in the third grade and nine years of age. For Christmas if I could I would like to have a pair of roller skates, Electronic Quarterback electric train, Rist Racer, Empire Strikes Back set, and Operation game. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Your friend,
Rusty Willmon

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a gun and a toy train set and a new whittled out pirate gun. My mother said I have been a good boy.
Love,
Jason Jameson

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an eighteen wheeler, and a B B gun, and a helicopter and I guess that will be all. Santa Claus and I wish everybody a Merry Christmas. I love you Santa Claus and guess that will be all I am going to write to you Santa Claus.
Your friend,
Rickie Cisneros

Dear Santa Claus,
I think you are nice. Would you send me a fourteen shot gun, and a B B gun. I would like a rabbit trap and a coon trap, a 12 gage shot gun, a bar of shells and a 22 gun and a box of shells, a box of fourteen shells and a 30-30 rifle and a quail trap.
Your friend,
Jason Sargent

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B B gun and a Z28 and make it real and a 20,2 shot gun and a soccer ball and a remote control car and a football suit. I work hard to get this stuff. And a new dog.
Your friend,
Jack Carlson

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a bike and Merlin and a baseball suit and I would like a dun buggy and a electronic car.
Your friend,
Cary Franks

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me some skates, a bike speedometer, and a tether ball.
Love,
Mack Marshall

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a desk set, a Magic Doodler, and a tape recorder.
Love,
Renee Davis

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a pistol, belt and bullets, and a B B Gun, and race set.
Love,
Richard Lewis

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a watch.
Love,
Amy Woolsey

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Sontan Barbie.
Love,
Tonya Hoyle

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a Quarterback.
Love,
Mathew Neighbors

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a big Teddy Bear and a nice doll.
Love,
Kani Bynum

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a bicycle, a B B gun and some Hot Wheels.
Love,
Russel Tippin

Dear Santa Claus,
I think I've been a good girl. I would like a sleeping bag, Holly Hobby over, a baby wet and care, and roller skates.
With Love,
Christie Price

Dear Santa,
I want a Sewing Machine, Love and Touch Baby, Piano and a Make Up Kit.
My little brother Anthony wants a tractor and a roadgrader.
We will leave milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Michelle and Anthony Watson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a Luke Skywalker, a Yoda, and Superman.
Love,
Leslie Lester

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll.
Love,
Misti Lobban

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a Star Wars Set, and a race set, and a Rat Cat.
Love,
Clay Lancaster

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a pink bike and a Wipe Your Tears Baby.
Love,
Heather Hobbs

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me some boxing gloves, Strech Monster, and Star Wars.
Love,
Paul Barton

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a baby doll, and a big ball, and a book to read, and a cat to play with and a school box and a dish and a cup.
Your friend,
Simona Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been extra special! For Christmas I want a pump up B B gun and a cub scout watch and an empire strikes back set, star wars set, Buck Rogers set, race car set and other items.
Your friend,
Jarrett Jameson

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a baby doll for Christmas and a bike. I would like some dishes and table and chairs and some play food to cook with.
Your friend,
Kathy Mangram

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me an electric train and a big wheel.
Also don't for get my sisters, Brenda and Dena.
Love,
Andy Renfro

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a tape recorder, a clock and a radio.
Love,
Kristi Timmons

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a dun buggy for Christmas. I have been a good boy. I will put a pie under the Christmas tree.
Your friend,
Cory Franks

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. This is the things I want a truck with a trailer and I want a pellet gun and that is all.
Your friend,
Heath Campbell

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this year. Would you please bring me a tape recorder and a Baby Cries For You?
I will leave some cookies and milk for you at the table.
Your friend,
Brandi Barton

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? This is what I would like for Christmas. I would like to have a ten speed and a doll and some games. I would like to have some clothes. Will you bring me a Snoopy's snow-cone and a go cart. Can you get me some shoes. Please will you get me a watch and a cash register. I would like to have a Bake Shop and a Chocolate Candy Maker Set.
Your friend,
Yulanda Campbell

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Dear Santa Claus,
I would like some new clothes, Baby Cries for You, some shoes, and Chut and Ladder game.
Your friend,
Chandra Brown

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike for Christmas and a Strawberry Short Cake doll and a joke book.
Your friend,
Margie Guerrero

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of roller skates for Christmas. Or I want a baseball bat. I would like to have a doberman pinscher. Oh I would like a head to head football. I would like to have some dominoes.
Your friend,
Todd Cummins

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a bike and some B's.
Love,
Chancy Cruse

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl all year. I want a night gown and I want a Bye-Lo-Baby. I will make you some cookies for Christmas.
Your friend,
Cindy Shorter

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been extra good this year. I am going to leave you some cookies and milk. I want a Golden Eagle train set, and a Chips motorcycle.
Your friend,
Brand Cruse

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I bet you don't know what I want for Christmas. I want a race car set, football, six million dollar man, and a train set. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I've been a very good enough to get a race car set.
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By Ace Reid



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The proposed project will consist of grading, drainage structures, base and surfacing of the present narrow gravel-topped dirt road to provide two 10-foot wide travel lanes.

The location of the new construction will follow the basic alignment of the existing County road. A minimum of 100 feet of right of way will be required for the project, and additional right of way will be acquired from both sides of the existing road.

Maps and other drawings showing the proposed location and design, environmental studies, and any other information about the proposed project are on file and available for inspection and copying at the office of James G. Freeman, Senior Resident Engineer, 1900 Avenue B, S.W. in Childress, Texas. Also, maps and drawings showing the proposed location and design have been placed on file with the Motley County Judge.

Information about the State's Relocation Assistance Program, the benefits and services for displacees, information concerning the relocation assistance office and the tentative schedules for acquisition of right of way and construction can be obtained at the District Office of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, 1700 Avenue F, N.W., P. O. Box 900, Childress, Texas 79201.

Any interested citizen may request that a public hearing be held covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design for this highway project by delivering a written request to Mr. Freeman's office or to the office of Mr. Lewis H. White, District Engineer, of Childress on or before January 2, 1981.

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