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Fine Arts Department to present "A Christmas Smorgasbord"

On Thursday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. the Motley County ISD fine Arts classes will present A CHRISTMAS SMORGASBORD. The program will include recitations of Christmas poems and monologues as well as two short Christmas plays. Also included on the program is the Motley County High School choir. They will sing a selection of familiar

and not so familiar Christmas songs and carols.

Following the performances, a buffet of treats provided by mothers of One Act Play cast and crew will be served by Santa's elves.

Tickets are \$2.00 for all ages. Proceeds will be used to purchase a computer program to be used for sound

effects in this year's One Act Play, GREENSLEEVE'S MAGIC, published by The Dramatic Publishing Company.

Matador City Council discusses water tower work

The Matador City Council met Thursday, December 10 at 7:30 a.m. All Council members were present. Also present were Mayor Gary Lancaster, City Secretary Seven Alexander, and City Water Manager Steve Barton.

The invocation was given by James "Tootie" Meador. Mayor Lancaster called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Bills were approved to be paid. Council discussed securing the ladder on the water tower. The fence around the water tower will be completed next week.

Mr Barton gave waterworks reports.

Meeting adjourned.

Commissioners Court adopts Resolution

Motley County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 14, 1998 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Laverna M. Price, County Judge; Commissioners, John M. Russell, Precinct 1; Don Hughes, Precinct 2; Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3; J.N. Fletcher, Precinct 4; and Lucretia Campbell, County/District Clerk.

Minutes of regular session on November 9, 1998 were read and approved as read.

All bills were reviewed and approved.

Reports from Treasurer, Tax Assessor/Collector, Justice of Peace, County Agent, Library, and Animal Damage Control Program were reviewed and approved.

Donnie Turner, Commissioner elect, Precinct 2, was unanimously appointed to represent the Commissioners Court as member of the Appraisal Board. He will serve a two year term.

The County will take bids on the Precinct 3 Hough 60 loader. Notice will be published in the Motley County Tribune. Bids must be in the office of the County Judge by 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 28, 1998.

Douglas Campbell, Roadway Maintenance Supervisor, Texas Department of Transportation, reported work is progressing on the Pease/Tongue river bridge. If weather permits, the bridge should be completed by the end of January. Douglas also showed the court plans for a beautification project in east Matador and Roaring Springs.

A Resolution of Motley County, Texas, authorizing the submission of a Home Program Application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Renovation of Homes, was passed, adopted and approved by the Motley County Commissioners' Court.

George W. Bush, Governor of the State of Texas has for the last three years proclaimed the 19th day of February as the STATE OF TEXAS ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE (S.T.A.R.) DAY in the State of Texas. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Memorial Resolution was unanimously passed by the Motley County Commissioners Court on this 14th day of December, 1998.

The Resolution states in part: "Whereas, The Citizens of the Republic of Texas in 1845, in order to insure the continued blessing of liberty for themselves and their prosperity, welcomed the admission of the Republic

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School Board approves College English class

Classes to begin in January

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met December 14, at 7:30 p.m. in their regular monthly board meeting. All members were present except Marisue Potts. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Bob Hand, Athletic Director Ronnie Payne, and Bettye Stevens.

A public hearing was held before the regular board meeting to discuss the 1997-98 Academic Excellence Indicator System. This system is the report card for Motley County ISD and a copy will be sent home with each child's report card on January 6, 1999. Anyone wishing to review the report may pick one up at any office at the school.

No one was present for the open forum.

The following informational reports were given:

Bob Hand, Principal, gave the campus report.

Ronnie Payne gave the Athletic Director's report.

Rick Copp gave the Superintendent's Formative report.

Items for board action:

— Approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

— Approved the expenditures and reviewed the financial statements.

— Set the date to review the 1997-98 Audit Report on December 28, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room.

— Approved use of building by Lindy Stafford to teach a college English class beginning in January.

— Approved Policy CNB (LOCAL) - Vehicle use by school personnel.

— Approved Policy GRA (LOCAL) - Relations with Governmental Entities - Local Government Authorities.

— Approved policy DB (LOCAL)

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A CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY — Little Danielle Gwinn looks rather like a little lady in her fancy dress and hat, all dressed up for Grannie's Tea Party, held December 6. The Tea Party is hosted annually by Joyce Campbell, in December, as a Fund Raiser for the Motley County Library. Danielle is the 4-year-old daughter of James and Darla Gwinn of Matador.

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Decorating the Christmas tree was a big treat for us when we were children. We usually went out and cut a Cedar tree. Those trees were sometimes so crooked, but we loved them so. We had lots of handmade decorations. And we would take red and green construction paper, cut strips, and loop them together to make a long chain. Momma would let us hang the chains from one corner of the room to the other. We thought they were just beautiful! She still has some of our handmade Christmas decorations.

Of course there was the year that the metal, silver trees were all the rave. Momma decided that year that we would have all blue ornaments. We thought that silver and blue tree was so pretty. That silver tree craze only lasted a year at our house. We enjoyed a real tree with mixed ornaments too much. I wonder how many of those silver trees are lying around in people's attics?

When we were children, we usually got only one or two presents. And we were overjoyed to have them! We always had a present or two to open on Christmas Eve, and on Christmas morning we had presents under the tree from Santa, and a stocking with surprises inside, such as fruit and candy. Our parents didn't allow us to have candy very often, so for us to get candy in our stocking was a big treat!

Our stocking was one of our Daddy's socks. I remember going into Momma and Daddy's room on Christmas Eve to pick out the sock that would be our stocking. We all wanted the longest one, of course. Daddy says those socks were never the same, after being stuffed with oranges and apples.

On Christmas Eve everyone gathered at my grandparents' houses when we were children. We made the rounds, visiting at Granny and Granddaddy's and then over to

Grandma and Grandpa's. There were usually lots of aunts, uncles, and cousins that we hadn't seen in awhile. So there was a lot of catching up to do.

There is no greater joy than the good feeling of visiting with family at a holiday get-together. We always gather at my Momma and Daddy's house on Christmas Eve now. Our family seems to grow each year, and we love that. We say - the more the merrier! Sometimes we'll have a cousin or two drop in that we haven't visited with in a while, and that makes the evening more fun!

We usually have a Christmas Eve Mexican dinner. We all bring something and it usually turns out to be a feast! We eat, laugh, tell stories on each other, and share memories of Christmases past. There's not ever a Christmas that one of my brothers or my sister doesn't tell a story about me and how I just couldn't stand to be surprised as a child. How I would sneak and open a present, and convince them to do the same. I wonder if that's why I never have a present under the tree until Christmas morning?

I know we all have our own special Christmas memories. And I hope we are all blessed to make more wonderful cherished memories this Christmas.

My Christmas wish for all our readers is that you may feel the joy and the true spirit of Christmas all year long.

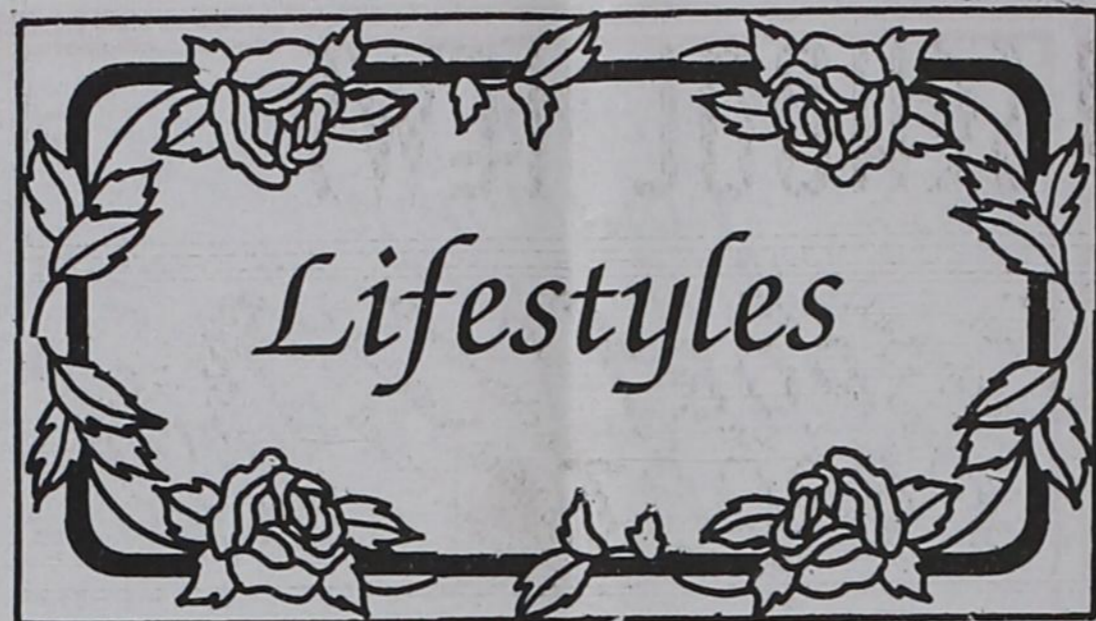
May you have love in your heart and in your home everyday.

May you be blessed with good friends.

May you experience the joy of family during this holiday season.

And most importantly, may you truly know the real reason for this holy season, Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas!



Annual Christmas Coffee enjoyed by area ladies

by Winifred Darsey

Mrs. LaVoe Thacker, assisted by her daughters-in-law and other relatives entertained the ladies of the Roaring Springs and Matador communities, and other nearby towns with her annual Christmas Coffee. This is a tradition in the Thacker family, beginning when the late Mrs. Lillian Thacker invited the golfers to coffee. It is anticipated by friends and relatives. It has become a highlight of the Christmas season. Guests wondering what the theme will be this year.

Candy Canes was the theme this year. There were Candy Canes all through the house. It was a wonderful idea.

The front of the house had a large snowman with a large candy cane, the porch railing had candy canes across the front. Inside the entry was decorated with mirrors enhanced with garlands of holly. A beautiful swag made from jewelry on black velvet portraying the Three Wise Men. It was lovely to see.

The house itself was beautiful with the seasonal decor, some familiar and other new for this year. The Christmas tree flanking the fireplace brought a thrill to young and old alike. It was a lovely sight with beautiful

ornaments, candy canes multi-gemstone swags and a myriad of miniature lights. A large wreath decorated the fireplace. It was trimmed also with gold. Santa's helpers were working on the tree from left and right. There are elves dressed in green on toy sized ladders. Wreaths with silver cones.

Many familiar items were fun to see, again the carousels, Santa asleep after a tiring trip, and others.

The serving table was loaded with goodies of all kinds. They were delicious and attractive. The centerpiece was large, red candles, adorned with greenery.

The hostess were the focal point. Their red vests were covered with bright red sequins with Christmas symbols. They were outstandingly beautiful.

It was a lovely day and time. The hostesses, other than LaVoe Thacker, were Mrs. Joey Thacker, Mrs. Jeff Thacker, Mrs. Max Thacker, Mrs. Joyce Smith, and Mrs. Larry Hoyle. Wonder what the theme will be next year?

Words can't describe how beautiful the entire house was decorated. It gives the Christmas spirit to all who come. See you next year. Happy New Year!



Motley County Arts & Crafts Club News

by Winifred Darsey

The Motley County Arts and Crafts Club welcomed the Christmas season with a party, a traditional luncheon, and an exchange of gifts on December 7, at the Senior Citizens Center.

The center was decorated with Christmas decor throughout the hall. An easel was standing near the front door, with a large wreath of holly, berries, red ribbon, and an unusual Santa, made out of a post with a pretty red cap and fluffy beard stood in front of the easel. This was a great arrangement to welcome everyone. Snowmen, spice covered pine cones, wreaths were used on the walls.

The Christmas tree was a half of a tree, atop a table with an assortment of ornaments. This tree fits easily against the wall and is very pretty. It was surrounded by brightly wrapped gifts.

President Lana Copp presided over a brief business meeting. Plans were made for the January meeting.

The luncheon was very delicious with the dining table covered with a red cloth. The centerpiece of green garlands centered with gold snowmen, red candles, a charming addition to the table. Also gilded pine cones added to the glamour of the scene.

The members drew numbers for the gifts. The lucky ones drew the larger numbers and had a choice of opened gifts, or one under the tree. It was a joyous time. Everyone wanted the same gift, especially Lana's calico tree, the lighted potpourri jar.

Members present were Joy Archer, Betty Bostick, Loys Campbell, Lana Copp, Dorothy Day, Bonnie Edmondson, Vee Gordon, Geraldine Key, Billie Koon, Dorothy Knight,

Winifred Lee, Dixie Littkeken, Lorene Lancaster, Joyce Meredith, Opal Pipkin, Betty Simpson, Elsie Thacker, Winifred Darsey, and guest Danielle Barton.

Pauline Hand and Vee Gordon were hostesses for the day.



Granny's Tea Party, 1998, was a delightful event as usual. Fourteen young ladies dressed up in their mother's and grandmother's finery and were served delicious goodies by "Granny" Joyce Campbell, Janie Campbell, and Miss Cassie Campbell. Cassie wore her grandmother's 1920's vintage party gown that is beautifully beaded - a real treasure. I believe Cassie got through the afternoon without ripping it or spilling anything on it. We thank Joyce and her family for hosting this Tea Party each year for the benefit of the Library.

We appreciate the memorial donations that we received this week. Thanks go to Charlie and Opal Johnson for their donation in memory of Zola Renfro. We also thank Grace and Harold Campbell for their donations in memory of Beverly Whitaker, Zola Renfro, and Louvaine Scaff.

The Library received a gift subscription to Guideposts compliments of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cooper. Our patrons enjoy reading this monthly in-

spirational magazine and we appreciate the Cooper's thoughtfulness in remembering the Library in this way. We also received the 1999 large-print version of Guideposts devotionals from Billie Beth Moore. Many of us need this large print and we all appreciate this gift.

Books new to the Library include the number-one, best-seller both nationally and on the South Plains, A Man In Full by Tom Wolfe. We also have Janice Woods Windle's newest book called Hill Country which is a story based on a manuscript that Windle inherited when her ninety-six year old grandmother died.

Another new book is Charlotte MacLeod's latest, The Balloon Man and features Sarah Kelling as the main character. We also have a new book by Judith Gould, Till the End of Time: A Love Story. These and other new books are ready for you to check out from the Library.

The Library will be closed all next week, December 21-25, for Christmas. Merry Christmas to everyone!



GRANNIE'S TEA PARTY — These little ladies enjoyed a Christmas Tea Party at Grannie's (Joyce Campbell), Sunday, December 6. The fund raising event yields funds to buy books for the Children's section of the Library.



Roaring Springs Volunteers to deliver Christmas bags

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers met Tuesday at the home of Pearl and Harry Patten for their regular December meeting and for an Enchilada Supper served by Mrs. Patten.

The Volunteers met in Spur, Wednesday, December 16, to sign the final papers for the USDA grant that will help build the Roaring Springs Community Center building. A pre-construction conference was held

also that day with the contractor, the USDA representatives and the officers of the Volunteers. Ground breaking ceremonies for the new building will take place soon.

Christmas bags for shut-ins will be packed at the home of Billie Clifton and delivered in Roaring Springs by the Volunteers on Thursday, December 17, at 5:30 p.m. Angel Tree Christmas gifts will be delivered on December 20.

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The holidays offer time for our family to get together. We, as a family, enjoy many activities and find a lot of fun when we get together. However, the real worth of holiday time lies in the continued communion with each other and in sharing of the common bond which we have in Christ. Our meals are a delight and the prayers together are an enriching and edifying experience. These times of prayer and thanksgiving focus our family on staying close to Jesus Christ. The holidays are times that our family unit grows stronger. For it is a time of renewed strength which we draw from one another.

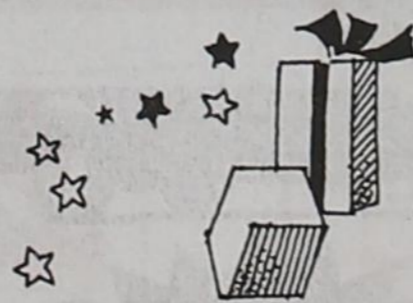
In our lives, the greatest blessings in recent years have been the arrival of our grandchildren. To see these blessings from our God, to watch them grow, to see their innocence, to dream of their future and to realize they carry a part of us, are blessings beyond our measuring abilities. Yes, we enjoy the holidays. For they are the times we most enjoy when our children and grandchildren can be together in our home. We take advantage of the time the holidays afford us. To be together both in sharing and worshipping as a family unit. No other activity on this earth is as sweet.

Happy Holidays and Season's Greetings from the Crowley family.
Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Bible Study - 10 a.m. Worship - 9 a.m.

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December, 1998

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FROM: Board of Trustees

SUBJECT: Community Support

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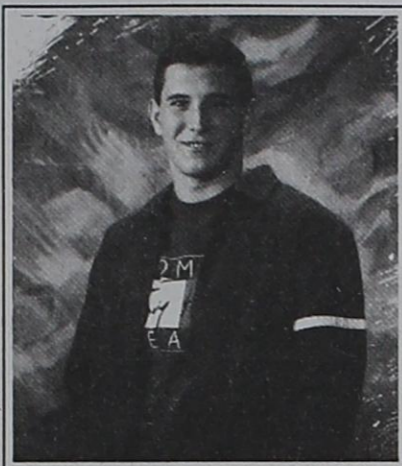
MOTLEY COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

Five Matadors named to District 4-A Football Academic All-District team

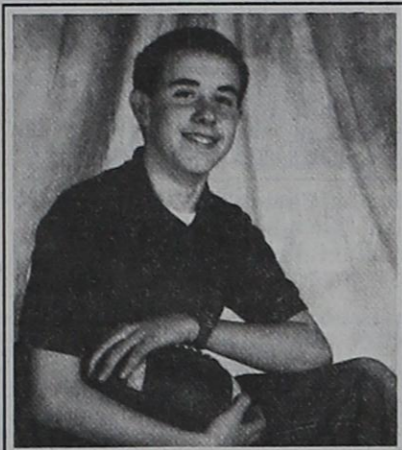
Five Motley County Matadors were named to the District 4-A Football Academic All-District team. This team consists of team members who have maintained all "A's" and also played football.

Seniors, Keane Cruse and Robert Gillespie; Sophomore Benjamin Ridgley; and Freshmen, Skylar Clifton and Justin Jameson, were named to this list.

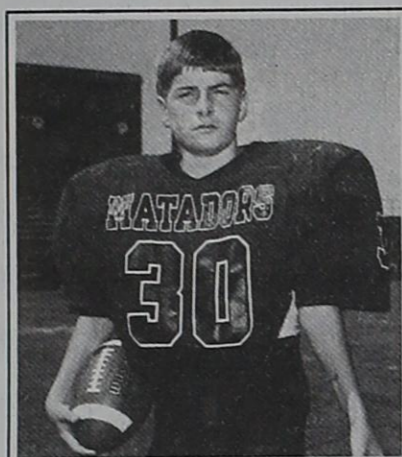
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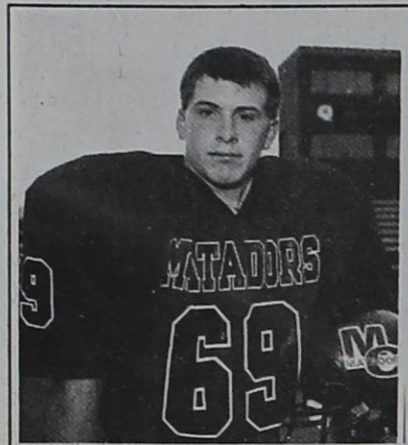
Keane Cruse



Benjamin Ridgley



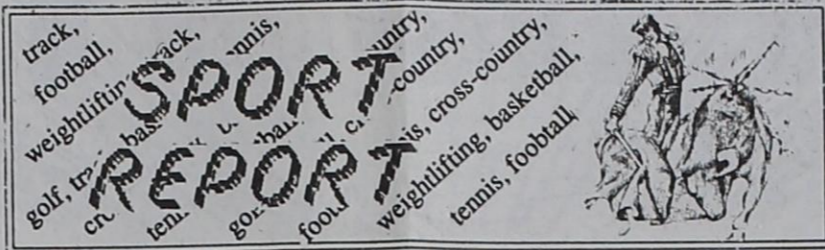
Justin Jameson



Robert Gillespie



Skylar Clifton



by Rickey Lawrence

Kress came into town last Thursday, December 8, and when they left they took three basketball victories back home with them!

Starting with the Motley County Boys J.V. who lost to Kress J.V. by the score of 37-48. Chris Paul led in scoring with 13, followed by Shawn Marvel with 7; Brad Baxter, Brandon Moore and Tony Salazar had 4 each. Chris was also leading rebounder, pulling down 8; along with Scott Jones who totaled five; Brad and Shawn had three each. Ryan Moore had three assists. Tony and Chris also had four steals each. Their season record stands at 3 wins and two losses.

Next to take the floor was the Lady Matadors who played Kress a very close ballgame. After leading at half time 27-25, they eventually lost to the Kress girls by the score of 56-59.

Kandi Keltz totaled 20 points; Kristi Williams, 14; and Rachelle Renfro, 10. Denise Shannon led the way in rebounding, pulling down 9, followed by Kandi and Rachelle with five and three respectively. The Lady Mats have a season record of 5 wins and three losses.

The last game of the night, the Matador boys Varsity took on Kress boys Varsity. This was low scoring and very close all the way to the end when the Kangaroos pulled a victory

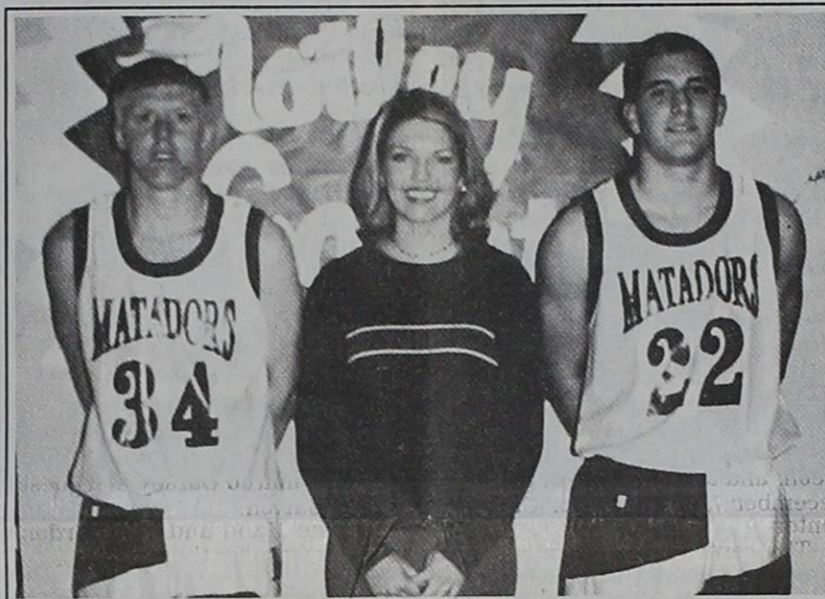
out by the score of 39-45. Brad Marvel and Keane Cruse led the scoring with eight each; followed by Dayton Grundy and Jason Barton with seven each. Keane also led in rebounding with 7; Dayton and Brad pulled down five each; and Sean Rose had 3 for the night.

The boys Varsity team record stands at 4 wins and 4 losses.

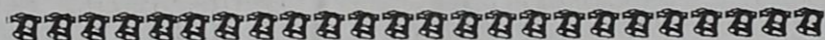
These were all good, close, hard fought games and could have gone either way. A victory gives you something to celebrate - but a loss gives you something to "build" on.

The next game for these young men and women will be at Motley County vs Memphis, Friday, December 18, for four games, girls and boys Varsity and girls and boys Jr. Varsity. Also the Jr. Varsity will host a one-day tournament here on Saturday, December 19. Starting times for the Friday night games with Memphis will be 4:00 p.m. Come on out and enjoy the fun and fellowship that is Motley County Basketball! See you at the game!

Note: At press time we had not received information on the Lockney Tournament in which the MC boys and girls Varsity teams participated in, December 10-12. We do know that the boys team won 3rd place but are unsure of what place the girls received. We hope to have more information about this next week.



ALL-TOURNAMENT — Brad Marvel, Kandi Keltz and Keane Cruse received All-Tournament honors at the Valley Tournament held Dec. 3-5. Keane was also named to the All-Tournament at the Lockney Tournament held this last weekend.



Christmas Holidays

The Christmas Holidays for Motley County students will begin at 3:38 p.m. Thursday, December 17, and

buses will run at that time. Classes will resume at the regular time on January 5, 1999.



CANNED FOOD DRIVE — Student Council members separate canned foods donated by students to help feed those in need in Motley County during the Christmas season. The Student Council conducted a contest to see which class could donate the most canned food items.

Over 1,000 pounds of food collected at school can drive

1,691 pounds of canned food were picked up from the foyer of Motley County schools, Friday, December 11, culminating the 1998 Christmas canned food drive. The drive was sponsored by the Student Council of Motley County in conjunction with the Motley County Lions' Club. The students of Motley County, directed by Student Council and Class Sponsors, participated by grade level for three days to fill boxes with cans of food to be distributed to deserving families for the holidays.

The Junior Class, supervised by Ronnie Cox and Chelsea Read, collected 370 pounds of cans to pace the secondary students. For their effort, the class will be treated to a special meal following the Christmas holi-

days. The eighth grade class was second with 301 pounds and the senior class was third with 197 pounds.

Mrs. Tonya Price's third graders set the standard among the elementary classes, bringing in 113 pounds of food. They will be given a pizza party following the holidays. The sixth grade class was second with 91.5 pounds, followed by the kindergarten with 65 pounds.

The Student Council of Motley County wishes to thank all of the students, their sponsors, and their families for giving of their time and resources to make this work a success. The community is better because of you, and your effort has not gone unnoticed.

4-H Club to host Christmas party, dance December 19

Motley County 4-H Clubs are planning a Christmas Party and Dance on Saturday, December 19 in the Motley County VFW Memorial 4-H Building from 7:30 - 11:00 p.m. This is a Community Service project and

cost will be two can goods or \$2.00 to attend. All 4-H members can bring a guest. Guest must be accompanied by a 4-H member. All 4-H members are encouraged to bring their parents.

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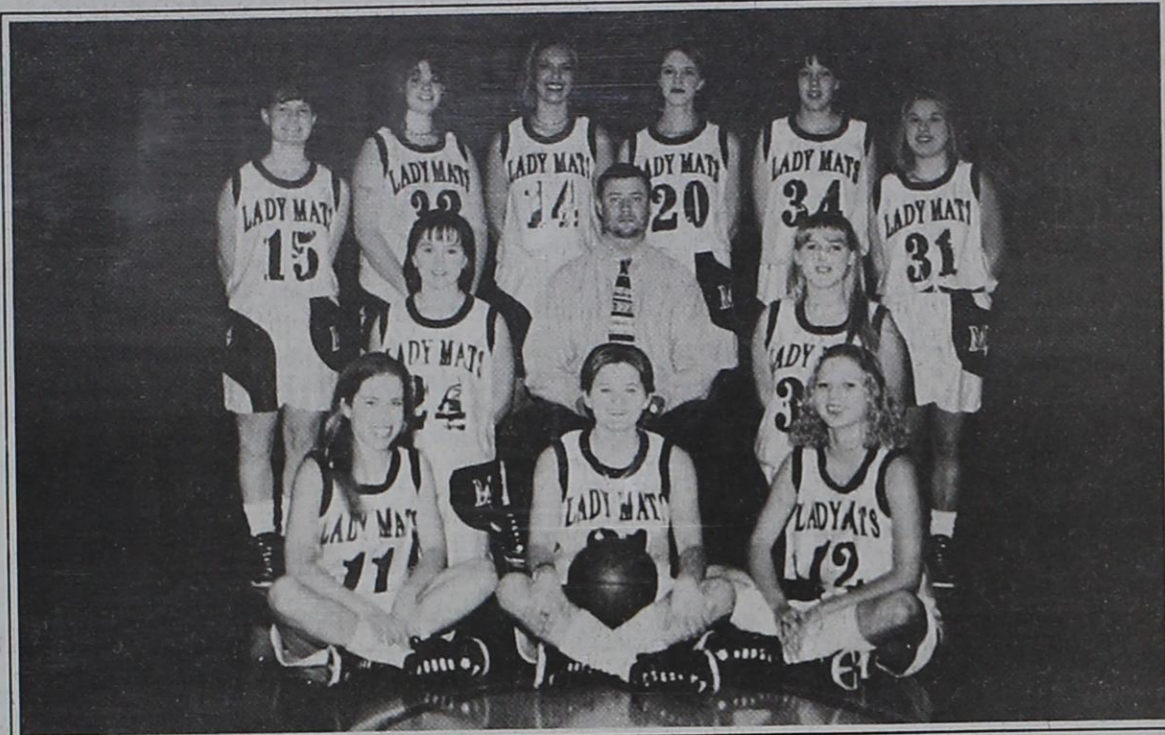
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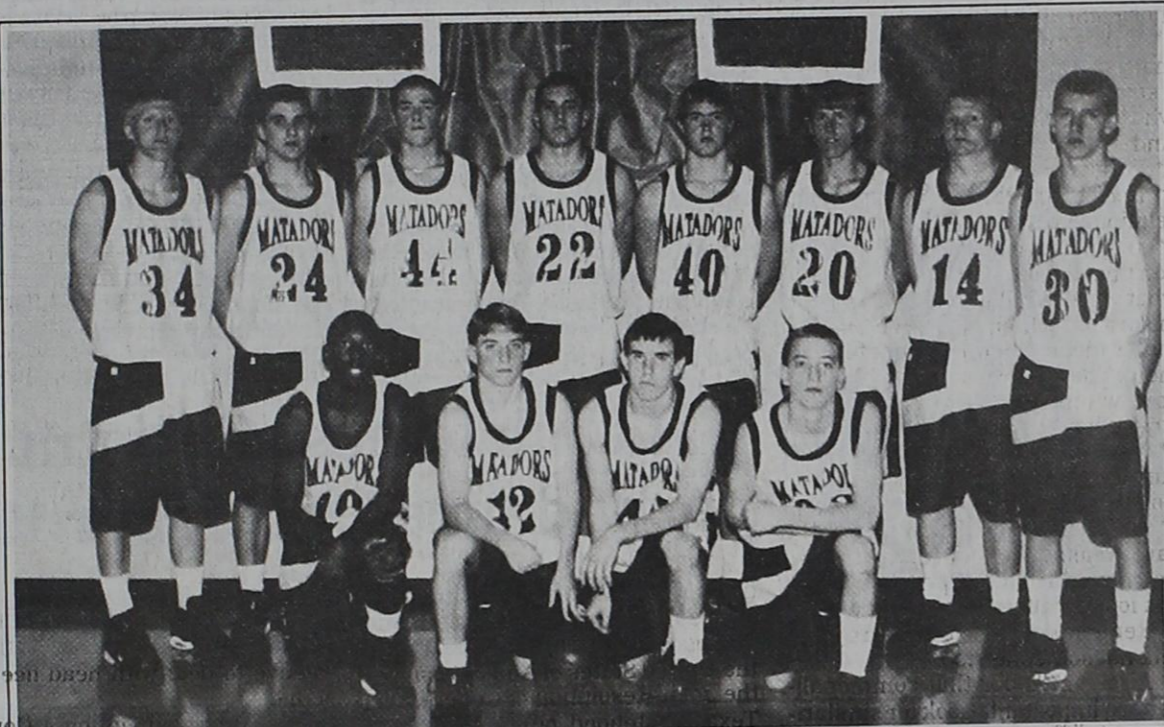
HOOPIN' IT UP!



LADY MATADORS, VARSITY — Ashley Stevens, Rachelle Renfro, Kandi Keltz, ShaVonne Taylor, Miranda Palmer, Rabecca Morris, standing left to right; Denise Shannon, Coach Danny Copeland, Candace Marvel (middle l-r); Blair Thacker, Kristi Williams, and Samantha Osborn, in front.



LADY MATS, JR. VARSITY — Lisa Taylor, Charity Bartlett, Courtney Hays, Kelsi Wallace, Coach Danny Copeland, Leah Cruse, Shandra Jones, Kember Everett, and Kayla Copp, standing left to right; Brooke Decker and LeAnnra Wallace, in front.



MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS, VARSITY — Jermaine Hendrix, Jason Clauser, Benjamin Ridgley, Casey Lawrence (pictured kneeling l-r); standing left to right are Brad Marvel, Brant Donaldson, Jason Barton, Keane Cruse, Matt Easter, Sean Rose, Dayton Grundy, and Chase Carson.



MATADORS JR. VARSITY — Brandon Lee, Ryan Moore, Bradley Baxter, Chris Paul, Scott Jones, Tony Salazar, standing left to right; Shawn Marvel, Brandon Moore, and Justin Jameson, kneeling in front, left to right.

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Dec. 28-30	Crosbyton Tournament	there	TBA
Jan. 5	Memphis	there	4:00
Jan. 8	** Silvertown	home	6:30
Jan. 9	Valley JV Tournament	there	TBA
Jan. 12	** Lakeview	there	6:30
Jan. 15	Spur	there	4:00
Jan. 19	** Guthrie	home	6:30
Jan. 22	** Patton Springs	there	6:30
Jan. 26	** Silvertown	there	4:00
Jan. 29	** Lakeview	home	6:30
Feb. 2	OPEN		
Feb. 5	** Guthrie	there	6:30
Feb. 9	** Patton Springs	home	6:30

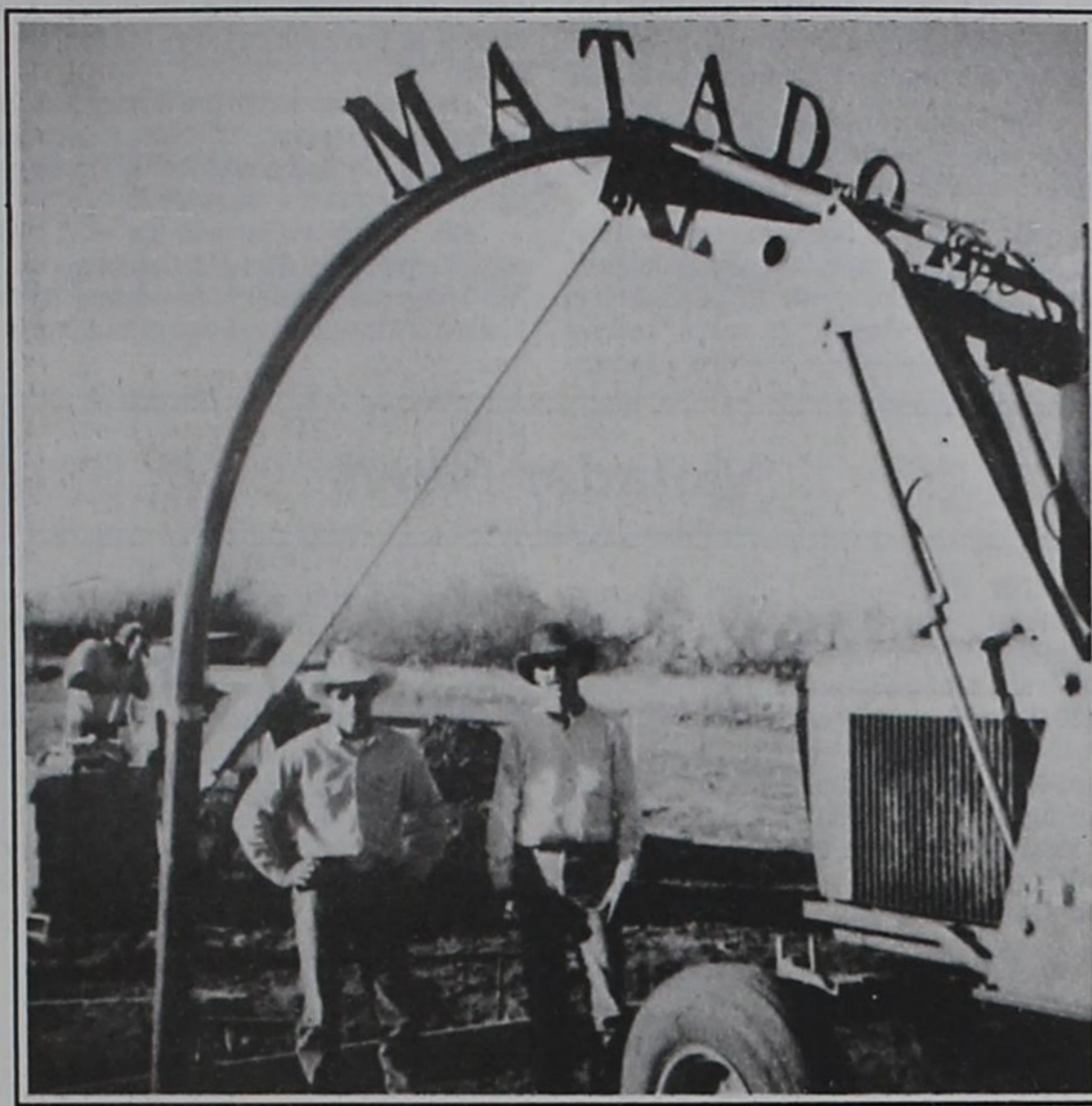
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BASKETBALL

Work begins on Matador and Roaring Springs landscape projects



Gary Shelnett, of Four Seasons Landscape Company, and Brent Whitaker, welder, have begun work on the Landscape Beautification Project in east Matador.

Construction efforts for two landscape projects in Motley County began December 12, 1998, with Four Seasons Landscape Co. being awarded the contract. The total cost of the landscape/beautification projects is \$73,000.00. These projects are located east of Matador on US 70 and south of Roaring Springs at the

junction of US 70 and FM 684. The anticipated timeline for the projects will be approximately 30 days. Each beautification project will consist of a retaining wall with raised beds, identification signs with the name of the town and exposed aggregate sidewalks around the beds.

Holidays are chance to mend and build relationships

While celebration and expectation, family and friends are part of the holiday season, forgiveness often is forgotten in the rush. Family members see one another and remember old times—the good and the bad—and sometimes grudges replace giving. Instead, the holiday season can be a perfect opportunity to “mend fences” and build stronger relationships, according to family therapist Dr. Bill Anderson, associate professor of family sciences at Texas Woman's University.

“Our society has brainwashed us to think in terms of buy and spend, to expect more and to spend more and to equate money with happiness. Then we tie these ideas in with family—and it doesn't work,” says Anderson. “Christmas and the holidays are a time of giving, regardless of religious orientation. It is a time to take stock of our relationships, particularly in our families—both the family of our origin and our immediate family—and to consider ways that we can give to one another. And we should forgive and ask for forgiveness.”

Family, according to Anderson, is a place or an environment where people can have the best (closeness and friendship) or the worst (separation, anger and grudges). He says that families should ask themselves: how can I give to my children, spouse or parents? “What gets in the way of this process is the fact that we live together; family members know our weaknesses and we know theirs. When we live with people in the same house and share our lives, there is more possibility of hurt than with our neighbors or co-workers.

“We have to remember that love is reciprocal; therefore, the higher the expectations we have of our home life, the greater the chance we will be disappointed,” he adds.

What steps can families take to forgive and grow, particularly during the holiday season? Anderson suggests focusing more on time together and less on gifts. “Families today make choices: is it more important to watch TV or turn it off and talk with a spouse or the children, for example. We can control some of the fast pace of life—talk or go for a walk together. We still have the same amount of time together as we had as families 50 years ago—we just have to make choices to spend more time together.”

He fondly remembers one family's gift to each other several

years ago—love letters to one another, instead of presents from the store. Anderson says, “During the holiday season, we should ask ourselves: what would I like to contribute this Christmas? What would my family members like from me?” Families should focus on people, not consumerism because “society's focus on consumerism has made us a lonely society.”

So...how can we mend family “fences”—relationships and connections that have been broken down because of unrealistic expectations or hurt feelings? Forgiveness is the key, plus communication. “Life is too short to get even with everyone,” says Anderson. “Holding a grudge eats away at people and makes them unhappy. People live together, hurt each other and must forgive; otherwise, we end up isolated and unhappy.”

Here are some tips to help mend those fences:

**** Call, write, send a card, visit or make a gift.** “All of these things have a strong impact on others; these are what people are lonely for,” says Anderson.

**** Forgive and ask for forgiveness.**

**** Look at the positive aspects of a relationship and focus on those.**

**** If you have seen someone you don't particularly like, make a list of what you don't like about them. Then make a list of their strengths and use those ideas to communicate with them.** They will respond positively to you when you recognize their strengths.

**** Sometimes you must bundle your hurts and put them away and then look for the good in another person.**

**** Realize that “I am not perfect. I have weaknesses; therefore, maybe I can live with other people's limits and look for their good qualities.”**

**** Remember: you can only fix yourself, not someone else.**

**** Also remember that commonalities are important. Look for similarities, not differences.**

“Unresolved differences that you have with other family members are very painful, particularly at this time of year,” says Anderson. “Family systems are not fooled by silence or distance. They remember. There's a void that people still see, and cutting yourself off doesn't work because you and the other person have not resolved your problems. So celebrate your family during the holidays, forgive one another and spend time together.”



ATTEND CONVENTION — Motley County FFA members, Robert Gillespie, Scott Jones, Brooke Decker, and Rachelle Renfro, pictured left to right, attended the National FFA Convention, held in Kansas City.

FFA members attend National Convention

Brooke Decker, Robert Gillespie, Scott Jones, and Rachelle Renfro, members of the Motley County FFA chapter recently attended the 71st National FFA Convention held November 12-14 at Bartle Hall and the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri. The members were accompanied on their trip by FFA Advisor Jim Cooper and his wife, Judy.

This year's convention was a historic one, because it ended a 71 year association between the FFA and Kansas City. The convention will move to Louisville, Kentucky for the next five years. Motley County FFA Chapter President Robert Gillespie said that the convention simply outgrew the facilities available in Kansas City. “This year's convention set an attendance record of over 49,000 people attending,” stated Gillespie.

At the convention the members attended sessions that were motivational, educational and informative.

“The sessions averaged about 14,000 people. The auditorium only seats 12,000, so it was standing room only and very hot inside. Hopefully, with additional room at Louisville, the sessions will be more enjoyable,” said Chapter Advisor Jim Cooper. The group also spent an afternoon at the convention career show. The career show consists of over 1500 exhibitors from business and industry related to agriculture, also trade schools and colleges were present to recruit students. “These exhibitors are here to recruit the best and brightest young people who have an interest in agricultural careers, and they know FFA is the source for these young people,” stated Jim Cooper.

While in Kansas City the group attended the American Royal Rodeo. On the way home, they toured the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

Commissioners Court

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lic of Texas as the 28th state of the United States of America when James K. Polk, the 11th president of the United States of America, signed the Joint Resolution of Congress for Texas Statehood on December 29, 1845; and Whereas, on 19, February, 1846 members of the first legislature of the State of Texas and other officials gathered together at 12:00 noon with citizens in front of the wood-planked capitol building on Hickory (8th) and Colorado streets in the City of Austin go witness Dr. Anson Jones, the last president of the Republic of Texas, lower the Lone Star flag of the Republic of Texas for the last time and raise the flag of the United States of America to the top of the mast, and see James Pinckney Henderson sworn in as the first governor of the State of Texas.”

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

School Board

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- Residence Policy.
— Authorized administration to come up with an Administrative Directive to deal with head lice problems.

— Approved Option 4 Contract with Guthrie CSD that allows Guthrie to purchase Motley County's Weighted Average Daily Attendance to be used in the Technology Consortium for future projects.

— Approved change on school calendar to make December 18, 1998 an in-service day and March 12, 1999, to be changed to a local workday.

— Approved recommendation to purchase plaque and place at north end of football field recognizing Walter Russell for land that was donated to the Motley County ISD after the devastating tornado of 1984. Meeting adjourned.

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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Rita Groves

In memory of Carl "Froggie" King, we would like to quote from 2 Timothy 4:7, "I have competed well; I have kept the faith. From now on, the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the Just Judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance." This I believe.

Froggie made many friends over sixty years. He was a constant friend and joy all these years. He is a Mason and a Veteran.

He was the son of Tom and Jimmie Jane Hodges, both pioneers of this county. In Tom King's obituary which was written in February 1962, Editor Ben Meador called him "the last of the pioneer riders who followed the bawling herd three score years ago."

James Thomas King was born in Tipper County, Mississippi, August 25, 1863, and moved to Stephenville, Texas with his parents when he was six years old. In 1901, as a teenager he came to Motley County with the John Sheridan family in their wagon train, and drove their herd of cattle.

Shortly after he arrived in Motley County he began working for the Matadors as a horse wrangler, and later worked as chuckwagon cook. Still later, he was chuck house cook, and finally Headquarters' cook for the ranch.

In 1906 Tom married Jimmie. Their anniversary was November 11, and it was

a family joke that this was the date "one big war started and one big war ended." In reality it was a happy marriage of fifty-five years. Mrs. King worked side by side with her husband in their restaurant in Matador there. The thirteen years he was in business there. Each was noted for wit and a good nature, and for putting out a hearty plate lunch for anyone needed, and cooking anything anyone needed for special diet or appetite.

They were the parents of four children: Curtis, who married Martha Dell Scaff, Myra (Mrs. Tom Spears), Leonard "Tuffy" who married Irene Owens, and Carl who married Sandra Lucas. Only Myra survives. (Traweek 286). Listen to:

REQUIEM

Under the wide and starry sky,
Dig the grave and let me lie,
Glad did I live and gladly die,
And I laid me down with a will.

This be the verse you gave for me;
Where he lies where he longed to be;
Home is the sailor, home from sea,
And the hunter home from the hill.

(The title means Rest. It is the first word of a Latin Mass for the dead, "Give eternal rest to them, O Lord." The last two lines of this poem, by Robert Louis Stevenson, are inscribed on his monument in Samoa.)

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

Roaring Springs Methodist Women's Wesleyan Service Guild met Wednesday evening in the home of Tom and Jeanne Adams. The occasion was the Christmas party with its buffet supper preceding the Christmas program and exchange of gifts from a beautifully decorated tree. Brother Wike asked a blessing on the meeting and the food before the meal.

Billie Clifton and Chelsea Read with the help of other readers, presented a skit with a Christmas poem, reading of Luke's Christmas Bible story of the birth of the Blessed Child, and singing of Carols by the group, with accompaniment by Jeanne at her keyboard.

Those present were JoEtta

Bumgardner, Darleen Fletcher, Callie Giesecke, Rita Groves, Dorothy Lee, Debbie Martin, Pearl Patten, Lea Peacock, and Grace Zabielski. Lula Swim was missed. She reports that she is recuperating comfortably at home.

Zella Palmer returned home Monday after spending Thanksgiving with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Snow in Guthrie, OK and with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer in Eureka, Kansas. While there they drove to Eureka, Kansas, Arkansas and attended some of the shows and enjoyed the beautiful mountain scenery. The Snows accompanied her home and spent Monday night, returning home on Tuesday.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

ANNOUNCEMENT

The First Baptist Church of Flomot will present a Candlelight Service at 6:30 p.m., Saturday December 27th.

The Rev. Nathan Mulder, pastor, extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend this spiritual seasonal message.

Max and Gail Washington of Zephyrhills, Florida arrived Sunday to visit his mother, Mrs. Edith Washington and other relatives. They are also attending to business in this area.

Tanner Clay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, returned home from Lubbock, Texas following surgery on an injured leg, Saturday at Methodist Hospital. He is doing fine.

Bob and Janice Russell of Turkey and Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd attended the Christmas Band Concert Sunday afternoon held at the High School auditorium in Memphis. Their grandson, Jason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Cloyd, performed with the Memphis High School band and the Jazz band. He plays the alto saxophone. Also featured in the enjoyable program was the Memphis High School choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers were in Lubbock, Wednesday for him a medical appointment. They had lunch with son and wife, Ronnie and Lou Rogers. Visiting them, Friday was grandson, Richard Rogers of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson attended the cantata, "Celebrate The Season" held Sunday night at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque. Mrs. Kathy Shorter and Mrs. Waydeta Clay of Flomot were featured vocalists.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

It doesn't matter what gifts I get for Christmas as long as it says, "WITH LOVE". Isn't that what the first Christmas told us?

ATTEND COLLEGE GRADUATION

Mrs. Frances Dixon, her daughter and family, Elaine and Fred Risser and daughter, Kaci of Matador attended the graduation ceremony of Kobi Risser held Saturday at University of Texas Arlington in Arlington. She was awarded her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Photojournalism.

She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Dixon and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Risser. Also attending the graduation were her paternal grandmother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bailey of Clyde.

Seab and Dianne Washington were in Lubbock, Friday to be with grandson, 9 years old Cam Washington, who had adenoid surgery at Methodist Hospital. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Washington of Childress, have been with him during surgery and hospitalization.

Mrs. Nova Turner of Matador accompanied her mother, Mrs. Sylvia Lee Martin to Lockney, Tuesday for medical tests.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin and her sister, Mrs. Wanda Lane Lockney attended to business in Lubbock, Thursday.

Art Green is on the sick list and receiving medical treatment at Lockney Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter attended the first birthday party of great granddaughter, Cheyenne Nicole Carter, Sunday afternoon held in Lubbock at the home of her grandparents, Anita and Brad Carter. Before returning home they visited at Methodist Hospital with her sister, Mrs. Melva Jo Shelton, a patient following a stroke and broken collarbone. They also visited J.W. Pritchett, a patient in Methodist Hospital, who is in rehabilitation following a stroke and pneumonia.

Visiting early this week with Barbara and M.C. Jones was Jason Burton of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers visited Sunday afternoon in Kalgary with daughter and husband, Donna and Stanley Degan.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were in Lubbock this week for her dental appointments. They visited daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wigley.

Obituaries

Carl T. King

Carl T. King, 80, of Matador, died late Friday, December 11, at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, following an illness.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Cremation will be under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mr. King was born October 24, 1918, at Matador, and attended schools at Matador. He retired from the US Air Force in 1971 after serving for 36 years, and returned to Matador. He was aircraft maintenance specialist in the Air Force, and retired at the rank of Chief Master Sergeant.

He was married to the former Sandra Lucas on December 22, 1946 at Vallejo, California. He was a member of the Baptist Church and the Masonic Lodge.

His survivors include his wife, two sons, Tom King of Camina, California and Bill King of Matador; one sister, Myra Spears of Matador; and two granddaughters.

Matador News

J.W. Pritchett of Lubbock, former Motley County resident, is a patient in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following a stroke and pneumonia. He is in room 427 W. and is undergoing rehabilitation.

Evelyn and C.D. Garrison met her sister, Mrs. Sue Lancaster of Breckenridge, in Aspermont, Friday for lunch and to visit. En route home, they visited in Jayton with grandson and wife, Kerry and Crystal Garrison. It was Evelyn's and C.D.'s

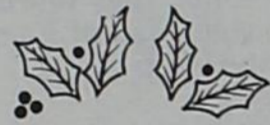
51st wedding anniversary.

Elga and Rodger Evans spent Thanksgiving in Lubbock with Catherine Scott and family. They were joined by Margaret Scott and family. They returned home on Saturday and on Saturday afternoon visited with Charlie and Viola Keith.

Elga and Rodger Evans went to Crosbyton on the Mini-Bus on Wednesday, December 9 and visited with Julie Bell Martin, a patient there.



THE GET WELL TREE — Daphne Meredith, LVN at Motley County Clinic, puts the final touches on the Get Well Tree in the Clinic lobby. The tree is decorated with syringes, gauze packs, tongue depressors, and other medical items.



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Farm & Ranch News



Motley County approved for Livestock Assistance

Motley County has been approved for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP). Applications will be taken through January 8, 1999. This program provides payments to eligible livestock producers who suffered losses from natural disasters in 1998. LAP assistance is based on the lesser of the feed value of available grazing land, or the feed value required for eligible livestock. When you file an application, you will be required to provide the following information:

- Number, type, and weight

range of livestock owned during the year.

- Acres, location, and type of grass or forage on which you experienced a loss in calendar year 1998.
- Percent of grazing loss.
- Information about changes in livestock numbers and the dates when changes in livestock numbers occurred.

Remember your application must be filed by January 8, 1999. Please call the Farm Service Agency for an appointment today at 806-347-2671.

Cotton News



from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Clarification of Step 2 Rules

Rules are rules, especially in the Step 2 program within the cotton competitiveness provisions of the current Farm Bill. According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG), anybody breaking those rules should expect someone to come looking for.

When it comes to Step 2 things can get confusing, but the bottomline is that the rules governing the payment and, if necessary, repayment of Step 2 program funds are there.

In general the rules state that Step 2 funds can be paid to eligible domestic users on the date a bale is opened at the mill or to exporters of cotton on the date the bale is actually shipped. Under either circumstance each bale can only have one payment attributed to it.

Discussion has surfaced about cotton being shipped across the Mexican border, receiving the Step 2 payment and then coming back in to the U.S.

While PCG has no comment on this practice, there are rules that apply. When cotton is shipped back to the U.S. after being exported under Step 2, the original Step 2 payment made for the bale MUST be repaid. Failure to repay the Step 2 payments would therefore be illegal.

Disaster Program Announcement

Plains Cotton Growers officials have learned that the final phase of the 1998 agriculture disaster assistance program could be announced as early as December 12 during the President Bill Clinton's weekly radio address.

If the announcement is made then details would become available the week of December 14.

Last week it was reported that few details had surfaced about the crop loss portion of the legislation. Nothing has changed since that time except for the expectation that an official announcement is now imminent.

High Plains Crop Prospects Getting Larger

The latest National Agricultural Statistical Service (NASS) crop projection has increased the estimate for the High Plains region by 280,000 bales to 2.350 million bales.

The increase is good news for cotton growers who need the extra yield to try to offset lower prices seen over the past few weeks.

According to figures from the Texas Ag Statistical Service (TASS) 200,000 bales of the increase is in District I-S where projected yields increased from 491 pounds to 564 pounds per acre. The other 80,000 bales was added to District I-N's projection.

Overall the Texas crop is now expected to be in the neighborhood of 8.8 million bales, up from the 8 million bales estimated November 1.

Nationwide the cotton crop is now expected to top 13 million bales of upland cotton and 13.4 million bales when adding in ELS production figures.

Texas Department of Transportation launches Holiday Anti-Drunk Driving Campaign



Santa Claus points to a convenience store cooler, urging Texans not to drink and drive during the holiday season. Thousands of the colorful reminders have been placed at convenience stores and liquor stores. The Texas Department of Transportation has launched a new campaign, which includes radio, roadside billboards and window decals, to promote safe driving. Also participating are the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, the Texas Package Stores Association and Diamond Shamrock.

Have Texas drivers been naughty or nice this year? Santa knows. Santa Claus joined Texas Department of Transportation officials today for a Capitol news conference launching a statewide ad campaign reminding Texans not to drink and drive during the Holiday season. Santa presented his list of the best and worst kinds of drivers for 1998 and reminded Texas drivers that he and law enforcement officers will be watching out for who's naughty and who's nice on Texas

roads over the holidays. Against the backdrop of the state Capitol, a group of fifth graders from Cypress Elementary School in Leander helped Santa unveil a large replica of the campaign's roadside billboard, which is prominently posted at 19 locations across the state. In the spirit of the holidays, the brightly colored billboards adorned with retro-cartoon snowflakes read, "Santa is coming to town. Please don't hit him. Don't drink and drive. Texas Department of Transportation."

To spread the billboard message even further, TxDOT has converted the message into colorful decals placed on thousands of convenience store and liquor store beverage coolers across the state. The Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, The Texas Package Stores Association and Diamond Shamrock helped spread the responsible driving holiday message.

Santa also introduced a new twist on a classic Christmas tune which hit the airwaves statewide today. The public service announcement starts off with a chorus of voices singing "We wish you a Merry Christmas." But the familiar carol is interrupted with a dramatic message urging Texans to think twice before getting behind the wheel after drinking.

"So remember," cautioned Santa as he stood flanked by state troopers in front of the state Capitol, "I'll be watching out for who's naughty and who's nice on Texas roads, and these nice young fellows from the DPS will be helping Santa, too."

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By Ace Reid



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All prospective hogs and lambs that are intended to be shown by 4-H or FFA members in the 1999 Motley County Junior Livestock Show on Saturday, March 13th were in the youths possession on Tuesday, December 15th. All hogs and lambs will

be validated by the Junior Livestock Show Board of Directors on Saturday, December 19th starting at 9:00 a.m. All 4-H and FFA members need to make sure that Jim Cooper or Michael Lee knows where your animals are located.

Beef Cattle Management Program to be held Thursday

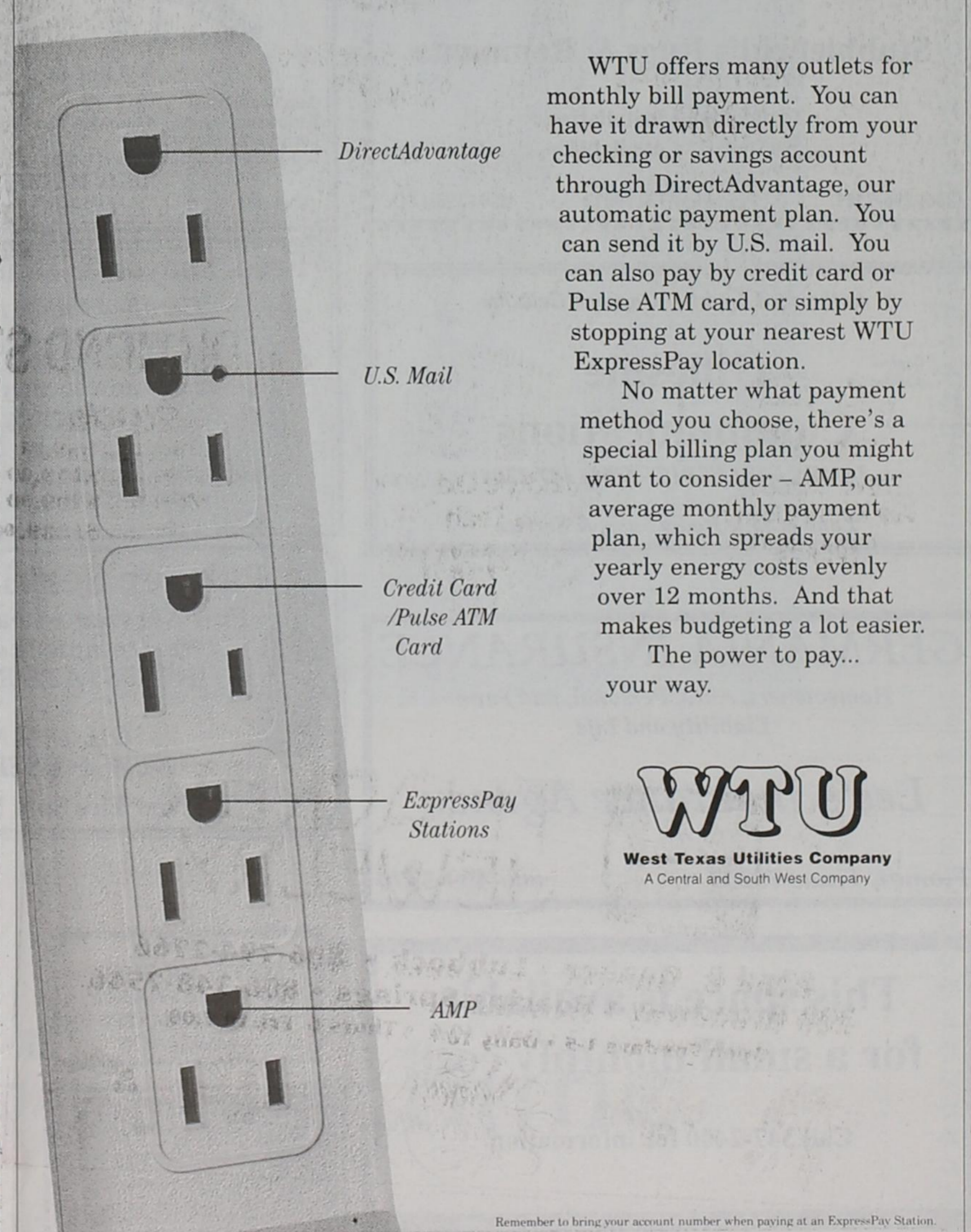
The Motley County Beef Cattle Management Educational Program will be held on Thursday, December 17th. This educational program is sponsored by the Motley County Agriculture Committee in conjunction with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The program starts at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 17th at the Matador Senior Citizens Center. Topics will include Controlling Winter Feed Cost, Economic Internal & External Parasite Control, and Vaccination Programs to Increase your Prof-

its. Guest speakers for the program include Vickie Barby, Senior Sales Representative, Merial; Dr. Kynan Sturgess, Veterinarian, Bayer Animal Health; Todd Firkins, Technical Sales Representative, Bayer Animal Health; and Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Livestock Specialist.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. sponsored by Merial and Bayer Animal Health. You must have R.S.V.P. by Monday, December 14th to eat dinner.

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Tribune to be closed next week

The Motley County Tribune will be closed next week, December 21-25. We will not publish a paper that week. Our office will open Monday, December 28, and we will have our regular noon Tuesday deadline for our December 31 issue.
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Hope Guerrero's name is incorrectly printed as Nicole Guerrero in the cutlines on page 2 of Section 2 of this week's paper. We apologize for the mistake.

God Bless You!

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Thank you for the cards, flowers, gifts, visits, words of concern and most of all your prayers while I was in the hospital and since my return home. Your love and kindness is so appreciated. May God bless you in your time of need.

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Who is this bearded man? Little Nicole Guerrero seems bewildered as she takes a look at this fat old man. Oh, Mom, he's pretty neat! With a big smile, Nicole gives her approval of Santa Claus. Nicole is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Guerrero of Matador.



Orange Teacake Cookies

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 c. butter | 2 t. orange extract |
| 1 c. sugar | 2 eggs |
| 1 T. grated orange peel | 3 c. flour |
| 1 T. orange juice | 1 t. baking powder |

Cream butter and sugar. Add orange peel, orange juice and orange extract. Then add the eggs, beating well. Sift together flour and baking powder, add to creamed mixture. Refrigerate dough until well chilled. Separate dough into thirds. Roll out 1/3 at a time on floured pastry cloth. Roll thin, cut with cookie cutters and place on greased cookie sheet. Sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for about 8 minutes.



Merry Christmas

May your holiday be joyous in every way.

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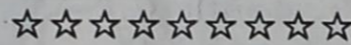


Christmas is coming,
the geese are getting fat,
Won't you please put a penny
in a poor man's hat?
If you haven't got a penny,
a ha'penny will do.
If you haven't got a ha'penny,
then God bless you!

— unknown

REASONS FOR THE SEASONS

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. KJV



True compassion began with the first Christmas, and its magnificence has inspired mankind to seek glory in humility. At its knee the great learned the simple truth of love.
Trail Dust by Douglas Meador



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SEASON'S GREETINGS

An old-fashioned Christmas wish to all our friends.

Paymaster Gin

Quitaque

Happy Holidays

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I know just what I want! Jasmine Porter gives Santa her list of Christmas wishes. Jasmine is the daughter of Joe and Mary Ann Guerrero of Matador.



The First Noel

The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep,

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the East beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued day and night.

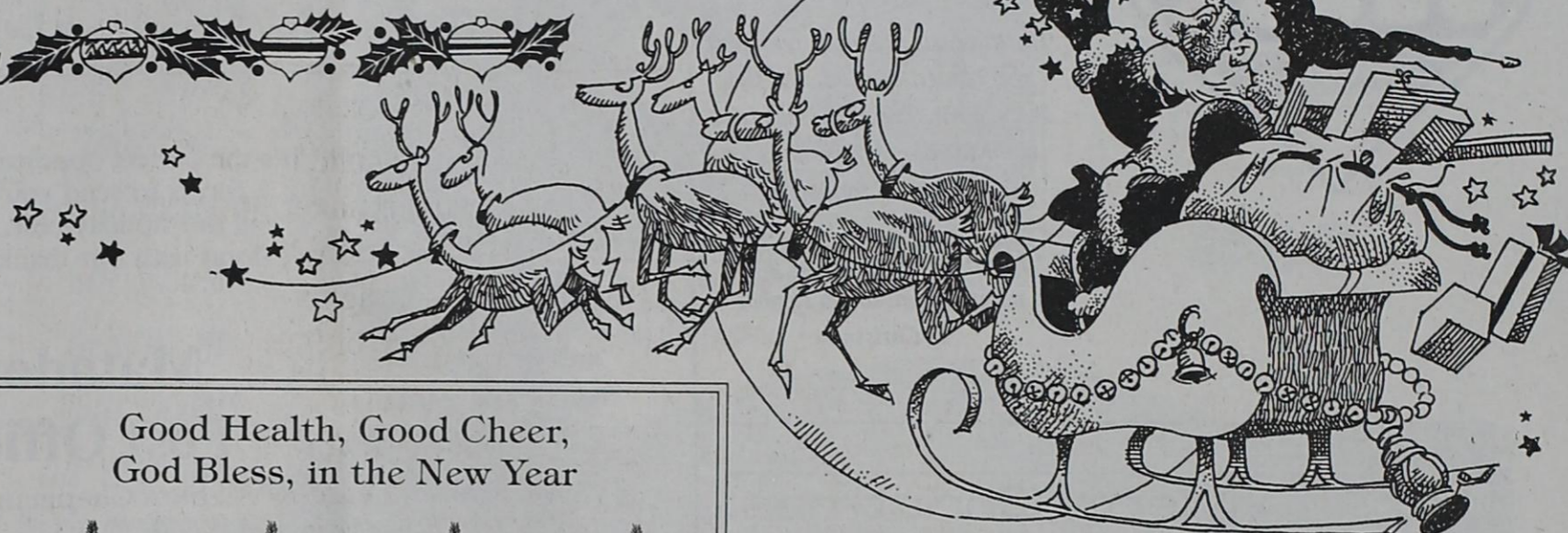
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the northwest;
O're Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.



Don't take your eyes off Mom! Austin and Bryant Taylor sit in Santa's lap, but keep a close watch on Mom. They are the sons of Shane and Wendi Taylor of Matador.



I'm just a little shy Karrie Valdez seems just a little shy as she visits with Santa. Karrie is the daughter of Randy and Lenore Martin of Matador.

Good Health, Good Cheer,
God Bless, in the New Year



Algie, Rita, Jim, Pat, & Mike



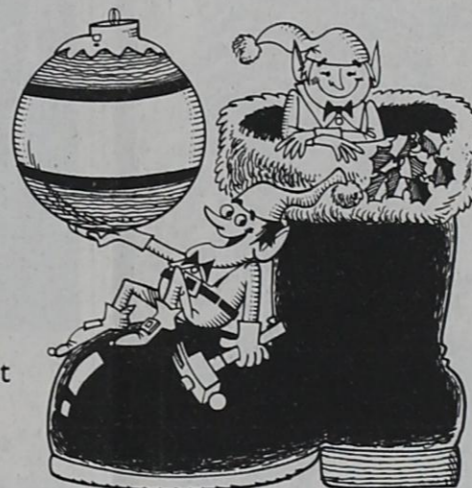
Peace On Earth

From His birth comes hope for a kind and gentle world. Together in faith we can make it happen.

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Merry Christmas!



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and all the joy
it brings
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Merry Christmas

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Joy to the World!
The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart
prepare Him room;
And heav'n and
nature sing.

— Isaac Watts



The Legend of Candy Cane

The candy cane was invented
by a Christian in England, in
the seventh century.

At the time, the government would
not let people celebrate Christmas...
So a candymaker made a candy
shaped like a shepherd's crook to be
a secret symbol of Jesus.

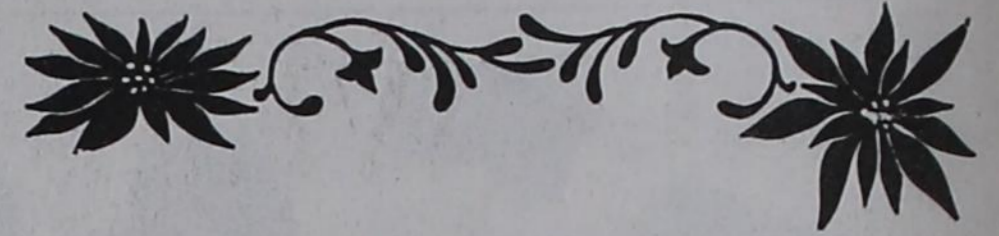
The three, small stripes represent
the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit. The large, red stripe
is for the life of Jesus that He
gave up for us.

The candy was a double gift...
a sweet treat and a symbol
of Christmas



Andrew Martin gives a little smile after telling Santa what he wants for Christmas. Andrew is the son of Randy and Lenore Martin of Matador.

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Don't Waste the Miracle

Jan Miller Girando

There's a miracle in Christmas —
there's a stillness in the air
And excitement in the shining eyes
of children everywhere.

There's a miracle in Christmas
as each silent night unfolds,
And we see again the promise
that this holy season holds.

There's a wonder in traditions,
in the stories passed along,
In our thoughtfulness toward others,
and in voices raised in song.

There's a reassuring comfort
in the joy glad tidings bring
And an inner peace from honoring
and praising Christ the King.

There's a magic in the season;
in the kindnesses we do,
Whether joys are shared by many
or among a special few.

There's awareness of our gratitude,
for blessings from above;
There's a miracle in Christmas,
and the miracle is love.



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Merry Christmas, Friends



Fast away the old year passes,
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
Sing we joyous all together,
Heedless of the wind and weather,
Fa la la la la la la la...
— Traditional Welsh Carol

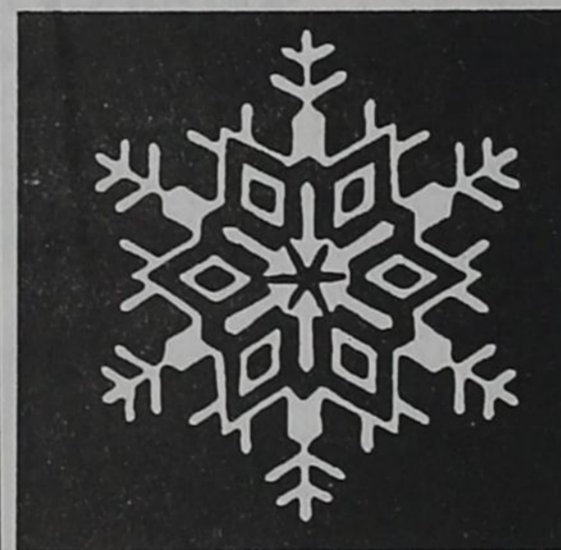
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good friends, and dreams come true.

FLOMOT GIN

What Christmas means to me

Christmas to me means spending time with your family and just having a great time singing, playing, just having fun with your whole family and it also means having lots and lots of snow.

THE END
Delia Gonzalez
Merry Christmas

Christmas is a very special time of the year. During Christmas you can be with the people you love, like your family, friends, and many other people. Also, you get many presents and you have lots of food and candy to eat. Like I said, Christmas is a very special time of the year.

Susana Mendoza

Christmas means having fun with my family and opening gifts, eating food and pies, building a snowman with snow, making angels in the snow. Throwing snowballs at cars that pass by the house and celebrating Jesus's birthday are also part of Christmas. That is what Christmas means to me.

Sandra Torrez

What Christmas means to me is that I get to be with loved ones on a cherished Holiday. I get to have fun on Christmas Holiday from school. The presents are under the tree and the lights are brightly filling the room with joy. I get to build a snowman, that is, if it snows. My mom, dad, and brothers are all happy and we all get along with each other for one night of the year. We all have a very, very, very merry Christmas.

Cole Grundy

To me Christmas means spending time with family and friends, and getting to go to Sudan and spend a couple of days up there with my cousins and grandma, grandpa, aunts, and uncle. Opening presents on Christmas Eve is the best part.

Quinten Rose

Christmas is my favorite holiday. Christmas means gifts like clothes, makeup, etc.! It also means you get to see your family that lives far away like in Washington. It comes down to the very important thing: you get to eat all the time (leftovers)!

Stachia Baxter

What Christmas means to me is decorating the Christmas tree, making candy and being with my close friends and family. Also Christmas means to the joy of shopping and receiving presents and giving presents. But most of all Christmas is celebrating Christ's Birthday.

Amanda Hurt

Christmas means I get to see family, my grandparents, my sister, my brother, my brothers-in-law, well pretty much everyone. We all get together and at about 8:00 we open presents, and that's not all! When we lived in Iowa, we would go over to my grandma's house and open more presents. Then we have a big feast, after that we just visit, go home and sit down. We usually don't eat supper because we aren't hungry.

Mandi Ream

Christmas is the one time of the year families come together to see how others are doing instead of E-mail or calls every two months. Most think of Christmas as spending more

time at the mall or having to figure out how to get from one family member's house to another just trying to get it over and back to real life. To me Christmas is getting to spend time with my family and spending what time I still have with them. Christmas is the one chance a year I get to get away from "Real Life" and spend time with the people I love.

Ryan Payne

Christmas means giving. Christmas means loving. Christmas means caring. Christmas means sharing. Christmas means getting presents!!!!!!

Brady Timmins

Christmas to me means getting to decorate the house with Christmas stuff and getting to decorate the Christmas tree with ornaments and

you get to buy people (your friends) Christmas presents. Also, you get to cook Christmas cookies and foods. Also you get presents. Christmas to me means giving, receiving, and just having fun.

Angie Marvel

Christmas to me is a joyous holiday for families and friends to get together and have good meals and trade gifts. Christmas to me is giving gifts and receiving them, too!

Brandon Martin

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

by Dumont Darsey

Christmas means a lot of things, to me and also you.

One is of baby Jesus, with animals surrounding, going oink and moo.

Another thing is Christmas trees, with lots of pretty colors.

And also the presents under it, the little ones, the Christmas tree smothers.

Also the hungry children, who people give them food and clothes.

And don't let them be harmed and won't become their foes.

Christmas is a wonderful time a wonderful time to sing and rhyme.

It is my favorite season, no one should even whine.



Christmas is here:

Winds whistle shrill,
Icy and chill.
Little are we;
Little we fear
Weather without,
Sheltered about
The Mahogany Tree

William Makepeace Thackeray

Merry
Christmas!



Here's hoping
that the
joyful spirit of
Christmas
blooms in
your hearts
all year long!

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Have a happy holiday.

Rose Garden
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Jonathan Osborn gets his turn to give Santa Claus his Christmas wish list. Jonathan is the son of Robert and Olivia Osborn of Roaring Springs.



Silent Night

All was calm on that holy night,
The eve of a glorious morn,
A time of faith as all mankind
Exalted when Christ was born.
Merry Christmas to all our friends and customers.

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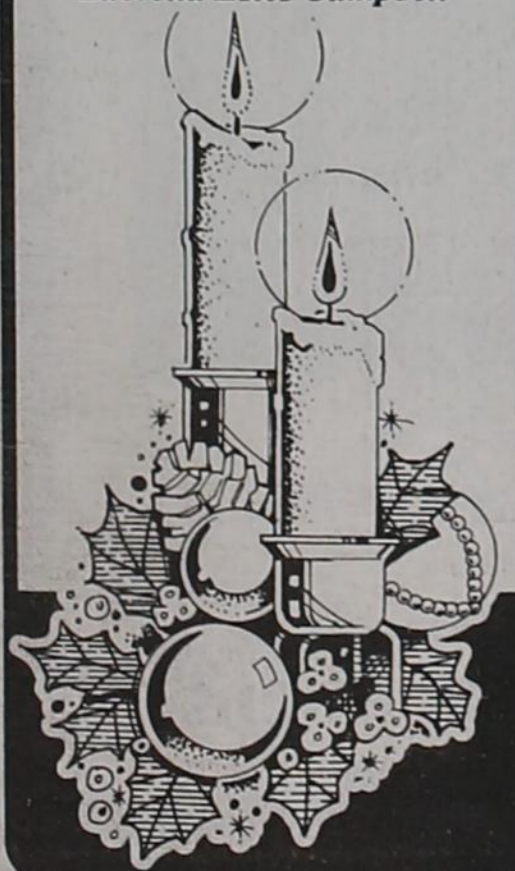


WARMEST WISHES

Here's to a bright and beautiful season.

MOTLEY COUNTY
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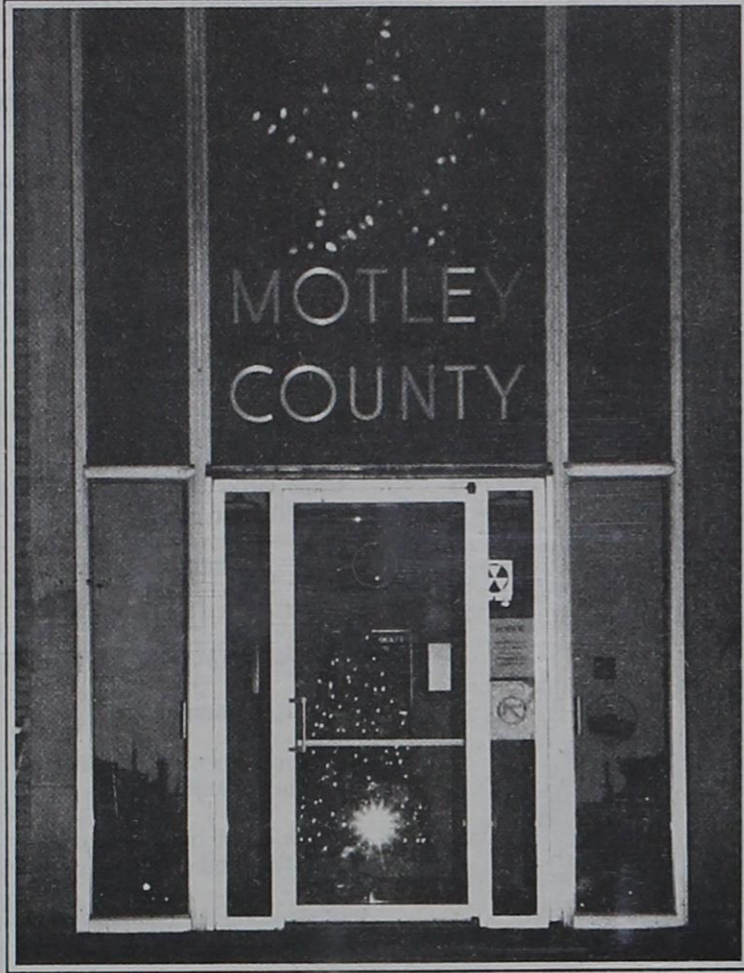
Lucretia Estes Campbell



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That means Santa's on his way!
As you and your family enjoy the festive season, please accept our thanks for the gift of your warm friendship and loyal patronage.

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THE STORY OF THE NUTCRACKER

Merry Christmas

ONCE upon a time one Christmas eve, a young girl's dream came magically to life. It began with the arrival of Uncle Drosselmeyer who, to the delight of the children, came bearing gifts.

He brought a huge nutcracker in the shape of a man with a large head. But Oh...! it slipped out of his hands and broke.

As the festivities continued with song and dance, Clara picked up the broken nutcracker and put them in her doll's cradle. Later that night she went back downstairs to look at the nutcracker, and that's when the magic began.

When the clock struck midnight, mice scurried across the floor. The Christmas tree began to grow and grow and gingerbread soldiers came to life and marched about the room.

Clara watched in awe as the mice returned and began to battle with the soldiers. The Nutcracker came to life and took command of the remaining

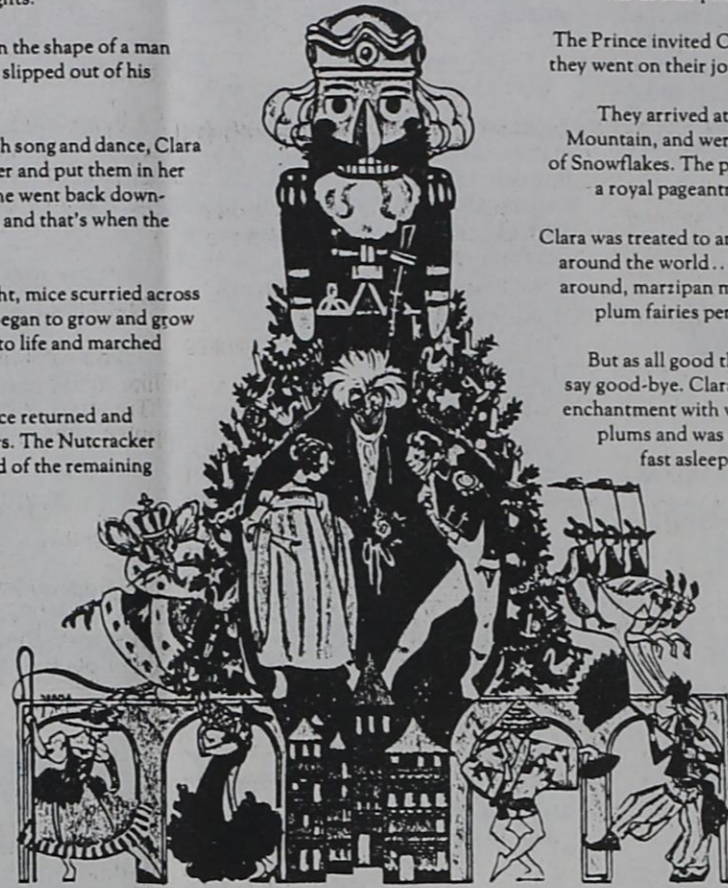
gingerbread army. As the Nutcracker fought, the Mouse King prepared to attack, but Clara removed her slipper and hit the mouse on the head. With their leader dead, the mouse troop fled and the Nutcracker turned into a handsome prince.

The Prince invited Clara to visit his kingdom, and off they went on their journey to the Kingdom of Sweets.

They arrived at the Magic Castle on Sugar-Plum Mountain, and were greeted by the King and Queen of Snowflakes. The prince's parents honored her with a royal pageantry of song and celebration.

Clara was treated to an amazing tableau of dances from around the world...candy canes swirled around and around, marzipan maids, tumbling clowns and sugar-plum fairies performed in joyous fashion.

But as all good things must end, the time came to say good-bye. Clara slipped back from her world of enchantment with visions of magic castles and sugar plums and was off in a dream world all her own, fast asleep.



Story of the Stockings

"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there..."

It's not known how this tradition got its start, but there is a lovely legend about the custom's beginning.

It seems that in the town where the "first" Saint Nicholas lived, there was a merchant who had three daughters who were not married. In those days, the 4th century, a maiden had to have a dowry before she could marry. And the merchant was bankrupt.

Nicholas, who was then a boy, heard of their plight. He went to the house late one night and dropped three bags of gold down the chimney. They fell into the girls' stockings which were hanging by the fireplace to dry.

The gold was enough for the girls' dowry, so they were married and lived happily ever after taking care of their poor father as well.



Christmas Quote

A Christmas gambol oft could cheer,
A poor man's heart through half the year.

— Sir Walter Scott

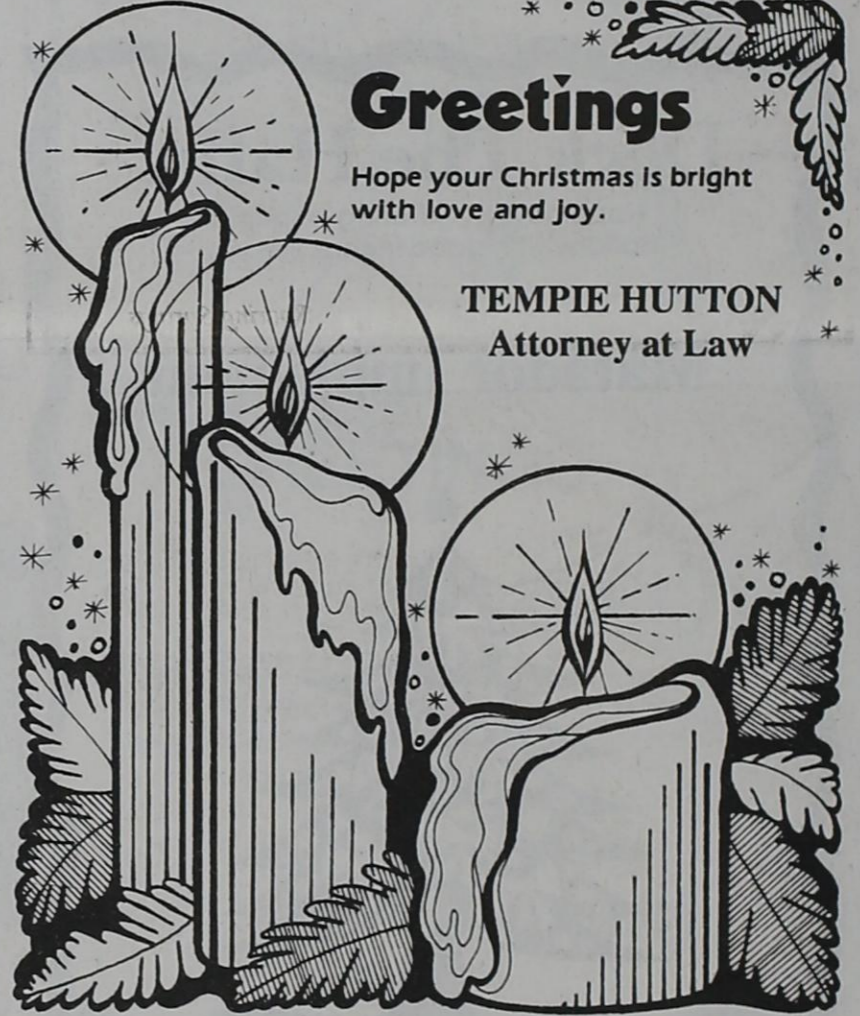
JOY TO THE WORLD



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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Greetings

Hope your Christmas is bright with love and joy.

TEMPIE HUTTON
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O HOLY NIGHT

May God bless you and keep you in the circle of His precious love now and forever. Have a wonderful Christmas season.

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



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May the warmth and wonder of this joyous season embrace you and yours, now and throughout the year.

Motley County Judge

Laverna Price



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

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,

Mrs. Park's Pre K class would like to say Merry Christmas to everyone. We think we have been pretty good boys and girls. Each one of us would like to tell you what we might like for Christmas.

Hanna Alexander would like a Cheerleader Barbie, a dress and shoes.

Christian Brooks would like a hunting bag and fire clothes.

Nicole De La Cerda would like a dress, Barbie shoes and a Barbie doll.

Reagan Elliott would like a Real Hot Wheel Race Car, Rodeo Clothes and fire clothes and a Rodeo Ranch.

Juan Flores would like a police car, Power Rangers and Space and new clothes.

Cody Martin would like fire clothes, Hot Wheels Race Car, Fire Trucks, and Real Fire Race Car.

Pablo Martinez would like Power Ranger In Space, Hot Wheels and clothes.

Braden Mason would like hunting clothes, fire clothes and cars.

Nayo Santos would like Hot Wheels, trucks and Power Rangers.

Ann Marie Saldana would like Barbie Basketball, clothes and shoes.

We hope Santa and your reindeer have a safe journey to Motley County. We will be leaving milk and cookies for you.

Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Parks Pre K class

Dear Santa,

Our Kindergarten Class has tried to be good and work hard this year. We are learning our letters and their sounds. We're also learning a lot about numbers. You should see us on the computers!

Here is our wish list for Christmas:

Colby McClesky-- remote control airplane

Sarah Ferguson-- magic stroller baby

Jay Potts-- toy bulldozer

Adriann Walker-- small star castle

Hailey Blanco-- jewelry

Leanne Jameson-- real ice cream maker

Alyx Smith-- baby love lashes doll

Jonathon Osborn-- toy car you drive

Kyla Simpson-- computer

Samantha Easter-- some games

Leslie Alvarado-- bicycle

Patrick Harvey-- monster truck

Anna Moctezuma-- ears pierced
Ky Christopher-- baseball glove
Bubba Haney-- train
Have a good trip on Christmas

Eve! We love you!

Kindergarten Class 1998-99

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good Christmas. We are putting up our lights so you can see our house. I will leave milk and cookies and carrots for the reindeer. I want a bike for Christmas. I want a chew toy for my dog and another chew toy for my puppy. I want a My Size Dancing Barbie.

Love,
Shanea

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a Merry Christmas. For Christmas I would like a computer game that is named "Dogs-Your Virtual Reality Pet" and a new blue bike. I will leave the window open if it is not cold.

From,
Justin

Dear Santa

I hope Rudolph is doing good. Please bring me the Flip'n Dive Barbie. I also want a beanbag and a Super Nintendo 64 with a game. I'll leave milk and cookies.

From,
Annie

Dear Santa,

Are you having a good year? I want a turbo football and a soccer ball and a blue frisbee and a walkie talkie. I also want a playdough shape maker.

Love,
Jesse

Dear Santa,

My Christmas tree is gold. I want a Barbie doll for Christmas. I want a toy reindeer for Christmas. I want stickers also I've been a good girl.

Love,
Gracie Ho-Gland

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing fine this holiday. I want a Dallas Cowboy football a video game and a train. I will be at Walt Disney World.

From,
Cade Luckett

Dear Santa,

I hope you had a nice day and good deers and good toys and a good holiday. I'm giving you cookies and milk and I have a nice Christmas tree. I want a race car.

From,
Amada

Dear Santa Claus,

Don't crash through my chimney. I've tried to be good. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. For Christmas I want two Barbies and two beach balls and stickers. I live in Flomot.

Love,
Laura

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good trip. We want my little sister back home. I'll leave milk and cookies and cherry pie. I want a bow and arrow.

Love,
Shane

Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I would like a "Winnie the Pooh" backpack. "Tigger" clothes, socks, and a computer phonics game.

Thank You,
Jasmine Guerrero

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I've tried to be good. Please bring me a Baby Born, Magic stroller Baby, Beanie Baby cats and Barbie locket. I will put milk and cookies out.

Love,
Kayla

Dear Saint Nick

For Christmas I want some Roller blades. I want a race track with trucks. I want a fishing game.

Merry Christmas,
Bradley Brown

Dear Santa

I would like a shark collection and some Nintendo 64 games and a Deon Sanders Jersey.

You friend
Blake Smith

Dear Santa

All I want for Christmas is a Nintendo 64 and two controls and clothes.

Merry Christmas,
Isiah Archer

Dear Santa,

I want a Playstation, Nintendo 64, computer, Kids pix, game boy, 6 pack, and I want Mortal Kombat 4, Sega, Roller blades.

Your friend,
Magliel Alvarado

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? I want a computer for Christmas. I want a C.D. of Hanson and pictures of Hanson too. I want a bike. I want some roller skates. I want \$100. If you bring what I want I know you are very very nice.

Merry Christmas,
Brenda Mendoza

PS. How are the reindeer?

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want some real drums. A computer and a CD tower and N'Sync's new Christmas song and the regular one. Roller blades with the pads, helmet, and the gloves. I want a CD player with the CD Armagedon. An ice cream maker.

Your friend,
Danielle Maire Ho-Gland

Dear Santa,

I want a present. I want a pink present. Please bring Doggie Bea a jacket.

Love,
Parker

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a Nike hat for Christmas. I would like a humongous race car track with 2 cars with a remote. I would like a radio with CDS. A Nintendo 64 and a Play Station with CDS and tapes and a shark collection and computer.

Your Friend,
Malcomb O'Daniel

Dear Santa

For Christmas I would like a Nintendo 64 and a Rush 2 Game. I don't care what I get in my stocking. Merry Christmas, Stacy Perryman

Dear Santa,

I want Hanson Road to Albertane (Hansons new C.D.) or Hanson snowed in. A C.D. player, Roller blades (black and blue), furry, Cryed (Hansons C.D.).

Merry Christmas,
Mylissa Gilmore

Dear Santa,

This year I would like a gocart and \$200,000 and a furry. I would like a Dr. Dredful to go with it. I would like to have a night time talking BuBu.

Your Friend,
Christy Smith

Dear Santa,

This year I want my family to be together on Christmas Day. I want a desk for Christmas and I want a house to myself. I want a car to myself and with a radio. A N'Sync CD for Christmas.

Your Friend,
Karrie Valdez

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like some Nintendo 64 Games. I want War Zone, Bomberman, Mario Kart, Rampage World Tour and Turok. I also want some sports cards, Football cards, baseball cards, and golf cards.

Yours truly,
Brady O'Pry

PS. I won't forget to leave milk and cookies and some oranges for Rudolph.

Dear Santa,

My name is Melyssa Ramirez and I'm 2 years old. Here is my Christmas Wish List: A Little Tikes tricycle, Nintendo 64 for my brothers & sister, A TAZ Stuffed animal, anything else you think would be nice.

Love,
Melyssa Ramirez

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. Please bring me a BIG Fire Truck. My sister Kaylee is too little to tell you what she wants, but please bring her a barbie doll and a baby toy.

Love,
Jacob Woolsey

Dear Santa,

My name is Robert Francis. This year I want a bow and arrow and a new race car set because my dad and I broke the one you brought me last year. Hope you have a good Christmas and New Year. Do not forget that I will be at Momo and Popo's house with my cousins Tamara and Korie and my sister Fritzi.

Robert Francis

Dear Santa

My name is Fritzi Francis. I want anything Rugrat and some smell good soaps, maybe some little snowmen or trees. Remember this year I will be at my Momo and Popo's house. My brother Robert and my cousins Tamara and Korie will be there too! I will make you some cookies and leave them on the fireplace.

I Love You!
Fritzi Francis

Dear Santa,

I know you have been working so hard and I just want a little presents. I want a Nintendo 64 game. I already have the set but I don't have the game.

Your friend,
Lyle Mora

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a computer with a CD tower and the kids pix CD and I want a game Boy and a Nintendo 64.

Your friend,
Jacob Blanco

Dear Santa,

How are you? All I want for Christmas is a computer game called Babie Ride'n Club, a Nintendo 64 game called Yoshi's story, \$100.00, videos furry, and jewelry.

Merry Christmas,
Savannah Dae Rose

PS. How are the reindeer?

Dear Santa,

I been good, sometimes. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a WWF wrestling ring and a Nintendo 64 game its called WCW vs NWO Revenge. And a Dallas cowboys football.

Your friend,
Ray Pesina

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. Could you bring me barbie rollerblades, barbie helmet and kneepads. I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

Taelor Norrell

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a new bicycle, and some dinosaurs. I hope Rudolph is fine.

Tanner Norrell

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Braden Mason. I have been a pretty good boy. For Christmas I would like a Dallas Cowboy football uniform. If you can I'd like a Play Station and a Small Soldier's game to go with it. Please bring my brother, Connor, a TeleTubby. I will leave milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Braden Mason



Ho!
Ho!
Ho!

Yuletide Greetings
We appreciate having you as our customers.
Vickie's Floral
Roaring Springs

Season's Greetings
Wishing you peace and joy at this most magical time of year.

Production Credit Association

JOY TO THE WORLD
Tune up for a great holiday! We're glad to express our appreciation for your business and support.

Palmer Service Center
Johnny & Tammy Palmer
Matador

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

The Windmill
Betty & Lewis Bostick

HAPPY HOLIDAY

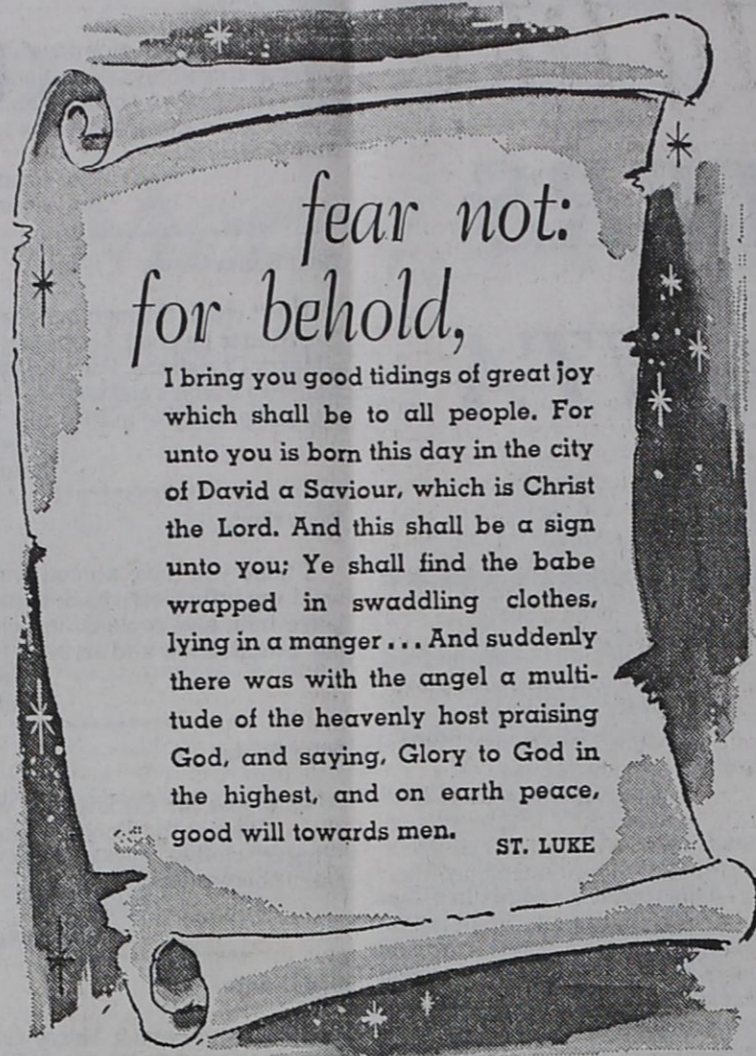
May your holidays be merry and filled with the good things in life. Our sincere thanks for your patronage.

Spur Security Bank
SPUR, TEXAS

Each depositor insured to \$100,000
FDIC
EQUAL HOUSING LENDER



Alexis Moore of Sherman is giving some thought to just what she might ask Santa for, when her turn came to sit on his lap and make her Christmas wishes known. Alexis is the granddaughter of D.A. and Ruby McGuire of Matador.



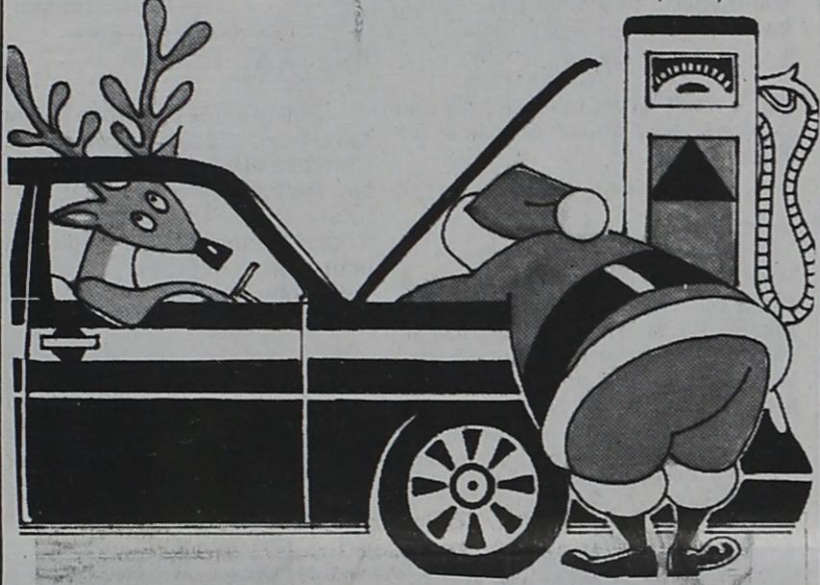
A pretty little smile ... Annie Hurt gives a pretty little smile for Santa, when it was her turn to give Santa her wish list. Annie is the daughter of Jimmie Don Hurt and Sarah Hurt, of Matador.



A Frosty Greeting ... Frosty the Snowman will greet you as you enter the porch of the home of Buzz and LaVoe Thacker in Roaring Springs. Frosty says "Have a Candy Cane Christmas!"

Merry Christmas

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



Alexander Fuel
Roaring Springs

Holiday Dining Delights

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

Cafe RS
in beautiful downtown
Roaring Springs



GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING

Ray & Grace
Zabielski
Roaring Springs



Let us love one another;
for love is of God; and everyone
that loveth is born of God
and knoweth God

1 John 4:7

Thanks for shopping
with us. We've
enjoyed it and hope
you feel the same.
Even tho' we and you
are busy, we wanted
to take this
opportunity to wish
you
HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!!
Shane & Sondra
MATADOR VARIETY

HAPPY YULETIDE



May the spirit of this joyous season touch all His creatures, bringing peace and serenity across the land.
Merry Christmas!

Higginbotham-Bartlett



Glad Tidings

Dashing through the
season, wishing
all of you a joy-filled
Merry Christmas!

Motley
County
Commissioners
Court

Judge, Laverna Price
Commissioners
John M. Russell, Precinct I
Butch Hughes, Precinct II
Franklin Jameson, Precinct III
J.N. Fletcher, Precinct IV

What it's really like to be a real reindeer

Stockholm, Sweden — This time of year you'll find me everywhere. Even on my home turf, the North Country. I've become a profit with honor.

Like today in Stockholm's old city I'm the chef's special on the dinner menu at the posh Victory Hotel: Renstek Rudolph.

Across town, the food hall in the Ahlens department store is offering samples of renklamma, a delicious smoked sausage on barley bread coated with horseradish butter.

In chic boutiques all over Scandinavia, you'll find me in a wide selection of sleeping bags, gloves, parkas, moccasins, snow boots with curled toes, primitive masks and, of course, on an endless array of Christmas cards and tree ornaments.

Finnair has holiday flights to Tormanen, up near the border with the Soviet Union, so good little boys and girls can visit Korvatunturi, "the cave of the ears," where Father Christmas overhears petitions for presents under the tree.

Now the Swedes are selling condominiums to the cross-country skier in my frozen stomping ground above the Arctic Circle. Would you believe one of my mates got hit in the rump with an orange golf ball the other day while shoveling away the snow with his antlers to munch on some succulent lichens?

In Taiwan and Tokyo these antlers are pounded into a powder and sold as an aphrodisiac, a love potion. Well, why not? At this festive time of the year, I'm just about the most loveable critter anywhere.

In case you haven't guessed, I'm a reindeer, nature's noblest, and perhaps most useful beast. There are a million like me. Maybe more, counting herds exported to Alaska and Canada.

A few Christmases ago the headline writers were composing our epitaph. That nuclear reactor explosion at Chernobyl spread cesium-127 all over our grazing territory, which stretches from Siberia's Kola Peninsula across Finland to Sweden and Norway.

Experts grimly predicted that our winter food supply of lichens, which have no roots and take all their nutrients from the air, would be radioactive for 20 to 30 years. To keep our herders from going bust, the governments of Norway and Sweden bought up all contaminated reindeer meat, dyed it a bright blue, sold some to the

mink farms and buried the rest. Can you imagine me, beloved of kids around the world, winding up in a nuclear waste dump?

Not to worry. Here it is another Christmas, and reindeer meat, inspected and approved, is back in the gourmet shops. And we're still going strong on the hoof, as we have been since the Stone Age when they painted our picture in shocking pink on the wall of that cave in France.

In 40 centuries we haven't changed much: still 3 1/2 feet high, about the size of a Shetland pony, and weighing in about 300 pounds. Our distinguishing features are wide, deeply cleft hoofs for skimming across marshes and snow fields; close-haired, air-filled fur to keep out the cold; a hairy muzzle that serves as a ski mask, and these velvety antlers, sweeping upward, backward and forward again into broad tips of moose-like proportions.

No other branch of the deer family equips both males and females with this elegant headgear. None lives so far north where the snows are deepest and food so scarce.

To brag a bit, I can run faster than a horse, outdistance a pack of wolves, float like a cork, swim the swiftest rivers, trot 15 mph with 90 pounds on my back while pulling a sled loaded with another 300 pounds and cover 40 to 50 miles a day in a blizzard.

Over the years, the poets, painters and songwriters have been generous with their praise, if not always accurate. Like when Clement Moore wrote in his classic, "A Visit From St. Nicholas."

"When what to my wondering eyes should appear, 'But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.' Actually only seven reindeer are hitched to an akjar, the sled loaded with grandma and the baby, or maybe piled high with tents, blankets and cooking pots for the spring and autumn migrations that cover hundreds of miles.

"More rapid than eagles his courses they came," continued the poet. A bit of poetic license there. Eagles are a menace. They can snatch up a newborn calf quicker than a hungry bear emerging from his winter hibernation.

But wolverines are the real enemy. These cunning cousins of the weasel sneak up behind a reindeer burrowing under the snow and pounce on his rump.

Worst of all are the mosquitoes,

midges and gaddies that sting us on the muzzle, causing colds and congestion, and plant their eggs in the soft flesh under our eyelids, weakening our already poor vision. No wonder we head for the cool mountains in the summer.

The Christmas card artists got it right, however, about our herders being short, stocky, cheerful folk who wear curly toed boots filled with grass, tall pointy hats with funny flaps, and bright blue, not red, parkas elaborately trimmed with fur, embroidery, ribbons and sometimes silver.

Like the sled driver in that poem, they do have "cheeks like roses" and "a nose like a cherry." You'd glow like that too if you dashed out of the night which was 50 below into a sauna 220 above zero.

Lapps or Laplanders, these rugged people are still widely called in Sweden, but in Norway and Finland their official name is Sami. They have their own language, of remote Hungarian and Finnish origin, with 120 words for snow and 400 for reindeer.

Why not? We reindeer are their whole life, culture and history. Carbon tests on petrified slats found in tundra bogs show they have been chasing us on cross-country skis since at least 2,500 B.C.

We are their horse, sheep, cow and general store, available in one portable compact model.

Tents, blankets, boots, parkas, leggins, sleeping bags are taken out of our hide. The meat, strong and flavorful, can be jerked, smoked, boiled or barbecued. Reindeer blood pancakes are an acquired taste. Our milk is four times richer than a cow's, great for butter and cheese.

Bowls, spoons and fish hooks are fashioned from our antlers. Our sinews contribute harnesses, bootlaces, lassos and thread spun on looms fashioned from our bones, which also provide knife handles, pack racks and the baby's kemse or cradle, all held together with glue from our hoofs.

They really are reindeer games like you hear about in that Rudolph song. With dice and markers made from our toe bones, the herder's family gathers in the glow of the tent stove for a board game called wolf tablo, a variant of chess in which the wolf gobbles up some reindeer pawns until he finally is cornered.

Reindeer aren't driven like cattle in the American West. We call the tune. Instinct dictates where and when we'll mosey off to richer pastures the herder and his family just follow along, listening for the jingle bells around our necks and the hollow clicking noise the herd makes on the move. Tendons stretching across our toe bones make a sound like a bunch of schoolboys cracking their

knuckles. Before Norway established border controls in 1912, reindeer used to roam from the top of the Gulf of Bothnia, where Finland and Sweden meet, all the way to the Atlantic. Herding has changed dramatically in recent years. Logging operations in Finland, NATO bases in Norway and Sweden's unquenchable appetite for hydroelectric power have shrunk our traditional grazing ground.

Many herders have forsaken the old nomadic ways. They use planes, helicopters and walkie-talkie radios to follow our migrations.

In Rovaniemi, up on the Arctic Circle, a Finnish firm called Rova Elektro is marketing "reindeer radar" to replace the bells around our necks. Some herd handlers these days ride the frozen range on snowmobiles. "Timpla geldings," the Sami call them.

This brings up a delicate subject. A few weeks ago a militant feminist on a TV talk show called Santa a male chauvinist because only a token doe, Vixen, made his starting lineup on Christmas Eve.

The awful truth is that all sled pulling reindeer are "harkar"—geldings. Castration is performed at the fall roundup, when the huge herds that summered in the mountains are sorted out by family ownership for breeding, slaughter or sled training.

The other big reindeer roundup comes early in spring when the young calves still following their mothers are literally earmarked for owner identification.

I'll never forget the last day of my childhood. A lasso was thrown over my antlers, and I was bulldozed to the ground like a cat at a rodeo. The next thing you know the herder's plump wife was sitting on my flanks and carving a decorative slice out of my ear with a hunting knife.

This snippet, along with others, was hung from the tent pole with care in the time-honored method of reindeer bookkeeping Swedish Lapland alone has more than 10,000 legally registered reindeer ear marks, all different.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer has become what Tin Pan Alley calls a Golden Oldie. Among us, he's strictly for laughs. What Rudolph really needed to lead the pack was a glowing taillight. On our frequent travels through frozen mist and fog, we follow the wagging white tail of the reindeer just ahead.

Although St. Andrew's Day, the last Sunday in November, is the big feast in the North Country, Christmas is a fun time for reindeer. The air is clean and bracing, fragrant with the scent of the stunted pines. We come gaily galloping with steam



rising from our muzzles when the herder clangs his ice axe into the frozen snow to dig us out some tasty holiday tidbits.

The sun at noon is just an embarrassed blush on the horizon, but in the diamond-studded, long winter night the Northern Lights blaze purple and red and gold, more dazzling than the Rockefeller Center tree.

It makes a reindeer want to sing out like Santa — or at least bark, which is what we do: 'Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night.'

"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



We wish to all, a warm, Joyous Holiday Season. Your friendship means a lot.

Panhandle Plains Federal Land Bank

Happy Holidays

To all our cherished friends and customers. We truly appreciate your business.

Main Street
downtown Matador

Merry Christmas

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

Matador Thrifty Shop

NOEL

To our Customers!
To our Friends!

With appreciation for your business and warmest wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year! May your home be filled with health and good cheer during the holidays and all through the coming year.

The families & employees of
Red Ball Bin

Capture the Sparkle...
Capture the Joy!

Happy holidays to all!

Kathy's
Flomot

Joy and Prosperity to All!

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

Feed Trough Steakhouse
downtown Roaring Springs

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town!

Santa knows the greatest gifts are peace and love. May your heart be blessed with both.

CSR PolyPipe

Christmas Traditions

Tie a wreath with a big, red bow to the grill of your car.

Regardless of the temperature, if there's a fireplace in your home, have it blazing Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Adopt a needy family for the holidays. Let members of your family buy a present for the person closest to their own age.

Be creative with gift wrapping, use old maps, the funny papers, and posters.

Organize a neighborhood progressive holiday dinner. Have appetizers at one home, the main course at another, and dessert at a third.

Be the first to wish everyone you meet a Merry Christmas.

Bake Christmas cookies while a Johnny Mathis Christmas album plays in the background.

Sprinkle red and green confetti in your Christmas card envelopes.

Replace your shoelaces with a red one and a green one.

Pay baby-sitters a little extra during the holidays.

Try one new holiday recipe and one new decorating idea each year.

Stable Shelters The Child As Angels Tell Of His Coming Shepherds And Flocks Bathed In Light Of Star

Gospel of St. Luke

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was Governor of Syria.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the City of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the City of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David)

To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host

praising God, and saying.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away, from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another. Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad, the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS.

And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord.

And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel;

and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law.

Then took him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.

When thou has prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people in Israel.

And Joseph and his Mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

And Simeon blessed them and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

(Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned unto Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.



Nativity Scene at the First United Methodist Church in Matador.

Peace on Earth

May the meaning of Christmas inspire you with gladness, as we express our sincere thanks.



Our Lady Of Guadalupe Catholic Church

For somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through, The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.

— John Greenleaf Whittier



SILENT NIGHT

The joy of giving and sharing makes this Holy Season truly the most beautiful.

First United Methodist Church

Matador

Rev. Monte Wike

REJOICE



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

First United Methodist Church

Roaring Springs

Rev. Monte Wike

Rejoice

May the star of Bethlehem light your way throughout the year, as it did for the shepherds long ago.

First Baptist Church

Roaring Springs

Rev. Rod Skelton



NOEL

A blessed and beautiful Christmas to you and yours.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael Crowley, Minister

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.

Full Gospel Church

Roaring Springs

Rev. Rickey Lawrence

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. Royce Jennings



May the meaning of CHRISTMAS remain with you throughout the coming year.