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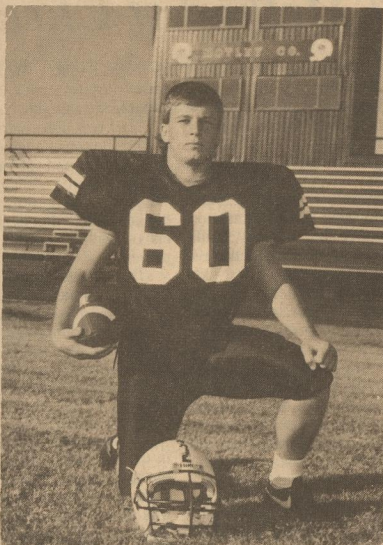


May every blessing be realized and every joy be cherished.

The spirit of Christmas is the spirit shared.

Motley County School News

Motley County Matador Named to All-South Plains Football Team



Jarrett Jameson

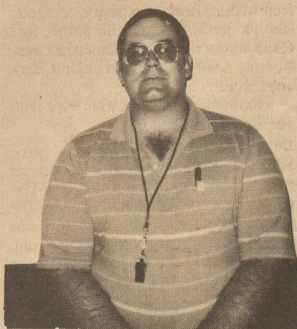
Jarrett Jameson, Motley County Matador Junior Guard was picked for the All-South Plains team which was announced in Sunday's Avalanche-Journal.

The Avalanche-Journal stated, Motley County had the third-best offense, averaging 327.5 yards per outing and most of that came behind Jameson.

Our Teachers Are Totally Terrific!!

Teacher Profile

by Tricia Palmer



Mr. Buck Buchanan

A new teacher at Motley County is Buck Buchanan. He is married to Cheryl and they have two children. Caralee is ten and Chana is six.

He has taught for twelve years; a few subjects he has taught are: physical education, bowling, swimming, health education, and drivers education. He attended high school at Elk City, Oklahoma State. Mr. Buchanan played football in college and was a four year letter in football.

Coach Buck commented "Matador is a great place to raise children. I feel good about Matador and the people; they all have been good to me." Buck Buchanan was drafted by the Cleveland Browns Football Organization.

His goals for the year is to improve the P.E. program and provide a variety of activities for the children in Motley County.

School Announcements

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The free Immunization Clinic at school has been rescheduled. It will be Friday, January 6, and begin at 9:30 a.m. The schedule will still be the same as when notices were mailed. If you have taken care of these shots, please be sure you

bring by your record so we can make a copy of it.

ADDITION TO DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL (all 90's and above)

10th Grade: Billy Lefevre

Lady Matadors Repeat As Tourney Champions for 2nd Week in a Row

The Lady Matadors continued their winning ways last week by defeating Memphis 60-36 on Tuesday and then brought home the Championship from the Valley Christmas Tournament.

The young ladies have been impressive in the first half of the year by remaining undefeated with 12 wins and two tourney championships.

The Valley Tournament was especially rewarding in that the girls were successful in their battle against two fine AAA opponents, Childress and Sanford-Fritch.

All of the Lady Mats saw action in the contest against Memphis on Tuesday. Kathy Mangram once again led the scoring with 26 points followed by: Chandra Brown 11; Brandi Barton 10; Joely Ewing 8; Leigh Barton, Yulanda Campbell, and Tammy Taylor with 4 each; and Paige Williams with 2. During this game, Kathy Mangram hauled down 18 rebounds. Brandi Barton had 8, and Yulanda Campbell had 4 to lead in that department. Chandra Brown led in assists, with 5 followed by Joely Ewing with 4 and Paige Williams and Brandi Barton with 3 each. The entire team played excellent defense with Regina Cruise and Paka Barton contributing fine efforts.

The first round of the Valley Tournament found the Lady Mats matched

against a scrappy Kress team. The girls from Motley County managed a 62-47 victory in this game. This set the stage for the most difficult challenge during the tournament. On Friday, the Lady Mats played a close game with the Class AAA Childress Lady Bobcats. The final score was 58-53 in favor of the Lady Matadors. On Saturday the young ladies defeated Sanford-Fritch 58-37 to earn the championship.

The tournament produced some excellent play from all 11 girls. The scoring for the tournament broke down as follows; Kathy Mangram 65 points; Chandra Brown 38 points; Brandi Barton 20 points; Joely Ewing 22 points; Leigh Barton 13 points; Yulanda Campbell 7 points; Paige Williams 2 points; Tammy Taylor 4 points and Paka Barton with 5 points. Kathy Mangram rebounded 38 times followed by Brandi Barton with 18 and Leigh Barton with 11. Chandra Brown had an amazing 17 assists followed by Leigh Barton with 11 and Joely Ewing with 8. The Lady Matadors face a real

challenge when they journey to Slaton during the holidays for the West Texas Invitational. There will be 16 girls teams entered. Our first opponentet will be AAAA Pampa on Dec. 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Say No To Drugs!



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For Those
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Texas Coalition for Safety Belts

Joy TO THE WORLD!



Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

Please don't forget the toys I want for Christmas. Do you know what I want, a cliff hanger and a watch and a football suit. I have been a good boy.

From, Keane

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy, but this is what I would like for Christmas is I would like a pet cobra and a chemistry set and thats all. Thank you.

From, Dayton

And don't forget the gas.

Dear Santa,

I have been real great this year. Will you please bring me for Christmas a GI Joe Man, Remote Control Car and a game. I like you.

From, Jason

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. I will leave you cookies. I want new shoes and Barbies and a coat. Don't forget the toys. One more thing, a casio. Well by, I've got to go.

From, Kandi

Dear Santa,

I hope you will bring me something. I want a truck and a fish container.

From, Nathan

Dear Santa,

I want a trampoline, pocket rocker, and a Barbie house and Casio, Roller skates, Make-up.

From, Ashley Hammonds

Dear Santa,

I admire your work. My name is Blair. I am 7 years old. I have been good, don't worry, Brad has too. I want a puppy and sticker book, big sister doll. Will bye.

P.S. Don't tell my Mom and Dad what I got them.

From, Blair

Dear Santa,

I think you are nice and my name is Kristi. I want a nosy bear and a little miss make-up and a make it and it even kit and a pocket rocker.

From, Kristi

Dear Santa,

I have been good and I want a lab science kit and a Insect collect Please bring them.

From, Robert

Dear Santa,

I have been very nice. I want a B.E gun and a army set and I want some dinosaurs. I want a remote control tank.

From, Devin

Dear Santa,

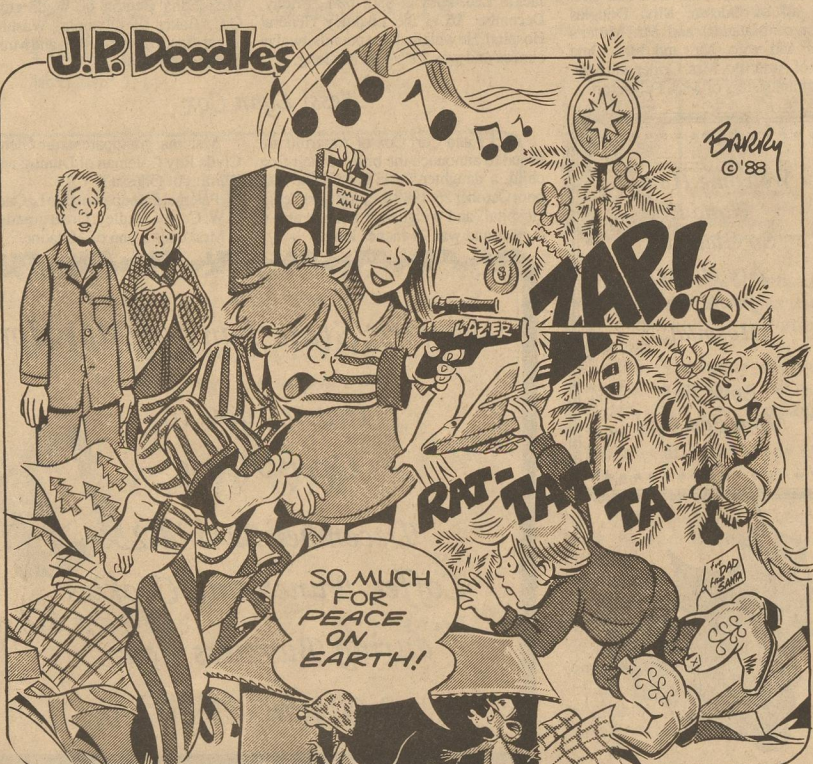
I want a puppy and on't forget the puppy chow and a pocket rocker and a sticker book, and a sticker box.

From, ShaVonne

Dear Santa,

I want a remote control car. I want a BMX and a Atari. I love Santa.

From, Chris.





Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll and some clothes for her, and a Baby Grow and some Ghost Buster stuff. I'll leave you some chocolate chip cookies.

Love,
Courtney Hays

Dear Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa Claus,

- Please bring me these things:
1. Computer
 2. Ghostbusters
 3. A football and football suit
 4. Teenage Ninja Mutant Turtles
 5. He-Man Action figures

My sister will leave you some cookies.
Thank you.

Quinn Hays



Dear Santa,
I'm always good. Please bring me chaps and spurs. Real one for cowboys. A three wheeler, and please bring my Mama a new red dress to wear to Sunday School.

Love,
T.J.

P.S. I will leave you some crackers and diet coke.

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I want a little Math Computer and some clothes for Christmas. I love you, Santa.

Love,
William Ho-Gland

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a Baby doll and a Motorcycle. Please bring something for Devin. I love you, Santa.

Love,
Brittany Perryman

Society News

Christmas Program, "A Birthday Celebration" Presented at Matador United Methodist Church

The Christmas program, "A Birthday Celebration" by Lois Edstrom was presented by the children and youth of the First United Methodist Church on the sanctuary of the church Sunday night, December 11, beginning at 6:30.

Before the program began an organ and piano prelude was presented by Mrs. Glen Woodruff and Ms. Roberta Jameson, followed by music students of Mrs. Howard Traueck, presenting numbers on the piano. They were: Rebekah Jameson, Leah Cruse, Ashley Stevens, Nicholas Bethard and Daniel Alexander. Next a duet, "Little Baby in a Manger," was sung by Rachelle Smith and Justin Jameson. Mrs. Traueck played a Merry Christmas Medley on the piano.

This play, in two acts celebrated the birth of Christ. It was centered around a birthday party with Jesus as the honored guest. In Act I, children enter complete with costumes, holding a symbol appropriate to the part they play. They represented group 1 and others, and were: angel: Wendy Beshires; Mary and Joseph, Molly Christian, Jeremy Smith; shepherds, Nickolas Bethard, Scott Smith; angel, Shonda Barton; kings, Robert Norris, Robert Osborne, Daniel Alexander; Pages, Tye Terrell, Blake Barrio, Dayton Grundy, Justin Jameson; Angel Gabriel, Tad Terrell; Angel appearing to shepherds, Danny Sailsbury; Angels, Jennifer Beshires, Rachelle Smith, Rebekah Jameson, Whitney Jameson, Crystal Norris, Shonda Barton, Lann Barkley.

Two Christmas songs were sung with audience participation. Act II contains the birthday party. Presenting birthday cards for Jesus were: Scott Smith, Nickolas Bethard, Tye Terrell, Crystal Norris, Dayton Grundy. The song, "Sweet Little Baby Jesus Boy" was played on the organ by Mrs. Frank Pohl. The beautifully decorated birthday cake was rolled in by Tad Terrell followed by children who each put a lighted candle on the cake and told what they were thankful for at Christmas time. They were: Danny Sailsbury, Whitney Jameson, Shonda Barton, Molly Christian, Robert Osborne, Robert Norris, Jeremy Smith, Wendy Beshires, Jenifer Beshires and Daniel Alexander.

Group III sang "Go Tell it on the Mountain" and "Silent Night." Group IV each brought a bright red or green balloon, one at a time and taped it to the altar, containing the words of the fruits of the spirit: Love, Nickolas Bethard; Joy, Blake Barton; Peace, Tye Terrell; Patience, Lann Barkley; Kindness, Scott Smith; Goodness, Dayton Grundy; Gentleness, Crystal Norris.

Group V presented gifts of love: Tim Terrell, Paige Williams, Randy Finkenbinder, Travis Finkenbinder and Stephen Jones.

Group IV sang "Love, Love, Love" and "Peace Like a River". Children bearing gift scrolls, with the quotation from John 14:27, done by Mrs. Pohl in calligraphy, were passed out to each one in attendance. The entire cast sang "Happy Birthday to You" and "Jesus Loves Me."

While the play characters were seated on the floor Mrs. J.D. Russell sang, "O Holy Night," primarily to the cast. The closing prayer and remarks were given

by the pastor, Rev. Gene B. Louder. the entire program ended with the cast and congregation singing "Joy to the World."

Act I was done before a large backdrop containing a night scene of Bethlehem. The second act was done before a white backdrop containing the words "Happy Birthday Jesus". Red and Green helium filled balloons were taped to the ends of each pew, creating a party atmosphere.

The Play was directed by Mrs. Marion Bethard, assisted by Mrs. Lowell Barkley, Mrs. Gene B. Louder, Mrs. J.D. Russell, Myron Bethard, Mrs. Pete Williams, Mrs. Glen Woodruff was narrator and Mrs. Pohl, pianist. The program cover was created by Robert Norris and Jenifer Beshires.

Refreshments for the party were served in the fellowship hall, and consisted of birthday cake and punch or coffee. The cakes were furnished by Mrs. Bethard. Mrs. Billy Ray Slover was in charge of the party arrangements, assisted by Mrs. Greta Smallwood and Mrs. Bundy Campbell.

'Tis the Season to be Merry Observed at Do Gooders Club

"Tis the Season To be Merry" was enacted at the annual Christmas party of the Do Gooders club of Flomot held in the Community Center, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 13. A beautiful array of Christmas decorations added to the holiday cheer.

Mrs. Wilson Barton recited, "Christmas At Home" and Mrs. Clayton Bond led the group singing, "Silent Night."

The refreshment table was laid with a red cloth with colorful ornaments dancing from a white Christmas rope draped around the sides. The centerpiece was a gold candelabra with red candles encircled by an arrangement of greenery, holly and poinsettias. A white cloth covered the beverage table, centered with a hurricane lamp enclosing a red candle reflecting beams on a Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Hostesses, Mesdames Billy Morris, Roger Lee and James Monk served assorted holiday delicacies, fruit punch, coffee and spiced tea.

Mrs. Barton, president of club the past year, expressed her appreciation for the good support and help she received and presided over the elections of officers of club for 1989. The following were elected to serve, Mrs. D.M. "Ikke" Gilbert, president; Mrs. Bill D. Washington, vice president and Mrs. Clayton Bond was re-elected to serve as secretary-treasurer as was Mrs. Doyle Calvert, reporter. Mrs. Howard Rogers will assist Mrs. Calvert when she is unable to attend a meeting. In other business, it was reported all of the (774) Do Gooders Sharing Recipes Cookbooks have been sold.

Following the business session, the 1988 Secret Pal names were revealed and new ones drawn for 1989. Concluding the Christmas festivities, gifts were exchanged. Those attending were Mesdames Coy Franks, Donnie Rogers, George Pope, Howard Rogers, James Monk, Jack Starkey, Roger Lee, Billy Morris, Bill D. Washington, D.M. Gilbert, Clayton Bond, Wilson Barton and Doyle Calvert.

Couple Celebrates 55th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Fulkerson of Lubbock, who were married December 17, 1933 in Matador, were honored Saturday when their daughter and son-in-law, and their son and other relatives gathered to celebrate with them on their 55th anniversary.

The group had dinner at the Stockade, and included Mr. and Mrs. James Miller (Nola Fulkerson) of Robert Lee; Gerald Fulkerson of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crider and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kirkland and son, Koby, all of Odessa; Mrs. Douglas Meador of Matador, and Mr. Miller's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Miller of Amarillo. Mrs. Crider and Mrs. Meador are sisters of Mrs. Fulkerson.

Matador Methodist Church Choir Has Christmas Party

Members of the United Methodist Church choir met at the church parsonage for a Christmas party, Wednesday night of last week, hosted by the pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Gene B. Louder.

The refreshment table was covered with a white lace cloth, with bright green underlay. Centering the table was a red and green Christmas arrangement. On either side burned red candles in silver holders. Hot punch or coffee were served from a silver service, along with sandwiches, chips and dips and several kinds of Christmas cookies and bread.

Mrs. Winifred Darsey told about the

author Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and his composing the song, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." Mrs. Josephine Hamilton presented a different religion version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Leading the singing of several Christmas songs was, church choir director, Mrs. Marion Woodruff accompanied by Ms. Roberta Jameson, church organist-pianist.

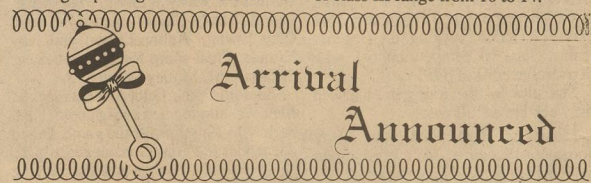
The entertaining rooms were decorated in the Christmas theme and included a large lighted Christmas tree, containing ornaments, some of which are over 100 years old.

Methodist Sunday School Group Goes Caroling

Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18 there were nine in attendance representing the Matador United Methodist Church Sunday School, class III, that went Christmas caroling to six different homes in Matador.

The group along with the class teacher

Mrs. Gene B. Louder, met at the church beginning at 3:30. They took special treats to each one they sang to. Following the caroling they had refreshments in the educational building of the church. Ages of class III range from 10 to 14.



Arrival Announced

Devny Shea Marks

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Marks of Matador would like to announce the arrival of their new daughter, Devny Shea Marks. She was born Saturday, December 10 at 7:28 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long. Devny has an older sister, Megan, 20 months old.

Jackie Lee Starkey

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Starkey of Flomot are the proud parents of a baby son, Jackie Lee, born at 3:15 p.m., Friday, December 16 at the Lockney General Hospital. He weighed five pounds, twelve ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. Grandparents of the new arrival are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey of Flomot, Mrs. Edna Benton of Wellington and G.C. Baker of Olympia, Washington. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Starkey of Flomot.

Jessi Lynn Cox

Becky and Carl Cox of Amarillo are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Jessi Lynn. She was born October 26, 1988 in Northwest Texas Hospital, and weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Glenda and Clyde Ray Coleman of Dumas, and Don Burdit of Odessa. Paternal grandparents are LaQueta and C.W. Cox of Hedley. Great grandmother is Mrs. Elsie Lynn of Matador.

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YOUR COST
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1/2 CARAT **\$569.00**

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So says Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock, the organization that represents producers in the 25-county area included in the calculation. While the final 1988 bale count isn't in, virtually all responsible estimates range between 2.9 and 3.1 million bales. In its estimate of crop value, PCG uses the more conservative figure. "I guess you could say we're counting on 2.9 million and hoping for 3.1," said Executive Vice President Donald Johnson.

The crop volume compares to an official 2,668,550 bales reported for 1987 by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service and would rank as the area's third largest crop, behind 3.5 million in 1981 and 3.2 million in 1977.

Using an estimated 50 cents per pound average price, PCG puts lint value of the 2.9 million bales at \$696 million. Seed, at a season average of about \$108, is estimated at \$125 million. Target price deficiency payments, figured at a minimum 19 cents per pound of program payment yield on planted acres, are expected to

add another \$249 million. The total, \$1.07 billion, is \$64 million above the \$1,006 billion estimated on the 1987 crop.

Should the more optimistic 3.1 million bale 1988 estimate materialize, the value of the crop would rise to \$1.127 billion, PCG figures. "Either way, we're looking at a new record," Johnson states.

Until 1987, the previous high dollar mark for the High Plains' number one cash crop was reached in 1973. PCG estimated the gross return from that year's 2.9 million bale production at \$900 million.

That figure, at the time, meant much more to farmers and to the area economy than the billion dollar plus crops of 1987 and 1988, Johnson points out. He explains that according to Dr. Ron Gilbert, Chairman of the Economics Department at Texas Tech University, it takes about \$2.60 in 1988 to equal the buying power of \$1 in 1973.

"While back-to-back billion dollar crops are a strong plus for our industry and the overall area economy," Johnson concludes, "our expectations have to be tempered by the fact that it would take a crop worth \$2.34 billion to have the same economic impact as the 1973 crop."

Tax Payments

AUSTIN, Texas -- State Comptroller bob Bullock said Friday that this year's sales tax payments to Texas cities grew 12.3 percent over 1987's payments, continuing a trend that is expected to last for several years.

"We're projecting that local sales tax allocations will steadily rise through 1991. I'm sure the extra income from sales tax revenues will be welcomed by local governments," Bullock said.

Bullock added that, while the future of oil prices remains rocky, the stronger tax base will bolster state and local revenues, keeping them at a steady increase of about 7 to 8 percent a year through 1991.

Checks totaling \$64.1 million were sent Friday to 885 cities that collect local sales tax at either one or one and one-half percent.

The state's six metropolitan transit authorities and one city transit department received \$30.9 million in rebates, a 14.4 percent increase over last year's December payment at a 10.6 percent increase for this year's total.

Checks totaling \$6.4 million were also mailed to 81 counties that collect the one-half percent county tax, Bullock said.

December's checks represent taxes collected by monthly filers in October and reported to the Comptroller's office by November 21.

County totals:
Matador: net payment this period, \$943.84; comparable payment prior year, \$850.24; % change, 11.01%; 1988 payments to date, \$23,217.94; 1987 payments to date, \$21,450.96; % change, 8.24%.

Roaring Springs: net payment this period, \$1,781.97; comparable payment prior year, \$0.00; % change, *; 1988 payments to date, \$15,811.42; 1987 payments to date, \$10,303.13; % change, 53.46%.

County total: net payment this period, \$2,725.81; comparable payment prior year, \$850.24; % change, 220.59%; 1988 payments to date, \$39,029.36; 1987 payments to date, \$31,754.09; % change, 22.91%.

Letters to Santa

Editor's note: The following letters are from Mrs. Jo Ann Burkes business class in Patton Springs High School.

Dear Santa Clause:

I have been a very good girl, considering things, this year. I know it would be very hard for you to bring a new car from the North Pole, so I'll just ask for little things this year. I would be very pleased with some new clothes, or maybe a cassette disc stereo. Most of all I would like a boyfriend! One that would be loving and caring at all times. Well, I guess my list is big enough for this year because that boyfriend is really going to be hard to find. Take Care!!

Love,
Kim Cline

Dear Santa,

I'm a very big fan of yours and I am writing to tell you that I have been a perfect angel this year. Really! You can ask anybody, even my parents. I was wondering if you would get me a new car (porsche), a new stereo, new fashion clothes, and at least 10,000 dollars. So you see Santa, I'm not asking too much, but I understand if you are too busy, and if it comes late, it's ok. Just no longer than 2 days late. Santa, I will make you a deal, if you make all the little kids in the world happy, you don't have to get me anything because seeing a kid happy means more to me than present I could ask for.

Yours truly,
Melinda Zarate
Patton Springs Student

Dear Santa Clause,

Here is a list of things I would like for Christmas: 1 car stereo with speakers, 1 pair of lace-up boots (brown), 3 pairs of Wranglers, 6 shirts, 2 pairs of preppy pants, and 4 pairs of shoes. I would appreciate it if you would deliver all of these things to my house Christmas Eve.

Please don't check to see if I've been naughty or nice, I need these things.

We'll have a safe trip, and see if you can't stuff a tall, dark, and handsome something in that bag of your.

Sincerely yours,
Darla Ellis

Dear Santa,

I know how busy you are at this time of year, but I would like to put in my Christmas list, but I promise that it won't be long. So listen up. First of all I would like a big Stereo System for my room, and a Denim Jacket to wear when you send the snow, and last but not least, a car that runs. I have been good all year. If you don't believe me ask my friends. I love you bunches!!!!

Love you always,
Christy Hammons

Dear Santa,

My name is Valentine Sanchez, and I've been very good this year, well fairly good, so I decided that I better send you my Christmas list before you go out and do your shopping.

I want a car, some contacts, some more Nike Air's and a typewriter. Oh, and don't forget to stop and buy me some more Wranglers, and some more 501s. Otherwise just replace my whole wardrobe if you think I deserve it. Well that's it for this year, well at least for now.

Sincerely yours,
Valentine Sanchez

Dear Santa,

My name is Mary B. I was wondering if you wasn't so busy this year, if you could bring me some presents. I have always wanted a red pickup. And if that's too much, I want some clothes. My favorite colors are red and pink. And I also

Boys Ranch Christmas Drive

Cal Farley's Boys Ranch continues its annual drive to provide new suits and clothing for the almost 400 boys living at Boys Ranch.

The gift of a new suit or a clothing package through the Christmas Suit fund is a constant reminder of the spirit of Christmas throughout the year. The suits or clothing such as jackets, trousers and shirts replace those that have been worn out or simply outgrown. And in many cases, these are the boys' first new suits.

For many years, Panhandle residents have purchased new clothing for the boys as a favorite way of Christmas giving. Special discounts by area merchants and differences in clothing prices for younger

and older boys make an average need of \$50 per boy. Gifts of any amount are also necessary to insure Boys Ranch's goal of providing for every youngster.

"We are extremely fortunate to have people who continue to share whatever they can at Christmastime to help outfit our boys," said Ranch President L.

Raeburn Hamner Jr. Among the boys receiving clothing are members of the 1989 Boys Ranch Senior Class who will wear their new suits at graduation.

Contributions to the Christmas Suit Fund may be mailed to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, PO Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174.

DPS Urges Caution For Holiday Driving

AUSTIN - As many as 66 persons may be killed on Texas streets and highways during the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods, according to Col. Joe E. Milner, director of the Department of Public Safety.

"The number of traffic deaths we are estimating is fewer than the number recorded during Christmas and New Year's last year, but we are worried that Texas may end the year with an overall increase in fatalities compared with 1987," Milner said.

The number of traffic deaths in Texas has been on the decline since 1984, according to DPS records. In 1987, 3,261 persons were killed across the state, a 9 percent decrease from 1986. This year, however, the traffic deaths have been edging upward compared with 1987.

In an effort to minimize the increase in traffic fatalities, the DPS this year, as in years past, will conduct its Operation Holiday program. All available troopers will be patrolling the state's highways during peak holiday traffic times. And the Department will make periodic reports to the public on the number of traffic deaths occurring during the holidays.

The National Safety Council has designated a 78-hour Christmas counting period, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23 and continuing through midnight Monday, Dec. 26. The 78-hour New Year counting period will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30 and continue through midnight Monday, Jan. 2.

The Department estimates that as

many as 32 persons will die in traffic accidents during the Christmas period, with another 34 fatalities estimated for the New Year period. Last year, in 102-hour holiday periods, 38 persons were fatally injured during the Christmas holiday and 43 during the New Year holiday, for a total of 81 deaths.

"The holidays are meant to be a time of peace and family togetherness, not a time of tragedy," Milner said. "We intend to do everything we can to ensure that our fellow Texans and out-of-state holiday visitors have as safe a holiday as possible this year."

Milner said troopers would particularly be on the lookout for speeding and intoxicated drivers. Troopers also will be keeping an eye out for motorists not wearing their safety belts.

"Each holiday period, there are many traffic deaths that probably would not have occurred if the victims had been wearing their safety belts," Milner said.

To remind motorists of the dangers of drunken driving, Milner said, all DPS black and white patrol cars are sporting red ribbons as part of the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Project Red Ribbon campaign.

Turkey Man Brings In Record Breaking Mule Deer



Rickey Lowe with his prize deer

EDITOR'S NOTE: (This article was taken from the Valley Tribune.)

Some guys go out huntin', then there's those that go hunting! Rickey Lowe, of Turkey, brought in what some say could very well be a record breaker Mule Deer Buck.

The 21 point deer, with a rack span of 38 inches, was brought down with a 264 Winchester on December 2, 1988 at the Turkey Creek Ranch, near Northfield on the North Pease River in North Motley County. It was taken to a taxidermist in Lubbock.

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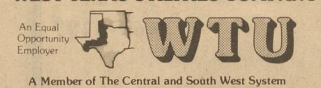
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PEACE ON EARTH
GOOD WILL TO ALL MANKIND

O HOLY NIGHT



The wondrous miracles of Christmas! May you and your family share in all its many blessings and experience the inner peace and brightness of that first Christmas Day. May the spirit of the season continue to enrich your lives throughout the coming year.

The following pages of this special section of the paper are Christmas Greetings to you, the reader of the Motley County Tribune. Please take the time to read each and every one of these yuletide greetings from area merchants and friends.

Glad Tidings

Now that the holidays are here, it is our joy to say a special "thanks" to all those we hold dear. Your friendship has made us proud.

WEST TEXAS GIN



The Christmas spirit

Every year, you are sure to hear someone say, "I just can't seem to get the Christmas spirit!"

Just what is the Christmas spirit? Here is what some writers have to say about it.

Back in 1897, a famed editorial used the figure of Santa Claus to exemplify the Christmas spirit. "Yes, Virginia," wrote Francis P. Church, editor of the *New York Sun*, "there is a Santa Claus... He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give your life its highest beauty and joy."

Charles Dickens captured the spirit of Christmas in his description of Ebenezer Scrooge's overnight change from an unhappy miser to a generous employer: "A merry Christmas, Bob!" said Scrooge with an earnestness that could not be mistaken, as he clapped him on the back. "A merrier Christmas, Bob, my good fellow, than I have given you for many a year. I'll raise your salary, and endeavour to assist your struggling family, and we will discuss your affairs

this very afternoon, over a Christmas bowl of smoking bishop, Bob!... Scrooge was better than his word. He did it all, and infinitely more; and to Tiny Tim, who did not die, he was a second father.

He became as good a friend, as good a master and as good a man, as the good old city knew or any other good old city, town or borough, in the good old world."

This transformation of Scrooge's is a dramatic example of how Christmas brings joy to those who are open to its message.

The youngsters caroling for senior citizens at a convalescent home... the shopper who takes time to wish the harried clerk "Merry Christmas"... the church members collecting food and clothing to take to less fortunate neighbors... the co-worker who invites a lonely bachelor to share a family dinner... all these have experienced the joy of reaching out to others that is the core of the Christmas experience, paralleling the love of the Father reaching out to a sinful world through His beloved Son.



REJOICE

Seasons Greetings



One of the great pleasures of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to extend cordial greetings to our new acquaintances as well as our previous friends.

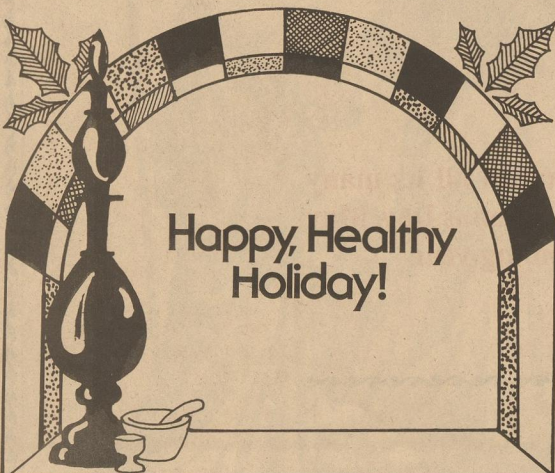
We value your friendship and good will very highly.

May a bright and prosperous New Year bring happiness to you and yours.

*From All of Us
To All of You*

RED BALL GIN

ROARING SPRINGS



We share with all our sincere wishes for a heartfelt holiday season.

Stanley Pharmacy

CHRISTMAS

JOY TO ALL

On deposit this holiday, our thoughts of thanks to you for your patronage this past year. We wish all our customers great dividends in joy, compounded with success throughout the coming year!

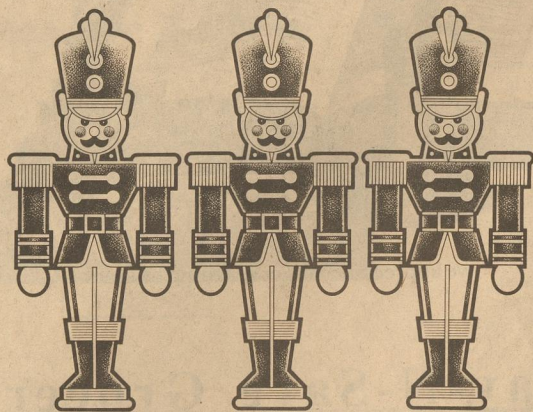


FIRST STATE BANK

Matador

We Wish You a Merry Christmas!

We welcome in this holiday season with special appreciation to our faithful patrons. Wishing all the blessings to everyone. May the joy of Christmas remain with you throughout the year.



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On Christmas day, and every day,
our very best to all our friends.

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Warm Holiday Feelings

Wishing you lots of joy
this Christmas, trimmed
with love and peace.

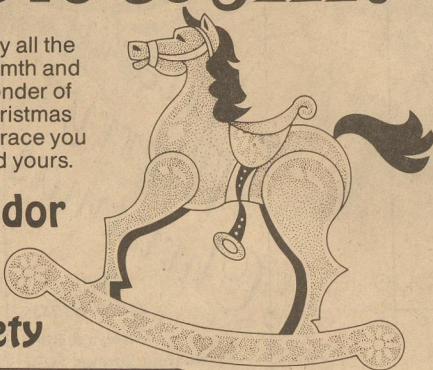
The
Lockett
Family



Love to All!

May all the warmth and wonder of Christmas embrace you and yours.

Matador
U&S
Variety



Legends of Christmas

What wonderful legends the season of Christmas inspires! Who has not enjoyed hearing the story of how the animals were given the gift of speech on that very first Christmas?

Another legend concerns an ox who shared the stable with the Infant Jesus. According to the legend, the ox noticed the halos appearing above the heads of Joseph, Mary and Jesus on that holy night. So radiant was the atmosphere around the Holy Family that the ox felt that even the water in his trough had been touched by the holy presences, and out of humility the creature would not drink from it. Instead, he drank from some muddy water on the ground — and found it to be deliciously sweet!

Another legend tells of Joseph of Arimathea. (It was in Joseph's tomb that the body of Jesus was laid to rest, Scripture tells us.) The legend says that this same Joseph eventually traveled to England, where in his wanderings, he came to rest one day at Glastonbury. He drove his staff into the ground, where it grew to become a thorn tree. That is why the thorn tree blooms at Christmas, says the legend.

Another legend is connected with the yule log. If you want good luck, says the story, the log must not be allowed to burn out during the Christmas season; a part of it must be saved to start the fire next year. The ashes of the yule log are supposed to make land fertile, and in some countries the tradition is to scatter these ashes over the land on New Year's Day.

Santa's habit of coming down the chimney originates with a Norse legend. According to the Norsemen, at the time of the winter solstice, the goddess

Hertha would appear at each fireplace, bringing happiness and good fortune. Sometimes the good fortune arrived in the form of a bewhiskered old man who came down the chimney to meet her.

Another legend, attributed to the English, says the number of mince pies you taste at Christmas will indicate the number of happy months you'll have during the year.

A beautiful legend tells of the Christmas rose. This story is about a poor little girl, who stood weeping outside the stable on Christmas night because she had no gift for the Infant Jesus. One of the angels noticed the little girl and brushed the earth where her tears had fallen, with a wing.



To the child's wonder, a plant at her feet began to bud and then bloom into lovely, white flowers. The little girl quickly picked the flowers and placed them at the Infant's feet. As the blossoms touched the feet of the Christ Child, the petals turned pink, and thus was born the Christmas rose.

Yet another legend explains how the lamb got its woolly coat. According to the story, a little lamb, gazing upon the Infant Jesus, thought that the Babe might be cold and so nestled next to Jesus, hoping to provide some warmth. As the Infant touched the lamb, its coat was transformed into soft, curly wool.

Peace on Earth



In the spirit of brotherhood and goodwill, we wish you a holy, happy holiday.

First United
Methodist Church

Matador

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The spirit of peace abounds as we wish you all the merriest of holiday seasons.

Brannon Butane

Roaring Springs



Merry Christmas

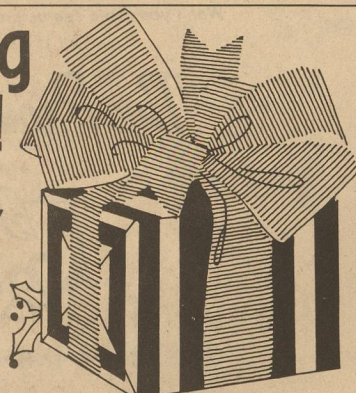
Have a bright and beautiful Christmas. Many thanks for your kind support.

JO-BARB-DEE

Merry Christmas

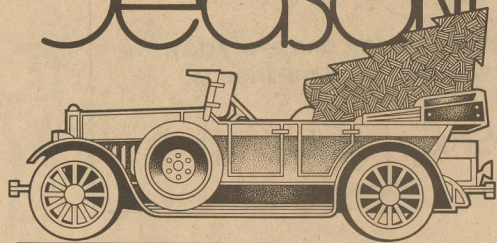
Making Merry!

It's a pleasure to extend our holiday sentiments of appreciation to all of you who've been so kind.



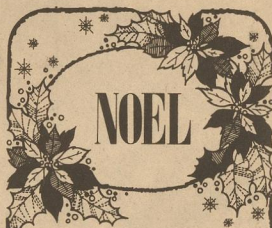
MATADOR HARDWARE

Have A Wonderful Holiday Season



We appreciate your continued business.

Davis Fuel
Matador



For all its charm and warmth, Christmas is a season to celebrate. Thanks, friends, for your very valued business.

Don's Conoco & Texas T's & T's



A Christmas story, a Yuletide song, love is knowing that you belong to our family. Many thanks.

We appreciate your continuing business.

Pay-N-Save Grocery
Matador

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Joyous tidings, one and all.
Bill & Judine McCAGHREN

Behold, The Savior Is Born

Peace be with you.

United Methodist Church
Roaring Springs

Merry Merry Christmas
Moose Auto Glass
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Greetings to the Wonderful People of Matador

"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten son into the world, that we might live through him." 1 John 4:9

Love is the greatest gift and may the gift of his love be your constant source of joy during these holidays and through the coming New Year.

Assembly of God Church
Rev. Roy Eason
Matador



We Wish You A Merry Christmas!

May the love of home and family be a special gift to treasure throughout the season.

Giesecke Butane



First Christmas Carol

The first Christmas carol composed in America was written in the Huron Indian language, by a Frenchman.

The lyrics were written in 1641 by a native of France, Father Jean de Brebfeuf, for his Christian converts. He set the words to a popular French tune, "Une Jeune Pucele."

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

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



Peace Be With You

The richness and radiance of this season of cheer will be forever close to our hearts.

Thank you for your kind and friendly support this past year.

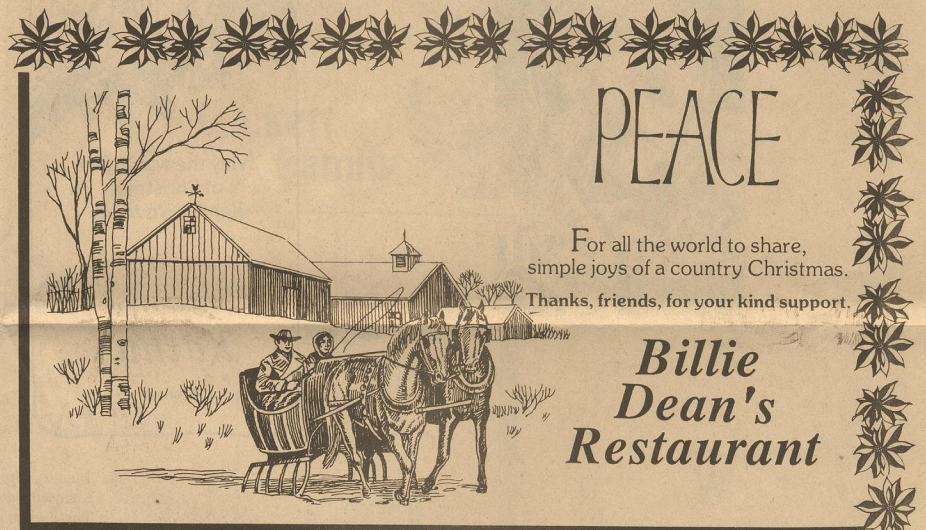
Matador Fire Department

Merry Christmas



Sing out the carols! Let each heart rejoice! The Prince of Peace is born to us! Blessings of the season to all.

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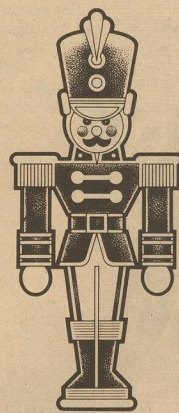


PEACE

For all the world to share, simple joys of a country Christmas.

Thanks, friends, for your kind support.

Billie Dean's Restaurant



Christmas Quotes

A Christmas gambol oft could cheer
A poor man's heart through half the year.
— Sir Walter Scott

Come, bring with a noise,
My merry, merry boys
The Christmas log to the firing.

While my good dame,
she bids ye all be free,
And drink to your heart's desiring.
— Robert Herrick

Yuletide Greetings



To know and serve you this past year was a true delight.
Thanks and Merry Christmas!

Tommy's Garage

HIGGINBOTHAM BARTLETT

Matador



Deck the halls

with boughs of holly!
Our hopes are with you for a splendid holiday. Thanks, everyone for your loyal support.





Greetings

May this Christmas and every Christmas to come enrich your life with its blessings! Merry Christmas to all!



Stockman's Inc.



Angels We Have Heard On High

May every blessing be yours this season.

CLARENCE & GUSSIE

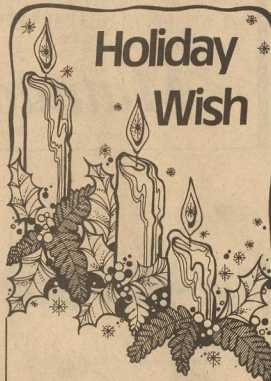


O Most Holy Child

As we rejoice in the miracle of His birth, may you be blessed with the glories of the season.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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May the warm glow of Christmas light up your life.

Kathy's
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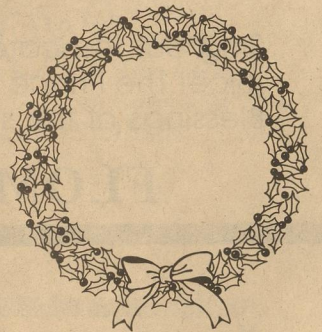
Candle Glow



May the warmth of Christmas embrace you. Many thanks.

Pizza Box
David, Frances & family

Merry Christmas!



We Three Kings of Orient Are...

May peace, love and happiness be your gifts at Christmas and throughout the coming year. Thank you for your patronage.

DICKENS ELECTRIC
Spur



Deck The Halls!

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

STAFFORD FARM STORE





May this Christmas bring good friends to your door and the comfort of peace to your pathway. May your New Year be filled with hope, health and happiness... all good things of life.

Motley County Farm Bureau

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Coy Franks, Dir.
James Palmer, Dir.
Johnney Turner, Dir.
Seab Washington, Dir.

Peace



Christmas' favorite author

Of all authors, perhaps no other is as closely associated with Christmas as Charles Dickens.

His classic "A Christmas Carol" has been read and reread, and translated into stage, motion picture and television productions.

But, not many are aware that Dickens wrote other Christmas tales. They were fairy tales with a moral, published during the Christmas season in the 1840s.

According to researchers, Christmas was very special to Dickens. He saw it as a time when people were more giving and more open to change.

This kind of change was classically described in "A Christmas Carol" when the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge learns to celebrate Christmas with warmth and generosity.

One of the other Christmas books, "The Haunted Man" is written in the same vein. It tells of a chemist who had endured much suffering and betrayal in his youth. As he sits gazing into the fireplace on Christmas Eve, a spirit grants the unhappy man forgetfulness from the sad past. But, the chemist discovers that his happy memories are wiped out with the unhappy memories, as well. He realizes that he does not want to forget his past, after all.

Dickens was editor of a magazine for 17 years. Each year, he would prepare a Christmas issue, filled with songs and stories of the season. In addition to the five Christmas books he wrote, Dickens also published two volumes of Christmas stories.

Certainly it would appear that Dickens, like the reformed Scrooge, "knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed that knowledge."



Wishing you a model Christmas in every way. Thank you for your patronage.

Matador Motor & Implement

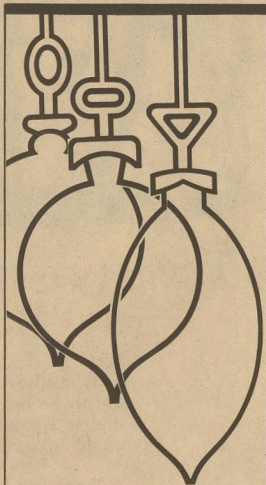
Sweet Enchantment



At Christmas, little things mean a lot.

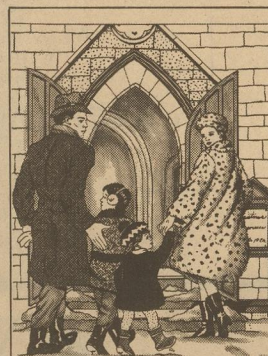
Warmest wishes for a fabulous holiday.

Allsup's
Barbara & Bill Jameson



Hope your holiday shapes up to be beautiful in every way! Thank you for your business.

Pipkin Insurance



Christmas Is For Sharing

With fondest wishes for health and happiness, we send our friends and customers our sincere thanks.

City Grocery

Glennard and Edith Daniel
Roaring Springs



Signs of Christmas

Wishing you a holiday filled with peace and happiness. Many thanks for your kind patronage.

PADUCAH DELINTING

Have a Glittering Holiday

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



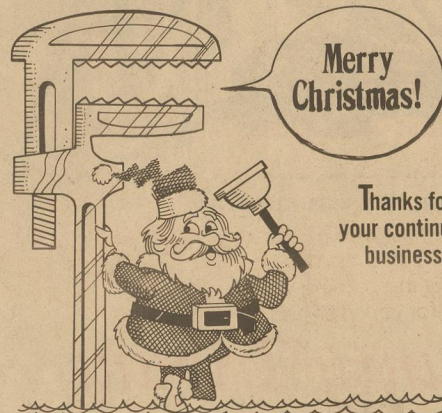
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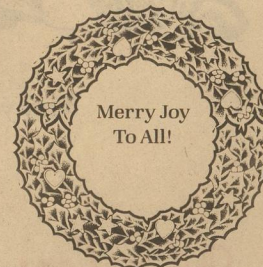
May all the little pleasures that embrace the holidays be yours the whole year through. One of our nicest pleasures throughout the year is doing business with you. Merry Christmas, friends.

Thacker Supply
Roaring Springs



Thanks for your continued business.

PASCHAL PLUMBING
Keith, Sherry & Bradley



Merry Joy To All!



Holy of Holies

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

Assembly of God Church

Roaring Springs

May joy and harmony fill every heart and home.



Zabielski Company

Roaring Springs



There was no room at the Inn...

And so the Sacred Family was turned away not having a place for their blessed son to be born. The shepherds knew of shelter and guided them to the manger, known to us now as the holy cresh.

We realize and celebrate the message of Christ's coming that every birth is a blessing and every creation a wonder. Rejoice.

Our very best to everyone.

Cooper Oil

J.B., Jean and Jessie

Joy To The World, The Lord Is Come



May you bask in the season's glory.

Motley County Tribune

Barbara, Carla, Tricia, Mary, & Sherry



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Hoping your Christmas is blessed with much happiness. We thank you for your patronage.

Thomas Used Cars

Christmas Delights

Wishing all our patrons a tasteful and terrific holiday season!



Dream Cafe

Roaring Springs

Mitzi, Barbara, Dora, Brenda, Sarah, Lisa, Reva and Steve



Glory To The Newborn King

MAY THE SPIRIT OF PEACE EMBRACE YOU THIS SEASON AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

The Windmill