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SEASON'S GREETINGS



May every blessing be realized and every joy be cherished.

The spirit of Christmas is the spirit shared.

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"If all printers were determined not to print anything 'till they were sure it would offend nobody, there would be very little

Benjamin Franklin

Matador City Council Meeting Report

The Matador City Council met Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 a.m. in the City Hall with Mayor Gary Lancaster; Coun-cilmen, L.B. Campbell Travis Jameson, Cilmen, L.B. Campbell Travis Jameson, Joe Smith, L.J. Barkley, Jr. and Doyle Rose; City Secretary Nell Berryman and City Water Superintendent, Bill Jameson. City business started out with the minutes being read and bills being re-

minutes being read and bills being reviewed and passed.

Barkley explained the different insurance plans from Texas Municipal League. They accepted the \$200 deductable.

Bill Jameson reported he was still looking for a dump truck. L.B. asked if the city could still buy trucks from the state. Bill said they auction those trucks and they are higher.

Council authorized Bill to look into

Council authorized Bill to look into purchasing a surplus truck, worth the

Travis said Bennie Keltz had asked for Iravis said Bennie Reitz nadaskedi or his waterline to be hooked up. He had given an easement 5 years ago to be hooked up. Council didn't know why it was never hooked up and instructed Bill to do this when he finished the street

Bill informed the council that people were putting fireplace ashes in the

dumpsters and burning up the lids and causing chances of the truck catching on fire and burning it. The council elected to run an ad in the Tribune to ask people not to put these ashes in the dumpsters.

the Motley County Library.

Members of the group cited their reas-

10 guests. Four of these guest were Plain-

the directors meeting and announced the 1989 committees.

Boss Lion Jesse Turner reported on

Motley County Museum is Charley of Hale Center.

Museum Advocates Meet,

Make Plans

A small but enthusiastic group inter-ested in preserving the heritage of Motley Woodruff, vice-president; Hazel Dono-County gathered on December 6, 1988, at van, treasurer; and Marisue Potts; secre-

or the county. Fund raisers, insurance, security, and ideas for ways to use the Crassed Hospital building were discussed.

Plans for the future include the necessary paperwork for incorporating, establishing by-laws, and developing an accession-cataloging policy.

Among those agreeing to serve as organizing trustees were Wynona Gilbreath, Robin Boedeker, Magdalena Carlson, Frances Guerrero, Josephine Hamilton, Eleanor Traweck, Judy Cooper, Otho Calloway, John Stevens, Edd.

the county, Fund faisers, insurance, curity, and ideas for ways to use the aweek Hospital building were dissed.

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The Matador Lions Club met Tuesday, December 20 at the Methodist Church Burton, Lion from Plainview 2T-2 Director for a delicious meal prepared by Lion and Mrs. Walter Jones serving 26 Lions and Burton gave a slide show on the summer

Winners of the Lions drawing held Saturday, December 17 were Lisa Jones, John V. Stevens, and Wendi Lancaster. 22, 1989.

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The Wise Men Wore Cowboy Boots by H. Soltwisch Merry was so pretty, so demure, so pale

and Joseph was attentive

as they walked along the trail. The babe in the manger in it's swadding clothes was wrapped so well til all one could see was a tiny, precious nose. The wise men wore cowboy boots as they strolled along the way to present gifts to our wondrous Lord on that eventful day. The angels were so very small with alabaster skin and eyes that sparkled with joy as they approached the manger-throne To view the one that cried to be an angel And that the wise men wore cowboy boots But mostly I'll remember these are God's creations; These are they which He recruits. Thank you, Lord, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of God."

pay the travel.

LIONS

Mr. Barkley asked what the agreement was on sewer hookups and water hookups. The Council stated it would cost the property owner the current price

of replacement of pipe, etc., in advance. The Council discussed the sale of the television cable service. The owner and television cable service. The owner and name is changing but the offices and personnel are staying the same. Jim Doucet, owner of Cablevision of Texas, is selling to Mission Cable Company of Austin. The local office will remain in Paducah. Dorton Canon, Service Manager of Paducah was present to answer. ager of Paducah, was present to answer questions and inform the council that the representative from Mission would come to the January Council meeting.

The Council elected to ask Tom Hamilton their legal rights to the Cable franchise and operation in Matador.

Travis Jameson asked why a Stop Sign was placed on the corner of Walton Road and Main Street, when Walton Rd. deadends at this corner. He also stated the law states if corners aren't specifically designated for stop signs in the City minutes, it isn't legal.

Council decided to ask Tom Hamilton on this issue and then legalize Stop Signs that needed to be.

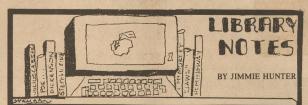
The Council elected to go into closed

No decision was made in closed ses-

Plans for the future include the neces-

camp held in Kerrville and what a won-derful opportunity this was for handicap

young people. This camp is of no cost to the kids. The Lions sponsor a child and



SEASON'S GREETINGS TO OUR PATRONS NEAR AND FAR

In the rush and hub-bub of the season. we wish you peace in your hearts, the presence of loved ones, safety, warmth and joy, and know that, as we celebrate this Holy time, we will be remembering with gratitude your friendship, gifts,

with gratitude your friendship, gifts, and help throughout the year.
Tuesday, December 13, 1988, Mont Darsey, Skylar Clifton, Brenda Gillespie, Chantry Meyer, Courtney Hays, Cole Grundy, Sherry Thomas, Clint Cooper, Sandra Torres, Zack Daniel, GeNelle Willis, Cassie Campbell, Will Boedeker, Hannah Boedeker and a new member, Justin Moore were at Library School to see the film "The Christmas Tree," and sing songs with Robin and Lola, and decorate a beautiful bell with star stickers

paper Christmas Tree to be decorated with more stickers. We are so pleased to welcome Justin to our group and hope that he can be back with his mother next

that he can be back with his mother next week for our Christmas Party.
Chicken pox seems to be going around looking for everyone it missed last year. We hope it doesn't keep any of our children from being here Tuesday to sing songs for their parents.
Out of town visitors since the last writing were Shawna and Dana Monroe, from Afton, Ben Shepperd from Amarillo, Hortense Goodwin from Dickens, Chad Lawrence and Bill Dillard from Roaring Springs, and Melvin Smith, and John and Joyce Speer from Floydada.
Motley County Library will be closed for the Christmas Holidays, Friday, through Monday, Dec. 23-26.

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sing songs with Robin and Lola, and decorate a beautiful bell with star stickers that they could hang on their tree or door. Mrs. Lee also had a green construction Happy Christmas!

Advanced Tumblers Compete In Amarillo Recently

A "marathon" meet of almost twleve hours drew gymnasts from Texas, Okla-homa, and New Mexico to Amarillo Civic Center for competition on December 17, 1988. Nine advanced-class Tri-County Tumblers from this area brought home an array of ribbons and medals in three different skill catagories which were di-

vided into a multitude of age groups.

Competing in 3-B level in different age groups were Ashley Stevens, Matador, 3rd place; Samantha Osborn, Matador, 6th; Valerie House, Turkey, 7th; Leigh Pipkin, Matador 3rd; Brandi Jameson, Matador, 5th; Christy Potts,

competition.

The only local tumbler in the more advanced 4-A level, Eric Farley of Flomot, copped a first place in his age divi-

Parents who participated as judges for Parents who participated as judges for the marathon event, some judging as much as six hours, were Brenda Osborn, Bettye Stevens, and Syd Pipkin, all of Matador, In addition, Pam Morris of Flomot, find-ing mini-trampoline and trampoline short ing mini-trampoline and trampoline short of judges, worked at judging these events from 8 a.m. until about 8 p.m. Without these dedicated parents, our tumblers could not compete, thus improving their skills and poise, since each event requires at least five judges.

Until after school resumes in January, these tumblers and all other students of instructor Albert Treto and trainer Joe Herrera who are currently practicing in

In the next skill level, 3-C Dodie Morris instructor Albert Treto and trainer Joe of Flomot placed 4th in her age group Herrera who are currently practicing in while Aimee Pipkin of Matador tookhome a ribbon for second place in her well deserved rest.

and felt it should be corrected.

Cummings explained the once a year,
Open Forum meeting the Board was
required to have with parents and teachers to discuss Campus/District Goals
when the interpretation of the control of the contro

should be in January.

Board went into executive session.

Meeting Report

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met December 15 at 6:45 p.m. decision on placing \$500,000 in T Bills with Board Members, Guy Campbell, for one year.

Donnie Cruse, Randy Barton, James Palmer, Coy Franks, Leslie Jameson, Alvin Alexander and Superintendent Ron Cumpings. Franks brought up the fact that one of the rubber walk-way mats in the gym were warped and causing people to trip

School Board

Cummings. The meeting began in executive session with Attorney Tom Hamilton. Out of executive session the Board and Hamilton met with Jim Lawson, of Appian Corporation of Hereford, to discuss the problems and solution to the problems on the track field. Abell-Dougherty Con-struction of Lubbock would not lay the final top on the dirt base and asphalt base

The base was soft in places on the outside run and edge of the track field. The asphalt had broken and cracked over this 30% of the track field when the asphalt was laid.

asphait was laid.

After a lengthy discussion and two executive sessions the Board elected to pay Appian the current balance of \$18,000 plus \$12,000 to repair the damaged areas and re-asphalt the entire track with a guarantee and bond. Motley County ISD will also pay the added 3% bond fee.

Lawson stated they would definatly have the best track in Texas when it was finished and that he would take this proposal back to his company for final ap

The Board also elected to contact the Stotts Dirt Contractors of the defective base and the extra expense to the Motley County I.S.D.

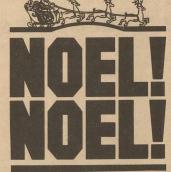
The minutes from the two previous

meetings were read and approved.

Campbell stated he felt the board members needed to go over and discuss

bills to be paid each month more carefully and not be lax in this responsibility.
Cummings reported Gary Lancaster
CPA would have the audit read to go over
for a December 28 meeting.

Cummingsannouncedt final grant monies for \$540,000 had been





EAT, DRINK AND BE HEALTHY

Eat, drink, and be healthy, of course. You don't have to play Scrooge and avoid all of your favorite foods and activities. We take pride in our food heritage especially at holiday time. To get you started thinking about some small, but positive, changes you can make this year, let's look at the options. Maybe this will be the first time you won't have to deal be the first time you won't have to deal with that extra five or ten pounds on New Year's Day.

If you simply must indulge in all your fattening favorites, plan to get in some additional exercise to compensate for the calorie overload. The average person burns about 5 calories a minute walking briskly, 11 calories a minute swimming, and 19 calories for each minute spent jogging. So if you walk one hour you can

burn off that extra piece of pie! Try to participate in sports instead of reclining on the couch watching them. Organize a football game or neighborhood hike when your clan gathers for holiday meals.

Ways to save calories include making some minor changes in the recipes you usually serve at holiday time. Try substituting evaporated skim-milk for evaporated whole milk in your pumpkin pie. Skim the fat from the turkey juices to make non-fat grays. Serve your years. Skim the fat from the turkey juices to make non-fat gravy. Serve your vegetables seasoned with fresh lemon, spices, and herbs instead of heavy sauces. Or try cutting down sugar in your dessert dishes. Take advantage of seasonal foods and specials such as cranberries, pumpkin and apples to add favorite items to your holiday table.

These are just a few suggestions to get you started on the road to a merry and healthful holiday. Plan now for those small changes that can add up to a big difference in your waistline on New Year's Day. This year, focus a little more on the spirit of the holiday season and a little

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Serv-ice are for people of all ages regardless of

Senior Citizens Report

Monday the bus went to Plainview with ten people riding. We shopped for awhile then we had lunch at the Senior Citizens Center. Artie and I visited with Sam and Virgie Bannister through the lunch hour, and we really enjoyed them. Virgie is always a big spark in a fun group. After lunch-everyone had their favorite place to shop, and that we did returning home about 4:30.

Tuesday was our regular luncheon day drawn names on Tuesday for our Christ-

Tuesday was our regular luncheon day drawn names on Tuesday for our Christmath thirty-two people signing the register, and there were those who didn't sign it. We had several visitors. We invite each one to come each second and fourth Tuesdays for lunches. We always have a wewlitten and visiting. Come be with us good lunch and plenty of it. It is surprisational visiting. Come be with us

Reward Offered For Information In Dog Poisoning

Sheriff Alton Marshall received a effect on humans.
report from Dr. Murray, Veteranarian in
Spur that the poisoning connected in the pharmacies in the area and in a 100 mile

dog deaths is strychnine.

According to Dr. Murray, the strychnine poisoning will take effect approximately 10 minutes after eaten and the animal will die within 30 minutes.

Sheriff Marshall stated, "Subjects that are doing the poisoning will be prosecuted to the full extent." He urged parents to cautiously watch children playing and make sure they did not put anything in their mouths. The poisoning has the same

It has also been reported that if Perox-

ide is given to the dogs immediately after poisoned, they may be saved.

poisoned, they may be saved.

A \$95 reward has been set up for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the poisoning. If anyone would like to contribute to this fund, which has been set up at the bank, contact Sheriff Marshall's

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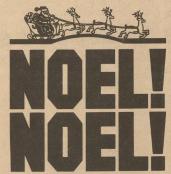
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Motley County Matador Named to All-South Plains **Football Team**



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.

Topics from Tricia

Christmas is finally here; school is out exchanged presents and had punch and and everyone is attending Christmas cookies. The Seniors presented a Christparties. This time of the year is filled mas play of "Twas the Night Before with joy, love, and peace. Have a Merry Christmas "for everyone. Christmas everyone.

The school Christmas party was exciting and fun. Santa Claus came and visited all of the high school students. Everyone Year!

School will begin January 2, 1989.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Boys Varsity, 6-6 Record

In a week where the losses outnumbered the wins 3 to 1, the Matadors seemed to be deinately improving. In the 3 losses, the Matadors had a 52 point outburst against 2A Memphis, a surprising 31-24 lead at half time over 3A Childress, and a well played first and second half against 3A Sanford-Fritch, losing by only 2 points, 46.6. They also picked unavistory over 64-62. They also picked up a victory over Class 1A Kress, making their record against Class 1A competition, 6-1, with an overall record of 6-6. Statistics for the four games played last week are as follows:

Memphis: High point man, Tony Gonzales, 18 points, Matt Washington and Buster Steward, 12 points each, Rusty Willmon 11 points and Gilbert Hernan-dez, 10 points. Also participating were, Brent and Brian Marshall, Clay Ewing, Walter Linson and David Alexander, who

watter Einsohand David Arckandet, who ran into foul trouble early in the game. Final score for this game, Memphis 86, Motley County Matadors 72.

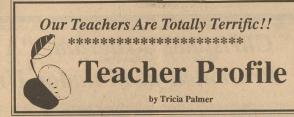
Kress: High point man, David Alexander, 22 points, Gilbert Hernandez, 12, Tony Gonzales, 11 points. Also participate the property of the points of the points of the points. pating in the game, Rusty Willmon, Matt Washington, Buster Steward, Clay Ew- ruary

ing, Walter Linson, Randy Martin, and Roy Estrada. Final score for the game, Motley County Matadors 68, Kress 51. Childress: High Point man, Tony Gonzales, 12 points. Also participating and helping accumulate the remaining points were, David Alexander, Gilbert Hernandez, Rusty Wilmon, Matt Washington, Randy Martin, Buster Steward, Clay Ewing, Walter Linson and Roy Estrada. Final score for this game was Childress 61, Motley County 38. Sanford-Fritch: Gilbert Hernandez and Matt Washington tied as high point men, each with 18 points for the game. David

each with 18 points for the game. David Alexander and Tony Gonzales each had a game total of 10 points and also playing for the Matadors in this game were Rusty for the Matadors in this game were Rusty Willmon, Buster Steward, Clay Ewing, Walter Linson, Randy Martin and Roy Estrada. The very close final score of this game was Sanford Fritch 64, Motley County Matadors, 62.

At the end of this series of games, Coach Moore stated, "We (the Matadors) are definately improving little by little with every game, and we can be in the thick of the fight for a play-off berth

thick of the fight for a play-off berth during the last of January and early Feb-





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.

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 "Motorlessia"

Coach Buck commented "Matador is a great place to raise children. If feel good about Matador is a great place to raise children. If 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

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 success-

rewarding in that the girst were success, ful 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 Ewgist Reston, Vallanda Campbell. Brown 11; Braind Barton 10; Joesy Ew-ing 8; Leigh Barton, Yulanda Campbell, and Tammy Taylor with 4 each; and Paige Williams with 2. During this game, Kathy Mangram hauled down 18 re-bounds. 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 each. The entire team played excellent defense with Regina Cruse and Paka

Barton contributing fine efforts.

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

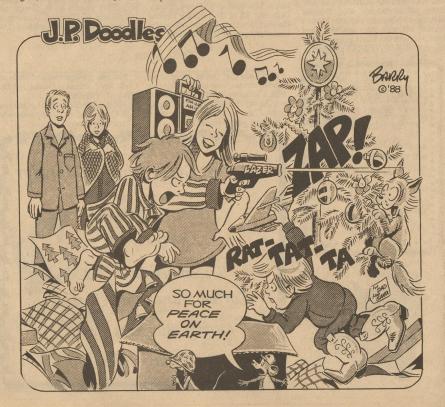
against a scrappy Kress team. The girls from Motley County managed a 62-47 victory in this game. This set the stage for the most difficult challenge during the tournament. On Friday, the Lady Mats played a close game with the Class AAA Childress Lady Bobcats. The final score was 58-53 in favor of the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

onship.
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 14 points and 15 points with 11 Chandra Brown.

andLeigh 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 opponenet will be AAAA Pampa on Dec. 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Say No To Drugs!





Buckle Up For Those Who Depend on You



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Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I want a scooter and a Shetland pony.

How are you? I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a Guitar and Microphone, a set of walkie talkies and an Alphie II.

Love, Bradley Paschal

P.S. There will be some milk and cookies for you.

I have tried to be a good boy. Could you please bring me a ten speed bike and a remote control car and legos.

From, Nickolas Bethard

Dear Santa,

I want a boxing match. I want a remote control car. I want a new bike. Santa you are nice. I want a BMX. I want an army set. I want a computer. I want a nintendo tapes. I want a keyboard guitar.

Dear Santa,

I am 8 years old. I want a Pocket-Rocker and a Little Miss Make-Up Doll Roller Skates. Thank you Santa, Merry Christmas

I have been a good girl. This year I would like a Casio and Little Miss Make-Up and Kide-sister. And a Barbie and the

Please Santa, don't forget the bike. Santa I want the Computer.

Dear Santa.

Would you bring me wat I want and tici is wat I wont a B.B gun. Bug.

******** Dear Santa.

I have been very good girls. For Christmas I want some makeup and I want a teddy bear.

Dear Santa,

I am eight years old. I want a Barbie, Remote Control car, make-up kit, sister, Little Miss Make-up Doll, Go Cart, Brother, Glow in the dark Ken, Barbie

Dear Santa,

You are a very nice person. Will you bring me Little Miss Makeup, Ice Cream, Pocket Rocker, Barbie Shop, and Barbie Car, Trampoline. I think that is all. Thank you! I love you.

I am seven years old. By By. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa.

I been a good boy.

Letters 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. ******

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.

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.

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

Dear Santa,

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

Nathan

Dear Santa

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

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

Dear Santa,

I think you are nice and any name is Kristi. I want a nosy bear and little miss make-up and a make it and it is it oven kit and a pocket rocker. Thank you, Santa.

Dear Santa

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

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

Devin ******

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

ShaVonne *************

Dear Santa,

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



Buster stuff. I'll leave you some choco-

Courtney Hays

Dear Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa Claus,

Please bring me these things:

- A football and football suit
- 4. Teenage Ninja Mutant Turtles
 5. He-Man Action figures

My sister will leave you some cook-

Thank you



Santa

Letters to

Dear Santa,

I'm always good. Please bring me
I want a Barbie doll and some clothes chaps and spurs. Real one for cowboys.
for her, and a Baby Grow and some Ghost
A three wheeler, and please bring my
Buster stuff. I'll leave you some chocoSabada a new red dress to wear to Sunday

P.S. I will leave you some crackers and

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

Love, Brittany Perryman

Letter To The Editor

Dear Carla and Barbara.

holiday season and may God shower you both with many good things this Christ-mas and even better things in the coming days.

frivolous. Thank you!

Love you!

Hazel

I love you both and thank you for allowing me an outlet for my innermost Both of you have a wonderful, loving-thoughts, sometimes serious, sometimes

THANK YOU

There can never be anything that takes the place of friends. Thank you to all for all the prayers, calls, flowers and visits. It means so much at this time for me.

To get to come home at this time was wonderful but to walk in and a Christmas tree being up and decorated was love expressed in a special way. Thanks to Frances, Heather, Lou, Carla, Beverly and

May Gods' richest Blessings be given to each and everyone.

Society News

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

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, Glen Woodruff and Ms. Roberta Jameson, followed by music students of Mrs. Howard Traweek, 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. Traweek played a Merry Christms Medley on the piano.

This play in two acts celebrated the

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 than along The property and the property of the part than along The property and the part than along The par priate to the part they play. They represented group 1 and others, and were: angel: Wendy Beshirs; Mary and Joseph, Molly Christian, Jeremy Smith; shep-

The Christmas program, "A Birthday clebration" by Lois Edstrom was presented by the children and youth of the First United Methodist Church on the sanctuary of the church Sunday night, and t Bayton Griundy, Justin Jameson, Angel Gabriel, Tad Terrell; Angel appearing to shepherds, Danny Sailsbury; Angels, Jennifer Beshires, Rachelle Smith, Re-bekah Jameson, Whitney Jameson, Crys-tal Norris, Shonda Barton, Llann Bar-

kley.
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 Ter-rell, 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 Osborn, 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 alter, containing the words of the fruits of the spirit: Love, Nickolas Bethard; Joy, Blake Barton; Peace, Tye Terrell; Patience, Llann Barkley; Kindness, Scott Smith; Goodness, Dayton Grundy; Gentleness, Crystal Norris.

Group V presented gifts of love: Tim Terrell, Paige Williams, Randy Finken-binder, Travis Finkenbinder and Stephen

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 caligraphy, 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

hem. 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 atmos-

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

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 Claus. Hostesses, Mesdames Billy Morenacted at the annual Christmas party of the Do Gooders club of Flomot held in assorted holiday delicacies, fruit punch, the Community Center, Tuesday after-noon, Dec. 13. A beautiful array of Christmas decorations added to the holi-

day 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 en-circled by an arrangement of greenery, holly and poinsettias. A white cloth covered the beverage table, centered with hurricane lamp enclosing a red candle Mickey Bostick reflecting beams on a Mr. and Mrs. Santa

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. "Ikie" Gilbert, president; Mrs. Bill D. Washington, vice president and Mrs. Clayton Bond was reelected to serve as secretary-fresurer as

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 Cook-

(7/4) Do Gooders sharing Recipes Cook-books 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 ex-

Changed.

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-inlaw, 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

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.

Welcome Home Wanda! So Glad You Are Home from the Hospital. Love Ya! Mom and Dad



pianist.

The entertaining rooms were decoholders. Hot punch or coffee were served rated in the Christmas theme and in-cluded a large lighted Christmas tree, from a silver service, along with sandwiches, chips and dips and several kinds Christmas cookies and bread.

Mrs. Winifred Darsey told about the containing ornaments, some of which are over 100 years old.

Methodist Sunday School Group Goes Caroling

Matador Methodist Chruch

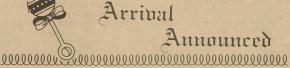
Choir Has Christmas Party

Members of the United Methodist
Church choir metat 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

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 Mata-

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

roling to six different homes in Mata-r. Caroling they had refreshments in the educational building of the church. Ages of class III range from 10 to 14.



Devny Shea Marks

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Marks of Matador at 7:28 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long.

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. The state of the s

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County Chit-Chat

Roaring Springs News

By Odessa Mullins *************

Odessa Mullins and her assistant Roxie Lewis would like to thank you for

letting them write your news. We want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a

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GUILD HAS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Guild met in the Senior Citizens Building for their Annual Christmas Party with nineteen present.

with nineteen present.

Pastor Gene Louder opened the meeting with prayer. For the Devotional, Christmas Carols were sung, led by Mrs. Opal Bradford with Mrs. Callie Winegar at the piano. Mrs. Jennie Lou Murphy of Lubbock told "The Christmas Story." Mrs. Agnes Aaron emceed a skit in which Mary, mother of Jesus, played by Billie Clifton, a shepherd, played by Rev. Louder, and actitizen of Bethlehem played by Lee Peacock were interviewed. Mrs. Imogene Swim said the closing prayer. Those participating in the exchange of gifts and enjoyment of refreshments were Mesdames Agnes Aaron, Eugenia Bethard, Opal Bradford, Billie Clifton, Nell Clem, Alta Duval, Beth Hinson, Mary Irwin, Freda Keahey, Mary Louder, Odessa Mullins, Jennie Lou Murphy, Lee Peacock, Chelsea Read, Imogene and Lula Swim, Callie Winegar, Grace Tabielsking Deste Gene Leuder.

Lula Swim, Callie Winegar, Grace Zabielski and Pastor Gene Louder.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCollum of Bella Vista, Ark. and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Leverett of Wiliey, Texas, were guests of the ladies cousin, Miss Lula Swim from Monday until Thursday of last week. The three ladies visited an uncle and aunt, Rev. and Mrs. W.B. Swim and their targets are the ladies (See his Planier. daughter, Mrs. Jack Gooch in Plainview

Tuesday.
Willard A. Lewis, Jr. of Waco visited his mother, Mrs. W.A. Lewis, Sr. from Thursday until Saturday noon of the past

Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Sedgewick of Lubbock were Saturday afternoon and evening visitors of his sister, Mrs. Callie Winegar.
Mr. and Mrs. George Gray of Odessa visited her mother, Mrs. Callie Lefevre

and other relatives the past weekend.

Miss Lula Swim, Postmistress, hosted the postal employees to Saturday evening meal at the Dream Cafe. Those attending besides the hostess were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Crenshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski, Mrs. Callie Winggar and special guest Mrs. Nell Winegar and special guest, Mrs. Nell Clem of Matador.

The Chet Dyes played golf at Springs Ranch Golf Course Saturday afternoon and visited with his mother, Mrs. Minnie

Dye.
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kingery who had been visiting his mother, Mrs. Eliza Kingery for two weeks left Sunday to

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sanborn of Tuscon, Arizona visited from Friday to Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rice Jr. and their grandson, Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Waybourn Mitchell of Mr. and Mrs. Waybourn Mitchell of Ely, Nevada visited his mother, Mrs. Vera Mitchell until Friday when they went to Wichita for an early Christmas celebra-tion with her mother and sister. They will return here this week

Members of the First United Methodist Church enjoyed a bring-a-dish lunch in the home of Gene and Mary Louder in Matador Sunday. Those present besides the hosting couple were, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski, Agnes Aaron, Eugenia Bethard, Opal Bradford, Kermit Glover, Mary Irwin, and Lula Swim.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Caffey, visited in

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Caffey visited in Lubbock Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Clara Youngblood, her sons, Tom and

Clara Youngblood, her sons, Tom and Tim Cooper and her cousin, Debby Smith and her husband Mike.

Mrs. Jennie Lou Murphy of Lubbock spent from Thursday until Saturday with Miss Freda Keahey.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Pierce who are residents at the Care Center in Crosbyton spent Sunday in their home for a pre-Christmas dinner with their children. Namonia Pierce Huddleston of Lubbock arrived Saturday to help her brother and arrived Saturday to help her brother and wife, Larry and Vickie to get things ready. Mr. and Mrs. Carol Pierce of Lubbock sopted by the Care Center and brought Carol and Lillie Sunday morning. Elaine Pierce White and husband, Dennis and children of Plainview arrived Sunday, the grandchildren, Dustin and Kandi white of Plainview and Christie and Bret Pierce, local residents, enjoyed their grandparents. The Pierces returned to Crosbyton with Namonia on her way home to Lubbock Sunday afternoon after a good day.

Odessa Mullins, Bess Ferguson and Bertie Melton attended the Christmas free program at the Crosbyton Care Center Sunday afternoon for the residents. Bertie's husband, Rufus and Odessa aunt Allie are residents there. They joined in the singing and visiting with other visitors and residents along with Santa Clause.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Lee attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Deana Lee to Shawn Shipman in the Methodist Church in Muleshoe last Friday night. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dean Lee Theory ill live in Mrs. Dean Lee. They will live in Muleshoe. Mr. and Mrs. Lee spent the night with their son and wife, returning home Sat-

Lester Mullins of Hereford spent Tuesday night with his mother, Odessa Mullins. He was on his way home from Vernon. Bobby Mullins, Dene and Deana of Edmonson were lunch guest Friday.

Recent guest of Hazel Soltwisch was her sister, Wanda Gage, of Sherman, Texas who is recuperating from a heart attack. Both ladies thank you for your prayers and request you continue them in Wanda's behalf.

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By Earlyne Jameson

guiding light for those attending to light a candle. When returning to the pews with the candles glowing, it was shown and related how God's light and the birth of Jesus Christ illuminated a world of dark-

John Jones returned home from St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock, Friday afternoon, Dec. 16 where he had cardiac tests and treatment.

Mrs. Opal Martin, a patient in Lock-ney General Hospital the past week for medical treatment, returned home, Monday, Dec. 19.

Keith Cook, Dustin and Shay Lynn Reed of Lubbock visited from Saturday until Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. D.M. "Ikie"
Gilbert, Sunday were Mrs. Florence Cobb
and Mrs. Gladys Stroup of Quitaque,
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were in
Lubbock, Wednesday for Mr. Hunter a

medical check-up.
Marilee Pilcher of Fritch and Dr. David

Martin, Lindsay and Cole of Denton were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin for a pre-Christmas ary's Hospital in Lubbock, Friday afmoon, Dec. 16 where he had cardiac
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Mr. and Mrs. Furman Vinson attended
fe funeral services of his cousin, Don
arrison held at the First Bantist Church
former resident of Flomot, had emer-

Whiteflat News

*************** NEW RESIDENTS

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. (Robin) Terry Boedeker and children, Hannah, 4, Luke, 3, and Will, age ten months to our community. This Tine young couple moved recently to the former Fish estate and Mr. Boedeker is an employee of the Matador Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stephens accompanied his mother, Mrs. Joe Stephens of Matador to Friona, Sunday to attend the 50th wedding anniversary reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Brandon. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wesley and her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Chamber-

lain of Clarendon enjoyed the tourist attractions in Las Vegas, Nevada from Dec. 8th to 13th. They attended the National Rodeo Finals.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon met her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. in Lubbock, Wednesday to visit and attend to business. They also visited David Dixon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Scott Spray, Sally, Gwyn,
Alice and Alexander of Melbourne, Florida visited from Tuesday until Thursday
with his grandmother, Mrs. Jack Spray.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon of Post
visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooper, Friday night and Saturday. Mr. and Mrs.

day night and Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper attened the 50th wedding anniversary reception of Mr. and Mrs. C.R.

Brandon held in Friona, Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Terry Boedeker and children visited in Lockney, Sunday with



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Clyde Brashear

Services for Clyde Brashear, 86, of Midlothian were held Tuesday in First Church. A son, John, died in 1961.

Baptist Church with the Revs. Rick Davis and Jerry Hall officiating.

Burial was in Midlothian Cemetery Under directions of Courter Lawrence and Clyde Jr. of Fort Worth the Worth Lawrence and Clyde Jr. of Fort

Burial was in Midlothian Cemetery under direction of Coward Funeral Home.

He died at 9:30 a.m. Monday in Waxahachie's Baylor Medical Center after a brief illness.

He was born in Fastland County and

Worth; three daughters, Nita Stearns of Mineral Wells, Wilda Rodgers of Midlothian and Jan Hollis of Lubbock; after a brief illness.

He was born in Eastland County and Johnnie Ruth Jeffers of Paducah; 24 moved from Lubbock to Midlothian in grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; 1971. He was a retired farmer and a and four great-great-grandchildren

Eula Robbins

Eula Robbins, longtime resident of Motley County, died at the home of her daughter, Jenny, December 16 in Decatur, Alabama, after a lengthy battle with Ruth Roberts of Afton. 4 grandchildren

************ Matador News

Mrs. Maye Hays will be realsed on December 27 from Coronado Nursing center to her home at 2518 Rowtree, Abilene, Texas 79601.
Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Garrison visited recently in Kermit with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Wright and other relatives. They attended the control of the control of

Wright and other relatives. They attended the funeral services of Don Garrison held in Silverton, Friday afternoon where they met their son, David Garrison of Mem

Mr. and Mrs. Ceman Scott Michael and Toby and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Scott, all of Lubbock, celebrated their Christmas dinner this past weekend with the ladies mother, Mrs. Elga Evans and their brother, Roger Evans.

RECEIVES BS DEGREE

Carlene Luckett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Luckett received her B.S. degree in General Agricultural from Tarleton State University Saturday, December 17, 1988.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Luckett, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Luckett and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Payne and other friends and relatives from Stephenville and Weatherford at-tended the graduation at Tarleton State University for Carlene Luckett.

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his mother, Mrs. Charlie Boedeker. The family attended the Lockney Trinity Lutheran Church Christmas dinner and

religious services Sunday night before

returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Spray and daughter, Rhonda of Bedford visited from

Friday night until Monday with his mother, Mrs. Jack Spray.

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Texas High Plains cotton producers in 1987 produced the area's first billion dollar cotton crop. And they've hit that mark again, and probably topped it, in

So says Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock, the organization that represents producers in the 25-county area sents producers in the 23-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," sayd Executive Vice President Donald Johnson.

The crop volume compares to an offi-

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.

of \$1 in 1973.

Using an estimated 50 cents per pound average price, PCG puts lint value of the 2,9 million bales at \$696 million. Seed, at crops are a strong plus for our industry and the overall area economy," Johnson applied to be a strong plus for our industry and the overall area economy, "Johnson applied to be a strong plus for our industry and the overall area economy," Johnson applied to be a strong plus for our industry and the overall area economy, "Johnson applied to be a strong plus for our industry and the overall area economy," Johnson applied to be a strong plus for our industry and the overall area economy, "Johnson applied to be a strong plus for our industry and the overall area economy," Johnson applied to be a strong plus for our industry and the overall area economy, "Johnson applied to be a strong plus for our industry and the overall area economy," Johnson applied to be a strong plus for our industry and the overall area economy, "Johnson applied to be a strong plus for our industry and the overall area economy," Johnson applied to be a strong plus for our industry and the overall area economy, "Johnson applied to be a strong plus for our industry and the overall area economy," Johnson applied to be a strong plus for our industry and the overall area economy. 2.9 million bates at \$090 million. Secut, 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

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.

concludes, "our expectations have to be tempered by the fact that it would take a crop worth \$2.34 billion to have the same

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, con-tinuing 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, techning them at a steady increase of about 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

The state's six metropolitan transit authorities and one city transit depart-ment received \$30.9 million in rebates, a 14.4 percent increase over last year's December payment an 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:

Matadar, net payment this period

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, \$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, \$2,460

County total: net payment this period, \$2,725.81; comparable payment prior year,\$850.24; % change, 220.59%; 1988 counting period will begin at 6 p.m. Fripayments to date, \$39,029,36; 1987 pay-) day, Dec. 30 and continue through midments to date, \$31,754.09; % change, 122.91%. The Department estimates that as

Boys Ranch Christmas Drive

annual drive to provide new suits and clothing for the almost 400 boys living at

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 wom 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 Special discounts by area merchants and differences in clothing prices for younger

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

and older boys make an average need of 550 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.

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

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-

DPS Urges Caution For Holiday Driving

AUSTIN - As many as 66 persons may be killed on Texas streets and high-ways 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 re-ports to the public on the number of traffic deaths occurring during the holi-

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

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 visitors have as safe a holiday as possible

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 a 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 Lubbed!

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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 things this year. I would be very pleased withsome 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 thatboyfriend is really going to be hard to find. Take Care!! find. Take Care!!

Love, Kim Cline

I'm a very big fan of yours and I am writing to tellyou 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 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.

Melinda Zarate Patton Springs Student Dear Santa Clause,

Here is a list of things I would like to Christmas: I car stereo with speakers, I pair of lace-up boots (brown), 3 pairs of Wranglers, 6 shirts, 2 pairs of preppy warnele and 4 pairs of shoes. I would appresent a pair of the shoes are red and pink. And I also

Please don't check to see if I've been naughty or nice, I need these things.
Well have a safe trip, and see if you can't suff a tall, dark, and handsome something in that bag of your.

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 less it a car that 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

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 ward-robe if you think I deserve it. Well that's it for this year, well at least for now.

Dear Santa,

Well the time has come again to find out who has been good or bad or naughty or nice. And once again I have been the perfect little angel that I always am. But, of course, you already know that. Since I already know that I have been perfect enough to get what I want, I have a couple of this go, my writing.

enough to get what I want, I have a couple of things on my mind.

* Face it Sant, I have been the perfect little angel since I was born. At least give me something I ask for this year. Here are a couple of ideas: a bedroom set with a huge mirror, a 1989 red Corvette (I'm sure everybody asks for one but who really deserves one, you got it, the one and only Mary Ann Dove.)

If these wishes could be fulfilled it would be greatly appreciated. I might even give you a present at Christmas time.

Love always Mary Ann Dove *************

Dear Santa,

My name is Scott Carothers. I go to Patton Springs High School. I have been a very good boy this year. I know how busy you are this time of the year, but I just thought I would write you and tell you what I would like for Christmas.

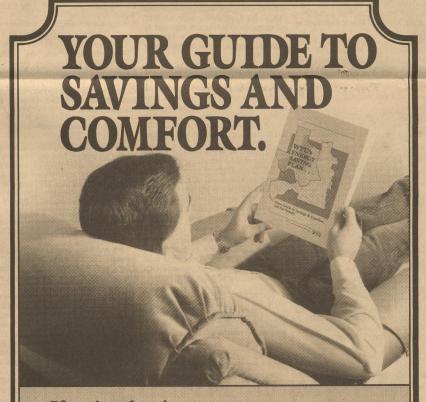
I would like for you to send me a nice

looking girl along with some other goodies. I would also like a keyboard.

I hope this is not too hard for you

Santa, but I would really enjoy these gifts for Christmas. Say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for

Sincerely yours, Scott Carothers



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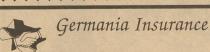
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During this period, the system will charge a small fare. However, some passengers may qualify for fair subsidy. Copies of the grant proposal are available for inspection by the public at 224 S. Berkshire, Crosbyton, Texas 79322.

Any person wishing to request a public hearing on the proposal project, must submit that request in writing to: 224 S.

submit that request in writing to: 224 S. Berkshire, Crosbyton, Texas 79322 prior to December 31, 1988.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SUBDIVISION PLAT REVISION

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of January, 1989, in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Motley County Courthouse, Matador, Texas, the Commissioners' Court of Motley County, Texas, will meet to hear protest(s), if any, with regard to the revision of a certain Subdivision Plat filed in Vol. 50, Page 1981. with regard to the revision of a certain Subdivision Plat, filed in Vol. 59, Page 378, of the Motley County Deed Records, known as "Springs Ranch Estates I". Such proposed revised Plat will correct errors in the original plat, rename the Subdivision as "Country Lake Estates", and provide that the streets are not to be publicly dedicated. The real property in issue is generally described as 400.77 acres of land out of Section 33. Abstract issue is generally described as 400.77 acres of land out of Section 33, Abstract No. 217, Section 34, Abstract No. 1106, Rush Transportation Co. Survey and Section 6, Abstract No. 1105, B.S. & F. Survey, Motley County, Texas, such property being generally located approximately two miles South of Roaring Springs Texas. Springs, Texas.

LEGAL NOTICE LOCAL INVITATION TO BID ON HIGHWAY MOWING

Sealed proposals for nine separate Mowing Contracts located in the following sections: Shamrock, Wellington, Clarendon, Childress, Quanah, Matador, Dickens, Paducah, and Munday, will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation District Office at 1700 Ave. F. N.W., Childress, Texas 79201, January 5, 1988 at the times indicated below for each Control indicated below for each Contract.

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p.m. January 5, 1989.

A pre-bid conference will be held with Mr. Vance L. Castleberry, PE, District Engineer, at the district office in Childress, Texas at 10:00 a.m., December 29, 1988. Persons interested in bidding on the above contracts should attend the prebid conference

bid conference.

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (15C.F.R., Part 8), issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that the contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder without discrimination on the ground of race, color, or naitonal origin.

Announcements

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Special Christmas Day services will be held, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Mata-

Special Christmas music will be pro-Special Christinas music will be provided. The pastor, Rev. Gene B. Louder has entitled his Christmas message, "No Wonder They Wondered" with scripture taken from Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 2:8-12 and 15-22.

All members and friends are given a greefel invitation to attend

special invitation to attend.
Sunday School will be dismissed and no night services will be held on Christ-

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FOR CHRISTMAS

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LEGAL NOTICES

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAYS CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing .851 miles of replace bridge and approaches on US 62 at S. Pease River, covered by BRF 529 (10) in Motley County, will be

BRF 529 (10) in Motley County, will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, until 1:00 p.m., January 11, 1989, and then publicly opened and read.

This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Actof 1964. Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for inspection at the office of Timothy J. Weight, Resident Engineer, Childress, Texas, and at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D.C. Greet State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 7901. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder. Usual rights reserved.

The Littlest Angel

by Charles Tazewll

(This is a story for people who love Christmas and Christmas trees, holly berries and mistletoe, Santa Claus, and music boxes that tinkle Silent Night, the Littlest Angel is as real and heartwarming as the

ONCE UPON A TIME - many years Heaven - there was, in Paradise, a most miserable, thoroughly unhappy and ut-terly dejected cherub who was known throughout Heaven as "The Littlest

Angel!"
He was exactly four years, six months,

He was exactly four years, six months, five days, seven hours and forty-two minutes of age when he presented himself to the venerable Gatekeeper for admittance to the Glorious Kingdom of God. Standing defiantly, with his short legs wide apart, the Littlest Angel tried to pretend that he wasn't at all impressed by such Unearthy Splendor, and that he wasn't at all afraid. But his lowerlip trembled, and a tear disgraced him by trembled, and a tear disgraced him by making a new furrow down his already tear-streaked face - coming to a precipitious halt at the very tip of his small freck-led nose.

But that wasn't all. While the kindly Gatekeeper was entering the name in his great Book, the Littlest Angel, having left home as usual without a handkerchief, endeavored to hide the tears by snuffling-a most unangelic sound which so un-nerved the Gatekeeper that he did something he had never done before in all Eternity. He blotted the page! From that moment on,the Heavenly

Peace was never quite the same, and the Littlest Angel soon became the despair of the L all the Heavenly Host. His shrill earhalo! splitting whistle resounded at all hours
through the Golden Streets. It startled the
Patriarch Prophets and disturbed their later, have to be disciplined. And so, on

was no place for them in the inn.

The Birth

Of Jesus

Twas the night before Jesus came 'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through thehouse Not a creature was praying, not one in the house. Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care in hopes that Jesus would not come there. The children were dressing to crawl into bed. Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head. And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap. When out of the East there arose such a clatter. I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash! When what to my wondering eyes should appear

But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray

I knew in a moment this must the THE DAY! The light of His face made me cover my head. It was Jesus! returning just like He had said.

And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth, I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in His hand.

Was written the name of every saved man. He spoke not a word as He searched for my name

When He said "It's not here" my head hung in shame.

With those who were ready He rose without a sound

The people whose names had been written with love He gathered to take to His Father above.

While all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late: I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.

I stood and cried as they rose out of sight:

Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

meditations. On top of that, he vociferously sang off-key at the singing practice of the Heavenly Choir, spoiling its ethe-

And, being so small that it seemed to take him just twice as long as anyone else to get to nightly prayers, the Littlest Angel always arrived late, and always knocked everyone's wings askew as he darted into his place.

everyone's wings askew as neuarted mid-his place.

Although these flaws in behaviour might have been overlooked, the appear-ance of the Littlest Angel was even more disreputable than his department. It was first whispered among the Seraphim and Cherubim, then said aloud among the Angels and Archangels, that he didn't

Angels and Archangels, and the doin't even look like an angel!

And they were all correct. He didn't. His halo was tarnished where he held onto it with one hot little chubby hand when he ran, and he was always running. Furthermore, even when he stood very citil, it payer, behaved like a hale, should still, it never behaved like a halo should. It was always slipping down over his eye or else, just for pure meaness, slipping off the back of his head and rolling away down some Golden Street - just so he would have to chase after it!

Yes, and it must be recorded that his wings were neither useful nor ornamental. All Paradise held its breath when the tal. An Parautie need its often when the Littlest Angel perched himself like an unhappy fledgling sparrow on the very edge of a gilded cloud and prepared to take off. He would teeter this way and that - but, after much coxing and a few class critical beautiful doubt both some held false starts, he would shut both eyes, hold his freckled nose his freckled nose, count up to three hundred and three, and then hurl himself slowly into space!

However owing to the regretable fact that he always forgot to move his wings, the Littlest Angel always fell head over

an Eternal Day of an Eternal Month in the year Eternal, he was directed to present his small self before an Angel of the

dusted his wings and scrambled into an almost clean robe, and then, with heavy heart, trudged his way to the place of judgement. He tried to postpone the dreaded ordeal by loitering along the Street of the Guardian Angels, pausing a few timeless moments to study the long list of new arrivals, although all Heaven knew he couldn't read a word. And he idled more than several immortal moments to examine a display of aureate harps, although everyone in the Celestial City knew he couldn't tell a crotchet from

a semiquaver.

But at last he slowly approached a doorway which was surmounted by a pair of golden scales, signifying that Heavenly Justice was dispensed within. To the

city sustee was dispensed within. To the Littlest Angel's great surprise, he heard a merry voice, singing!

The Littlest Angel removed his halo and breathed upon it heavily, then polished it upon his robe, a procedure which added nothing to that garment's already untidy appearance, and then tiptoe in!

The Singer, who was known as the Understanding Angel, looked down at the small culprit, and the Littlest Angel instantly tried to make himself invisible by the ingenious process of withdrawing-his head into the collar of his robe, very

much like a snapping turtle.

At that, the Singer laughed, a jolly, heartwarming sound, and said, "Oh, so you're the one who's been making Heaven so unheavenly! Come here, Cherub, and tell me all about it!"

The Littlest Angel looked furtively.

The Littlest Angel looked furtively from beneath his robe. First one eye. And then the other eye.

Suddenly, almost before he knew it, he was perched on the lap of the Understanding Angel, and was explaining how

very difficult it was for a boy who suddenly finds himself transformed into an angel. Yes, and no matter what the Arch-

angel. Yes, and no matter what the Archangels said, he'd only swung once. Well, twice. Oh, all right, then, he'd swung three times on the Golden Gates. But that was just for something to do!

That was the whole trouble. There wasn't anything for a small angel to do. And he was very homesick. Oh, not that Paradise wasn't beautiful! But the Earth was beautiful! too! Wasn't it created by was beautiful, too! Wasn't it created by God Himself? Why, there were trees to climb, and brooks to fish, and caves to play as pirate chief, the swimming hole, and sun, and rain, and dark, and dawn, and thick brown dust, so soft and warm

and thick brown dust, so soft and warm beneath your feet!

The Understanding Angel smiled, and in his eyes was a long-forgotten memory of another small boy in a long ago. Then he asked the Littlest Angel what would make him most happy in Paradise. The Cherub thought for a moment, then whis-pered in his ear.

pered in his ear.

"There's a box I left under my bed back home.If only I could have that!"

The Understanding Angel nodded.
"You shall have it," he promised. And a fleet-winged Heavenly messenger was instantly dispatched to bring the box to Paredice.

And then, in all those timeless days that followed, everyone wondered at the great change in the Littlest Angel, for, among all the cherubs in God's Kingdom, have the most heavy. The superspace of the control of the he was the most happy. His appearance was all that the most fastidious could wish for. And on excursions to Elysian Fields, it could be truly said that he flew

Then it came to pass that Jesus, the Son of God, was to be born of Mary, at Bethlehem. And as the glorious tidings spread through Paradise, all the angels rejoiced and their voices were lifted to herald the Miracle of Miracles, the company of the Cheir Child.

ing of the Christ Child.

The Angels and Archangels, the Ser-

phim and Cherubim, the Gatekeeper, the Wingmaker, even the Halosmith put aside their usual tasks to prepare gifts for the Blessed Infant. All but the Littlest Angel. He sat down on the top-most step of the Golden Stairs and anxiously waited for

inspiration.

What could he give that would be most acceptable to the Son of God! At one time, he dreamed of composing a lyric hymn of adoration, but the Littlest Angel was woefully wanting in musical telest.

Then he grew tremendously excited over writing a prayer! A prayer that would live forever in the hearts of men, because it would be the first prayer ever to be heard by the Christ Child. But the Littlest Angel was lamentably lacking in literate

"What, oh what, could a small angel give that would please the Holy Infant?" The time of the Miracle was very close

The time of the Miracle was very close at hand when the Littlest Angel at last decided on his gift. Then, on that Day of Days, he proudly brought it from its hiding place behind a cloud, and humbly with downcast eyes, placed it before the Throne of God. It was only a small, rough, resightly boy, but inside were all those unsightly box, but inside were all those wonderful things that even a Child of God would treasure!

A small, rough, unsightly box, lying among all those other glorious gifts from all the Angels of Paradise! Gifts of such an the Angels of Padadise; Offs of Such radiant splendor and breathless beauty that Heaven and all the Universe were lighted by the mere reflection of their glory! And when the Littlest Angel saw this, he suddenlyknew that his gift to God's Child was irreverent, and he wished he might reclaim his chabby gift.

However the waste of the might reclaim his shabby gift.

It was ugly and worthless. If only he could hide it away from the sight of God before it was even noticed!

But it was too late! The Hand of God and deliver the state of the state of

moved slowly over all that bright array of shining gifts, then paused, then dropped, then came to rest - on the lowly gift of the

Infant? Well, there was a butterfly with golden wings. Captured one bright summer day on the high hills above bird's nest in the olive tree that shaded his would call forever: "THE mother's kitchen door. Yes, and two white STAR OF BETHLEHEM!"

stones, found on a muddy river bank, where he and his friends had played, and, at the bottom of the box, a limp, toothmarked leather strap, once worn as a collar by his mongrel dog, who had died as he had lived, in absolute love and

infinite devotion.

The Littlest Angel wept hot and bitter tears, for now he knew that instead of honoring the Son of God, he had been most blasphemous. Why had he ever

thought the box was so wonderful? Why had he dreamed that such utterly useless things would be loved by the Blessed

Infrantic terror, he turned to run and hide from the Divine Wrath of the Heavenly Father. But suddenly he stumbled and fell, and with a horrified wail and clatter of halo, rolled in a ball of consumers to the state of the stat

and fell, and with a horrified wail and clatter of halo, rolled in a ball of consummante misery to the very foot of the Heavenly Throne!

There was ominous and dreadful silence in the Celestial City, a silence complete and undisturbed save for the hearbroken sobbing of the Littlest Angel. Then suddenly, The Voice of God, like divine music, rose and swelled through paradise! And the Voice spoke, saying:

"Of all the gifts of all then angels, I find that his small box pleases Me most. Its contents are of the Earth and of men, and My Son is born to be King of both. These are the things My son, too, will know and love and cherish and then, regretful, will leave behind Him when His task is done.

"I accept this gift in the Name of the Child, Jesus, born of Mary this night in Bethlehem."

There was a breathless pause, and then the rough unsightly box of the Littlest Angel began to glow with a bright, unearthly light, then the light became a lustrous flame, and the flame became a radiant brilliance that blinded the eyes of all the angels!

None but the Littlest Angel saw it rise

all the angels!

None but the Littlest Angel saw it rise

from its place before the Throne of God.
And he, and only he, watched it arch the
firmanent to stand and shed its clear,

Littlest Angel!

The Littlest Angel trembled as the box was opened, and there, before the Eyes of God and all His Heavenly Host, was what he offered to the Christ Child.

And what was his gift to the Blessed Infant? Well, there was a butterfly with Stright sum
And he, and only ne, was a white firmanent to stand and shed its clear, white, beckoning lightover a Stable where a Child was Born.

There it shone on that Night of Miraches and its light was reflected down the centuries deep in the heart of all mankind.

Yet, earthly eyes, blinded, too, by its mer day on the high hills above Jerusalem, and a sky-blue egg from a bird's nest in the olive tree that shaded his mother's kitchendoor. Yes, and twenty the control of the Littlest Angel was what all men would call forever. "THE CHRISTIAN THE CHRISTIAN T

Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

In those days a decree went out from Ceasar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Pavid nagel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Clory to God Nazareth, to Judea, to the City of Pavid who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the each to his own city. And Joseph also praising God and saying, "Clory to God Nazareth, to Judea, to the City of Pavid." each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the City of David, in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us," who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there

Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over manger. And when they saw it they made is nu known the saying which had been told Sun. them concerning this child; and all who their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I heard it wondered at what the shepherds Dear Editor: told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I sherpherds returned, glorifying and praisbring you good news of a great joy which ing God for all they had heard and seen, will come to all the people; for to you is as it had been told them. $Luke\ 2:1-20$ monmonmonmonmonmone

And they went with haste, and found

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a reprint of a letter that was sent to the Editor of The Sun, a New York newspaper. Virginia O'Hanlon wrote the original letter in the laff of 1897. The letter and reply was printed Tuesday, September 21, 1987. The editorial reply was by Francis Pharcellus Church.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author numbered among the friends of The

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in The Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa

see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. Did you ever see faries dancing on the lawn. Of course not, but that's not proof that they are not there. Nobody can con-ceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world. The most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is is all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and

abiding.
No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, No santa Ciaus: I nank God: He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood. Christmas Blessings To All

Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be that is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an act, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole turth and

He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary ould be the world if there were no Santa s. It would be as dreary as if there no Virginia's. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no ro-mance to make tolerable this existence. We would have no enjoyment, exept in the sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimnies to catch Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, but even if they did not

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In the words of this poem the meaning is clear: The coming of Jesus is drawing near. There's only one life and when comes the last call We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

OHOLY 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.

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The Christmas spirit

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

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 over-

benezer Scrooge's overnight change from an
unhappy miser to a generous employer: "'A merry
Christmas, Bob!' said
take to less fortunate 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
good fellow, than I have
siven you for many a year. given you for many a year.
I'll raise your salary, and struggling family, and will discuss your affairs

Is the core of the Christmas

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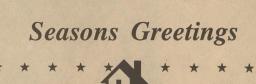
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Every year, you are sure to hear someone say, "I Christmas bowl of smoking just can't seem to get the Christmas spirit!" this very afternoon, over a christmas bowl of smoking bishop, Bob!... Scrooge was better than his word. He did it all, and infinitely more; and to Tiny Tim, who did not die, he was a second father.

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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.

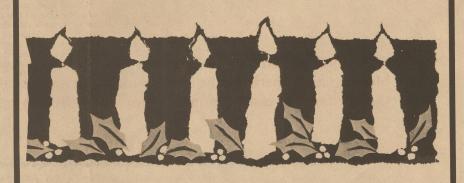
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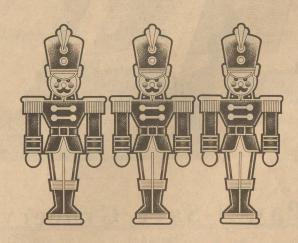


We share with all our sincere wishes for a heartfelt holiday season.

Stanley Pharmacy

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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Merry Christmas

Legends of Christmas

What wonderful legends the season of Christmas in-spires! Who has not en-joyed 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 Glaston-bury. 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 fer-tile, 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 origin-ates 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 for-tune. Sometimes the good fortune arrived in the form of a bewhiskered old man who came down the chimney to meet her.

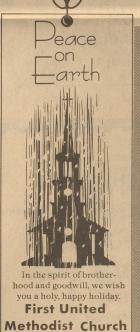
Another legend, attrib-uted to the English, says the number of mince pies you taste at Christmas will indicate the number of hap-

py 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



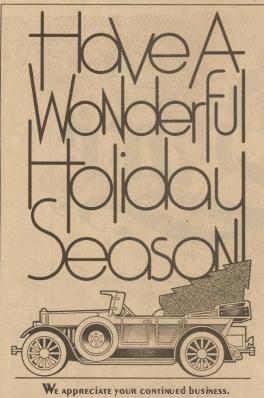
To the child's wonder, a bud and then bloom into lovely, white flowers. The little girl quickly picked the the Infant's feet. blossoms touched the feet of the Christ Child, the petals turned pink, and thus was born the Christmas rose.

Yet another legend explains how the lamb got its woolly coat. According to the story, a little lamb, gaz-ing 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.









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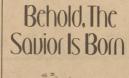




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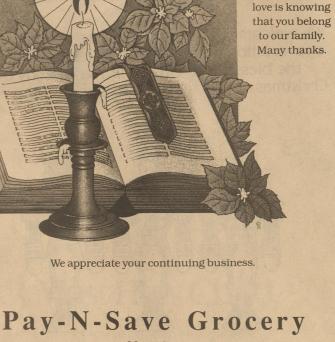




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Assembly of God Church

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We Wish You A Merry Christmas!

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

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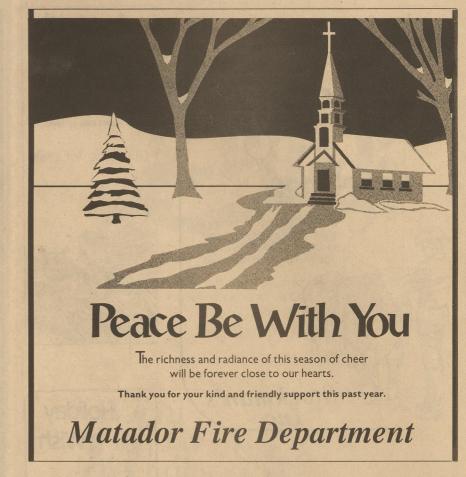


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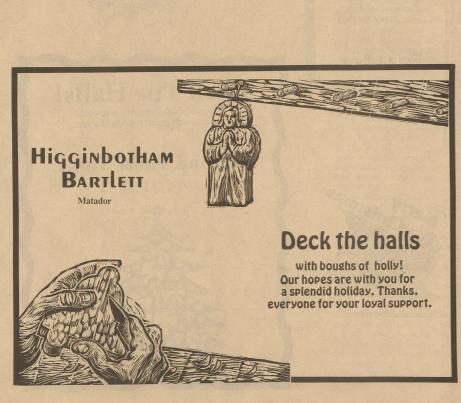
The first Christmas carol composed in America was written in the Huron Indian

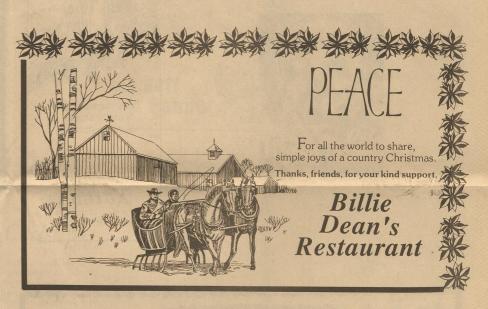
written in the Huron Indian languagy, by a Frenchman.
The lyrics were written in 1641 by a native of France, Father Jean de Brebfeuf, for his Christian converts. He set the words (a) a popular French tune, "Une Jeune Puceile."
In his writing, the French priest described the Hurons' reverence for Christmas: "They built a small chapel of cedar and fir branches in honor of the 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.











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.

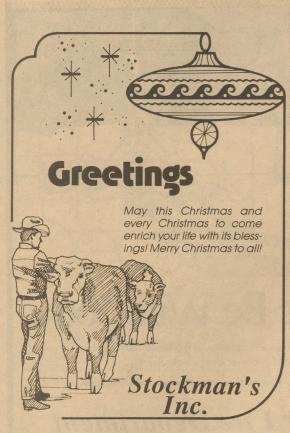
— Robert Herrick





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

Tommy's Garage











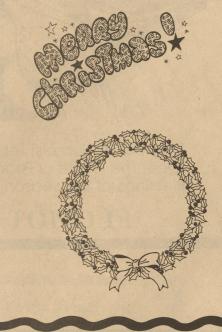




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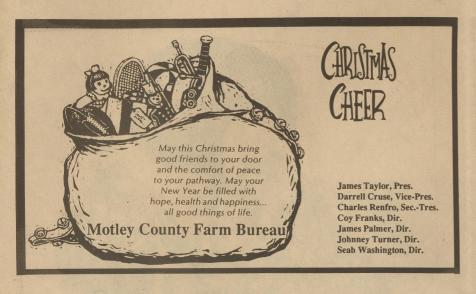




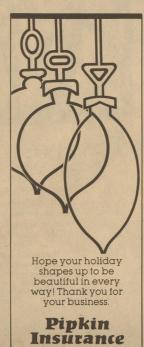
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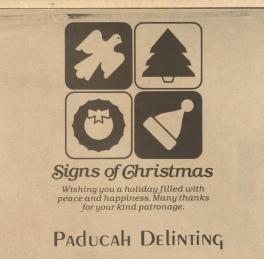
May peace, love and happiness be your gifts at Christmas and throughout the coming year. Thank you for your patronage.

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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

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. 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

one of the other Christmas books, "The Haunted Man" is written in the same vein. It tells of a 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 sadpast. But, the chemist discovers that his happy memories are wiped out memories are wiped out with the unhappy memo-

with the unhappy memo-ries, 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 pre-pare a Christmas issue, fillpare a Christmas issue, fill-ed with songs and stories of the season. In addition to the five Christmas books he wrote, Dickens also pub-lished two volumes of Christmas stories. Certainly it would appear that Dickens like the re-

that Dickens, like the re-formed Scrooge, "knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed that knowledge."





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Have a Glittering Holiday

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

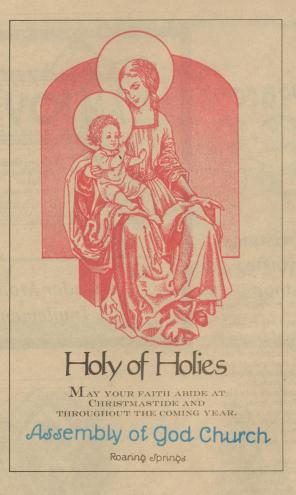


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