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*The magical beauty of Christmas.
Its spirit sifts gently through the snow,
laden branches, much like falling
snow, and settles softly as an
angel's touch on everything below.
Pause and feel the magic of the season.
May you find it and never lose it.*



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Crisis Intervention Workshop Offers Counseling and Hope

by Marisue Potts

"How many of you have been depressed?" Ron Trussler from the Mental Health/Rehabilitation Center in Plainview asked the turnout of concerned citizens in the packed Motley County District Court Room. Hands were raised throughout the brightly lit justice room. "I mean," he continued, "really deep black depressed?"

Still hands remained upraised in reply on this December 13 winter night. The coordinator of the out-patient counseling declared, "Nearly all of us have considered suicide at one time or another."

How to help those considering such a move was the focus of the two hour citizen sponsored workshop on Crisis Intervention prompted by what organizer Jeff Smith recently described as an inordinate number of recent deaths, including three suicides, an accidental shooting, and a murder.

Kay Brotherton representing the Floydada Counseling Agency sees the recent chain of tragic events in our community not as a copycat situation but as statistics catching up in a brief period of time. "Population wise your area is no different from any other," she defined. Within the nation, the number of suicides have doubled in the last ten years.

"This community is not weird, not jinxed, no different from others," Trussler emphasized. "But, it is grieving. I can see it in your eyes."

Grief can come with any loss of change in life, in a job, in a marriage, in health, with children. How hard that grief hits us is determined by how unpredictable the loss is.

According to Trussler, the four stages that mark grief may take one to two years of ups and downs, of "recycling," to attain normality.

The first stage is impact, he emphasized by banging his hands together. During this period, usually a matter of hours, one is in a dreamlike stage, withdrawn or overactive, isolated, and unable to respond to other people. He (or she) "emotionally isolates himself" (or herself), seems to be stuck in the moment, and sees no past or no future. "Why?" questions should not be answered with meaningless clichés, with shoulds or oughts. The best advice at this stage is for the helper or concerned one to just be there.

Recoil and turmoil is the second stage, marked by depression and anger, a sense of guilt, hostility toward others or self.

The helper should not argue with the "if only's" and should attempt to absorb the anger, as well as respond to questions asked, guided by the grieving person's curiosity. It is important for her/him to know that everyone hurts at times.

The adjustment period takes weeks, and one sometimes regresses to the first two stages, going back and forth. Less sadness is evident, but phobias surface: fears of being alone, of the dark, of the tragedy being contagious or the tendency inherited. A helper should encourage the bereft to take the next step toward reconstruction.

During this rebuilding phase, the grieving person should seek someone to hold her/his hand, share confidences and business options, but refrain from making major business decisions. Letting go of the past, sometimes even to the point of making a break with the past by moving, is finally marked by a sense of closure, a finality to the grief. In later stages, a memorial service or ceremony among remembering friends may be helpful to finalize the grief.

There are many factors determining the degree of sense of loss in a suicide, particularly: closeness of relationship, length of time known, quality of time spent together, and expectation of death. Some of the ways for survivors to cope are:

1. Find someone, a friend, a pastor, to talk to who will let you both feel and hurt.
2. Get physical exercise to relieve tension and emotions. If that is impossible, get absorbed in a hobby.
3. Watch your "self-talk" and encourage yourself with positive thoughts. Express feelings. "I know I feel bad, but I will get better."
4. Get help from professionals. A Teen Line with therapists on call is available at 296-5555. The Floydada Counseling Center number is 983-2584. The Plainview Counseling Center can be reached at 293-2636.

Ms. Brotherton's portion of the program dealt with the "Myths of Suicide," disproving many commonly held ideas. "Some people are hell-bent on committing suicide, and they will succeed," she shared from personal experience in her counseling.

However, contrary to many popularly held opinions, those who talk about suicide, may attempt; warning notes should be taken seriously; not all who attempt suicide are intent on dying; those who attempt are not mentally ill; suicide happens in all occupation levels; and the

tendency to suicide is not inherited.

A new found peace of mind may preclude an attempt because the person has decided on a "solution." One who is suicidal is not always so. Some who attempt suicide do seek help but "fall through the cracks" of the mental health system, and fail to receive the help needed. Since suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem, if the troubled person can wait, listen, and hope his feelings may change.

Brotherton said that it is important to talk about the event, not be ashamed, and let the feelings of loss ventilate. One must focus on working through the grief with other family members, on how to adjust, as well as how to help others with similar problems. "I'm here if you need me" is the proper response of a caring friend.

A third member of the mental health team, Susan Cothran, discussed the symptoms of severe depression: changes in behavior, sleeping patterns, moods, eating habits, grades, ability to concentrate, and personal hygiene are warning signs. In addition, one should note the loss of ability to enjoy things, apathy, crying for no reason, isolation, or preoccupation with death. The depressed often express feelings of worthlessness.

When a depressed person begins to give away valued possessions, to put things in order, to plan a funeral, to buy a gun, to make a will, resigns from organizations, or makes a sudden recovery from depression, he or she may be in immediate need of help.

If these symptoms are noticed in another person, what should one do? Confront them directly stated Trussler. Ask the person if he/she plans to commit suicide. Ask how and when to determine how far along the plans are. Make an agreement, a pact, a contract, stating that the depressed person will not take action

without talking to you or someone else. Usually, the potential suicide victim will honor the agreement.

Ms. Cothran outlined advice for survivors of these tragedies:

1. Allow yourself to grieve.
2. Study about and understand suicide.
3. Balance the guilt and the blame.
4. Be sensitive to others in the family.
5. Realize there's a hole in your life.
6. Work through that and allow yourself to heal.
7. Write down your feelings.
8. Call for counseling.

In dealing with children, be factual, listen, answer questions, be consistent, truthful, and talk about the deceased. Let the children see you cry.

Counseling is available for children in different age divisions, even for the very young. In fact, Larry Keltz, former Matador resident and son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Keltz, specializes in helping children deal with commitments. Twice monthly Ms. Brotherton, who may be reached at the Floydada Counseling Agency, 983-2584, is available in Matador for counseling sessions.

As the meeting closed, Jeff Smith, the personable young undertaker with Seigler Funeral Homes, known for their loving concern and care for the living as well as the deceased, expressed his willingness to talk and listen to those who need counseling in death and dying, or anyone who just needs to talk to someone.

The spirit of the meeting was best summed up by the hypothesis with which Ron Trussler began and ended the workshop: The advantage of a small community is that the people can get together, pull together, and work together to solve its problems.



Santa Visits Roaring Springs

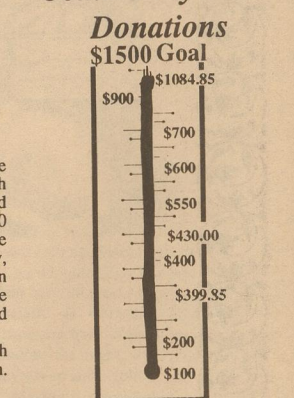


Santa Claus visited Roaring Springs Saturday. He is pictured here with Sean Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rose of Matador. Santa also visited the elderly and shut-in's in Roaring Springs and presented them with candy.

Roaring Springs Santa Day Winners Announced

Winners were announced to the Tribune office this week of the Roaring Springs Santa Day drawing winners. They are as follows:
 Stafford Farm Store: Elmer Parks.
 Parks Welding: Mary Marshall.
 Parks Trucking: Sybol Brandon.
 Red Ball Gin: Chig Gwinn.
 Thacker Supply: Gary Caffey.
 Thacker Jewelry: Audrey Spence, Floydada.

Moose Auto Glass: Edith Daniel.
 Joyce Meredith, Avon and Tupperware: Wes Day.
 Dream Cafe: Reva Swinney.
 City Grocery: Sandra Gage.
 Quail Pipe: Donnie Cruse.
 Alexander Fuel: \$15 gas, Rodney Long; Oil Change, Billy Green.



Early Deadline for New Year's

We will have an early deadline for the New Year's Paper, the December 28th issue. Please bring all your news and ad copy into our office no later than 12:00 noon, Friday, December 22. Our office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26, we will open Wednesday, December 27 and close Thursday and Friday, December 28 and 29.

Thank you for your cooperation, which enables us to have a Christmas vacation. We appreciate it so much!

Some Businesses to be open for Christmas Eve Shopping

Matador businesses open for Christmas Eve, December 24, Sunday, shopping are Matador V&S Variety and Guys and Gals, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Stanley Pharmacy will be open Saturday, Dec. 23 until 5:00 p.m. Please bring in all prescriptions to be filled before 12:00 noon.
 The following businesses will be closed for and after Christmas: Matador V&S Variety, Dec. 25, 26 and 27. Watch for sale in the Dec. 28 paper. Guys and Gals will be closed December 25 and Dec. 26 til noon. The Windmill will be

closed Dec. 25 - Jan. 1. Matador Floral will be closed Dec. 25 and 26. Stanley Pharmacy will be closed Dec. 25 and 26. Pay-N-Save and First State Bank will close Christmas day only.

In Roaring Springs Thacker Jewelry will be open by appointment only on Dec. 24, Thacker Supply will close Dec. 23 4:00 p.m. and be closed Dec. 25 and 26. The City Grocery, Stafford Farm Store will be closed Dec. 25 only. The Dream Cafe will be closed Dec. 23 through Dec. 26.

Shop Home First



Mitzi Christopher and Barbara Marvel are pictured here serving up a plate of their delicious buffet meal. Mitzi and Barbara are owners and operators of the Dream Cafe in Roaring Springs. They offer a delicious 'all you can eat' buffet and scrumptious short orders, such as chicken fried steaks, hamburgers and much more. They offer gift certificates for the person who loves to eat on your Christmas gift list.



Edith Daniel, owner and manager and Venita Sedgewick, employee, of City Grocery in downtown Roaring Springs wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. They offer everything you'll need to prepare your Christmas feast. Be sure to see their ad this week for savings for your holiday baking.



Debra Scott, owner and operator of Matador Floral, is pictured here among the many Christmas arrangements she offers in her shop in downtown Matador. Debra offers Carik Wire Service for delivery anywhere in the U.S. She has many gift items for your Christmas gift shopping.



Richard Turner and Billy Donaldson of Pay-N-Save Grocery in Matador display one of the beautiful Christmas trees offered at the store. Pay-N-Save has all the items you'll need for your holiday baking. Be sure to see their circular this week for big savings.

Shop Motley County First!

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Love Fund Established for Brad Wilson

A Love Fund has been established for Brad Wilson, the son of the late Don and Anna Wilson of Roaring Springs. Brad is a sophomore in Motley County High School and is currently living with Mr. and Mrs. Don Ewing in Matador.
 Donations may be made at the First State Bank or at City Grocery in Roaring Springs.

Matador City Council Meeting Report

The Matador City Council met Thursday morning, December 7 with Council members Doyle Rose, Travis Jameson, Sonny Jackson, L.B. Campbell; City Water Manager, Bill Jameson, City Secretary Nell Berryman and guest Boyce Hart present. Mayor Gary Lancaster was absent to be at a SPAG meeting to present the application for the sewer grant.

Charles Carlson had expressed appreciation for the new sewer hook up, the dumpster, and road repair by his house. The only problem now is that all the water runs into his yard. He wanted to go on record, so if water ever goes into his house, he wants the Council to know about it. Other problems with the road were discussed. Bill Jameson explained that he already planned to finish the road and clean out the bar-ditch. He felt like this would help.

Nell Berryman reported that Tom Hamilton, City Attorney, said he was still

looking into the solution for the landfill problem. Mayor Gary Lancaster is also looking.

Rose reported that Paducah and other towns are looking into a regional landfill.

Bills were read and approved. Rose asked the Council to consider changing meetings to Wednesday, because his job is changing his off day to Wednesday instead of Thursday.

Bill Jameson wanted to suggest that citizens keep lids on their meter boxes, especially during cold weather, because they will freeze.

Mrs. Berryman reported that Workman's Comp will cost the city \$5,500 for 1989.

Council decided to drop part of the vehicle insurance. Meeting went into closed session.

Randy Hollums Announces Candidacy



Randy Hollums

school, he was a member of the Student Bar Association, Moot Court Board, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and served as a member of the Moot Court Team in International Law Competition.

Hollums was admitted to the practice of law in April, 1974 and he has practiced law in Floydada since that time. Randy served as District Attorney of the 110th Judicial District from January, 1976 to December, 1988.

During the 64th Legislature, Spring, 1975, Randy served as the administrative aide to former State Senator Ray Farabee.

Randy Hollums formerly served as vice-president of the Floydada Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the American Heart Association drive in Floyd County, President of the Floydada Rotary Club, member of The Prosecutor Council of the State of Texas and served as president, Vice-president and Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.

Hollums is currently serving as District Commissioner of the Comanche Trail District of the Boy Scouts of America, City Attorney of the City of Floydada, Lay Leader and Sunday School teacher in the First United Methodist Church of Floydada, Northwest Texas Conference Director of Lay Speaking for the Methodist church and has been active in his support of various other youth activities.

Randy is looking forward to serving the people of Briscoe, Dickens, Floyd and Motley county in a new capacity as District Judge.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who helped us celebrate our 70th wedding anniversary. All of the many cards, letters, phone calls; and those who came to the reception, certainly made it a happy and memorable day for us.

A special thanks for those who planned and worked for the success of the occasion.

Clarence and Gussie Jinkins

A very special "Thanks" to all our friends for kind words, prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls, visits. You made our stay in the hospital much easier. We love you all.

Bennie and Devonne Dillard

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:1.

Matador Assembly of God to hold Christmas Services

The Matador Assembly of God Church invites you to share in Praise and worship Sunday morning, December 24, at 10:00 a.m.

There will be special music and singing. Communion will be served. What a beautiful way to commemorate the eve of our Lord's birth.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16

It's Christmas time again and our minds focus on the portion of God's word. "For

God so loved the world that He gave." Love caused God to give His only begotten Son.

It might be well if we test our spirit of giving and the deeds that we do...are they love inspired? Are they inspired by personal pride? Are they inspired by what people think about us or to impress someone?

Whatever we do or give this Christmas in word or in deed, let us do in the name of our Lord Jesus. Always giving thanks unto the Father.

God bless you abundantly is our prayer for you. -- Pastor Rev. Roy Eason.



The Lord is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. 2 Chronicles 15:2b

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Obituaries

JIMMY SHERRELL STOCKTON

Quitaque -- Jimmy Sherrell Stockton, 31, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 1989.

Services were held at 10 a.m. December 12 in Quitaque First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jess Little, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery. Arrangements are by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Stockton, born in Matador, was a resident of Stafford. He was a former resident of Quitaque. He graduated from Texas Tech University and was a geologist with Ensearch Oil Co. at Houston.

Survivors include his father, Freddy Stockton of Childress; grandmother, Mattie Olivia Stockton of Quitaque and Lucille Eddleman of Silverton; two sisters, Paula Miller of Littlefield and Freda Hughes of Childress; two nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Lynn Payne, Rodney Williams, Joel Dean Spray, Todd Reagan, Matt Barrett and Buddy Miller. Honorary pallbearers were Junior Payne, Ronnie Carpenter and Neal Barrett.

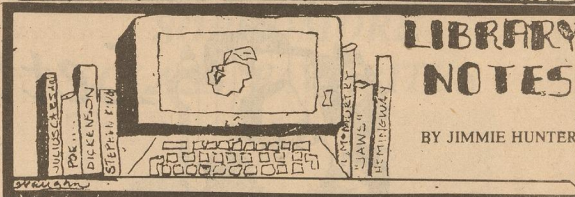
Family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Makin' a list and checkin' it twice...

- Don't drink and drive
- Wear safety belt
- Use child restraints
- Don't speed
- Have a Safe Happy Holiday

We'll know who's been naughty or nice...

A message from the Texas Department of Public Safety



Our latest volunteer helper was Susan Thomas who came in several mornings and straightened the periodical shelves and filed back issues in boxes. We certainly appreciated this. It made our library look much neater when the geographical meeting took place. Susan had also helped us out before by pulling many of the badly worn and much read paperbacks from the paperback racks and making room for some of the new ones we had been given. A great big thank you to Mrs. Ray Thomas for her help and to our friends who keep us supplied with more paperbacks than we have room to display.

A thank you too to the Arts and Crafts Club for the donation to the Library. It was a nice Christmas present.

I hope you find time to enjoy the toys in our display case. They belong to Winifred Lee and Joan Patton. Remember how wonderful we thought those toys of stuffed oil cloth were, because we could wash our sticky hand prints off of them. Look at that elephant. Keith Patton may have been started on his horticultural career when he was given that rotary lawn mower for a toy.

Be sure to take a look at the hand-carved Nativity scene in the other window. It belongs to Winifred Lee. Her sister, Nelda (Mrs. Joe January) brought it to Winifred several years ago when she and her husband who worked for an oil company, came home from Nigeria, Africa.

Two young men came into the Library last week looking for a place to get a copy made. After we had taken care of that, I asked where they had attended college. Bret Austin, who lists Dallas as his hometown attended University of Texas, but Lowell Armstrong, of Houston, had attended Michigan Tech at Houghton,

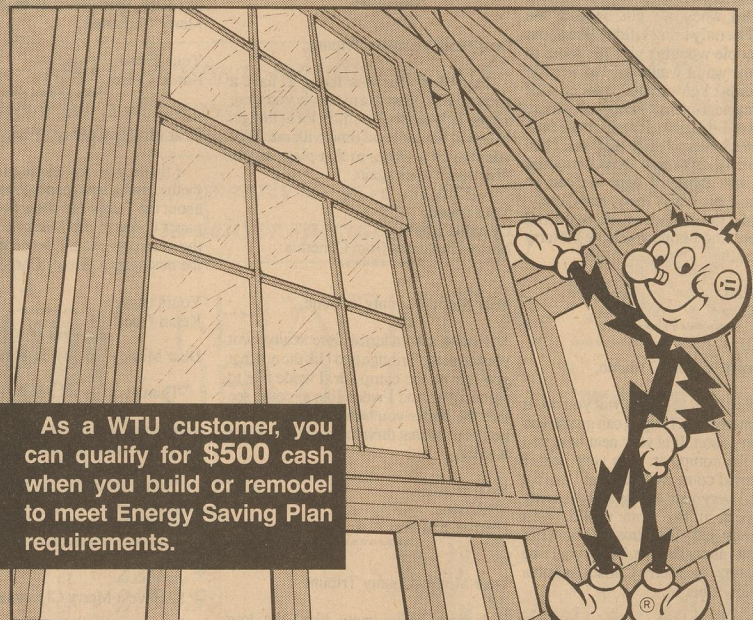
Michigan. Bret asked how he got there from his home in the Detroit area. We still have the US map on the front of the checkout desk, where we mounted it to follow Marisue and Frank Potts progress in the Great American Race, so we moved over for a geography lesson, and learned that the only way to get to Houghton from Detroit was across the Mackinaw Bridge which connects the upper part of the state with the lower part. When Lowell said it took 15 hours to make the drive, Bret asked, "How far is it?" "Six hundred miles," Lowell replied, and added when he saw the look of disbelief on our faces, "That's in bad weather, and in the winter time in upper Michigan, it is always bad weather."

Other out of town guests, were Jeremy Porter of Afton and his parents, Dick Rainer and Michael Gilliland of Floydada, and I was finally here with Algie and Rita Groves stopped by. They had with them Mrs. Delma Law Meacham, who mentioned that she was from Dickens. I said, "I was born at Dickens. Did you know my mother, Effie Shields and my father, Joe Speer?" "Yes," and her cousin, Lela Law married my uncle, Frank Speer. That's the third, "almost cousin" that I have met while working here.

That is only one of the things that I will miss about being the Motley County Librarian. I have enjoyed this position more than any job I have ever held, and I guess someone was right, when I told them that I still planned to come in the fourth Tuesday of each month for Library School, and maybe some Tuesdays I could just spend the day, show films in the afternoon, and keep the Library open from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. and give Bailey a break, and they said, "You're going to wear yourself away easy, huh?"

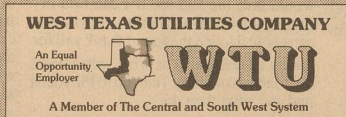
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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want dolls, clothes, dress and dazzle, and a new exercise mat.

Love,
Sherri

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Aaron Paul Green. I am 9 years old. All I want for Christmas is a Nintendo, please.

To: Santa Claus
From: Aaron Paul Green
Box 9
Roaring Springs, Texas 79256

P.S. My phone number is 348-7254

Dear Santa,
I would like a Lost and Found and a dolly surprise for Christmas. My little brother, John Wesley, wants a gun. We have been pretty good this year. It's nice of you to bring us toys on Jesus birthday. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Ashley Stevens

Hi, how are you? I've been pretty good this year. I would like a Batmobile, Batman, Joker and Vicki Vale. I would also like some Micro Machine trucks and magic games.

There will be milk and cookies for you by the fireplace. I will be home in Amarillo.

I love you,
Scott Welling
254 Loma Linda
Amarillo, Texas 79118

P.S. Please bring my sister, Susan, something nice and leave treats in our stockings! Thank you.

Dear Santa Claus,
How have you been this year? I hope you get this letter before Christmas because this is what I want for Christmas: a Fisher Price Farm Set, a Robocop Car, a Pony, a Cow, a Pig and a baa baa (sheep). I think I have been a good boy all year.

Love you bunch,
Derrick Griggs
4 years old

Third Grade Class Writes Thank-you Notes To Tribune

Dear Motley County Tribune,

I hope I can come back someday. And I liked the Motley County Third Grade class picture you made for us and I like it good. But I like the way you tiept and you went fast and we thank you for shoing us the nete stuff in the Tribune.

Your friend,
Nickolas Bethard

Dear Motley County Tribune,

I really enjoyed going to the tribune. I learned a lot of new stuff. Thanks for making that sighn for us. We put it on the chalkboard when we got back to the school. The only thing I didn't like about it was people wouldn't give me room to see. By the way I would love to work in there. I didn't know about a lot of stuff before I came. But now I know a lot more stuff than I did. thanks for taking the time for us, on a busy day like that was. I had a fun time. I didn't know about the mouse and the wax thingy. I hope we can go there again this year. I really, really, really had a good time. I hope you liked this letter. And I hope you have a Merry Christmas!!

Your friend,
Kandi Keltz

Dear Motley County Tribune,

I'm glad I got to go see wat you do. It is very interesting. I hope I can go see you again very soon. It is very neat how you tipe on the computer. It is very neat. I wish I could come evry day but I can't it would be very nice tiping and making newspapers. If my mom would. Well have a holly, jolly Christsms with bunches of presents under the tree. I hope your tree is very pretty to. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to.

You's truely,
Angela Hammonds

Dear Motley County Tribune,

I had a good time and I did not know all that. I lerned a lot. I did not know that it only took you about 3 hours to lerne how to use that computer. And I did not know you waxed the stuff. I rely lerned something wene you said you keep newspapers. Thank you for the time you spent with us on that bisy day.

Yours truly,
Robert Gillespie
P.S. We hung that paper on our calcbor
P.P.S. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Dear Motley County Tribune,

I had a nice time. I thot it was interesting lerng how the newspaper is made. I liked lerning about how the newspaper was made. I thot it was fun. I thot it was neat how you wakst the newspaper. What if you where almost don and you mest up and you had to start all over agen that would be really bad. Are what if you wher write in the midel of tiping the paper and the computer broke that would be bad to. I hope that never hapens, but it mite have hapen befor, I hope I can come and look at the old newspapers some time.

Your friend,
Blair Thacker

Dear Motley County Tribune,

I thank you for your leting us have a good time. You were a nice lady you were a good lady to me. You did a lot of things. You will have a good time with me. Will you like us if we go to that place again. Will you like us again.

Your friend,
Cynethia Bluiit
Merry Christmas from Cynethia

Dear Motley County Tribune,

I hade a wonderful time seeing wot youl do at the Tribune and I lik the not that you rote on the computer. I wode like to come agin. And I wode like to come see thre the books you hade. And it was net hou you ran that thrw the mushen and got it stiky.

Your frinde,
ShaVonne
Merry Christmas

Dear Motley County Tribune,

I really, really, really liked the tour through the Tribune. I lerned a lot of stuff I did not now. I would love to worke in ther some day. When we got on the bus everbody wanted to go in and see more stuff. Mabby some day we can come agin. My mom used to work in ther she sed in was fun. Is it fun to yall. I looked like it would take a long to now how to do all that stuff. I would like to now more stuff about what you do. Mabby my mom would take me and see if I can find my birth announcement. Mabby next year we can come. I loved the tour. I thank yall for taking time to show us what yall showed us. Mabby some day I can go to Floydada and see what they do.

Merry Christmas!!!
Your friend,
Kristi Williams

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a baby that talks, an ice cream deal, play microwave. I have tried to be a nice girl.

Love,
Annie Green

Dear Santa,

I would like some toys. I want a baby that talks. I have been a good girl.

Love,
Ashlee Green

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I would like to have a football and a bike and micro machines.

Casey

P.S. Cookies and milk will be waiting.

Dear Santa,

How is your raindeer. Oh Santa, How are your Elves? I wish you would come to my homes. I wish that I can get little Miss Makeup.

Lou Ann

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus and the elves and what I want for Christmas is a nerf fencing.

Sean

Andy to the North Pole

How is your raindeer and Mrs. Claus and your elves. I hope they are doing good. I am doing good. I want a go cart and a Nintendo.

Truely yours

Dear Santa,

How many reindeers? How much snow there going to be when you came to the houses. How many presents are you going to bring when you come. I want a little TV. I want a toy with ten reindeers and a little Sant Clous.

Your friend,
Edward

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas. Are y'all very busy this Christmas. How are you. I am fine. And I hope you are to. Oh Christmas is a wonderful time. Now it is time for Christmas presents. I want a horse and a trape-line and a cap and a BB pelit gun and a basketball and a baskitball gold and a skate berd and a pleciar and a forwelr and a mairtlrle munten Ninja trtal and a Nitiendo game and a Socre ball and a Puorsh and a labrgne, too.

Your friend,
Ty

Dear Santa,

How is everything? What are you going to give me? Me class is doing some plays. I already wrote you a letter but Mrs. Thacker told me I had to write you again. You already know what I want for Christmas. I want a doll, puppy, Nintendo, dress-up class.

Love,
Llan

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas. How are your reindeers. How are you? I am fine because Christmas is coming. You better watch out. December is when we get to open our presents. I am waiting to open my presents for Christmas. I want a bike and a fire truck and a dictionary and a trampoline and a football. I want a basketball and a baseball and a bat and a scotter and some shoes and a Nintendo.

From,
Paul

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Santa. How are you doing, Santa. How are the elves and reindeer doing. Theres just 11 more days until Christmas. Are you getting ready for Christmas? My tree is full. No more presents well fit under it.

Your friend,
Dustin

Dear Santa,

Ho! Ho! Ho! How is Mrs. Clause. I am doing good. How are you? We are doing fine. How is the reindeers. Are you going to let the reindeers fly the sleigh tonight. I wish had a Garfield shirt and Christmas dress.

Your friend,
Rebecca

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Clause. How are you. I have been nice. How is everything at the North Pole. I want a pinball and a table top soccer for Christmas. When are you coming? How are the elves. How are the reindeer.

Your friend,
Ryan

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo. I want a Dukes of Hazzard, I want a guitar. How are you Mr. Santa? How are you Mrs. Santa? I've been nice.

Your friend,
Blake

Dear Santa and Mrs. Clause,

How is the reindeer? How is the Elves? Is the Elves working hard? When are you coming today? How is everone up at the North Pole? Is the Elves lodng the sleigh? I wish I had a gun. I wish I had a horse. I wish I had some spurs.

Todd Thomas

Santa is my best friend in the whole wide world. Santa, how is Mrs. Clause? How are the elves? I like the toys you bring me. The toys Santa brings me are great. My moms toys that she gets me are great to. I'm giving you a Christmas present. You are very nice when you bring toys to children around the world. I want a blue Dallas football, gray Pheonex football, red, brown, San Francisco football, blue, yellow Losangalas football.

Quinn

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Clause. How are you Santa? How is it going? I want a skateboard. I want a ninj turtles. I want a legos. I want a stereo. I want a Nintendo games. I just love Christmas.

Brant

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Clause? How are the reindeer? Oh how are the elves. If it is ok with you. I would like a Atari and a TV.

Your friend,
Dusty

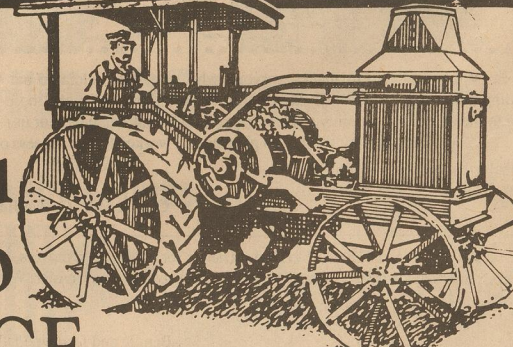
Dear Santa,

Mrs. Clause How are you. I want toys. I want a calculator. I want a truck. I want a math book. I like Santa.

From,
Jay



Kathy Gillespie is presented her 'hometown bucks' for \$151.68 by Ed Leary, KSRW Radio at Don's Conoco, where she chose to use the bucks. Kathy had listened for 2 weeks and was out that day for awhile but when the call came, she added 96¢ four times to the last total she had heard and came up with the right answer.



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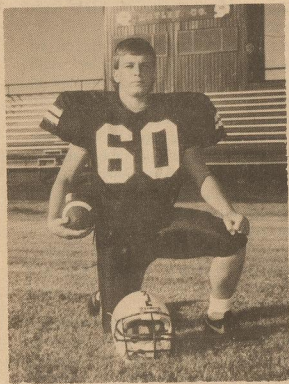
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Motley County School News

Jarrett Jameson Makes 1A All-South Plains Team



Jarrett Jameson

The Lubbock Avalanche Journal announced the 1A All-South Plains Football team in their Friday, December 15 issue.

Jarrett Jameson, a senior at Motley County High School, was named as an

Offensive guard. Jarrett served his team as a captain this year.

Jarrett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Jameson of Northfield.



Lady Matadors Continue To Be Victorious

The Lady Matadors played a fired up Valley team on November 28 at Valley. The Lady Mats came out on top by a score of 45-37. Everyone saw a low of action in this game. Paige Williams led in the rebounding department with 10 followed by Kathy Mangram with 7, Yulanda Campbell and Amy Stephens with 4 each, Natalie Burkes with 3 and Brandi Barton with 2. Yulanda had 5 assists followed by Chandra Brown with 4 assists and 1 steal. Kathy had 2 blocked shots and three of her crowd inspiring "intercepted passes". The scoring went as follows. Kathy 13, Paige 12, Chandra 8, Yulanda 4, Brandi Barton 3, Amy 3 and Natalie 1. Brandee Spray and Kamia Pitts saw action in this game also. Neither of them put up a shot, but each of them had 1 assist.

The Motley County Lady Matadors journeyed to Lorenzo for a 2 day tournament. On November 30 they played Ralls. After a very rough game, with a total of 47 fouls called, the Ladies were victorious by a score of 63-47. On December 2, the Ladies played Lorenzo. They came out on the winning end of this one, 70-58. The girls brought home the First Place Trophy from this Tournament. The following Statistics are a combination of the two games played in this tournament.

Kathy Mangram, 20 rebounds, 7 steals, 5 assists and 22 points; Paige Williams, 11 rebounds, 2 steals, 5 assists, 2 blocked shots and 6 points; Chandra Brown, 5 rebounds, 12 assists, 6 steals and 15 points; Brandi Barton, 9 rebounds, 3 steals, 5 assists, 2 blocked shots, and 2 points; Amy Stephens, 5 rebounds, 3 assists and 7 points; Natalie Burkes, 2

rebounds, 1 assist and 5 points; Brandee Spray, 1 rebound, 1 steal and 2 points; Kamia Pitts, 1 rebound, 1 assist and 2 points.

The Motley County Girls faced Valley at home on December 5. Everyone again saw lots of action and playing time in this game. The Lady Mats won by a score of 59-29.

Kathy Mangram was high point with 18, she also had 15 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 intercepted passes. Chandra Brown had 1 rebound, 2 assists, 3 steals and scored 12 points. Yulanda Campbell had 7 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal and scored 13 points. Paige Williams had 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals and scored 4 points. Natalie Burkes had 3 steals and scored 2 points. Brandee Spray had 1 assist and 1 steal. Kamia Pitts rounded out the game with one steal.

On December 7-8-9, the Lady Matadors were playing in the Idalou Tournament. They took on New Deal the first place trophy with each receiving individual medals, too. Coach Davis has worked with the JV all season and has done an outstanding job.

All of the girls played during the tournament to contribute to an outstanding team effort. The team members are Freshmen: Dana Monroe, Christy Potts, Lacey Parks, Marvina Smoak and Aimee Pipkin. The Sophomores are Tonya Hoyle, Cathey Perryman, Heather Hobbs and Kristi Shorter.

High point scorer for the tournament was Aimee Pipkin with 19 points, Lacey Parks 13, Heather Hobbs 12, Kristi Shorter 6 and Cathey Perryman 4.



Winning Leadership teams receiving banners at the Greenbelt District FFA Banquet at Clarendon College on December 4 were: Farm Radio Broadcasting, (l-r) Heath Campbell, Jeff Scott and Walter Linson.



Greenhand Chapter Conducting: (l-r) Bradley Jameson, Burr Barton, Mat Linson, Tad Terrell, Daniel Alexander, Andy Renfro and Burr Barton.

Piano Students Present Christmas Recital At Flomot

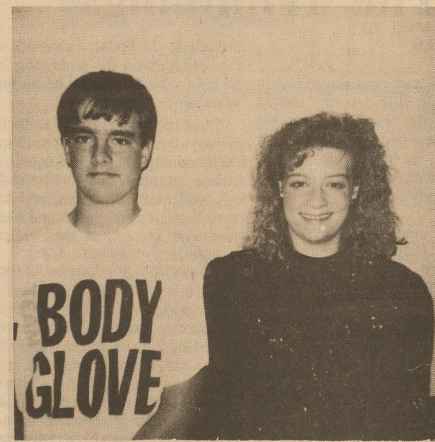
The musical notes of Christmas extended into a melodious sound at the United Methodist Church in Flomot, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17 when the talented piano students of Mrs. Terry (Robin) Boedeker presented a music recital. Beautiful and colorful decorations enhanced the rural American scene.

Those performing on the program were Cara Franks, "Toymaker Dance" and "Silent Night", a duet with Mrs. Boedeker; Kandi Keltz, "In Enchanted City" and "Jingle Bell Rock"; Bradley Thacker; "Boogie Woogie Band" and "Joy to the World"; Blair Thacker, "Quiet River" and "Up On The Housetop" and Leah

Cruse, "Eighteenth Century Dance" and "Go Tell It To The Mountain."

Refreshments were served following the program to those attending from Roaring Springs, Matador, Flomot, Turkey and Quitaque.

SOPHOMORE CLASS FAVORITES



Chancy Cruse and Cathey Perryman

by Memori Assiter

The Sophomore class favorites are Cathey Perryman and Chancy Cruse. Cathey is the daughter of Linda Perryman of Matador and has two brothers, Darryl and Darryn. Cathey is this year's school mascot and is very active in athletics and school activities.

Chancy is the son of Donnie and Judy Cruse of Flomot. He has one sister, Regina, and 3 brothers, Brand, Roegan and Talon. Chancy is involved in athletics, FFA activities and many more school functions.

Congratulations Cathey and Chancy on receiving this special award.

Motley County Mavericks Defeat Lakeview 40-27

The Motley County Junior High Mavericks defeated Lakeview in a very exciting game Monday night, December 18 at Lakeview. The Mavericks struggled to stay ahead of Lakeview for the first three quarters, but managed a decisive lead during the fourth quarter which ended in a victory for the Mavs.

High point man for the Mavs was Shane Taylor with an impressive 18 points. Frankie Ortiz also scored in the two point figures with 10 points. Robert

Osborn scored 6 points, while Conway Clary added 4 and Jeremy Jameson put in 2 more. Members of the Maverick Team giving their help and support toward the win was Dustin Davis, Josh Palmer, Cody Barclay, Cody Campbell, Tim Adams, Jeremy Jones, Tye Stephens, Casey Harper, Matt Mangram, Scott Salisbury and Robert Norris.

The Mavericks next game will be Thursday, January 4, 1990 at Patton Springs.

SCHEDULE

December 26: Varsity Boys leave for Brownwood for Tournament December 27, 28 and 29.

Dec. 28, 29 & 30: Varsity Girls in Tournament at Slaton.

January 2, 1990: School resumes at 8:15 a.m.

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Lions Club

The Matador Lions met December 19, with 20 Lions and 5 guests for a delicious meal after the joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and singing My Country Tis of Thee.

Boss Lion Billy Donaldson reported on the winners of the lighting contest; Residence winners, First Place, Bill Durham home; Second place, Kenneth Marshall home; Commercial, First-Guy's and Gal's; Second, Texas T's & T's.

Boss Lion read a letter that all Lions who passed away this past year would be honored at the National Convention, and Frank Price would be one of these.

Lion Billy Wayne Denison introduced the speaker, Jim Cooper, Vocational Ag teacher of Motley County ISD. Cooper informed the Lions that when House Bill 72 was voted in it was in part planned to cut the Vo-Ag program. He stated that only 2% of the population of this nation was providing food for this nation, and they feel if this program is cut it could be serious for this nation.

The FFA origination has formed the Texas FFA Foundation Endowment Fund to help raise funds to help promote new interest in FFA. He added the average age of farmers and ranchers today is 53.

Cooper thanked the Lions as a club and the individuals for their support of the FFA program and the support of the Stockshow.

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A Christmas With All The Trimmings

by Marisue Potts

Winter came early and stayed late in 1880. The young wife defiantly stuffed newspapers in the cracks between the planks of the new two room house. Her dress of white, an impossible color to keep on the frontier, exemplified her spirit to maintain a lady's decorum in a man's land.

The teeth of time gnawed hard as she waited for the freight wagon to return from Fort Worth with the makings for Christmas. In her loneliness she had determined that this must be a Christmas with all the trimmings: a fat turkey, cranberries, and a decorated tree.

The days turned into weeks, and still no sign of the freighters. If a Christmas celebration was to happen, the makings had to come from home, however humble.

So two turkey toms, lean and tough with the season, and a couple of wild pigs, fat on shinnery acorns, were killed and

brought to the house. Strips of fat from the pigs turned the toms into "butterballs," the bird of choice over a hundred years later.

That Christmas day the Matador Ranch cowboys feasted, not as Lizzie Campbell had dreamed perhaps, but feasted, nevertheless, on turkey and cornbread dressing, wild plum jelly, rice, and canned corn, ham, venison steak, and antelope stew with sinkers, as they called the dumplings. For dessert, Lizzie's apple pies made from dried apples hit the spot. From popcorn hoarded since her arrival in the spring, the first lady of the rolling plains created popcorn balls, saluted with cries of joy from the sweet-hungry hands.

The tree, Lizzie's symbol of civilization with its long standing traditions, was decorated with popcorn, colored leaves, and berries from the breaks. The longed-for decorations from Ft. Worth were soon forgotten...until March, when they arrived on the wagon train.

School Board Meeting Report

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met Wednesday, December 13 with Guy Campbell, Donnie Cruse, James Palmer, Alvin Alexander, Leslie Jameson and Superintendent Ron Cummings, and a guest, Chip Smith.

President Campbell welcomed the guests and Tribune reporter, Barbara Jameson. Secretary James Palmer, read the minutes. The Board elected to pay the bills. They accepted the Freeport Resolution.

Cummings explained the individual classes and groups have individual bank accounts (22 in all) and with the numbering of each account at the bank now, he suggested they keep the money in one account and separate it on the computer bookkeeping. After discussion, they tabled this decision until later.

Board elected to set a tentative audit hearing date for Dec. 20.

Board elected 3-2 to dismiss school December 20 at 1:33 p.m. for Christmas holidays.

It was discussed that the board needs to plan to attend Board training on instructional software-JLC in the future.

Board discussed purchasing trophies for J.V. Tournament. There are no funds allocated for this. Cummings explained

most J.V. tournaments get sponsors to donate for purchase of trophies. They never make enough to pay officials on these tournaments.

Chip Smith addressed the Board concerning the problems of picking up children dismissed at 2:40 p.m. Smith stated all the parents and teachers he talked to are concerned for the safety of the children because of the busses parked against the curb. After lengthy discussion of solutions, it was decided to place this on the agenda for the next meeting and consider some more alternatives.

Leslie Jameson reported he had talked to the company in Dallas which handles filters for air ducts to filter smoke and odors from the circulated air. He needs the size of the school and the number of ducts to get the final cost.

Cummings wanted to alert the Board that due to the rising cost of food and no commodities being sent, the cafeteria budget will need to be extended. He just wanted them to be aware of this.

Cummings also reported the TEAMS test results were in and 97% passed. He thought this was a good report for the teachers work.

The Board went into closed session.



County Agent's Comments

by Rocky Vinson



Jeremy Davis, Cathey Perryman, Motley County 4-H members and Kit Horne, Banquet sponsor.

YOUTH RECEIVE TOP 4-H AWARDS AND CHALLENGE TO BUILD AMERICA

Thirty-three outstanding members of 4-H Clubs across the Rolling Plains were honored Thursday night, November 16, 1989 in Vernon.

In addition to receiving the Gold Star Award, highest honor presented at the county level by the youth organization, the youths were challenged by Aaron Alejandro, district coordinator at Wichita Falls for U.S. Rep. Bill Sarpius (D-Texas) to choose now the future of themselves and their country.

Honored from Motley County were Cathey Perryman, daughter of Linda Perryman, and Jeremy Davis, son of Bobby and Rosalee Davis.

Joining the youths at the award banquet at the Wilbarger County Civic Center were parents, government officials, leaders of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, fellow 4-H'ers, educators and other community leaders. They were welcomed by Kit Horne, farm and ranch supervisor for West Texas Utilities, Abilene, banquet sponsor.

The response to the welcome was by Trent Wilmon of Motley County, public relations chairman of the District 4-H Council. Lee Walls of Foard County, council president, was master of ceremonies. Clay Chenault of Young County, district second vice president, gave the invocation.

Chuck Dannheim of Fisher County, council secretary-treasurer, introduced special guests. Rusty Willmon of Motley County, first vice president, introduced Alejandro. Award recipients were introduced by Ed Garnett and Elaine Houston, Extension Service district directors. Horne presented the awards.

Alejandro, a former state president of FFA, reminded the audience of the opportunities offered by America, look less at where they are now and more at where they want to go in life, and to emphasize the positive things in their communities and nation.

"Your future is in your hands," he said. "You have to choose what kind of America we'll have."



When Christmas Was A Community Affair

by Marisue Potts

Red berries, candles, and popcorn strings decorated the community Christmas tree, a cedar from the breaks which reached to the ceiling of the old Heath and Moses building. The crude western town of Matador sported a few wooden frame buildings with board sidewalks in 1893.

"On Christmas eve," recalled Mrs. Jeff Morris in a 1941 Matador article, "folks gathered in for miles around for a Christmas program, distribution of gifts by a real Santa Claus, and then a dance, which usually lasted until late in the night."

Since individual homes rarely had "Christmas trees" in the early days, most gifts were distributed at the community gathering. Favorite gifts for a young lady were a comb, brush and mirror set, which might set back a fellow as much as a month's wages, and elaborate photograph albums, which could keep a "sparkling" couple occupied for many future Sunday afternoons. For children China dolls and toy wagons were much sought after.

Each child at the celebration received a colored cheese-cloth sack filled with candy and an apple, and sometimes a popcorn ball, all provided by donations. In addition, Santa was likely to visit the children at home on Christmas morning, leaving stockings filled with fruit and candy.

In 1888 Mrs. Morriss attended the annual New Year's Ball at the Matador Ranch, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Campbell. Only about fifteen women and

girls could be rounded up in the territory from Chidress to Spur to Estacado.

"About 5 o'clock, the men, led by Mr. Campbell came up to the White House to get us girls," the pioneer reminisced. "We went down to the mess-house and danced for hours, after which a midnight feast was served."

As the New Year arrived the crowd went to the spotlessly-cleaned blacksmith shop where they dined on ham, wild turkey, cakes, pies, salads, and other delicacies provided by the ranch.

Since there were about 100 men present, each cowboy would have to register when he paid his fifty cents fee to the fiddler, and the bookkeeper gave him a number. As each number was called, the gentleman selected his lady and danced for one reel, one schottische, or a square-dance round. Thus each cowboy danced only four or five times during the course of the night.

Often the music was provided by just two cowboys. One sawed out tunes he knew on a fiddle while the other who had "two wooses and a sense of rhythm," tapped on the strings for a beat. Jeff Morris, a banjo picker as well as fiddler, played "Turkey in the Straw," "Arkansas Traveler," and called hockdawns to "Hell Among the Yearlings" and "Billy in the Low Ground."

Meanwhile the ladies danced on and on into the night, trading partners, tiring but rarely faltering. The dance, like Santa Claus, you see, came but once a year.

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Proverbs 15:1

Christmas Sale



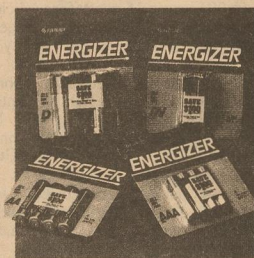
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Senior Citizens Report



by Laura Webb

The bus went to Lubbock Monday. Everyone had a good time.

We had our regular luncheon on Tuesday with 22 present. The 8th grade choir students of Mrs. Pat Staggs presented a program, singing Christmas carols. Everyone enjoyed hearing these young people sing. Presenting the program were

Mrs. Pat Staggs, Brooke Brandon, Linda Gonzales, Jennifer Beshirs, Wendi Beshirs, Christi Pierce, Christie Hoover, Cody Barclay, James Martin, Robert Osborn and Tye Stephens.

The group had lunch with us and we appreciated them coming so much.

Friday evening there were 6 present to play games.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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News Around Motley County

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBERS SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER

Members of the First Baptist Church in Flomot spread Christmas cheer, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17 in Flomot. They sang Christmas carols and gave baskets of fruit to residents who are confined to their homes.

Those in the Christmastide were Mr. and Mrs. Herb Martin, Mrs. L.E. Shorter, Bro. and Mrs. Nathan Mulder, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, Mrs. Clois Shorter, League Clay and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter. Mr. Hunter accompanied the carolers on the guitar.

A covered dish luncheon was held in the Fellowship Hall of Church, Sunday morning following the church services. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bond and H.G. Hunter helped with the preparation of the fruit baskets.

Mrs. Gwen Reed and children, Dustin and Shae Lynn of Lubbock visited Saturday and Sunday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen. They celebrated Dustin's sixth birthday, Sunday.

Mrs. Harrison (Oma Lee) George and daughter, Mrs. Mable Sue Barrett of Bovina attended to business here the past week and visited with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears of Matador visited Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris, Thursday. Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris during his surgery and recuperation was her mother, Mrs. Charles Edwards of Afton.

Lonzo Barham, a patient in General Hospital in Lockney following smoke inhalation during loss of his home by fire, entered the Lockney Care Center, Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Perry Barham of Hart visited him Friday night and attended the Christmas party given for the residents in the Care Center.

Mrs. Wendell Morris accompanied her mother, Mrs. Hattie Snow from the General Hospital to Lubbock, Tuesday where she is a patient in the Rehabilitation Center at St. Mary's Hospital. Mrs. Snow suffered a stroke and is listed in serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited Friday and Saturday in Denton with son and family, Dr. and Mrs. David Martin, Lindsay and Cole.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Furman Vinson were daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Perryman of McCamey.

Mrs. Fay Holley of Plainview visited from Friday until Wednesday with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lee, Josh and Brandon.

James Cypert and son, Lane returned to their home in Abilene, Monday after visiting the past week with his grandmother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Lance Barclay, student at South Plains College in Levelland, is visiting during the holidays with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay, Cody and Ty.

Mrs. Orville Lee visited overnight Thursday in Quitaque with her mother, Mrs. S.W. Skinner.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

What a joy to find Christmas cards and letters in your mailbox from those you love, wishing you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stockton and daughters and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Dean Spray and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Williams of Matador attended the funeral and graveside services of his nephew, Jimmy S. Stockton, 31, held in Quitaque, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 12. Other local relatives attending were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil George and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Payne of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Dixon visited in Lubbock, Tuesday with Mrs. Liller Garrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner, Heather and Cobey and her grandmother, Mrs. Laverna Sams of Lockney attended the

Christmas program, "Worship The King" held at the United Methodist Church in Lockney, Sunday night. Visitors in their home, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Luckenbach of Silverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Vinson attended to business and enjoyed entertainment in Lubbock, Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon of Post visited from Friday until Sunday with Mrs. Alfred Cooper and in Matador with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jameson.

Brenda Harvey and daughter, Julie of Amarillo are visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Davis Harvey. They attended a Christmas party in Amarillo, Sunday night at the Boardwalk hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Blankenship.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and Fannin visited Sunday night and Monday in Lubbock with his sister, Aly Gwinn. They accompanied home his mother, Mrs. W.T. Gwinn of Matador who had visited in Lubbock since Wednesday.

Matador News

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Farror of Denton visited Friday with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hall.

The Assembly of God Church in Matador held their Christmas program Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Keith were guests of Miss Mary Keith at the Crosbyton Care Center Christmas Party Monday. Others attending were David Keith of Dickens and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Latimer of Lubbock and two grandchildren, Mrs. Jack Knox of Lubbock and Mrs. Gilbert Keith of Whiteface were also guests.

L.J. Barkley Jr. returned home from Anchorage, Alaska, where he is employed, to spend the holidays with his family.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Keith and Mary Keith of Crosbyton Care Center was Mrs. Keith's granddaughter, Elizabeth and John Schmalstieg of Georgetown.

Katherine Henderson's nephew, Sonny Whatley and sister, visited with her on Sunday a week ago. This past Monday, Mrs. Dyess, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Trice and Mrs. Whitefield spent the day with Katherine for their annual Christmas dinner. They all ate and had a good day.

Celebrating an early Christmas and dinner on Friday December 15 with his son and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Gene B. Louder, were Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Louder of Lubbock.

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

GUILD HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Guild held their annual Christmas party in the Senior Citizens Building Tuesday night of last week.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Eugenia Bethard.

The program's main feature was a skit written by Mrs. Agnes Aaron, Bible teacher, and each member of the Guild had a part in it. Mrs. Lee Peacock read scriptures from Isaiah and Luke.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served.
President Mrs. Grace Zabielski said the closing prayer.

Members present were Agnes Aaron, Eugenia Bethard, Opal Bradford, Billie Clifton, Alta Duval, Freda Keahey, Mary Lumsden, Lee Peacock, Chelsea Read, Lula Swim, Grace Zabielski and Pastor and Mrs. Gene Louder. Guests were Mesdames Mary Irwin and Lola Pohl.

LOUDERS HOSTS BRING-A-DISH LUNCHEON

Pastor and Mrs. Gene Louder hosted the membership of the First United Methodist Church here, courageous enough to brave Sunday's cold, at a bring-a-dish luncheon. Those enjoying the food and fellowship were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Peacock, Mesdames Agnes Aaron, Alta Duval, Mary Lumsden, and Lula Swim, Kermit Glover and the hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hastings spent Wednesday night with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and Miss Lula Swim visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Sam Swim's mother, Mrs. Reba Boyd died Sunday morning.

Among those coming from out of town to attend the Saturday morning coffee at the Buzz Thacker home were Mr. and Mrs. Algie Groves of Quanah. They also

visited Mrs. Roxie Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Long brought their daughter, Rhonda, a student in South Plains College, Levelland, home for the holidays Saturday. They also shopped in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Brooks and Mrs. Clarence Brooks joined their sisters and their families in Lubbock at the home of their sister, Alta Earl and husband, Mr. and Mrs. James Price. All were present except Mrs. Ruby Whitaker of Brownsfield. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Edwards of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Carpenter of Stephenville, Mrs. Geraldine Skaggs of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smallwood of Plainview, and Mr. and Mrs. John Avara of Denver City, completed the family party. The Brooks' all grew up here.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim visited their son Sam and wife and shopped in Lubbock Tuesday of last week.

Colonel Jerry Green, retired, and Mrs. Green were here the past weekend attending to business and visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCallum of Bella Vista, Arkansas and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Leverett of Wylie, Texas visited Miss Lula Swim last week.

Lesley Kingery and Kerry Don Williams of Granbury joined their sister and mother, Mrs. Nona Williams here to move Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Mitchell by van to Granbury one day last week. The Mitchells became residents of a Granbury Care Center and were comfortably situated in a double room with bath, by bedtime. Her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams, their sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Kingery are residents of that area and her other son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kingery are not far away. Their many friends wish them well in their new location.

Santa Claus Day was a huge success here Saturday.

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Psalm 105:1-3

As we observe this joyous Christmas season and look forward to the New Year, our family would like to thank you for your friendship and support.

We wish you, your family and friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We pray that the love, peace and joy of the Christmas message be felt during the season and throughout 1990.

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Attending the Christmas program, "Worship The King" at the United Methodist Church in Lockney, Sunday night were Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and Cara. They visited Mrs. Martin's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lane and daughter, Gwen, who was a featured performer on the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter and his father, H.G. Hunter of Quitaque attended the Lockney Care Center Christmas party, Friday night and visited Mrs. H.G. Hunter, a resident there.

Paula Helms and fiance, Bobby Phillips of Lubbock visited Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Helms. Other visitors, Sunday were Mrs. Annetta Helms and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Helms of Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Rogers and Natalie visited in Calgary, Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan, Shawna, Shay and Dane. Visiting the Rogers families the weekend were Ronnie and Richard Rogers of Lubbock.

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As the 1989 crop progresses from cotton fields to compress both the National and Texas Agricultural Statistical Services are making fine adjustments to their forecasts of the year's production. In the crop production reports issued this week total U.S. production estimates were dropped by just 20,000 bales to 12.083 million with Texas Upland cotton estimates for District 1-N and 1-S combined also down by the same 20,000 bales to 1.5 million bales.

Districts 1-N and 1-S include 20 of the 25 cotton-producing counties represented by Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. The chart below gives acreage, yield and production figures for West Texas, Texas and the U.S.

Consumption forecasts from USDA project U.S. mill use of cotton in 1989-90 marketing year to be 8.2 million bales with exports of 7.8 million bales. Outstanding sales and shipments in November were 4.8 million bales. World cotton consumption is expected to jump by 1.7

million bales to 86 million for 1989-90. World production, however, is forecast to drop four percent from 1988 to just 80.6 million bales. The gap between foreign consumption and production is forecast to widen by 1.5 million bales thus lowering foreign exports stocks.

Reviewing these supply and demand factors, PCG's Executive Vice President Donald Johnson surmises that, in the long term, fundamental economic principles should return their influence to the cotton market. The recent slide on cotton prices seems to have evolved from heavy liquidations as one large trader, fallen on hard times, failed to meet margin calls.

Johnson concluded that although the fundamentals indicate a reasonably tight supply situation, prices over any given period of time are difficult to predict. Indications seem to point to a fairly favorable situation for the grower but only time will give us the answer to where the price will go to from here.

EXTRACT OF TEXAS UPLAND COTTON ESTIMATES (12/1/89)

Source: Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

DISTRICT	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989
	(1,000 Acres)		(1,000 Acres)		(Pounds)		(1,000 Bales)	
1-N	596	500	556	385	539	312	624	250
1-S	2575	2050	2508	1600	499	375	2605	1250
2-N	521	470	440	400	279	216	256	180
Texas	5600	4500	5300	3700	472	363	5215	2800
U. S.	N/A	N/A	11754	9167	616	598	15077	11429

(These figures are for Upland cotton. Crop production reports include statistics for Pima cotton.)

Flomot Do Gooders Club Welcomes Yuletide Season

The Christmas spirit enveloped the Community Center in Flomot, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 12 at the Do Gooders Club Christmas party.

The Yuletide decorations set the stage for the festive occasion. Ornaments glittered in a tree with a colorful array of gifts around it. Garlands and candles completed the beautiful Christmas decor.

Hostesses, Mesdames Howard Rogers, George Pope and Junior Payne presided at a table draped with a Christmas designed cloth, napkins and serving appointments. Refreshments of chips and dip, assorted cookies, cakes and candies were served with coffee, spiced tea and hot cranberry punch.

The revealing of the 1989 Secret Pal names was a hilarity time with the wing of friendship when members had to guess at least twice before discovering who had remembered them on special occasions throughout the year. They were pleased with the fact that woman can keep a secret when presented their gifts. Mem-

In other business, members are to bring quilt patterns to the Club meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 9. The best pattern will be chosen for the quilt that will be made for the 1990 Tri-Annual Flomot Homecoming with the Club selling chances for it. The project has proven a success at past Homecomings.

Members attending the holidays gala were Mesdames Coy Franks, Roger Lee, Donnie Rogers, L.E. Shorter, George Pope, James Monk, Clayton Bond, D.M. Gilbert, Jack Starkey, Howard Rogers, Doyle Calvert, Wilson Barton and guests, Megan Shorter and Natalie Rogers.

Members drew names for a 1990 Secret Pal. During the business session with Mrs. D.M. "Ikke" Gilbert, president, presiding, Mrs. Doyle Calvert took the helm as president of the club when officers for 1990 year were elected. Other officers elected to serve were Mrs. Jack Starkey, vice president; Mrs. Clayton Bond, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Wilson Barton, reporter and Mrs. Howard Rogers, program chairman.

Equipment Loan Program to help area Farmers and Ranchers

Local farmers and ranchers should find it easier and less expensive to finance new equipment purchases through a new loan program announced today by Rolling Plains Production Credit Association.

The program offers equipment purchasers a fixed rate loan for up to five years with no prepayment penalty. Loans will be granted at a stated interest rate of 9.50 percent and an effective rate of 10.55 percent which includes the required membership stock purchase.

"Many area producers have put off buying much-needed equipment," said John Rike, Rolling Plains PCA's president. "We are now seeing a turnaround in many ag sectors, and farmers and ranchers are ready to look at equipment and replacement options."

"This loan program gives area farmers and ranchers a means of purchasing the

equipment they need to effectively continue their operations with less strain on their pocketbooks," Rike added.

A total of \$10 million, made available to Texas PCA's through the Farm Credit Bank of Texas, will cover loans to both current PCA borrowers as well as new customers.

Rolling Plains PCA, which provides short and intermediate term agricultural financing, has \$41 million in loans outstanding to 750 farmers and ranchers in eighteen counties. The Farm Credit Bank of Texas has \$3.7 billion in agricultural loans in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

Additional information on the equipment loan program and application procedures may be obtained through any of the Association's offices located in Abilene, Childress, Matador, Munday, Spur and Stamford.

Thank You Notes
continued from page 4

Dear Motley County Tribune,

I had a swell time there. We all had a good time. I enjoyed it very much. I like the way you put on the wax, and the way you typed you do it fast. Thank you for showing us the big negative. I thank you very, very much.

Your very best friend,
Samantha

Dear Motley County Tribune,

I had a swell time. I am glad I came. I learned alot. I had thought about how fun it would be. Have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I liked your suplies.

Merry Christmas,
Kaci Risser

Dear Motley County Tribune,

I enjoyed the tour of the Tribune. It was need when you put it in the ink mashin. I wondered about how you typed that fast and I didn't know about the and I didn't know that you put the newspapers in the books also.

Have a Merry Christmas
Your friend,
Dayton

Dear Motley County Tribune,

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Your frind,
Ty Barclay

Dear Motley County Tribune,

I want to thank you for letnees all come to the Motley County Tribune. I had a real swell time there and what I liked the best was the computer that was my best thing in there and my second best thing was the waxer. Thats what I liked a bout it and I hope you have a very nice Christmas.

Your friend,
Devin Perryman

Dear Carla and Barbara,

Thank you so much for allowing the third grade class to visit the Motley County Tribune. It made the story we read come alive!

We know how busy you are and greatly appreciate your taking time out to show and tell us about your business. The students were very impressed and learned a great deal.

Thanks for your time and interest in the youth of our county.

Sincerely,
Carol Ann Turner

Social Security Tips

by Mary Jane Shanes

The Donnelly-Archer Amendment repeals the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988 and restores the Medicare benefit levels to those available prior to January 1, 1989.

The Part B premium for 1990 is \$28.60 per month. Because the law was repealed after Social Security had updated the records for January check, the January 3 check (and some later months as well) will have the higher amount withheld. At this time, our best estimate is that the higher amount will be withheld for four months and that payments made on May 3 will be correct. Social Security will automatically refund any money in a separate refund check.

During 1989, \$4.00 of the monthly premium was for catastrophic coverage. This money WILL NOT be refunded. It was used to help pay for the coverage in effect that year.

As of January 1, 1990 this repeal eliminates the controversial income tax surcharge. No one has to pay this premium surcharge. If you have already paid the surtax with your estimated taxes when you

file your tax return, IRS will refund or give you a credit. When you receive your tax forms there will be a line (line 23 of the 1040A) asking for the medicare premium. This is because the tax forms were printed before Congress changed the law. The IRS says you should leave those lines blank when you are filling in your 1040 or your 1040A. (Questions about your individual tax returns should be referred to IRS).

Everyone who has Medicare is still covered. Only the catastrophic health insurance part of Medicare was dropped. Regular Medicare benefits will continue, and you can still use your Medicare card. The Medicare coverage will be returned to the coverage that was available prior to January 1, 1989. A letter will be sent from Medicare giving your information about what was changed. Also a Medicare handbook with more detailed information about the program should be received some time in March or April.

For more information about these benefits or to file a claim call 1-800-2345-SSA.

Waterfield Announces for District 13 Representative to the U.S. Congress

Amarillo -- Rep. Dick Waterfield, a veteran state legislator from Canadian, today announced his candidacy for the U.S. Congress, representing the 13th Congressional District.

Waterfield, a conservative Republican, has represented the Panhandle's 88th District in the Texas Legislature since 1986. During that time he has served on the Agriculture & Livestock, and Human Services Committees, and is regarded as a leader in the bloc of legislators representing the agriculture and ranching interest.

In announcing his bid for the Congressional seat representing this District, Waterfield said he would devote his time and energy to improving the economic lot of people in the 13th District.

"I have decided to give up my seat in the Texas Legislature and seek this Congressional seat because I am convinced our people deserve better representation than they now have in the U.S. Congress, and that I can give them that representation," he said.

"I will not spend my time agitating for a Congressional pay raise, now or in the future. I will not use the office to feather my own nest. I will, on the other hand, do everything I can to hold down, and reduce the tax burden on our people. And that includes voting to reduce the tax on capital gains. I believe a reduction in the capital gains tax will be of tremendous benefit to our farmers and ranchers, our small business owners, and homeowners generally. I cannot imagine anyone representing this District voting against a reduction in that tax, but the present incumbent did just that," Waterfield said.

Waterfield said he has visited with a number of voters from throughout the 13th District before making up his mind to seek the Congressional seat. He also visited with President Bush and U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, he said, and was

promised their full cooperation and support in achieving his legislative goals in Congress.

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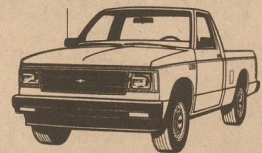
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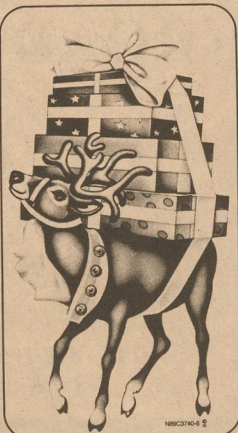
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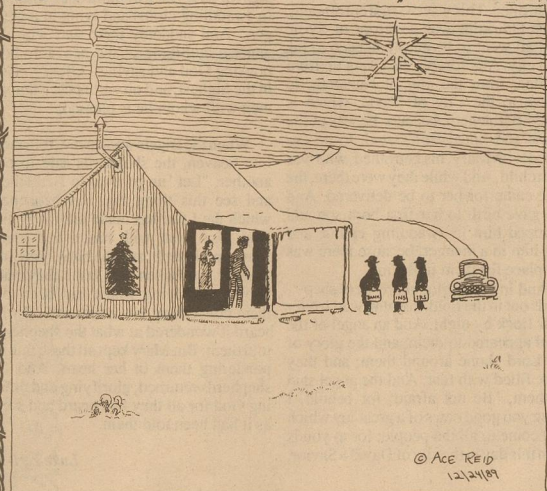
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Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Matador will hold a Christmas Mass on Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve. Regular Sunday mass will be that morning at 9:45 a.m. Christmas Eve mass will be at 8:00 p.m. Gifts will be distributed for the children after Mass. On Sunday, December 31, regular Sunday Mass will be held at 9:45 a.m. and New Year's Eve Mass will be held that night at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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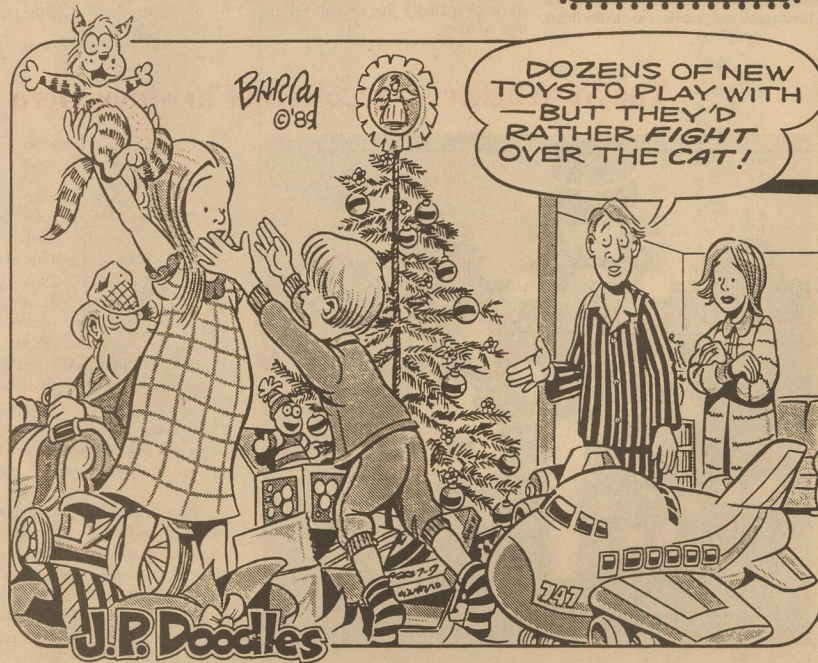


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It was Christmas, and a little boy was asked to play the role of the innkeeper who turned away Mary and Joseph. "I won't!" he said. "I won't be that man. He wasn't nice." But the teacher insisted, and he obediently learned his lines. The night of the performance came. Mary and Joseph knocked on the door. The boy, dressed as the innkeeper, opened the door and said, "There's no room in the inn..." but he added, "If you like, you can rest a while and have some cookies and tea." Just now the Lord says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." You will say, "Lord, come into my heart," won't you!

Christmas 1989



For thou art my lamp,
O Lord: and the Lord
will lighten my
darkness.

II Samuel 22:29

Happy Birthday Jesus

Once Upon A Christmas

compiled by Devonne Dillard

Once upon a time as God looked upon all that he had created he said, "Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness. They will be more special than all other things and creatures."

So the Lord God formed man of the dust of the earth and breathed into him the breath of life and he became a living soul.

Then God planted a beautiful garden eastward in Eden, and there he put the man, Adam, that he had formed.

In the garden, God caused to grow, every tree that is pleasant to see and good for food. Now in the middle of the garden was a very special tree, the tree of life and the tree of the knowing good and evil. God gave Adam charge over the garden, but told him he must not touch or eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and if he did so, he would die. So Adam cared for the garden and God caused a mist to rise and water it. Every day God visited Adam.

Then God said, "It is not good for man to live alone. I will make him a helpmate."

So God caused Adam to sleep, and he took a rib from Adam and made woman and God brought Eve to Adam and blessed them and told them to multiply and replenish the earth.

Now of all the creatures that God created, the serpent was more subtle than any other beast. One day as the woman was strolling through the garden, admiring its beauty, she was especially attracted to the forbidden tree. There the cunning serpent was waiting to deceive her. He asked, "Has God said you shall not surely die, but you will be wise and

become as gods." Knowing that God had commanded them not to eat of the tree, she took the fruit and ate of it. Immediately a change came over them. In the beginning they were naked and were not ashamed, but now they realized they were naked and ran and made aprons of fig leaves to hide themselves. God's commandment was broken and the curse of sin was upon all that God had made.

When God came to visit Adam again, He called to him, and Adam answered that he was hiding because he was naked. God listened to their excuses. He cursed the serpent by telling him he would crawl on his belly and eat the dust, then He told Adam that because of their disobedience they would no longer be blessed by the fruit of the land. Thorns and thistles would spring up; Woman would bear children in much pain and man would till the earth for his living. Then God sent Adam from the garden. Adam called his wife Eve and she bore children. Soon many people were living on the earth, but they were wicked and God was sorry that he had made man. So he sent a flood to destroy them and saved only the household of Noah, and two of all the living creatures. God then said he would never again curse the earth because of man's sins, but make a way for his people to be saved. And he sealed His promise with a rainbow.

All through the years God continually searched after those whose hearts were right in His eyes.

There was Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth, John the Baptist, Priests, Prophets and Patriarchs too numerous to name.

Gods promise to Abraham was that through him all the nations of the earth

would be blessed. He would lead God's people to the land of milk and honey. Moses would be that man to lead God's people from Egypt's bondage to the promised land.

Because of doubt and unbelief and disobedience, they became grumblers and complainers so God caused them to wander aimlessly in the wilderness for forty years. But God kept His promise, caring for them all the way - so much they their shoe soles were preserved through this time of God's teaching. It was during this time that God asked Moses to go to the top of Mt. Sinai where he would be surrounded with God's presence. There God gave the people a plan of deliverance from sin, to prepare them for life in the promised land.

The people, again were impatient when Moses stayed to long on the Mountain, and they decided that God had turned away from them. They melted their golden vessels and jewelry and formed a golden calf, an idol. They were worshipping the calf when Moses came down from the mountain carrying the tablets of stone on which the finger of God had written the commandments. Moses was angry and threw the tablets to the earth, broken before the people. But again God showed Moses how the people could make an atonement for their sins, and continue to commune with him. He directed Moses in preparing the blood sacrifices. A lamb kid, pigeon; different animals for different sins would be slain and the priest would bless it and sprinkle the blood on the altar for the remission of sins. But it could be done only through the priest. Soon the sacrifices became too burdensome, and they turned back to their idols,

transgressing God's laws and separating themselves from God.

God saw again, his creation in a pitiful sinful state, and He still loved them.

Just as when he said let us make man, the Godhead agreed, there must be a supreme sacrifice, it must atone for all sin for eternity.

The scripture says, "before the foundation of the world was the lamb slain," meaning Jesus the lamb (son) of God would be the supreme sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

"For He sent not His son to condemn the world but that through Him the world could be saved."

God chose the virgin Mary to bear the son of God as flesh that he could live and know struggles, trials, pain and sorrow, suffering as they did, experience all things that are encountered in this life, and then become the supreme blood sacrifice.

So -- Once Upon A Christmas - Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, conceived by the Holy Ghost. His sole purpose in becoming Jesus the man was so that he could become our high priest, the lamb slain, the savior.

"For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

Jesus could have said, "NO", but he chose to do the Father's will. He came and willingly laid down His life on the cross.

Once Upon A Christmas, ... Jesus came! If He had not come we would not have Christmas and perhaps we would still be offering blood sacrifices through the priests, and neverending ritual.

Jesus died that we might have eternal life. Where we live it is our choice.

The Birth Of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Caesar 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 Nazareth, to Judea, to the City of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, 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 was no place for them in the inn.

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over 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 bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,

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 angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them 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," And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2: 1-20

The Christmas spirit

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thoughts on Christmas

EDITOR'S NOTE: These Thoughts on Christmas were compiled by Mrs. Lila Meador from TRAIL DUST by her husband, Douglas Meador. Mr. Meador wrote these in Christmas cards, each one from a different year. We would like to thank Mrs. Meador for so kindly submitting them to us.

When the world has the spirit of Christmas in its heart, no room will remain for hatred and fear. Life reaches its fullness when the warmth of love directs the course of thoughts and deeds when the soul is at peace.

Christmas is a drift fence across prairies of the past to keep friends from wandering too far from our range.

If some of the spirit of Christmas did not linger throughout the year, the compassion in human hearts would vanish and love would become a meaningless word.

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

Christmas is the miracle of laughter when friends meet and feel the absolute freedom from jealousies and hate.

The silence of the stars, the timeless winds, gold-rimmed clouds at sunset; the remembering of friends and loved ones at Christmas bring priceless joy to the heart.

The Spirit of Christmas, invisible as the wind, moves the heart to that station of special happiness in remembering and being remembered by friends and loved ones.

Love is one gift that requires no more Christmas wrapping than a smile; no more transportation than a voice.

A few favorite people seem to have the Spirit of Christmas in their hearts throughout the years.

Christmas is a camp on the trail of years where we look into old fires, remembering and hope to be remembered by those whose brands are on our hearts.

One of the richest presents at Christmas is the contagion of happiness which spreads from face to face like sunlight on beads of dew.

We unhobble our dreams when the Spirit of Christmas spreads its perfume over the dank world; but they usually graze close to the homehearth.

Love is long rows of little candles and Christmas is the Lighter.

Friendships and families are the priceless gifts which adorn the tree of life; in the light of Christmas they glow with a spiritual splendor that reveals the heritage of love.

The spirit of Christmas is a modern miracle which permits the soul to view the world with compassion - Life's most treasured gift is the satisfaction of having been remembered.

Memories weave a splendid pattern from the floss of past happiness and clothe our hearts at Christmastime.

Christmas is not a date on the calendar; it is music on the lonely plains of the soul.

Happiness is the most wonderful gift we can give or receive; frequently it is the most inexpensive.

The brands of affection are easier to read at Christmastime when the heart glows with thoughts of friends and relatives.

Christmas is a present, glittering with the silent stars, wrapped with the memories of friends and loved ones, and warmed by the good will in our hearts.

The miracle of Christmas comes again as rich mysterious incense carried on the crest of brittle north winds to find a way into the sickroom of an ailing world... from the altar of love to arrest once each year the aches of trouble and greed; to subdue the chronic bane of selfishness. The heart breathes a new freedom in the pure air of children's laughter.

It is easier to remember incidents that occur at Christmastime although they may have happened in connection with our first disillusion, yet it seems that the greatest extremes of happiness and heart

ache I have known, transpired on December 25th, some ten or twelve years separating the two days. The happy day was connected with a battered little tug of the highways, a tent pole through several joints of rusty stove pipe swung to her starboard side, that docked at the strange port of a vacant lot near my employment.

Only one glance at the three small children left an uncomfortable feeling in the heart. The snow and a tired motor caused

the human flotage bound with the invisible ropes of relationship, to remain in our none-too-friendly harbour. They did

not use the parched corn and beans cooked without meat for Christmas dinner. My own board was lighter that day but so was

my heart. The smallest blue-eyed girl, after she had looked in the package I gave her, dropped the stocking stuffed with cotton which she had been holding for a doll.

The other Christmas day was long ago and my first one away from home. Stretched on the floor of my room, I looked at the bottle of milk, two rolls and spice cake from my mother's own oven,

and tried to eat. My hunger could not be quieted with food. The spice cake lay untouched in its package, when I awoke later. It was too sacred. The sleeve of my coat was moist. Outside and below my window was the din of traffic noise, lights, raised voices, singing and laughter.

The Nutcracker — A Colorful Christmas Hero

By Liese Cochran
PM Editorial Services

The nutcracker might be a fierce, brightly decorated soldier peering down from a mantel, standing guard over his stockpile of walnuts. He also might appear as little Clara's gallant hero in Tchaikovsky's Christmas ballet, "The Nutcracker Suite."

Either way, the nutcracker represents more than 250 years of folklore and history. And he really does crack nuts. But "the real joy of the nutcracker is his colorful presence at the holiday season," says Ken Althoff, author of *The Legend of the Nutcracker*.

It all began in the Erzgebirge region of the German Democratic Republic, a mountain range in the Province of Saxony, just north of the Czechoslovakian border.

During the 13th century, the mountains, rich in deposits of silver

and iron, were a lively mining center. Over several centuries, the metals were depleted, and people took up other vocations. Because the mountains had abundant forests, wood-working became popular, and by the 17th century, simple toys and other handmade articles began to appear.

As early as 1725, there were nutcracker figures in the homes of Erzgebirge, but no one is certain exactly how they evolved. Legend has it a wealthy farmer whose heart was as hard as the walnuts on his property offered a reward for the easiest method for cracking the walnuts. Some suggestions included shooting the nut or sawing it in half. A veterinarian thought if he put the nut under a chicken, it would hatch.

A puppet carver from the village of Seiffen solved the dilemma. He presented to the old man a brightly colored puppet with a large mouth

and jaws strong enough to crack the hard walnuts. It also cracked the old man's misery. He rewarded the entire town with gifts and gave the puppet carver his own special workshop.

Traditional nutcrackers depict an authoritarian figure with a somewhat grim, fierce face modeled after the kings, policemen, foresters and military officers who often represented oppression for the villagers. In Germany it is said that one has "a hard nut to crack" when facing a difficult problem. This especially held true for the miners in Erzgebirge. So the toy-makers decided to turn the tables and make these unpopular figures work cracking nuts for the miners.

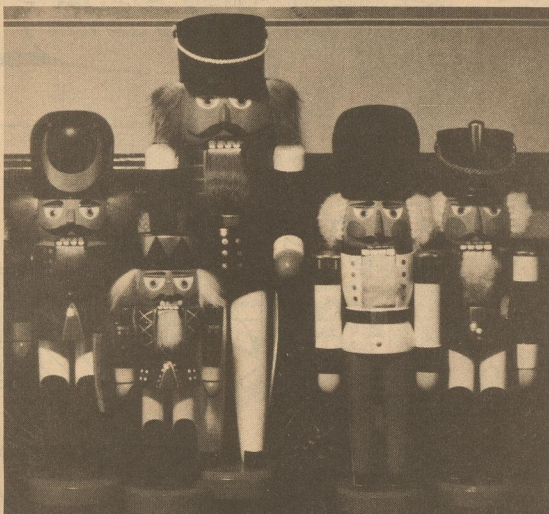
Other popular figures that evolved during this time were the "smoking men." These hollow figures, with pipe or cigar in hand, held burning incense and appeared as several different characters, including a forester,

town crier and Father Christmas.

As the nutcracker and the smoking men have increased in popularity, especially as Christmas gifts, other characters have been introduced, including the night watchman, chimney sweep and a golfer.

Making a nutcracker can be very tedious, requiring as many as 130 separate procedures. After the wood is selected and cured, the figure is carved on a lathe, assembled and painted. Some modern technology has been applied to the process, but it remains much the same as it was over 200 years ago. In fact, past attempts to produce nutcrackers in the United States have failed because manufacturers tried to mechanize the process.

Says Althoff, "The tradition of the Erzgebirge has been preserved in each product, and for decades to come, the German nutcracker will enhance homes all around the world at Christmastime."



And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, Who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will." Luke 2, 10-14

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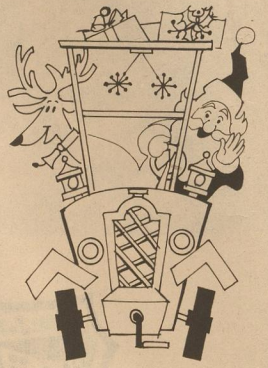
We're all fixed up and ready to wish you a wonderful holiday. Thanks a lot.

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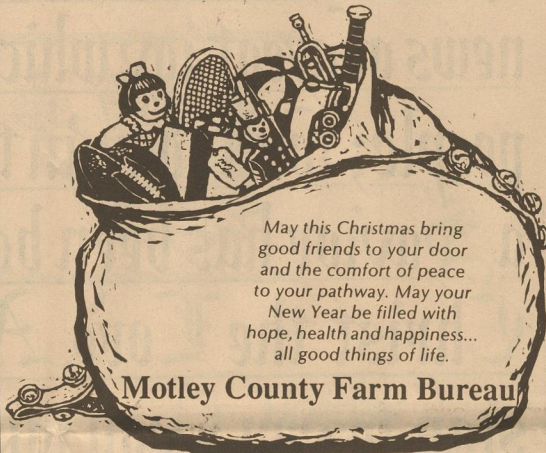
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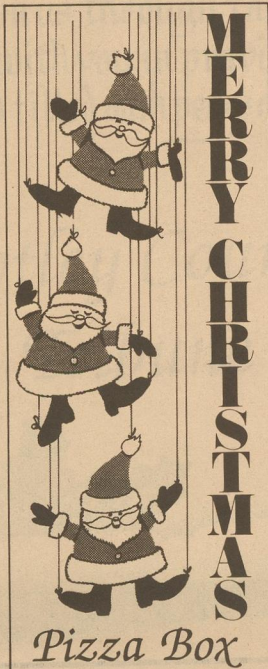
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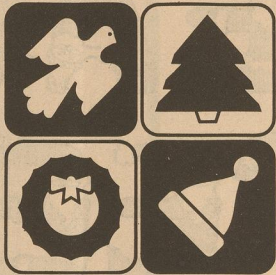
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Legends of Christmas

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

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

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

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

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

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

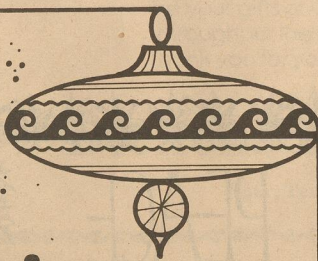
Another legend, attributed to the English, says the number of mince pies you taste at Christmas will indicate the number of happy months you'll have during the year.

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




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

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



Greetings

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



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Angels We Have Heard On High

May every blessing be yours this season.



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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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Holy of Holies

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

Assembly of God Church
Rev. Edna Dillard
Roaring Springs

First
Christmas
Carol

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

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

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

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

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holidays are fun-
filled and delightful!

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**CHRISTMAS
IS A TIME TO
REMEMBER**

A time to look back with
fondness on good times,
family traditions, and loyal
friends. And a time for us
to thank you for making us
feel so welcome here.

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

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We Three Kings of Orient Are...

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

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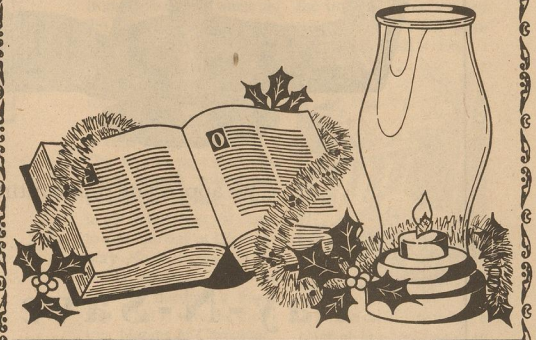
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Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace, good will toward men.
Luke 2:14

Merry Christmas to all.

First Baptist Church

Rev. Rory Burge
Roaring Springs



Merry Christmas

Peace
on
Earth



In the spirit of brother-
hood and goodwill, we wish
you a holy, happy holiday.

Matador
First United
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Greetings to the Wonderful People of Matador

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

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

Assembly of God Church

Rev. Roy Eason

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Happy, Healthy
Holiday!

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

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Merry Christmas

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

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

We appreciate your continuing business.

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Warm Holiday Feelings

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

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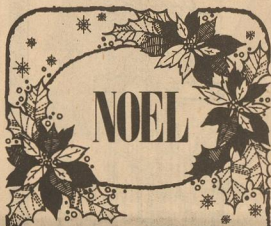


*My wish for you this season of
celebration is that you will be blessed
with Joy and many Happy Memories of
friends and loved ones*

Lila Meador

*The miracle of Christmas comes again
as rich mysterious incense carried on
the crest of brittle north winds to find a way into
the sickroom of an ailing world....from the altar
of love to arrest once each year the aches of
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new freedom in the pure air of children's laughter.*

Trail Dust by Douglas Meador



For all its charm
and warmth,
Christmas is a
season to celebrate.
Thanks, friends,
for your very
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Love to All!

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



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

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Merry Christmas



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

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Let us rejoice for the Lord has come! May peace on earth become a reality at this Holy time.

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Seasons Greetings



Because of the good will of those we serve,
it's a real pleasure at this holiday season,
to say thank-you, as we wish
you a full year of health, happiness
and success.

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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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Christmas Quotes

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

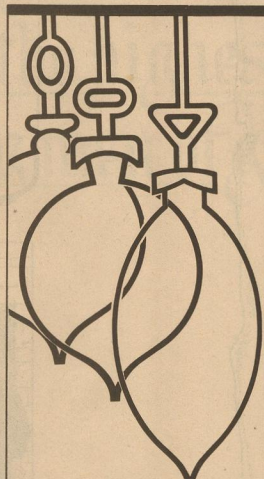
Come, bring with a noise,
My merry, merry boys
The Christmas log to the firing.

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

Greetings

May your winter be bundled in warmth and your holiday be wrapped in joy.

Gertrude Smith



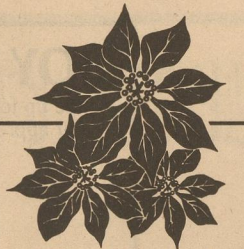
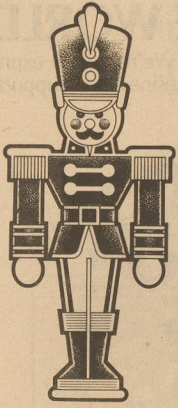
Hope your holiday shapes up to be beautiful in every way! Thank you for your business.

Pipkin Insurance

Matador



Matador Motor & Implement

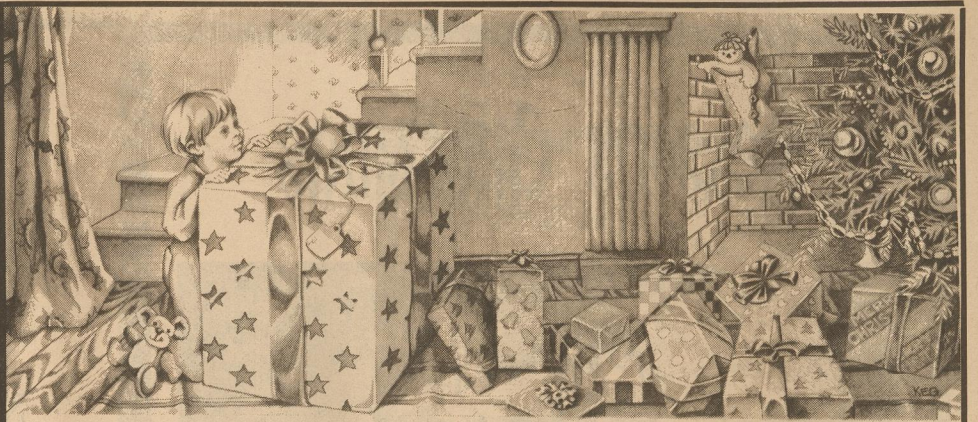
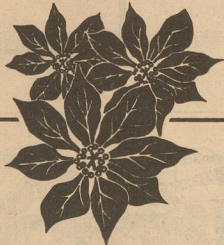


The Best of the Season to You and Yours.

Here's hoping your holiday's a-bloom with joy and laughter. We greatly appreciate your trust in us.

Matador Floral

Matador 347-2241
Carrik Wire Service



Magic Night

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

Thacker Supply

Downtown Roaring Springs



May Your Table Be Blessed

We join you in celebrating the birth of our Savior, and thank you for your loyal support.



Dream Cafe

Roaring Springs



May joy and harmony fill every heart and home.

Zabielski Co.

Roaring Springs



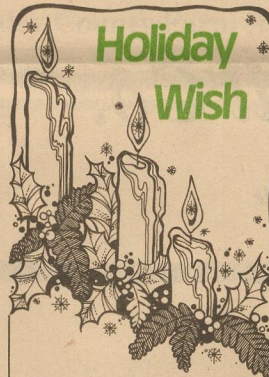
Behold, The Savior Is Born



Peace be with you.

United Methodist Church

Roaring Springs



Holiday Wish

May the warm glow of Christmas light up your life.

Kathy's

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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Our thanks for the many kindnesses you've shown us through the year. We join with you in praying for a world filled with peace and joy.

Motley County Tribune



Christmas Is For Sharing

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

City Grocery

Glennard and Edith Daniel
Roaring Springs



Glory To The Newborn King

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

The Windmill

Matador