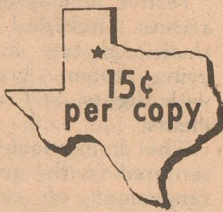


# MERRY CHRISTMAS



## Matador



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## Shah of Iran Planned Trip Here?

The deposed shah of Iran's latest global wanderings have taken him to Contadora, a idyllic tropical isle near Panama, but plans were being made to send him to the Lazy S Ranch, 15 miles southwest of Matador, a ranch which lies in the southern part of Motley and northern part of Dickens counties.

Motley County Sheriff Alton Marshall released the startling news Monday, and said he and several area officials had known of the plans to bring the shah here since December 5, but he had been sworn to secrecy.

"I first learned about it on the night of December 5, when several area sheriffs and I met on the McAdoo road," Marshall said. "No telephone conversations were allowed. Then I notified County Judge Billy Whitaker and together we drove to the Federal Building in Lubbock the next day to meet with sheriffs and judges from Crosby, Dickens, Motley and Floyd Counties. We met with Congressman Kent Hance and he informed us of the situation."

The situation was that the shah was to take up residence at the Lazy S Ranch headquarters located about 13 miles southwest of Roaring Springs. The ranch is

owned by C. L. Sewart. Sewart had been a construction contractor in Iran and had to flee, leaving several million dollars worth of equipment behind. He said he had never personally met the shah. Hance was also said to be a personal friend of Sewart's.

"They were to provide their own security," Marshall said. "We wouldn't have to provide security. But what worried me was that we couldn't plan ahead. We were not going to be told until the shah was already here. I had made a list of things I was going to do when I was notified the shah was here."

What Marshall was going to do was call a meeting of the County Commissioners Court and have a curfew passed, among other things. He was going to contact Texas Ranger Leo Hickman in Childress and obtain ranger support. He was going to alert all Motley County officials and officers, all ranchers who's land joined the Lazy S, notify the Fire Department and maybe have part of the county equipment moved to Roaring Springs (in case, Marshall said, someone tried to burn off the pastures or start a range fire toward the headquarters).

There was a 10 per cent chance of the shah

coming to this area," Marshall said. "That was their idea when they brought him to Texas. The worst thing about it was we wouldn't find out about it until the whole world found out about it. Can you imagine the reporters, sightseers, and other people we would have around here?"

Marshall said there were no area sheriffs or judges who favored the move, and he bitterly opposed it himself.

On Contadora, the shah is surrounded by Panamanian gunboats, and aviation authorities and armed guards have laid down tight security around the island. The island, once a tourist spot, has been closed to foreign reporters.

"You can imagine how the Iranians would feel if he (the shah) was given residence here," Marshall said. "I think they want him dead, and I'm afraid they would try to get him."

"I believe this area was considered because it is a small population area," Judge Whitaker said. "People could more or less be screened here."

Whitaker said what concerned him was that militants could grab hostages off the streets in Crosbyton, Spur or even Roaring Springs or Matador and demand the release of the shah. In

this area, he said, people didn't think twice about letting their children walk home from school, leave doors unlocked or even keys in cars.

"I'm sure as far as the shah or his men was concerned we wouldn't have any trouble, but I'm afraid we would get some local people hurt by outsiders."

Marshall said he didn't like having Hance, instead of Congressman Jack Hightower, handle the briefings; stating this was Hightower's area and not Hance's. But the sheriff also said there could have been reasons Hance was in charge of notification instead of Hightower.

The shah arrived in Contadora last Saturday after leaving an Air Force hospital in Texas, where he had been recovering for two weeks after undergoing gallbladder and cancer treatment at a New York hospital.

The knowledge of this situation brought home the realization of the Iran crisis and although many local people feel sorry for the shah and wish he could find a home, no one seemed to want him or his guards around Motley County.

Leftists have demonstrated in Panama for several days and violence has grown there. Local officials did not want that to happen here.



**DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW** -- Hearts soar in the crisp winter landscape reminding us of the glories of Nature and of Christmas. May all that brings meaning to this sacred celebration add to the special delight of your holiday. Merry Christmas from everyone who helps bring you the Matador Tribune: Hazel Donovan, Odessa Mullins, Earlyne Jameson, Lila Meador, Mary Renfro, Carla Jones and Leon Watson.



## Closing Dates For Local Businesses

Many area businesses have decided to take an extra day off for Christmas by planning to be closed both December 25 and 26.

Those who plan to be closed on Wednesday, the day after Christmas are The Dugout, Matador Variety, Household Supply, Bob Stanley Pharmacy, Sut's Spot

Cash Grocery, Ronnies, Matador Motor and Implement Company, Spray Auto, Matador Auto, Thacker Supply and Billy's Grocery.

Those who will be closed for Christmas day only are Pete's Texaco, Cooper Oil Company and First State Bank.

Production Credit Company will be closed

on Dec. 24 and 25, but will be open the day before New Years Day. El Matador Travel Center will close at 2 p.m. on the 24th and be closed Christmas day, but open on the 26th. Higginbotham-Bartlett will close at noon on Saturday, Dec. 22, and remain closed through the 26th. Emilio's

Conoco will be closed December 24 and 25.

Billie Dean's Drive In will be closed the 23rd through the 30th.

This will be the last paper of 1979 for the Matador Tribune. The Tribune will be closed from Friday, Dec. 21 through Thursday, Dec. 27.



**HI MOM** -- Motley County School students, members of the P.T. A. and local residents turned out Monday night to sing Christmas Carols around the city of Matador. Another caroling is being planned for Thursday night. Photo by Leon Watson

## Kindergarten Classes To Begin Jan. 9, 1980

Kindergarten classes, for Motley County children, will begin at 8:55 a.m., Wednesday, January 9, 1980. Mrs. Clea Shults, of Clarendon, has been employed as kindergarten teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Shults plan to move to Matador during the holidays. Mrs. Shults has taught on the primary level at Anton and Pampa. She has twelve years teaching

experience. Registration for kindergarten students, will be held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, January 3, 1980. Parents should bring immunization records and birth certificates to this meeting. Children must have attained the age of five years on or before September 1, 1979 to be eligible for kindergarten this school year.

## Cross Country Kids Reach California Safely

Remember the four youngsters who came through Matador on bicycles as they made their way across the US. Well, Billie Dean Smith got a card from them this week saying they had made it to California. They wished everyone here a Merry Christmas and said to watch for them on the TV Show

"Real People". They came through here in the later part of October after a six week trip which began in Rhode Island. They spent a night (a cold and windy one) at the Smith's Motel. The kids, all in their early 20s, had promised Mrs. Smith they would write when they completed the trip.

## Christmas Greetings



In a world overflowing with love and good will, let there be contentment for everyone. Thanks to you all.

**Matador Auto**

### Baptist Women Conclude Study

Final chapters of the mission study book, "Baptist Trade Winds," by Wm. W. Graves was presented by Mrs. Bill Dunning Tuesday, Dec. 11, at regular meeting of the Dorcas Group of

#### Walter Jones Will Serve Barbecue Lunches

**Saturday, December 22**  
**At Walter Jones' Home**  
**\$3.00 Per Plate**



Santa slips in with a thousand and one wishes stacked in his pack for a Merry, Merry Christmas. From us to you, thanks.

Malcolm and Ruby Turner

Baptist Women, in the home of Mrs. Stuart Dixon.

The birthday Calendar for Baptist missionaries was read by Mrs. Cecil Shelton. Others present were Mesdames Audrey Price, C. D. Garrison and Douglas Meador.

Names and addresses, also birthdays of missionaries were distributed for special prayers.

A Christmas theme was featured in table decorations and refreshments of hot spiced tea and coffee, cane colored cookies, cake and candy strawberries, served by Mrs. Dixon following the lesson.

#### WEEK END VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Graves and children Keegan, Jim and Bart, formerly of Idalou were overnight guests Saturday of Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Golden. They have just returned from the Idaho-Oregon area where they have been doing volunteer missionary work, and were en route to Nocona, and Fort Worth where Mr. Graves will enter Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

### "Christmas At Home" Theme For Program

Mrs. L. B. Campbell was hostess Thursday, Dec. 13, for El Progreso Club's annual Christmas Tea and program, with Mrs. R. E. Campbell Jr., presenting features of "Christmas At Home," for the program.

Mrs. Franklin Price, president, opened the meeting with a business session and federation report. Plans for the Santa Rosa District convention March 14-15 in Burkburnett, and also the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs April 24-27 in Amarillo, were outlined by Mrs. Harold Campbell, district vice president. Department chairmen were reminded to turn in their reports on programs to Mrs. Campbell.

Program leader, Mrs. Douglas Meador introduced the program with the yearbook quotation, "Carol of Christmas -- sing it again, 'til there is truly good will toward men."

A recording was played, of the scriptures from Luke 2, telling of the birth of Jesus Christ, which was made by the late Dr. M. B. Carroll, a former pastor of the First Baptist Church here. This was followed by "The Holy City," also on record. Mrs. (R.E.) Campbell then presented

a paper explaining the origin of Christmas customs and emblems around the world, and concluded with a humorous analysis of the monetary value of gifts included in "The Partridge in a Pear Tree."

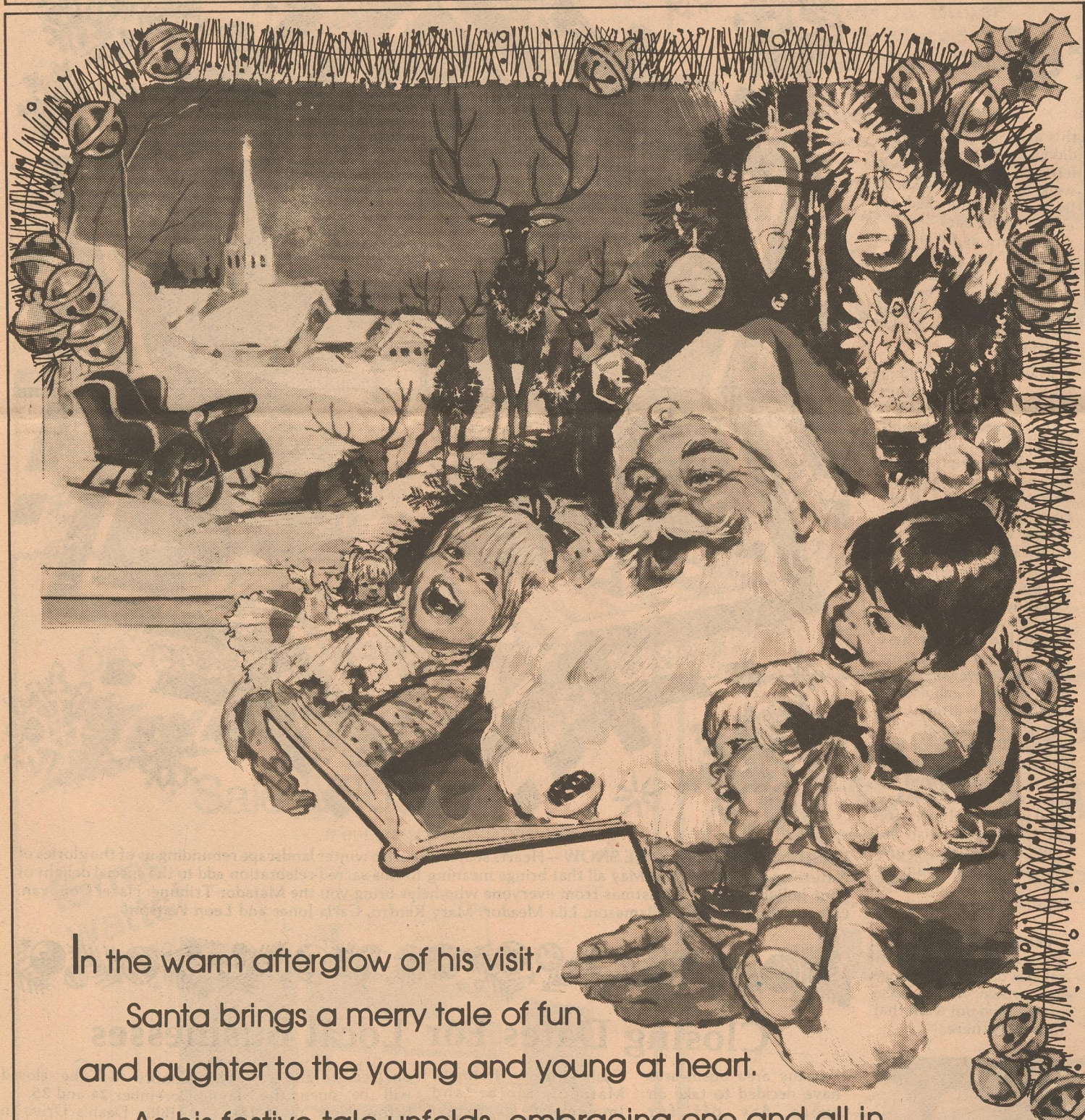
Following group singing of Christmas carols, the Inspirational Thought was brought by Mrs. C. D. Garrison.

Mrs. Price thanked the hostess for the use of her home, and the tea committee, Mrs. Furman Vinson, Miss Rachel Patton, Mrs. Harold Campbell and Mrs. J. E. Edwards.

Festive holiday decorations included the traditional tree in the living room, brilliant with lights and ornaments.

The dining table was centered with an arrangement of candles and greenery. Assorted decorated cookies and cake, candy and nuts were served with punch and coffee.

In addition to those mentioned, others present were Miss Mary Keith and Mesdames Ralph Stapleton, A. B. Simpson, W. N. Pipkin, John Hamilton, Phil Green, E. A. Day, Joe Campbell and Robert Darsey.



In the warm afterglow of his visit, Santa brings a merry tale of fun and laughter to the young and young at heart. As his festive tale unfolds, embracing one and all in the loving spirit of Christmas, we add a footnote of thanks for our devoted friends and patrons and wish you

**A Very Merry, Merry Christmas**

**Higginbotham Bartlett**



With hearts soaring we wish you a warm and loving holiday.

**Jo Ann's Country Coiffure**

### Annual Silver Tea Is Held By Garden Club

Annual Christmas Silver Tea was held Monday, Dec. 17 by Matador Garden Club at the home of Mrs. J. D. Craven, with the president, Mrs. Ted Elliott, presiding.

Mrs. Craven served as leader for a short program on Christmas door arrangements, with members participating with illustrations and suggestions. One member, Mrs. Alvin Stearns brought an unusual wreath made of burlap and decorated with holiday figures. Roll call was answered with "What I like about the Christmas Season."

Mesdames W. N.

Pipkin, Alvin Stearns and Douglas Meador served as a tea committee for refreshments featuring the holiday season in table decorations, cookies, cake, candy, coffee and hot spiced tea. Candles and a madonna figurine centered the table.

Cash contributions will be sent to State Headquarters of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., for various projects sponsored by the organization.

Others present in addition to those mentioned, were Mrs. Robert Birchfield, Mrs. W. W. Clements and Mrs. Edgar Lee.



**Let there be CHRISTMAS**

Let there be families and friends joined together in love and warmth, linking the old ways and the new. Starry eyed with Christmas joy we send thanks to one and all.

**Thacker Supply**



**H**earts fill with wonder and joy as we celebrate the eternal beauty of the miracle of His Birth. We rejoice this holy holiday, and reaffirm our faith in His Divine Spirit.

**L**et us hope His message will light the way for this generation, and the generations to come. May His blessings shine on those you love, all through the Yuletide.

# First State Bank

Pat Warren  
Jim Barnhill  
June Tilson

of Matador  
John Barnhill  
Frank Price  
Judy Cartwright  
Roy Hobbs  
Joe Campbell

Margaret Barnhill  
Deborah Spray  
Teresa Whitaker

### Sunshine Club Holds Christmas Dinner

The Sunshine Club met Tuesday, December 11, in the Senior Citizens room in the Grade School building. Seventeen members were present for the Christmas dinner and one guest. The tables were decorated with Christmas decorations and the room was very festive in the season's colors.

There was a short business meeting which was opened by Mrs. Zelma Crump, president. The club voted to buy the coffee percolator that Mrs. Crump had brought to the meeting for the clubs use. Following the meeting a poem, "Christmas Morning", was read by Mrs. Bethard, followed by the giving of

the blessing by Mrs. Billie Self.

Those present were Zelma Crump, Sallie McBride, Artie Wason, K. Henderson, Naomi Tilson, Iris Blevins, Osie

Smallwood, Mary Slover, Billie Self, Arrie Aulick, Etta Moore, Georgette Smith, Ivy Cooper, Eugenia Bethard, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Taylor and Myron Bethard.

### Nancy Jane Cooper Has Sacred Piano Recital

Nancy Jane Cooper was featured in a Sacred Piano Recital on Sunday, December 9 at the First United Methodist Church. She is a pupil of Mrs. Howard Traweek. The program was composed of Preludes: The Lost Chord, Sir Arthur Sullivan; Impromptu, Schubert; Celestial Choir, Chopin. Hymns were How Great Thou Art, Swedish Folk Song, Amazing Grace, Early American Melody; Carols were Silent Night, Franz Gruber and Away In A Manger, Muller. Following the presen-

tation of a gold cross necklace to her by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cooper, Miss Cooper gave a reading entitled "Why Jesus Came". She then expressed her appreciation to those who assisted her with the recital.

Refreshments featuring punch, mints, nuts, and a cake with Christmas music theme were served in Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Vance Gilbreath and Mrs. John Hamilton assisted Mrs. Cooper with hospitalities.

As Christmas blooms we hope its unique brilliance and color will brighten all your days.



Matador Floral

# GLORY

May the radiance and joy of a blessed Christmas be yours this spiritual season.



Thanks to our special friends.

Billie Dean's Drive In

We will be closed the 23 - 30. We will open again on the 31st.

# CHRISTMAS

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



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Alan, Froyne, Beth & Alana

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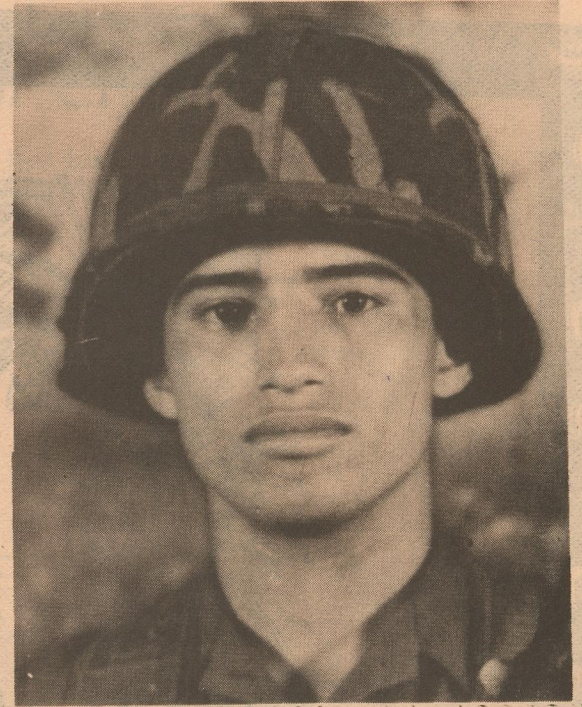
### Expansion Announced For Home Health Services In Motley County

The Mid-West Texas Home Health Agency is proud to announce the expansion of their nursing staff and home nursing services for Cottle, Hall, Dickens, and Motley County.

Mrs. Barbara Mills, R.N., has been employed in the capacity of nursing supervisor for the agency for the past year and has recently been assigned this area and Cottle County area. Mrs. Mills' office is in Childress but she spends her time in Motley and Cottle County and the surrounding areas, supervising the nursing staff and nursing services. Mrs. Mills is familiar with the area having worked at Richard's Memorial Hospital in Paducah prior to joining the home health agency in the Plainview, Texas office in 1975. L.V.N.'s serving the area are Mrs. Irene Blasingame, Afton, Texas; Mrs. Armentha Martin, Dumont, Texas, and Mrs. Mary Salley, Paducah, Texas. There are also two physical therapist who work

under contract for the area. In January a full time physical therapist will be joining the staff to serve the area. Recently the new services of speech therapy, occupational therapy, and medical social services were added, and these employees work on a contract basis also.

The Mid-West Texas Home Health Agency is the oldest service of its type in the area, having served Cottle and Motley County for the past ten years. The agency provides skilled nursing services, home health aides services, homemaker services, physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy under the orders of a physician. Payment is available through Medicare, Medicaid, Champus, Veteran's Administration, Private Insurance, or Private Pay. The West Texas Home Health Agency Systems provide home health care to aged and other qualified persons in a 134-county area of West Texas.



PVT. STEVE RAMIREZ

### Pvt. Steve Ramirez Completes Training

Pvt. Steve Ramirez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ramirez, Matador, Texas recently completed advanced individual training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and

combat operations. This qualified him as a light-weapons infantryman and as an indirect fire crewman.

He was taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

Ramirez entered the Army in August of this year.

### Rites Are Held For E. H. Truett

Funeral services for E. H. Truett, 82, of Idalou were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, December 12 at First Foursquare Gospel Church in Lubbock with the Rev. Phil H. Demetro, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Idalou Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Home Directors. Truett died Monday at Methodist Hospital after a lengthy illness.

A native of Alabama, he married Katie Harris in Matador in 1919 and farmed in the Whiteflat community. He moved to the Becton community in 1932 and farmed until his

retirement.

Survivors include four sons, Pierce of Idalou, Travis of Lubbock, Dibrell of Mansfield and the Rev. Dean Truett of Tegucigulpa, Honduras; four daughters, Louise Moore of Fort Worth, Oneita Stanton of Pecos, Jean Flud of Abernathy and Katie Sterling of Alhambra, California; 23 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jim Truett, Ryan Truett, Randy Truett, Mark Truett, Dana Flud and Perry Mull.

His niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kingston of Flomot attended the service.

### Holiday Greetings



Tying up a bountiful pack of Christmas wishes just meant for you... our good friends.

Clarence and Gussie Jinkins

## Happy Holidays

<b>EXCEDRIN TABLETS</b> 100's \$189	<b>BAUSCH &amp; LOMB SALINE SOLUTION</b> 8 oz. \$139 DAILY CLEANER or LENS LUBRICANT \$179	<b>COMTREX TABLETS</b> 50's CAPSULES 36's \$239
<b>ONE-A-DAY VITAMINS</b> REGULAR 100's \$269 PLUS IRON 100's \$299	<b>VO5 HAIRDRESSING</b> 1 1/2 oz. \$129	<b>FASTEETH</b> 3 1/2 oz. \$179
<b>FOAMY SHAVE CREAM</b> 11 oz. \$119	<b>RIGHT GUARD DEODORANT</b> 5 oz. \$139	

From All Of Us... To All Of You

**Bob Stanley Pharmacy**

**News About Local People**

Family members of Motley County who attended the funeral services of Earl Stephens in Plainview, Monday morning and visited during the week end in Plainview with Mrs. Earl Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. Doc Cross and family were Mrs. Joe Stephens, Mrs. Cordie Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunning, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stephens and

family, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Jameson. \*\*\*\*\* Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears are vacationing in McAllen, Zapata and other sites along the Gulf Coast. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Woodruff returned home last Thursday night from a vacation trip to Las Vegas. Among the tourist attractions they enjoyed were the show

performances starring Bill Cosby, Mel Tillis and the Statler Brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Claud Harp of Zapata have been here at their home attending to business and visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. Demps (Mary) West of Comanche visited recently in the home of her aunt, Mrs. D.W.I. (Ollie) Birnie. \*\*\*\*\*



**DEEP THOUGHT** -- Jeremy Jones put a lot of thought and courage into his visit with Santa on Friday. It does take courage for the little ones to climb into the lap of the man who comes from the North Pole and grants childhood wishes. Jeremy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Jones.

Photo by Leon Watson



**I'VE BEEN A GOOD BOY** -- The little Mangram boy was sure to tell Santa how good he had been this year so Santa would bring him his presents. Ol' Santa seemed to already know that he had been good this year.

Photo by Leon Watson



**Cooper Oil Company**  
Jean and J. B.

**Letters To Santa**



Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a remote control race car, and a flag for my bike.

Love,  
David

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good girl. I want a Sewing machine and a "My friend Jenny."

Love,  
Natalie

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle, a pair of roller skates, and a Sweetie Face.

Love,  
Shawn

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle and gun and a gun belt, also a bat.

Kenneth

Dear Santa,  
I want a top and a pencil. I also want a new book.

Love,  
Sunny

Dear Santa,  
I want a doctor case, a baby and a bath tub. Also, a Baby Rash.

Love,  
Donna

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, and a base ball. Also a soccer ball.

Love,  
Tony

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bike and a skate board. Also, a play racing and van.

Love,  
Joel

Dear Santa,  
I want a hot wheels set and a race track.

Love,  
Cory

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle. I want a pair of roller skates.

Love,  
Billy

Dear Santa,  
My name is Aaron Noland. I am 3 1/2 years old. I like an Incredible Hulk, Gas Station for match-box cars, Snoopy Friction car and some clothes. I have a new sister named Jennifer so please bring her something, too. I will be at Grandma

Lynn's on Christmas so maybe you can bring something there, too.

Thank you for my gifts last year.  
Have a safe trip on Christmas.

I Love You.  
Aaron Noland  
Rt. 3  
Floydada, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want some roller skates. Also, I want some ice skates. And a Kissing Barbie.

Love,  
Ginger

Dear Santa,  
I want a train.

Love,  
Roy

Dear Santa, May I have a pair of roller skates and a cuddle-up baby and a baby grows up?

Love,  
Brandee

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a Milky the Cow.

Love,  
Kammia

Dear Santa,  
I want a high-chair and some ink for my typewriter.

Love,  
Bonnie

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bike for Christmas.

Love,  
Jason

Dear Santa,  
I want a soccer ball and a green bike.

Love,  
Trent

Dear Santa,  
I want a pair of roller skates and a bicycle. I also want a "Barbie Kiss."

Love,  
Teresa

Dear Santa,  
I want roller skates and a doll that drinks. Also, a puppy that walks.

Love,  
Brenda

Dear Santa,  
I want a go-cart and a stretchable Incredible Hulk.

Love,  
Joey

**GLORY**

May you share the special blessings of the holiday with those you hold most dear.

Sincere thanks.

**Dean's Food**  
Roaring Springs

In some animals, such as the rabbit, the incisor teeth keep growing as they are worn down. The shark grows set after set of teeth.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Santa loudly sounds our wishes for you... may your hearth and home be filled to overflowing with the holiday's bright delights... and our thanks.

**Spray Auto & Farm Supply**  
Joel Dean Spray Bill Barnes

**A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

As all the cherished customs of this magic holiday surround our special friends, we know it's time to extend our sincere Yuletide wishes to you all. May the thanks we send your way add to the happy hours of your holiday.

**Red Ball Gin**  
Roaring Springs, Texas  
Joyce & Caldwell Smith

**Born is the King!**

May the Holy Spirit illuminate your holidays.

**Seigler Funeral Home**

## Roaring Springs News

By Odessa Mullins

### BROOKS FAMILY HAS CHRISTMAS EARLY

The annual pre-Christmas get together of the children of Mrs. Edith Brooks was held last week end.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Herb Chaney, Cory and Shannon and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smallwood and Nessa of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Edwards, Heather, Michelle and Kenneth Henson of Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. Terry Edwards of Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. Danny Sharp of Strawn.

Also Mrs. Ruby Whitaker and Mr. and Mrs. Zack Reid and Kelly of Brownfield; Mr. and Mrs. McElton Scaggs and grandsons, Brooks and Jeff Zugus of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Preacher Brooks of Meadow; Mr. and Mrs. James Price, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Findley and son Aaron of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carpenter, Randall and Ronald of Stephenville; Joyce Jones of Meredian; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Carpenter and Nicole and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Avara and

Amber of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. John Avara, Jeff and Stacey of Denver City and local residents, Mr. and Mrs. Melton Brooks.

Ray Warren of Brownfield spent three nights with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Melton Brooks.

Mrs. Thurston Winegar accompanied by Rodney Long and Robin visited with her husband Thurston Winegar in the V.A. Hospital in Amarillo. He has been a patient there since going to a doctor in Lubbock the first of last week. She reports him to be much improved.

Mrs. Joe Gipson and Mrs. Mae Fletcher still remain in Crosbyton Hospital while Mrs. Minni Dye remains in a Lubbock hospital.

Rev. Mrs. Edna Dillard drove to Plainview Monday to attend the Memorial Services for Earl Stephens.

M. D. Freeman visited with his wife, Jessie in Floydada Nursing Home Sunday.

### Birthdays

- Jarrett Jameson -- Dec. 24
- Donna Mangram -- Dec. 25
- Kimberly Hand -- Dec. 27
- Ruth Walker -- Dec. 25
- James Stanley -- Dec. 23
- Koree Campbell -- Dec. 31

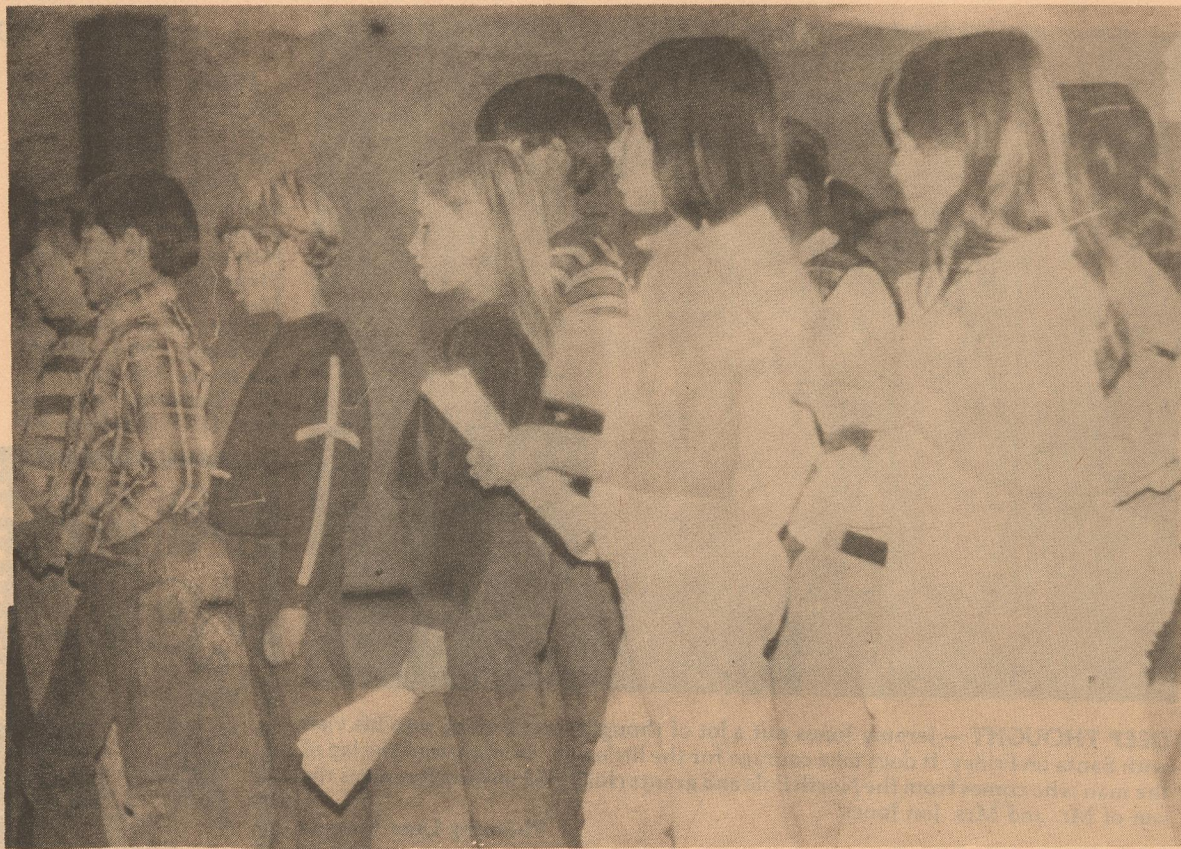
You are invited to a pre New Years Eve Square Dance, December 29, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the Roaring Springs School Building.

Sponsored by Motley County Square Dance Club.

NO ADMISSION

There will also be country and western dances.

For further information contact Harold Parks, Roaring Springs. Phone 348-2391



FIFTH GRADERS -- Just before Santa arrived at the Motley County School last Friday, these students entertained the assembly with several seasonal selections. Photo by Leon Watson



CAROLING -- Frances Hobbs was one of the many local residents who turned out Monday evening to dash through the streets of Matador on a one pick-up open trailer to sing Christmas songs. Although temperatures were low spirits were high and the carolers plan to sing again thursday night. Transportation was furnished courtesy of Matador Motor and Implement. Photo by Leon Watson

## Flomot News

By Earlene Jameson

### IN ACCIDENT

Mrs. Doyle Calvert escaped serious injury, Tuesday when she was involved in a one vehicle accident. She lost control of her car and ran into an electric light pole at the city limits of Lockney after suffering a temporary loss of consciousness. She received medical treatment at the Lockney General Hospital and is recuperating at her home. The car she was driving had extensive damage when the pole was broken from the impact.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Mrs. Jackie Kendall is a patient in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock where she is receiving radium medical treatment. Her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall are with her during her hospitalization.

Ben Turner of Saudia Arabia enplaned to Lubbock this week to be with his brother, Malcolm Turner, a patient in the Methodist Hospital. Their mother,

Mrs. Estelle Turner of Amarillo, is also in Lubbock with him and other family members who are at Mr. Turner's bedside.

Robert I. Thomas, who has been a patient in the High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo, was accompanied this week by his son, Joe Thomas of Amarillo, to the Convalescent Home in Claude.

Mrs. Leon Cloyd is in Center visiting her mother, Mrs. H. M. Goff, and with her father, Mr. Goff, a patient in a hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana.

### MOVE TO SUNSET

Mrs. Gertrude Mc-Neeley, a longtime resident of Flomot, moved to Sunset, Tuesday to make her future home. Her brother, Burl Yarborough of Sunset, assisted her in moving. Friends came during the day with food, gifts and best wishes.

## Whiteflat News

By Earlyne Jameson

### HOME FROM RECENT HOME FROM TRIP

Mrs. L. M. (Leona) Cox returned home recently from a trip to points of interest along the Texas Gulf Coast and Trans-Pecos Region.

Her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cox, Cary and Cory of Van Horn accompanied her on the trip. They enjoyed the scenic attractions at Kerrville and toured the popular National Seashore resort at Padre Island. Mrs. Cox and granddaughters remained here and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McClean while Mr. and Mrs. Don Cox attended a Soil Conservation Service conference meeting in Laredo.

Family members who attended the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones of Matador, Mrs. Duane Markham of New Deal, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bynum, Kani and Bart of Flomot, Mrs. Ralph Stapleton and George Stapleton of Whiteflat and Mr. and Mrs. Jehu Beeson and grandchildren of Kress.

### Celebrates Birthday

Mrs. Mollie Jones was honored with a birthday party, Sunday afternoon at the Nursing home in Floydada. Refreshments of birthday cake, fruit punch and soft drinks were served to those who attended the celebration.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Jennings were J. M. Hill of Vernon, Mark Hill of Little Rock, Arkansas, Bill Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Jennings and children of Old Glory and Jeff Smith of Aspermont.

Heather Ann and Cobey Dee Turner are visiting in Silverton with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Montague, as their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner are in Lubbock with his father, Malcolm Turner, a patient in Methodist Hospital.

En route home they visited in Alice with Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Keirce and children and toured Law West of Pecos at Eagle Pass. The family continued to Langtry and from the Half Bridge viewed the Pecos River flowing into the Rio Grande River and the beautiful landscape scene of the Guadalupe Mountains in Texas and the Serranias in Old Mexico.

Mrs. Cox visited in Van Horn with her son and family before returning home.

"By speaking of our misfortunes we often relieve them." Corneille

"We rarely find that people have good sense unless they agree with us." La Rochefoucauld

# SHOP HERE FOR GREAT HOLIDAY MEALS

Shurfine Cut 16 Oz. Cans 3 For  
**Green Beans \$1.00**

Shurfine Whole or Strained -- 16 Oz. Cans -- 2  
2 For  
**Cranberry Sauce 79¢**

Ocean Spray Cranapple, Crangrape or -- Quart  
**Cranberry Juice 89¢**

Best Maid 48 Oz Jar  
**Whole Dills 79¢**

Bell Onion Dip, Sour Cream or  
**Whipping Cream 39¢**

Tab or 7-Up  
**Dr Pepper**

**\$1.39 Coca-Cola**  
32 Ounce--6 Bottle Carton

Mardi Gras Jumbo Roll  
**Paper Towels 69¢**

Bell 1/2 Gallon  
**Buttermilk 99¢**

Birdseye 8 Oz. Bowl  
**Cool Whip 59¢**

Mardi Gras 140 Ct. Pkg.  
**Napkins 69¢**

Sut's  
**Spot Cash Grocery**

Shurfresh 10 to 20 lbs. Pound  
**Turkeys 69¢**

Beef Plade Cut Pound  
**Chuck Roast \$1.29**

Beef Center Cut Pound  
**Chuck Roast \$1.59**

Beef Pound  
**Arm Roast \$1.79**

Shurfine Golden -- Whole Kernel or Cream Style  
**Corn 17 Oz. Cans--4 For \$1.00**

Keebler Chocolate 16 Oz. Pkg.  
**Fudge Cookies 95¢**

Shurfine 11 Oz. Can  
**Mandarin Oranges 59¢**

Bell Egg Nog Quart  
**79¢**

No. 1 East Texas Pound  
**Sweet Potatoes 29¢**

No. 1 Yellow Pound  
**Onions 15¢**

Choice Navel Pound  
**Oranges 29¢**

## FREE Christmas Gifts

Winners in the coupon Christmas Contest are listed as follows: Billy's Grocery, J. D. Hurt; The Dugout, Thomas Hurt; Ronnie's, Clay Gilbert; Durham Furniture, Mary Renfro; C. R.'s Conoco, John Irwin; Emilio's Conoco, Thomas Hurt; Spot Cash Grocery, Mrs. Henry L. Martin; Cowboy Boot

Shop, Reece Timmons; First State Bank, Reece Timmons; Matador Tribune, Mrs. Henry L. Martin; Matador Variety, Lillie Barkley; Matador Motor & Implement, Elga Evans; Higginbotham-Bartlett, Trigger Holt; West Texas Utilities, Bruce Marrs and Matador Floral, winner results not available.

### BOBBY WHITAKER TO RECEIVE DIPLOMA THIS SPRING

Bobby Whitaker has finished Texas Tech University with a major in Ag Education. He will receive his diploma at graduation this spring.

Paul Revere, revolutionary and silversmith, also made false teeth.

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We hope our friendship will continue through every season.  
**Household Supply**

# Greetings

We have appreciated your business in 1979 and look forward to serving you in 1980.

There will be no Livestock Sale on Wednesday, Dec. 26.

**Merry Christmas To All . . .**

**FLOYDADA LIVESTOCK SALES**

# Dear Santa. Know What I Really Want?

Dear Santa, I am 8 years old. I have been real good this year. Please bring me a Robot, a TV, and a play slot machine and a lava lamp.  
Love,  
Jason Jameson

Dear Santa, I would like a Kissing Barbie, a My Friend Jenny, a toy size poodle, the oven that bakes cakes, some Barbie clothes, a dresser for Barbie, a Lite Bright, and the Fashion Plates.  
I love you, Santa.  
Love,  
Paige Williams

Dear Santa, Please bring me a doggy in a bag with a removable puppy, a Mr. Music, a Darcy's Disco, Hot Pipes Skates, a View Master with the Muppet view master films, the Sunshine fun family, and Sandy sea wee.  
Happy New Year, Santa.  
Love,  
Cindy Shorter  
P.S. Please do not forget my two sisters.

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a bicycle, a baby doll, some dishes, a book, a poster, and a radio. Merry Christmas to you, Santa.  
Love,  
Simona Torres

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a baby doll, a set of dishes, a bicycle, a book, a poster, and a radio. Have a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Casimira Torres

Dear Santa, Please bring me a hot wheels, a dolly, a truck, and a boat. Bring Rebekah some toys that she would like to play with. I think we've been pretty good this year.  
Love,  
Whitney Jameson

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a football suit, a baseball suit, a soccer ball, a Bionic man, mini-bike, soccer-shoes, a set of drums, a football, an electric guitar, a control truck, some clothes and shoes, and a Star War set. I have been a pretty good boy this year. I hope you have a good year.  
Love,  
Jack Carlson

Dear Santa, Please bring me a baby that can talk, a game, a bicycle, a coat, some clothes and shoes, a watch, and record player. I have been a good girl this year. I love you and have a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Yulanda Shanell Campbell

Dear Santa, My name is Jarrett Jameson. I would like to have all of the Star wars men, all of the Buck Rogers men, 3 storm trooper ships, 2 X-wing fighters, 1 hand solos ship, and some trucks. Please bring my brother, Jeremy some toys. I have been a good boy.  
Love,  
Jarrett

P.S. Also please bring me the Star Wars cantina and a Star wars Droid Factory.  
Love,  
Brandi Barton

Dear Santa, Please bring me a doggie bag with a removable puppy, a talking tweety bird, a Snoopy and Woodstock, 4 kittens in a basket, a fluffy dog, a shoopsie doll, a Snoopy sign mobile, a musical bear, a musical sitting lamb, and a Sylvester that says 6 things. I love you Santa. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Prissy Roys

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Merlin game, a Disco record player, a cash register, a soccer ball, some clothes, a tobogan, and the doll who can drink its bottle. I have been a good girl. I hope you have a merry Merry Christmas. I love you. Please remember my sister Tammie.  
Love,  
Chandra Brown

Dear Santa, My name is Rusty Willmon. I would like to have a bicycle, a Star War set, a Farm Yard set, and a kick ball. Merry Christmas and I hope you have a safe trip.  
Love,  
Rusty

Dear Santa Claus, This year I would like to have some boxing gloves, a kick ball, a camera, a little toy. A football and helmet, a Star Wars X-wing fighter, a Battle Star Galactica Cylon fighter, some shoulder pads, and a gold fish. A baseball suit and football suit. Please bring my Daddy a pointer. Please bring my sister, Srica some toys. I love you and have a Merry Christmas.  
P.S. and a .22 rifle.  
Love  
Todd Cummins

Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring me a football suit, Spaghetti twist race track, electric baseball game, and a baseball suit. I love you Santa Clause.  
Love,  
Cory Franks

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have a football suit and a electric baseball game and a speed burner. Please don't forget my brother Cory and my sister Cara.  
Love,  
Cary Franks

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a 3 speed bicycle, and a pair of roller skates. I have been a good girl. Have a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Brandi Barton

Dear Santa Claus, I am in the second grade. Please bring me a Glow in the dark race track that has two loops, an eighteen wheeler, a B-B gun, a football, a Star Wars laser, and a safe sleigh ride. I hope you like this list.  
Love,  
Heath Campbell

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have a Star Wars gun, a rifle, a football, a football suit, a bicycle, a baseball and bat, and soccer shoes. Merry Christmas to you.  
Love,  
Jessie Ruiz

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a bike, a telephone, a Darcy doll, a piano, a Baby That Away doll, and a typewriter. I love you.  
Love,  
Margie Guerrero

Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring me a bicycle, a football, a train set, a toy rifle, and a baseball suit. Please do not forget to bring my sister and brothers their gifts.  
Love,  
Brand Cruse

Dear Santa, I would like to have a bicycle, a woopsie doll, and a Dancirella doll. I have been a good girl this year. I hope you have a good Christmas.  
Love,  
Kathy Mangram

Dear Santa, I would like a Whoopsie doll and a drill and fill. I have been a good girl. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Tell Mrs. Santa and your reindeers Hi for me.  
Love,  
Heather Hobbs

Dear Santa, I have tried to be good this year. Please bring me a basketball goal and basketball and a race car set.  
I have two big sisters, Brenda and Dena. Please don't forget them.  
I Love You,  
Andy Renfro



CHRISTMAS WISHES -- Brook Brandon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brandon takes her turn at telling dear Ol' Santa what she wanted last Friday during Mr. Clause's stop here. Santa must have an excellent memory.  
Photo by Leon Watson



I WANT, PLEASE -- Ginger Martin and Santa both seem to be enjoying Jarrett Martin's excitement as he spills out his Christmas wishes. The Martin kids are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Martin.  
Photo by Leon Watson

**CHRISTMAS CHEER**

You ring our chimes! Thanks for your support and warm friendship.

**El Matador**

We will close Christmas Eve at 2:00 p.m. And we will be closed all day Christmas Day.

## United Methodist Women Have Christmas Party

Gifts was the theme of the Christmas program presented by Mrs. Marion Woodruff and Mrs. Earlyne Jameson at the meeting of the United Methodist Women's organization, on Tuesday evening, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

Mrs. Mary McMahan, president opened the program with prayer. Mrs. Woodruff introduced the program on Gifts by bringing out the fact that the most treasured gifts we give and receive cannot be wrapped and put under a Christmas tree. Three special gifts for Christmas were beautifully presented in both prose and music by Marion and Earlyne.

The first Gift was Love, which was the birth of Jesus Christ; God's gift of love to us. Mrs. Woodruff then sang a carol of Christ's love for us, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Jameson. Christmas brings the Gift of Joy which is expressed in many ways at Christmas time. After Mrs. Woodruff presented a joyous story of Christmas, several ladies present related personal Christmas stories which brought joy and laughter to the group. These

stories showed that Christmas is a time of joy and laughter. Marion and Earlyne followed this up with music of Joy.

Kindness was given as the last special gift. "Kindness, a loving home and the sunshine of a beautiful friendship are gifts that cannot be wrapped", stated Mrs. Woodruff. She closed by singing a special song which brought out the theme of the entire gifts, "The Only Thing I Want For Christmas."

Instead of exchanging gifts as usual, a gift of money was given by the ladies toward the purchase of a table for the foyer in the new church.

Refreshments of cake, punch and coffee were served from a beautifully decorated Christmas table by the following ladies: Mesdames Mary McMahan, Hazel Donovan, Opal Pipkin, Vivian Jacobs, Josephine Hamilton, and Mattie Brotherton. Other women attending besides those mentioned were Mesdames Lola Pohl, Theda Jenkins, Ethel Payne, Gussie Jenkins, Agnes Aaron, Winifred Darsey, Lucy Ford, Olive Russell, Beatrice Smith and Viola Keith.



We give thanks for the splendour of that Holy Night. Let us worship and sing His praises for

**CHRIST IS BORN**

City Cleaners

**hark, hark**

On a bright and merry note we sing the praises of all our fine, devoted friends... and wish them all a harmonious and happy holiday!

**Matador Variety**

Mrs. W.F. Jacobs  
Mrs. Scott Robbins  
Mrs. Dan Barton

**WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**

May your blessings increase and may your home be filled with happiness. In appreciation... thanks.

**Davis Super Service & Davis Oil Company**

Jack and Ronnie Davis

**CHRISTMASTIME!**

Deck the halls and sing with glee as we welcome an enchanting, fantasy filled holiday.

**Pete & Bessie Jean**



**EVEN THE YOUNGEST** -- Little Jill Stanley never knew she was in the arms of Santa Clause last Friday. The new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Stanley slept through the whole event, but Santa seemed to understand and know just what the child wanted for her first Christmas.

Photo by Leon Watson

## Services Held Monday For Earl Stephens

Services for Earl Stephens, 73, of Plainview were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Wood-Dunning Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Luther Baker, retired Methodist minister of Idalou, and the Rev. Tommy Ewing, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Plainview.

The body lay in state at Seigler Funeral Home in Matador from 2 to 3 p.m. Monday.

Graveside services were at 3 p.m. Monday at East Mound Cemetery in Matador.

Stephens died at 8:40 a.m. Saturday at his home after a sudden illness. Justice of the Peace Glenn Stone ruled the death of natural causes.

A native of Ellis

County, Stephens moved to Motley County in 1907 and farmed in the Whiteflat community. He married Marie Murphy in 1925. She died in 1956. Stephens moved to Matador in 1938 and married Hazel Williams on Aug. 24, 1958, in Matador. They moved to Plainview in 1965.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mary Helen Cross of Plainview; a stepdaughter, Donna Nelson of McMinnville, Ore; two stepsons, Duane Williams of Clovis, N.M. and Jack Williams of Hemet, Calif.; a sister, Beulah Jameson of Dougherty; a brother, Marvin of Tullia; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Services Held Friday For Clyde Renfro

Services for Clyde Charles Renfro, 67, were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14 in Gililand-Watson Rose Chapel in Hereford. He died Wednesday, Dec. 12 in a Tullia Nursing Home where he had been a patient for several years.

The Rev. Don Larkin, pastor of Summerfield Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in

Rest Lawn Cemetery in Hereford.

Mr. Renfro was born in Mabank. He married Neva Hamilton in 1939 in Lubbock. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Dawn. He grew up in Matador and graduated from Matador High School.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Bob Renfro of Hurst, Dick


Renfro of Clovis, N.M.; and David Renfro of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Sue Gallagher of Wheeler and Mrs. Mary Huchert of Harrah, Okla.; a brother, Walter Renfro of Roswell, N.M.; four sisters, Mrs. Breeb Hurst and Miss Pearl Renfro of Roswell, N.M.; Mrs. Edna Campbell and Mrs. Annie McCaghen, both of Matador; 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.



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**The Christmas Star**  
guided the Wise Men surely, on the  
royal journey to Bethlehem. There  
they beheld and  
adored the child,  
Jesus. Let us give  
thanks as we too  
sing His praises.

**Caprock Gin**

### City Cleaners To Close For Christmas & New Year Holidays

Friday, Dec. 21 through  
Tuesday, January 1  
Open On January 2nd.

Matador Shop Open December 24th  
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Laundry Closed  
Christmas Day Only

**IN LOCKNEY**  
Randall Whitworth is in the Lockney Rest Home after receiving tests in a Lubbock Hospital. He will be there until after the holidays, then will be transferred to San Antonio where he will enter a rest home.



## THE MERRIEST MEALS BEGIN AT VENTURE

WRIGHT'S HICKORY SMOKED

<p><b>USDA GRADE A Shurfresh Turkeys</b> 79¢ <small>SELF BASTING TENDER 10-12 LB. AVG. WT.</small></p> <p><b>USDA GRADE A Baking Hens</b> 69¢ <small>SHURFRESH BONELESS</small></p> <p><b>Canned Ham</b> 5.89 <small>3 LB. CAN</small></p> <p><b>FRESH BOSTON BUTT Pork Roast</b> 1.19 <small>LB.</small></p> <p><b>ARMOUR STAR Hot Dogs</b> 99¢ <small>12 OZ. PKG.</small></p> <p><b>IMPERIAL STA. SOFT POWDERED SUGAR</b> 39¢ <small>1 LB. BOX</small></p> <p><b>SENECA WHOLE/SLICED Mushrooms</b> 1.49 <small>8 1/2 OZ. JAR</small></p> <p><b>DEL MONTE WHOLE Green Beans</b> 39¢ <small>16 OZ. CAN</small></p> <p><b>OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY SAUCE</b> 2.79¢ <small>16 OZ. CANS</small></p>	<p><b>SHANK PORTION Wright's Hams</b> 1.29 <small>LB.</small></p> <p><b>BUTT PORTION Wright's Hams</b> 1.39 <small>LB.</small></p> <p><b>ARMOUR STAR Hot Dogs</b> 99¢ <small>12 OZ. PKG.</small></p> <p><b>SHURFRESH SLICED LUNCH MEATS</b> 89¢ <small>8 OZ. PKG.</small></p> <p><b>SHURFRESH SLI. MEAT Bologna</b> 99¢ <small>12 OZ. PKG.</small></p> <p><b>FROM HORMEL LITTLE BEIZERS Sausage</b> 99¢ <small>12 OZ. PKG.</small></p> <p><b>DRY CURE FULLY COOKED 17-20 LB. AVERAGE</b></p>	<p><b>SHURFRESH SLICED LUNCH MEATS</b> 89¢ <small>8 OZ. PKG.</small></p> <p><b>SHURFRESH SLI. MEAT Bologna</b> 99¢ <small>12 OZ. PKG.</small></p> <p><b>FROM HORMEL LITTLE BEIZERS Sausage</b> 99¢ <small>12 OZ. PKG.</small></p> <p><b>BATHROOM TISSUE Marina</b> 95¢ <small>4 ROLL PKG.</small></p> <p><b>25" OFF LABEL King Tide</b> 2.49 <small>BOX</small></p> <p><b>25" OFF LABEL Cascade</b> 2.09 <small>65 OZ. BOX</small></p> <p><b>Shurfine, Flaked</b> 7 Ounce Pkg.</p> <p><b>Coconut</b> 79¢</p> <p><b>KRAFT MINIATURE Marshmallows</b> 39¢ <small>10% OZ. PKG.</small></p>
<p><b>TENDERCRUST Rolls</b> 89¢ <small>BROWN &amp; SERVE 2 DOZ.</small></p> <p><b>INSTANT TEA Nestea</b> 1.98 <small>3 OZ. JAR</small></p> <p><b>NEW CROPI HL.V./PCS. Ellis Pecans</b> 99¢ <small>8 OZ. PKG.</small></p> <p><b>REYNOLD'S ALUMINUM Foil</b> 79¢ <small>18" x 25" ROLL</small></p> <p><b>KLEENEX DINNER Napkins</b> 59¢ <small>50 CT. PKG.</small></p> <p><b>FOR YOUR FIREPLACE! Storno Logs</b> 89¢ <small>6 CT. BOX</small></p> <p><b>VEGETABLE SHORTENING Crisco Pure Crisco</b> 1.99 <small>3 LB. CAN</small></p> <p><b>FOR HOLIDAY BAKING! Wesson Oil</b> 1.99 <small>48 OZ. BTL.</small></p> <p><b>JOHNSTON GRAHAM Pie Shells</b> 69¢ <small>9" 2 CT. PKG.</small></p> <p><b>SWANSON CHICKEN Broth</b> 49¢ <small>24 OZ. CANS</small></p> <p><b>SHURFINE CUT SPEARS OF Asparagus</b> 89¢ <small>15 OZ. CAN</small></p> <p><b>DEL MONTE Sweet Peas</b> 79¢ <small>17 OZ. CANS</small></p> <p><b>DEL MONTE SLICED PICKLED Beets</b> 59¢ <small>16 OZ. JAR</small></p> <p><b>DEL MONTE WK/CS Gold Corn</b> 1.99 <small>17 OZ. CANS</small></p> <p><b>SUGARY SAM Cut Yams</b> 59¢ <small>NO. 3 SQT. CAN</small></p> <p><b>LIBBY Pumpkin</b> 79¢ <small>2 303 CANS</small></p> <p><b>SHURFINE MANDARIN Oranges</b> 59¢ <small>11 OZ. CAN</small></p>	<p><b>ENRICHED Shurfine Flour</b> 69¢ <small>5 LB. BAG</small></p> <p><b>ALL GRINDS COFFEE Maryland Club</b> 2.69 <small>LB. CAN</small></p> <p><b>HERSHEY ASSORTED Candy Bars</b> 1.19 <small>6 CT. PKG.</small></p> <p><b>Dairy And Frozen Food</b></p> <p><b>SHURFINE FROZEN BROCCOLI CAULIFLOWER</b> 53¢ <small>10 OZ. PKG.</small></p> <p><b>PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese</b> 69¢ <small>8 OZ. PKG.</small></p> <p><b>SHURFRESH CINNAMON Rolls</b> 69¢ <small>9 1/2 OZ. CAN</small></p> <p><b>PILLSBURY CRESCENT Dinner Rolls</b> 69¢ <small>8 CT. CAN</small></p> <p><b>SHURFRESH MIX FOR Egg Nog</b> 89¢ <small>QUART CTN.</small></p> <p><b>BIRDSEYE Cool-Whip</b> 63¢ <small>8 OZ. BOWL</small></p> <p><b>SHURFINE ORANGE Juice</b> 79¢ <small>2 6 OZ. CANS</small></p> <p><b>Nestle Semi-Sweet -- 12 Oz. Pkg. Chocolate Chips</b> 1.79</p> <p><b>SUNSHINE ANIMAL Crackers</b> 25¢ <small>2 OZ. BOX</small></p> <p><b>SUNSHINE Cheez-Its</b> 25¢ <small>2 OZ. BOX</small></p> <p><b>DURACELL C OR D Batteries</b> 1.19 <small>2 CT. PKG.</small></p> <p><b>Health And Beauty Aids</b></p> <p><b>MOUTHWASH Scope</b> 1.19 <small>12 OZ. BTL.</small></p> <p><b>HEAD &amp; SHOULDERS 20" OFF Shampoo</b> 1.29 <small>4 OZ. TUBE / 7 OZ. LOTION EACH</small></p> <p><b>35" OFF LABEL SURE</b> 1.19 <small>4 OZ. CAN</small></p> <p><b>10" OFF REG./MINT Crest</b> 89¢ <small>5 OZ. TUBE</small></p> <p><b>HEADACHE RELIEF Excedrin PM</b> 1.39 <small>30 CT. BTL.</small></p>	<p><b>SHURFRESH WHIPPING Cream</b> 39¢ <small>1/2 PINT CARTON</small></p> <p><b>SHURFINE YELLOW CLING Peaches</b> 69¢ <small>16 OZ. CAN - 2 For 1</small></p> <p><b>DEL MONTE CRUSHED Pineapple</b> 1.99 <small>15 1/2 OZ. CANS</small></p> <p><b>LIPTON BLACK RUM/SPICE Tea Bags</b> 69¢ <small>16 CT. BOX</small></p> <p><b>KRAFT SALAD DRESSING Miracle Whip</b> 69¢ <small>16 OZ. JAR</small></p> <p><b>SCHILLING Ground Sage</b> 79¢ <small>7/8 OZ. CAN</small></p> <p><b>GLADIOLA MIX FOR WHOLE CORNBREAD</b> 43¢ <small>2 6 OZ. PKGS.</small></p> <p><b>HI-FIBER CEREAL CORN Rice Chex</b> 89¢ <small>12 OZ. PKG.</small></p> <p><b>HI-FIBER BRAN OR WHOLE WHEAT Wheat Chex</b> 89¢ <small>EACH</small></p> <p><b>HOLSUM STUFFED MANZ. Olives</b> 79¢ <small>5 OZ. JAR</small></p> <p><b>SMOKEHOUSE ROASTED Almonds</b> 1.29 <small>6 OZ. CAN</small></p>

**Coca Cola, Tab Dr. Pepper 7-up \$1.39**

Central American Bananas 4 Lbs. For \$1.00 Plus Deposit 6--32 Oz. Bottle Carton

RED DELICIOUS Crisp Apples 39¢  
LB.

CALIFORNIA SUNKIST Navel Oranges 29¢  
LB.

GREEN PASCAL Crisp Celery 29¢  
STALK

SWEET YELLOW Onion 29¢  
2 LBS.

**Billy's Grocery**

**Venture FOODS**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU: FROM ALL OF US AT WTU**





## How Our Christmas Traditions Began

Christmas commands a month of our attention. It's complex with a host of delights, customs, and traditions to be observed, planned, and prepared for. Just look--gift-giving, caroling, Santa Claus, Christmas trees, holly wreaths, mistletoe, stockings by the chimney, Christmas cards, and *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*.

Little wonder that it covers one-twelfth of a year, it could scarcely be accomplished in less.

How did the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Jesus become ornamented with such a variegated spectrum of added attractions and traditions?

Each was added as the centuries passed. Some were incongruously inherited from philosophies, cults, and times which never knew Jesus. Some were deliberate or inadvertent gifts from talented individuals. Whoever the donors were, wherever, whenever, and for whatever reasons, they gave us our Christmas traditions or the fertile seeds which grew into traditions.

For example, the name "Christmas" comes to us via the English and their medieval Feast of the Nativity called "Cristes masse" (Christ's mass).

We also know that early Christians were so preoccupied with the hazardous duty of spreading the word that it was three and a half centuries before they conceived of a birthday celebration. By then, they were uncertain of the date. They knew the season - midwinter - but the exact day has been lost in antiquity if, indeed, it had ever been recorded.

So how did Christmas come to be commemorated on December 25? Enter Constantine I, Emperor of Rome, who in 336 assigned the fete which would become Christmas to December 25.

The embellishments of Christmas came from all over the world. From Germany we got the Christmas tree where Black Forest tribes in the 1600s began the indoor use of evergreens to celebrate the winter solstice. The idea spread through fir-clad Scandinavia, eventually to England, and was popularized in America by Hessian mercenaries during our Revolutionary War. Reportedly, Pennsylvania German settlers had Christmas trees as early as 1746.

Other Christmas greenery? Legend says that when Joseph of Arimathea brought Christianity to Britain, he arrived on Christmas Eve. Fatigued, he jabbed his Hawthorne staff into the ground whereupon it miraculously broke into leaf and flower. Christian thoughts harked back to Christ's crown of thorns. Thorny leaves became an expression of faith, eventually evolving as holly wreaths.

Pliny, in the first century, wrote of white-robed Druids clipping parasitic mistletoe from the branches of oak trees.

The sprigs were superstitiously used as charms against evil. In time, kissing beneath mistletoe was said to bode good for lovers and newlyweds, and it was inevitable added to sprays of Christmas greenery.

For about a century and a half, no Christmas has passed, nor could one pass today, without Nativity pageants which are invariably adapted from the Book of Matthew.

Equally important to Nativity pageants, the lawns of churches, and shop-window decorators, is the Nativity scene. For this tradition we owe none other than St. Francis of Assisi.

In the town of Greccio, Italy, at Christmastime, in the year 1224, the young priest constructed a manger, tied to it an ox and an ass, and assembled fellow clergy and townspeople to pray. A retired soldier declared that he "saw" the infant Jesus in the manger, and another tradition had begun.

Nativity plays and creches are always accompanied by Christmas carols, and none is more universally beloved than the luminescent *Silent Night*. In 1818, in the Austrian village of Oberndorf, church organist Franz Gruber was planning Christmas Eve mass when he made a horrifying discovery - the organ would not play. A mouse had gnawed a hole in the bellows. No Christmas Eve music? Unthinkable!

The youthful priest, Joseph Mohr, seemed strangely unperturbed. He was more interested in showing Gruber a poem he had just written. Gruber exploded. "The organ fails and you show me a poem? It is a simple poem and you could set it to music. You are a fine guitarist. With my voice, and yours, and a few of the children..."

That night the celebrants heard soft guitar chords, children's sweet harmony, an unpretentious melody, and the words:

*Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!  
Alles schlaf, Einsam wacht.*

Accustomed to weightier music, the congregation was unimpressed. But, in time, the naive purity of *Silent Night* prevailed. It came to be loved throughout the world, and many pretenders claimed authorship. By the time the true composers were recognized, Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber were dead, and so forgotten that their graves could not be positively identified. Their music became immortal. *Silent Night* is Christmas' highest musical tradition.

Christmas would be incomplete without at least one TV presentation of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Scrooge, Marley's ghost, and Tiny Tim are part and parcel of the season. But what brought them to life? Well, as many do today, Charles Dickens abhorred the rampant commercialization which, to his thinking, diluted the true Christmas spirit. So in 1843, he penned *A Christmas Carol* to

illustrate the evils of money-grubbing through the Savior's birthday. Paradoxically, he had an even more urgent reason; a man of fleeting moods and fortunes, Dickens was, at that time, in debt. He hastily wrote *A Christmas Carol* for ready cash. An instant and perennial favorite, it earned Dickens a tidy income.

For most of us, the Cratchits' Christmas goose has become a turkey. Why? That's an easy one. In the American colonies wild turkeys were plentiful. Naturally, they headlined the Pilgrims' Christmas feasts.

Have you mailed your Christmas cards yet? Sir Henry Cole, a British entrepreneur, mailed his early - in 1843 to be exact. When the idea for such a greeting light-bulbed in his mind, he commissioned artist John Horsley to design them. The run of about a thousand was lithographed, hand-colored, and sold for one shilling each. They were the first, and the start of something colossal.

Now, whom have we omitted? Oh yes, Santa Claus, of course.

Santa Claus is also St. Nicholas and, yes, there was a St. Nicholas. Nicholas of Patara was Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (Turkey) during the fourth century. That much is fact; the rest is legend. He restored the lives of three murdered youths, linking him forever with children. Anonymously, he presented the three daughters of a poor man with doweries of gold, and so became an unseen giver of gifts.

As the centuries passed, Nicholas slowly blended into the North European folk-figure, Father Christmas, wearing flowing robes and nocturnally delivering gifts to deserving children everywhere. Shoes or stockings were placed outside the door to receive gifts and to ensure that he would forget no one. St. Nicholas came to the United States with Dutch settlers in the 1600s.

The stockings were to be moved inside. Listen: *'Twas the night before Christmas,*

*when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring,  
not even a mouse...*

Clement C. Moore was a man of astonishing imagination. When he composed those lines in 1822, he abruptly, permanently redesigned Santa Claus. Never before had he landed on rooftops or dropped down fireplace chimneys. Never before had

*...a round little belly,  
that shook when laughed,  
like a bowlful of jelly.*

It was, in fact, Santa's first known "word

portrait." *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* was formally published in 1823. Dr. Moore had written the poem for his children, considered it personal, and had to be persuaded to allow publication. The first edition covered all bases; its original title was *A Visit from St. Nicholas*, and on the cover was emblazoned Santa Claus.

Thomas Nast, during the War between the States, wrapped a graphic image around Clement Moore's magic words, Nast, a *Harper's Weekly* cartoonist famed for battling Tammany hall and the corrupt "Tweed Ring," sketched a jolly, rotund fur-trimmed pipe-puffing Santa entertaining Union troops. From that moment, Santa Claus was the figure we

instantly recognize in magazines, on TV, and in department stores. There is but one Santa Claus - Clement Moore's and Thomas Nast's Santa Claus. No other tradition of Christmas is less likely to change.

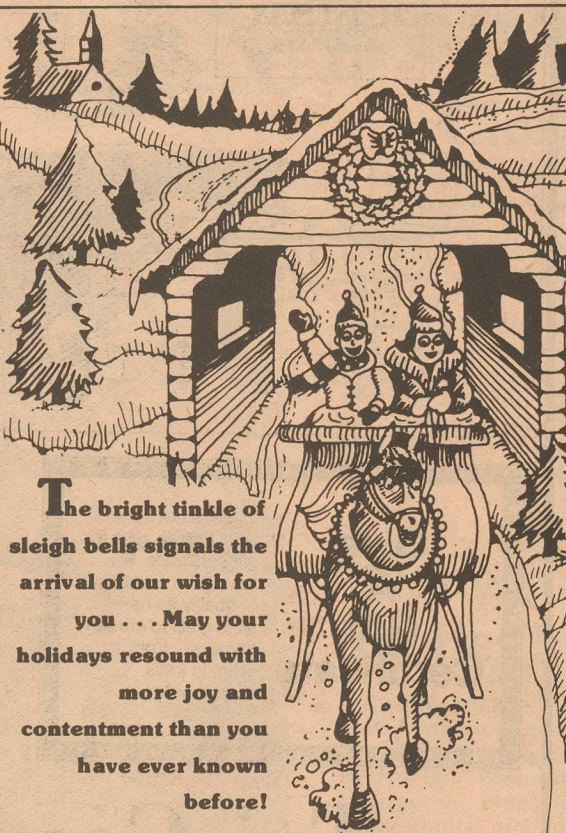
A comparative newcomer, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, seems slated for traditiondom. John Marks' music and Robert May's story have made the shiny-schnozzed misfit a juvenile hero since 1949. Gene Autry's recording has sold 79 million pressings, second only to another modern tradition, Bing Crosby's *White Christmas*.

Will more "new" traditions materialize? Most likely - and some will fade away. Christmas traditions change with time and circumstances - that's another tradition.



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BB guns and air rifles head the list of gifts that the Texas Society to Prevent Blindness urges Santa NOT to bring this Christmas to good little girls and boys.

"These and other projectiles such as blow guns, darts, bows and arrows and sling shots are not toys but weapons with a built-in hazard to sight," warns Malcolm Maxow, M.D., one of the Society's Medical Advisors.

"Giving any of these to a child is giving that child a license to blind, or -- at the very least -- impair the vision of another child," said Dr. Mazow, citing his own ophthalmological practice in which "every Christmas holiday I see a couple of eyes ruptured by one of these so-called toys."

"Nor are these isolated cases," he added. "According to a recent survey reported to

Prevent Blindness, in one year 1,288 cases of eye injuries caused by projectile toys were treated in hospital emergency rooms across the country. This total, moreover, does not include cases treated outside the hospital in offices like mine."

The Texas Society to Prevent Blindness stresses that the major responsibility for such toy-related accidents rests with parents and urges those who are "Santa's Shoppers" not to let the jolly bearded man in red bring gifts that can turn the joy of the holiday season into tragedy.

The Society also points out that in addition to projectiles, other inappropriately selected toys cause many of the estimated 9,600 eye injuries to Texas school children each year.



We hope you and yours will be blessed with peace and understanding. Thanks all.

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**HOSPITAL PATIENTS**  
Scott Robbins is a patient in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Mrs. Bill Slover is a patient in the Memorial Hospital in Groom where she had recent surgery. Her husband and son and

wife, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Slover have been with her during her hospitalization.

J. W. Pritchett is a patient in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock for cardiovascular medical tests and examination.

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Bell said that, "Excessive speed and alcohol are traditionally the prevalent violations leading to holiday traffic accidents." "Therefore", he stated, "we will place special emphasis on these violations and all

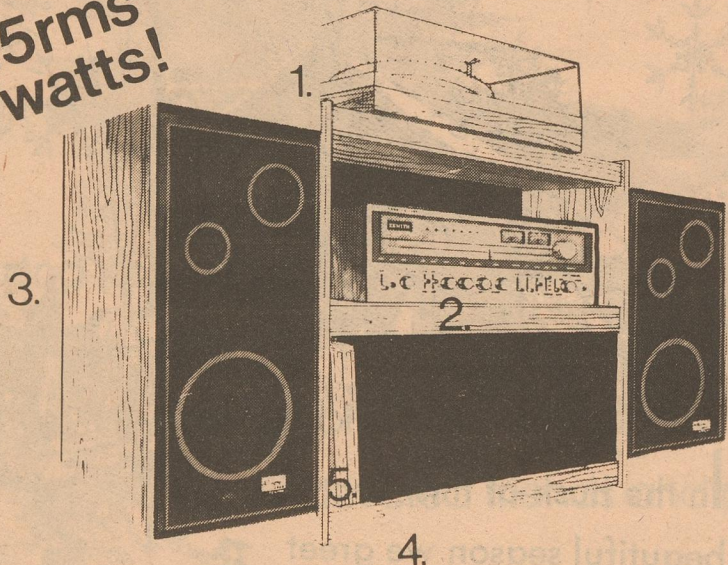
uniformed personnel will be on duty".

Major Bell noted that the Department of Public Safety would be working with the news media to focus attention on accident dangers during the holidays, and he concluded by saying, "Traffic deaths are tragic and most could be prevented if the motorist would use good judgment and obey traffic laws".

Major C. W. Bell, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety said today that, "Operation Motorcade will be in effect for two periods during the holidays. The Christmas period will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, December 21st, and will end at midnight, December 25th and the New Year period will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, December 28th, and will end at midnight, January 1st".

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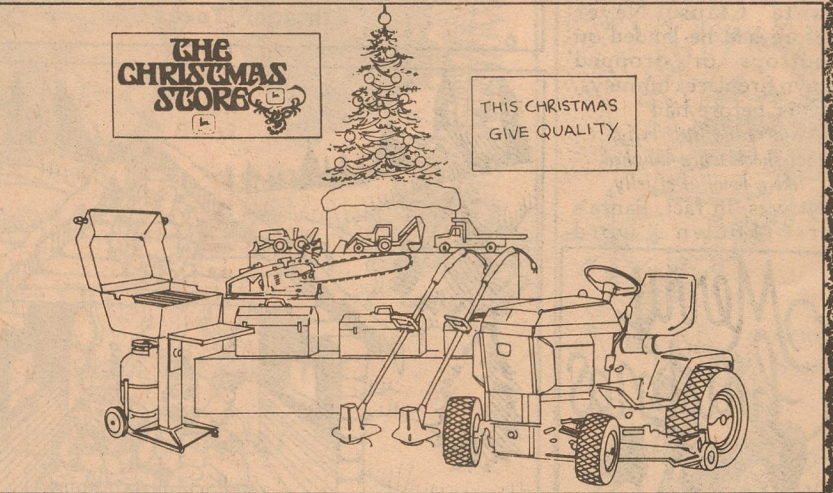
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