

Children unlock Christmas mysteries for adults

Santa Claus has a long white beard "so we'll know who he is," is married to the beardless Mrs. Santa Claus, feeds his reindeer bread and apples, and keeps tabs on who is good or bad by peeking in children's windows.

Children in the afternoon kindergarten sessions of teachers Tina Tucker and Paula Butler were eager to share their "facts" and fancies about holiday lore this week in Spearman. When asked such questions as "What does an elf look like?" these kindergarten classrooms became a sea of wildly waving hands as all were anxious to respond. Here is some of the knowledge they imparted to staffers at the **Spearman Reporter**.

Santa Claus is a figure with whom 5- and 6-year-olds are well acquainted. He dresses in a "big red suit and has a white beard and moustache," reported Cory. Opinion of his classmates was varied as to why Santa wears a beard. Some children believed it is because "it is white, like the snow," while others thought its purpose is to keep Saint Nick warm at the chilly North Pole. No one believed that the beard came into existence because of a misplaced razor, but they did agree that Santa would sink into instant obscurity without his facial hair. "His beard shows you who he is," Brandon

explained.

Santa Claus is married to Mrs. Santa Claus, whose main role in the scheme of things seems to be limited to cookie baking, according to Nicole. The children are vague about her appearance, but she is definitely a grandmotherly type with glasses, gray hair, and possibly a long red dress.

There was great debate over the subject of exactly how Santa Claus knows whether a particular child has been bad or good. Micah is convinced that he watches children by peeping in windows, day and night. "I know this," Micah said convincingly, "because I have a very good brain!" Other children prefer to think that Santa can only hear them, so if you are going to be naughty, you should whisper. One boy claimed that Father Christmas has a magic invisible man as a sidekick to do this dirty spy work for him. But Jennifer and some of her friends were certain that Santa does his own surveillance with the use of a "crystal snowball."

Fear not, those of you who inhabit chimney-less houses! Santa willingly tiptoes in via unlocked front and back doors, Catrina and Lexie reassured. Chelsea rushed to warn, however, that "He can't come in my back door, 'cause we got dogs!" Maybe you ought to take a few tips from the mailman

and meter reader, Santa.

When he does use a chimney as his chute to the stockings, Santa Claus encounters the problem of getting back up the chimney to his reindeer, who await him patiently on the rooftop. He accomplishes this feat in one of two ways, according to kindergartners: either he lays a finger aside his nose, a la "Night Before Christmas" story, or he gets sprinkled with a magic dust by the reindeer that enables him to do it.

All the children agree that Santa brings the most wonderful toys imaginable. What he does not bring, a boy revealed, doubling over with laughter, is bathtubs. These are simply too big. And he cannot bring a real dinosaur, because "they are all dead." Naughty children get nothing for Christmas, or, at best, a stocking full of coal. Whatever he brings, the children know he has really been there because he never fails to take a bite or two of the cookies they leave out when they go to bed on Christmas Eve and, last year, Adrienne found a tell-tale footprint in her fireplace.

Santa's elves and reindeer were interesting topics of conversation in the kindergarten classes. His elves are tiny creatures (the children demonstrated their size by see CHRISTMAS, p.3



Mrs. Tucker's kindergarten class seemed very knowledgeable about Santa Claus, reindeer and elves last Tuesday afternoon. As the children worked on the paper candles they were making, they

still offered answers to many questions asked by the reporter, Jean Ann Behney, about the Christmas season and Santa Claus.

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These children just received plush dinosaur animals (characters from the "Land Before Time" movie) as a result of a coloring sweepstakes sponsored by Pizza Hut and J.C. Penney. Each participating Pizza Hut draw five names as winners of the stuffed animals. These children also will be entered in the sweepstakes drawing (for a chance to win a trip to

Universal Studios) as a result of their entries in the coloring drawing. They are (from l-r) Brandon Clyburn, of Spearman; Kelsey Henton, Spearman; Samantha Prouty, Gruver; and Christina Ceniceros of Spearman. Not pictured but also a winner of the drawing was Jill Ann Odom of Gruver.

Lynxettes down Perryton in Friday night contest

The Spearman varsity Lynxettes downed the Perryton Rangerettes last Friday night 49-38. The Rangerettes began falling behind early in the first quarter, at the end of the first, the Rangerettes were six points behind. And the Lynxettes continued to outscore the Perryton girls until the last quarter. In that final quarter the Rangerettes outscored the Lynxettes by eight points, but it was not enough for Perryton.

Krista Kirkland was high scorer for the Lynxettes with 24 points, making eight two pointers, one three point field goal, and all of the five free throws attempted.

Heather Murrell was the only other Lynxette in the game to make double digit scoring with 10. Londee Bradley put in six, Michelle Cook five, Ginger Pearson two, and Vonda Benson and Joy Gafford each donated one point to the Lynxette score.

Kirkland was also responsible for guarding one of the lead scorers for the Rangerettes. She helped keep S. Boone down to only one point for the evening. The whole defense played well and in the fourth quarter the Rangerettes

tried to get the game to more of an even challenge, but the Lynxette defense would not relent.

High scorer for the Rangers was A. Wilson with 16 points, followed by C. Boerstler with seven, K. Gregory, A. Pribble and C. Bagwell each added four to the Rangerettes score. C. Freeman had two and S. Boone added one.

The Lynxettes played a tough game with number one ranked Nazareth Tuesday night, Dec. 20 but lost to the number one 1-A team. The Lynxettes are rated fifth in girl's class AA in the state.

Papers combined, resumes schedule next week

This special Christmas edition combines both the Thursday Spearman Reporter and the Sunday Hansford Plainsman in one single edition.

This combination allows our staff to be with their families during the Christmas holidays.

Both papers will resume their normal schedules next week.

Stocking Fund climbs to \$2,221

Christmas is here and the Hansford Manor Stocking Fund will again help some residents of the Hansford Manor to enjoy the season more fully.

The fund this year (as of press-time Wednesday) had grown to \$2121.13.

The tree at the Manor should have plenty of gifts under it now. Some residents may receive sweaters or even a hair cut which the fund could provide. It can provide amenities such as socks, undergarments and the like that the budget of the Manor can not be stretched to attain.

Previous Balance	\$1526.14
Erwin and Susan Delk	15.00
Brett and Brenda Whitford	25.00
Charley and Marguerite Millican	50.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Don Allen	20.00
Walter and Dorothy Woolley	20.00
J.D. and Ruby Jo Wilbanks	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Larson	50.00

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Taxiway 80% complete at project site

"We are 75 percent completed on the new runway extension and 80 percent finished with the new taxiway," reported construction foreman Irwin Woods during a recent interview concerning progress at Spearman Municipal Airport's construction project.

The local airport's construction and reconstruction project, which began in October of this year after the city of Spearman received a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration, was engineered by Dwight L. Brandt of Amarillo and is being carried out by DePauw Construction, also of Amarillo. Construction plans include a new taxiway, an improved and extended (by 700 feet) runway, a two hundred-foot blast pad, and improvements to the road into the airport, its parking lot and the hangar area.

Runway improvements involve reconstructing the north portion of the runway, compacting the road material to a specified density, and overlaying the runway with two inches of "hot mix," a surfacing mixture made of asphalt and an aggregate. Although the new runway extension and taxiway are nearly completed, the old runway has yet to be resurfaced. The blast pad is being added to the north end of the airport to complement the one already at the south end and to provide extra length for overrun, a safety precaution. Blast pads also cut down on surface erosion of runways.

Other improvements at the airport, which have yet to be begun, include reconstructing portions of the parking lot and the area between each of the hangars. These areas will be stabilized and resurfaced. The entrance road to the airport will be overlaid with hot mix.

"There is a lot of work to be done," Woods said, "but we have plenty of time and we've only had to miss a few days because of bad weather." He comments that many local residents probably underestimate the size and scope of the airport reconstruction project, which will be completed by approximately July 15, 1989.

"You finish each part as you go," Woods explained, "so it's all usable as you go. This airport is

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Operation Christmas Greeting 1988 tallies final account

With Christmas Day only a few days away, the Operation Christmas Greeting 1988 is winding down its annual holiday run with its sponsors, the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary well pleased with the response from the county residents. This money has been donated rather than sending greeting cards. The Hospital Auxiliary utilizes this money to purchase needed equipment and furnishings for the Hansford Hospital and Hansford Manor.

Donations can still be mailed to Mary Fern Terry, P.O. Box 225, Spearman, Texas 79081.

We extend best wishes to all of our friends for a Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year. We have donated to the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary instead of mailing cards.

E.J. and Joe Copeland
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Ora Sanders

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Leroy and May Lee Smith

Jimmy and Lois Shieldknight
Don and Gwen Smith

T.C. and Doris Kitchens
Claude and Phyllis Owens

Charles and Maxine Little



Scout Dallas Trooper is shown here presenting a check to Shelly Jones of the Department of Human Services for Hutchinson and Hansford Counties. The check is a part of the fund Trooper helped set up for "Foster Children of Hansford County". Trooper spoke to local clubs and organizations requesting donations to the fund to benefit four Hansford County children who are in need of assistance. Jones will use this check from the fund to buy Christmas gifts for the Hansford County children. She will send back receipts to show specific items purchased for the children. Jones, Trooper and the children benefiting from the fund extend thanks to the clubs and individuals who donated money to the fund, and to Chalor's for donating 13 new dresses to the girls who are at Girlstown.

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Among the Neighbors
 B Helen Fisher

Friends and neighbors are welcoming Claude Owens back home after ten days in High Plains Baptist Hospital. He was being treated for a heart condition. An entirely different "affair of the heart" was the observance of the 50th wedding anniversary of Claude and Phyllis.

Their daughter, Judy, and Bill Elliott and family of Amarillo hosted the dinner on November 12 at the Amarillo Country Club. It was attended by friends and family members.

Claude and Phyllis Longhofer were married in Clovis in 1938 and have lived in Spearman since. Judy is their only child.

Claude is recovering and looking forward to going hunting. For 50 years it has been a mystery to Phyllis how he could enjoy walking miles and miles while hunting, but always drove two blocks to buy a paper!

Claude says two things he has learned in the 50 years-One way to save face is to keep the lower part of it shut; the difference between keeping your chin up and sticking your neck out is "...ouch!"

The Owens are wished many more happy anniversaries.

weeks in the home of her daughter and son-in-law Betty and Tom Dean and family.

Patricia and Lt. Col. Roger Nash with Anna and Peter of Hampton, Vir. arrived Thursday to spend the holidays with her parents, the Lewis Schnells and other relatives.

Lorene and Don Kunselman returned last Sunday from a long weekend in San Angelo. They attended the wedding of her grandson on Saturday afternoon.

The Choir of the First Baptist Church held the annual party on Saturday evening. The event was hosted by Peggy and Alton Ellsworth in their lovely home, with 38 attending.

The Celebrate Choir from Spearman High School, under the direction of Bill Howell, entertained the group. Gag gifts were exchanged and food and fellowship filled the evening.

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CARD OF THANKS

I want to take this opportunity to thank my friends for their prayer and cards during my illness. May God bless all of you.

Mary Sullins
 G-S-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

Claude Owens and family wish to thank everyone for flowers, cards, gifts, prayers and visits while in the hospital and since at home.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
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Hearts were heavy in Spearman Friday when the announcement of the passing of Dick Hudson was made. Dick and Francis were an effective part of Spearman life for many years, and their four children all attended and finished school here.

Attending the services on Saturday at Spiro, Okla., and conveying sympathy from the entire town were Bob and Marva Hohertz; Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Farris, Robert Queener and Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Kitchens.

The Kitchens left on Friday and spent the night with the Burton Williamsons in Broken Arrow, Okla.

Guests in the home of Jim and Linda Davis were their daughter, Jean and Ricky Bracy of Lubbock. Jean is teaching at Ralls and Ricky is a student at Tech.

Lois Nollner returned the latter part of the week from Corpus Christi. She spent more than two

Ray Devers had an entertaining weekend with his two grandsons who came to visit him. Curtis Devers lives in Carlsbad but is attending technical school in Liberal, so he returned on Sunday evening.

Scott Devers is from Hereford and plans to stay here until after Christmas. However that might depend on whether he or his grandfather is the designated cook!

Mrs. LaNelle Poling of Fritch spent the weekend in Spearman in the home of her daughter, Lynda and Jeff Rowland.

She attended the Christmas Musical Performance at the First Methodist Church as Lynda was one of the Choir.

She also attended the Choir and Band Concert at the Spearman High School on Sunday afternoon. Her granddaughters, Mollie and Monica, both participated.

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Ray and Lura Howell came from Lubbock to spend the weekend in the home of their son, Bill and Cathy Howell. They attended the Choir and Band Concert at the high school on Sunday afternoon.

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 a day of happy beginnings
 when we, Mitzi Pearson
 and
 Allen Mires
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 on Friday, December thirtieth
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With our deepest appreciation, we say, "Merry Christmas, Everyone!"

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WIC program to benefit more women, children

More low-income women, infants and children who are at nutritional risk will be receiving food assistance and nutrition education in Hanford County this month, as a result of the Jobs Bill recently passed by Congress.

Local officials of the Texas Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) are encouraging those who feel they may be eligible to apply for WIC services.

In Spearman on Thursday or Friday morning call Donna Yarbrough at 659-2626 and in Gruver on Thursday and Friday morning call Lillian Cooksey at 733-2786, for more information.

Beginning in January the team will be in Spearman at the Home Demonstration Building on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

WIC participants receive a monthly supply of nutritious foods such as milk, eggs, fruit juice,

iron-fortified cereal and iron-fortified infant formula. Monthly nutrition education classes are also provided so that WIC participants can learn how to buy and prepare nutritious meals.

To receive assistance, participants must have health or nutrition related problems and meet specific low-income criteria. WIC is a federal health program that has received additional funding from Congress through the Jobs Bill. The program is also continuing to expand in Texas.

The program is designed to aid pregnant women and young children by avoiding hospital costs that would have to be spent in treatment, without proper nutrition while pregnant and in the critical early years. Since the program is delivered through local health care agencies, WIC encourages early and frequent prenatal and child health care.



Rebekah [Byers] Keating

Byers - Keating wed

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Byers announce the marriage of their daughter, Rebekah to David E. Keating of Topeka, Kan. The groom is the son of La Vena Keating of Chapman, Ks. and Mr. and Mrs. Jean Keating of Junction City, Ks.

The couple were married Dec. 17 in Las Vegas. A reception for the couple will be held on Dec. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Extension Homemakers Clubroom in Spearman, located at 305 N. Bernice. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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holding their hands anywhere from two inches to two feet apart) who resemble people somewhat and have "clean faces." Dusty identifies them readily by their pointed ears. Another child said their ears got pointed when the elves' mothers "cut them that way with scissors," but the students near him disagreed saying, "Elves are just born with their ears already pointed." The peacemaker in the room suggested a third cause: elves pull on their ears until they become pointed!

Reindeer who work for Santa Claus eat hay, bread, apples and snow. They either moo like a cow or bleat like a goat. They fly by using their magic legs or, when that doesn't work, by eating "magic corn," Amanda informed us.

In spite of technical differences on some of these matters, the boys and girls agreed on two important points. The best part of Christmas for these kindergartners, as Andrew summed it up, is that it is Jesus's birthday, and the next best thing, said Danica, is opening presents.

Jv girls lose to Rangerettes

The junior varsity girls lost to Perryton last Friday night 31-47. The Rangerettes got an early eight point lead in the first quarter and kept building on it.

The Lynxettes gained some ground in the fourth, but not enough to challenge the Ran-

gerettes. C. Andreas was lead scorer for the Rangerettes with 13. M. Jones had 10.

C. Kile added six, R. Schickenda, Burger, Coates, and Woodmore each added four to Perryton's score and T. Lamaster gave two.

Elliot made eight for the Lynxettes. Nelson and Thompson each made five points. Schneider, Melton, and Ivey made four points each.

Freshmen girls beat Perryton Rangerettes


The freshmen girls basketball team beat Perryton's freshmen team last Friday night 50-27. Lasater and Schumann were high scoring Lynxettes that night each with 10. Townsen, Holton, and Greene each made seven. Pearson made four and Sanders three.

Wright was high scorer for the Rangerette freshmen with six. Nall, Pattison, and Coates each made four, Newcomb added three points. Smith and Faulkner made two, and Duke and Stuedner added one each.

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still intact and usable now. We've currently got 3200 feet of operational runway."

Woods, who worked on the Gruver Airport construction project a few years ago, has also been involved with airport construction at Borger, Perryton, and Panhandle. "It's a big project, but I'm tickled to death that Spearman is getting this airport," he said. "It's going to be nice, it really is!"



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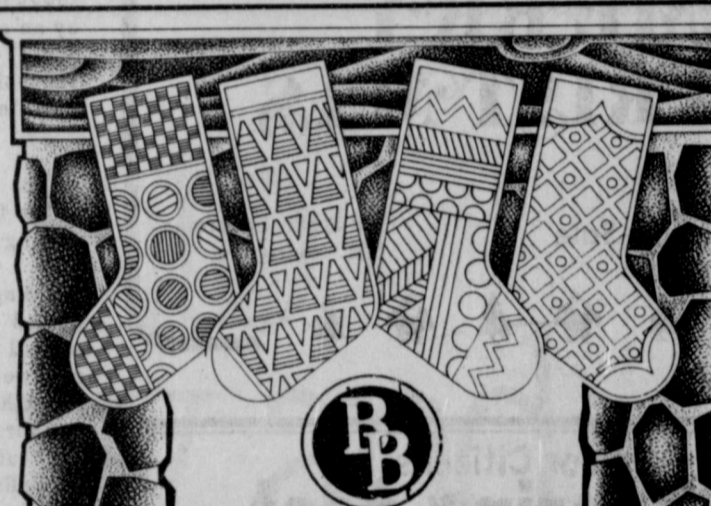
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From Fa-La-La's to Jingle Bells. . .

Christmas songs make memory magic

by JEAN ANN BEHNEY

Christmas would not be the magical time it is were it not celebrated in song. From the familiar strains of the "I'll be home for Christmas" promise to the fa-la-las and alleluias we trill, opera-style, one season a year, music gives Christmas much of its light and life.

Each December, we pull out our old Bing Crosby albums to hear "White Christmas," tune into television specials featuring Perry Como and Placido Domingo, and pop in the "Jingle Bells" cassette tape for the hundredth time for our children. And we do these things just as surely as we set out on a festive Saturday to select the perfect pine tree for the living room or go out to rummage through

boxes in the garage in search of the ornaments.

A few years ago, someone asked a group of school teachers, of which I was a member, to name our all-time favorite Christmas carol. One by one, my colleagues began saying "Silent Night" and "Angels We Have Heard on High," but I was utterly stumped. I liked them all, both the secular and the religious. I loved to solemnly sing the old classics in Latin ("Adeste Fidelis" just rolls out of your mouth, even if you've never studied a foreign language!) and laugh my way through the sillier ones ("All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth.") I even enjoyed the less well-known ones, whose second, third, and fourth verses eluded me each year without a songbook. But to choose one as a favorite? Only one? Impossible, I thought, and though my friends teased and cajoled, I never was able to "name that tune."

With the wisdom of 31 years, however, I have come to a sudden and revealing realization about Christmas carols. Reflecting back over the years, certain Christmas songs really do stand out, outlined by an event or an awareness or an age. For particular Christmases, one holiday song seems to attach itself to the memory.

First memories

The first carol I remember ever singing is "Away in a Manger." This I warbled tremulously while standing at my mother's knee. She played the piano easily, pausing when I did, as I performed for the relatives in the living room of our small home. The concept of "no crib for a bed" was revolutionary to my four-year-old self. Why, even my dolls had a cradle! Then again, sleeping in a hay-filled manger sounded like an adventure, kind of like a creative camp-out. That scene offered glittering stars in the mysterious night with people coming bearing gifts; in short, that long-ago Christmas was a time of unparalleled excitement tempered by the serenity of the reverent adults. Jesus's first Christmas was a lot like the first Christmas I remember, and I identified with the infant Christ that year because of this still-popular song for children.

The reverence of Christmas and the shout-it-out joy of the holiday were captured for me by two pieces of music in my school-girl days. I distinctly recall a candlelit Christmas Eve service at which I heard a

choir perform "The First Noel" when I was about nine years old. As I listened to the words being sung, my heart seemed to flutter with each note and my throat suddenly constricted. The candles' flames seemed to blur into one brilliant light and my eyes filled. It was all so perfectly beautiful. I didn't understand, but I experienced the moment all the same.

Exuberant youth

In school just the week before, I had sung the rollicking "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" at the annual PTA program. During prior rehearsals, the music teacher had interrupted my class several times to warn us against getting carried away on the word "wish," which we were exuberantly transforming into a thrilling, near-hysterical "WISHSHSH!" At the PTA program, we managed to sing the first set of "wish's" with disarming docility, but by the second verse, each "wish" began to take on an alarming life of its own. "We WISHSHSH you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year!!!" we ended, half-shouting the "sh" sound with a great happy swoosh of air. Then we realized what we'd done and looked, as one anxious, squirming body, at our teacher. Astonishingly, she was grinning from ear to ear and turned, unabashed, to greet thunderous applause. Our "WISHSHSH" had breathed life into the audience of parents. Our gusto was contagious and we were all so uplifted, we fairly floated out of that auditorium.

Questioning teen

When I was in the throes of my soul-searching, who-am-I teenaged years, I discovered a Christmas carol on an old folk song record of my parents' that fully expressed the doubts and questions that constantly hammered away at me. In the hauntingly pretty "I Wonder As I Wander," the singer asks, "I wonder as I wander/Out under the sky/ How Jesus the Savior/ Did come for to die/ For poor on'ry people/ like you and like I." That 14-year-old holiday, I wondered about many things and I wandered off to seek answers in my isolation. The song refers to the "promise of ages." At that age, I wanted very much to believe there was such a thing, but I felt compelled to scrutinize everything from my family's traditions to the symbolism of the season and to demand "proof" and "evidence" for what must be taken on faith.

A few years later, my questions were overridden by the silvery sounds of the trumpets in "Joy to the World." In this song I heard and returned by echo my otherwise

inexpressible sing-it-out happiness. I was twenty-one years old, I was in love, the world was a splendid place! The trumpets are victorious in this Christmas carol. Every beat of the music carries a clang of triumph which we are thrilled to share, we are so filled with good feelings. Our emotions spill over and cast a brilliant sheen on everyone around us. That year, Christmas was a peak experience, and I embraced all aspects of it wholeheartedly.

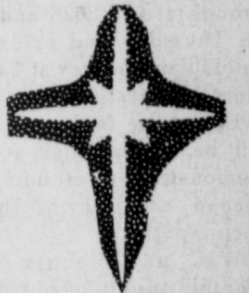
Coming full circle

Five Decembers more, and I was singing softly to my first baby as she dozed in my arms. "Our" favorite lullaby was the melodic "Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head." Over and over, my voice repeated, "Jesus, Jesus rest your head/ You have got a manger bed." I had come full circle: I was back to the wonder of the birth of Christ. That year, I truly appreciated the miracle of new life because I finally held my own little miracle.

From then on, I realized, her father and I would share her evolution as an individual at the same time that she would experience, by turns, her own joyous, silly and reverent Christmas moments. Just this year, this same child, now five years old, heard the song "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" for the very first time. When it came to the line, "Hang a shining star upon the highest bough," her small face went very still and she blinked twice. Then she made me replay

the line over and over on the tape player. "Mommy, why does that part make my eyes get tears in them?" she asked. "It's because you are feeling Christmas," I answered. "That's what Christmas carols make us do."

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Hansford County crops ideal for pheasants

Hansford County is one of the leading crop producing areas in the state and contains an abundant population of ring-necked pheasants. The quality of the pheasant habitat is directly related to cropland management practices that affect the pheasant's food supply and cover. Good conservation farming practices can not only protect soil from erosion but more than adequately provide the needed food and cover requirements to insure the continued success of the pheasant in this area.

Because of the abundance of irrigated farmland and playa lakes, water is not a limiting factor for pheasants in the county, therefore, food and cover are the most critical elements for pheasant populations.

The pheasants diet consists primarily of grains, insects and weed seeds (ragweeds, careless weeds, smartweeds, etc.). The birds need various types of cover for survival; loafing cover, roosting cover, winter cover and nesting cover. Probably the two most important of these are the nesting and winter covers. Nesting cover needs to be tall enough to conceal the hen and eggs and winter cover needs to be very dense to protect the birds from the harsh weather conditions. Only 65-75% of the fall popula-

tions survive until the next fall due primarily to severe weather, inadequate cover and predation.

Farmers can do several things to provide adequate food and cover for pheasants. Proper residue management is probably the most important factor contributing to the success of pheasant populations. Limiting tillage operations to only those which are necessary is an excellent way to reduce soil erosion and improve pheasant habitat. Producers can leave waste grains and stubble through the fall and winter. This would provide excellent food and cover for the birds during critical periods.

Existing vegetation should be left in and along playas, fence rows and tail-water pits. Care should also be taken so that waterways, pastureland and playa lake areas are not overgrazed.

Pheasants have survived in the Panhandle for many years and with continued efforts towards initiating better conservation farming practices the pheasant population will continue to grow in Hansford Co.

Contact the Soil Conservation Service for more information concerning conservation farming techniques which can benefit pheasant habitat.

Club News

SPEARMAN STUDY CLUB
by Sandee Smith

The Spearman Study Club met for its December meeting in the home of Hester Sue Crawford with Barbara Collier as co-hostess. A short business meeting was conducted by president Sandee Smith. The club voted to buy a 10 foot artificial Christmas tree for Girlstown in Borger and to help supply decorations. (The decorations were donated by townspeople, club members, and school children.)

A fifty dollar donation was given to Dallas Trosper to help him with his Foster Children of Hansford County Fund to help needy Hansford children in foster homes.

Patty Sheppard gave a Christmas story reading and then refreshments were served and gifts exchanged.

Members present were Hester Crawford, Patty Sheppard, Cindy Schribner, Trudy Schneider, Linda Close, Barbara Collier, Nancy Loveday, Eulalia Blankenship, Sandee Smith and guest, June Tucker.

FUND, from p.1

Mrs. Mary Cates	25.00
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TOTAL TO DATE	\$2121.13

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Spearman Study Club would like to thank all the people and businesses who donated Christmas decorations for the tree we bought for Girlstown.

The tree arrived at Girlstown on Saturday Dec. 10 and Patty Sheppard and Sandee Smith and her family took the decorations to Girlstown on Monday Dec. 12. They were served dinner and

they toured the new facilities while the girls trimmed the tree. When the trimming was finished, refreshments were served in honor of the Spearman Study Club and the people of Spearman for their donations.

With the generosity of our club and the Spearman merchants and citizens we have made some young girls a little happier this Christmas. Thank you again.

The Spearman Study Club

Harbours celebrate golden anniversary

The public is invited to attend a reception honoring the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ira A. Harbour, Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Hindmarsh, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Harbour, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Harbour, children of the couple, will be hosting the reception on Jan. 1 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the First State Bank of Spearman.

The couple requests that friends let their presence be their gifts.

TDH advises proper toys for each age group

Toys are part of the thrill of Christmas for children around the world, and nowhere but in the U.S. is there such variety. This time of year, stores display thousands of toys made for every age group.

But the Texas Department of Health (TDH), in conjunction with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), works hard to see that children will not get some toys—the ones found to be dangerous or even life-threatening.

Throughout the year, CPSC and TDH must inspect and test thousands of kinds of toys made in this country as well as overseas. And each year, they find some toys that contain hazardous materials such as lead paint.

Other toys are poorly designed, with small parts that can be detached or broken from the larger toy and swallowed by young children. Brittle plastic and sharp metal in other toys, and inappropriate labeling for the intended age group, add to the possibility that a child may be hurt or killed.

In 1987, some 647,000 children less than 15 years old were injured by hazardous or defective toys in the U.S. and 30 of them died. year, with some reports not yet complete, another seven fatalities occurred between January and September.

So far in 1988, nearly 150 different toys have been found to be unsafe, and their manufacturers were ordered to recall them.

Burnham said, "CPSC used to release a yearly list of all toys that have been recalled, but that led parents to believe that all toys not on the list were safe. The truth is that there is only so much the regulatory agencies can do to ensure that toys are safe for the kids who get them. The bulk of the responsibility will always lie with the adults who buy the toys."

Burnham stressed that adults should check any toy for defective material, detachable parts, and age appropriateness. "Plain common sense on the part of a parent often can prevent tragedy," he said.

Burnham urged parents who find toys to be defective, dangerous, or mislabeled to notify him at (512) 458-7519, or call the Consumer Product Safety Commission toll-free at 1-800-638-CPSC.

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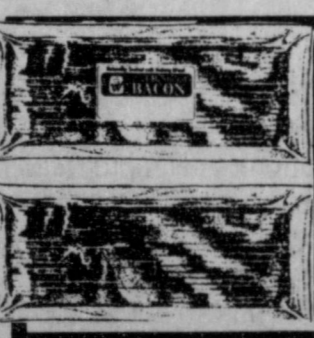


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Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for inspection at the office of Henry L. Gallegly, Resident Engineer, Dalhart, Texas, and at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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HOLIDAY LEFTOVERS? TRY TURKEY POT PIE

When asked the characteristics of a good cook, three top New York chefs gave the same reply: he or she should be able to chop an onion, roast a chicken and creatively use up leftovers from the refrigerator. Thanksgiving dinner, and its subsequent leftovers, gives many cooks an opportunity to test their skills.

To make the test easier, here's a recipe for Vegetable Turkey Pot Pie that uses the well-seasoned stock and the abundant garden vegetables in Campbell's Home Cookin' vegetable soup to help make the most of leftover turkey.

Vegetable Turkey Pot Pie blends chopped onion, marjoram, cooked turkey, spinach, pepper and condensed cream of potato soup with Home Cookin' vegetable soup and pie pastry. This main dish recipe is easy to prepare and could earn a nod of approval for its creativity from any New York chef.

VEGETABLE TURKEY POT PIE

- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 teaspoon dried marjoram leaves, crushed
- 1 can (19 ounces) Home Cookin' Vegetable Soup
- 1. In 2-quart saucepan over medium heat, in hot butter, cook onion with marjoram until tender. Add soups, turkey, spinach and pepper. Heat through.
- 2. Preheat oven to 400°F. On floured surface, roll pastry 1 inch larger all around than 1 1/2-quart casserole and cut into strips of equal width.
- 3. Pour hot soup mixture into casserole. Crisscross pastry strips over filling to form a lattice top. Fasten ends to edge of casserole. Crimp edge. Bake 25 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Makes 6 servings.

spotlight on health

Planning Helps Prevent Flu and Pneumonia
Warning: The Winter Health Watch is now in effect. By mid-January the flu will be appearing in about 28 states. According to the American Lung Association, in a flu epidemic year nearly 30 percent of the population will contract influenza. A viral infection of the bronchial tubes and lungs, influenza affects the whole body with chills, fever, loss of appetite, sore throat and aching.



Because it weakens the body's defenses against bacteria, the flu can cause further complications, the most common of which is bacterial pneumonia. When the body's defenses are weakened the pneumococcus bacteria, often present in healthy throats, start to invade the bronchial tubes and lungs. As many as 60,000 Americans can die in an epidemic year from both influenza and pneumococcal pneumonia, according to Surgeon General Koop. Fortunately, there are vaccines available against influenza and pneumococcal pneumonia.

In 1983, Lederle Laboratories introduced PNU-IMUNE '23, a vaccine protecting against the 23 strains of pneumococci that cause nearly 90 percent of serious pneumococcal disease. It is needed only once in a lifetime and is reimbursable by Medicare. As many as 40,000 Americans died last year from pneumococcal disease according to the Centers for Disease Control. It is America's sixth leading killer. The use of pneumococcal vaccines such as PNU-IMUNE '23 can reduce that number significantly.

- High Risk Categories**
- Who is at a high risk to contract pneumococcal pneumonia?
 - Older adults, especially those over 65;
 - Adults and children who have chronic illnesses such as lung or heart problems, kidney disease or diabetes requiring regular medical follow up or hospitalization.
 - Residents of nursing homes or other long-term health care facilities.

According to the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, the rate from pneumonia is 2.5 times higher for people age 65 to 74 than in younger adults. Over 75, the death rate is much greater.

Since vaccines are available and have been proven effective against flu and pneumonia, they can and should be used in appropriate individuals as a Public Health measure. Prevention is the best policy.

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Thank you for the love and concern shown to me while I was in the hospital. I appreciated each act of kindness. The flowers, cards, calls, prayers, and food -- when I came home. May God bless each of you with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Gertie Sparks



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Santa Claus receives requests by letter



EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Graham's Spearman Elementary second grade class wrote the following letters to Santa Claus.

Dear Santa,
I would like a trampoline for Christmas And a bike. I love you Santa from Melissa Garcia. I am in the second grade.
Melissa Garcia

Dear Santa,
I would want a Mask Bulldog and a T.V.
Love,
Bo Reed

Dear Santa,
I would like a picture of you and a Robot. I love you Santa. I believe in you Santa.
love,
Josh Schumann

Dear Santa,
I would like a drum set and brown Ropers. I hope I've been good but, you've been good to me. Thank you for giving me something every Christmas.
Love,
Cassie Butt

Dear Santa,
I want a mask toy, and some other toys.
I Love you Santa
Albert LaRochelle

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a Phone and TV and I have been good but you have been good to me. You have come every Christmas and I love you.
Love,
Texana Clyburn

Dear Santa,
This year what I would like for Christmas is a 10 speed and a computer. I hope that I've been good but you have been good to me. Thanks for every Christmas you have come.
I Love you,
Mandy Kenney

Dear Santa,
I Want for Christmas is a Nintendo and a train set.
Love,
Casey Villines

Dear Santa,
I would like a football suit and a bike.
Love,
Clancy Vanderburg

Dear Santa,
I want a car for Christmas and I want a Bigfoot for Christmas and when it is the day to open our present We can play with our toys.
Love,
Efrain Fraire

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a phone and talking football. I love you very much santa.
Love,
Aaron Witten

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nosey Bear and I would like to have a ten-speed thank you for all the toys you make them good. MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Love,
Candice Fulce

Dear Santa,
I want a po-go ball and a new bike. I love all the elves and I love Mrs. Santa and I love all your toys and I love you Santa.
Dustin Cudd

Dear Santa,
Santa can I have Little miss make-up and I will kiss you please can I have a pogo-ball too?
I love you santa love Meagan.
Meagan Sasser

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo, and a football suit, and a football, and a jetski.
Love,
Jason Taylor

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. And this Christmas I would like a Pogo ball and Special Blessings doll. Thank you for all my gifts in the pass.
Love,
Holly Pipkin

Dear Santa,
I want kid sister and a pogo ball. Thank you for all the toys you got me for Christmas and for all the toys you got my sister for Christmas.
Love,
Terr Carr

Dear Santa,
I would like a ten-speed and a big soft flffy bear. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Lisa Swink

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade bring me pogo ball and dress and dog and the california raisins and boots. Merry Christmas Santa love Santa.
Veronica Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. What I would really like is a Kid Sister, and a pogo ball. I have ask my mom and dad if she will give me kid sister and a pogo ball. But my dad got laid off.
Love,
Sonya Shay Salgado

Dear Santa Clause,
I am in the 2th grade I would like you to bring me a organ, a Miss Makeup doll and a star stage. Please wrap my gifts.
Thank you,
Stephnie Bowling

Dear Santa Claus,
Please come see me. I have been a Good Girl.
Kelcee

Handbook helps newly recovering

Scott Sheppard, author of the new book **Survival Handbook for the Newly Recovering**, says, that for many recovering people, drinking is a holiday tradition as much as stringing lights around the front porch.

"There are all sort of cues that trigger the alcoholic's urge to drink," he explains. For some it's passing by their once-favorite bar. For others it's watching football on television.

"For a lot of people the holidays are also one of those cues," he says.

So, just as the recovering alcoholic needs to avoid old haunts or find productive alternatives to Sunday afternoon football, he or she needs to replace holiday rituals that trigger the cravings for alcohol, Shepperd says.

For instance, if drinking around the family tree was a Christmas Eve tradition, make plans to be out that evening. If bar-hopping was your New Year's Eve ritual, give a dinner party instead.

Other strategies for ensuring sobriety throughout the holidays include:

--Attending AA meetings regularly, if not more than usual. That way you'll have consistent contact with other recovering people.

"Drug and Alcohol Update" is provided by the Palo Duro Hospital CareUnit in Canyon, Texas. It will continue to be released on a monthly basis.

The CareUnit staff will be available for background information or interview on the issues of alcoholism, chemical dependency or any other addictions. For more information contact: The CareUnit at Palo Duro Hospital, No. 2 Hospital Drive, Canyon, Tx 79015. Area Code 806-655-7723.

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Season's greetings

JJ's Restaurant

Thank you and Season's Greetings from Jo Lynn and Jackie

HWY 207 Spearman

We will be open between Christmas and New Years.

Stanton W. Cobb DDS

Family Practice of Dentistry and Orthodontics

802 S. Roland
659-2215

Happy New Year

Season's Greetings

Callaway Lumber

321 Hwy. 207, Spearman

Plains Barber Shop

Christmas Special

All Hair Cuts \$5

Dec. 22 - Dec. 24

315 N. Bernice

Merry CHRISTMAS!
Thank you for (2 blocks N of First State Bank) your patronage.

659-3655 Bill Burger

Fullers' Jewelry

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A Merry Christmas

We appreciate your special friendship.

Kelly Fuller Johnnie Fuller Grace McDade

221 Sanders, Spearman

MERRY CHRISTMAS

In the rush of events, we tend to overlook the important friendships that are the true basis of business relationships. One of the great pleasures of the holiday season is the opportunity to exchange greetings with those whose friendship and good will are valued so highly. In this spirit, it is a pleasure to say thank you and extend sincere appreciation for the very pleasant association enjoyed with you.

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

Harve & Phyllis Atwood
El Vaquero Restaurant and The Gang

El Vaquero Restaurant

We will be closed Dec. 24, 25, & 26

Open New Year's Eve