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BOVINA SAYS HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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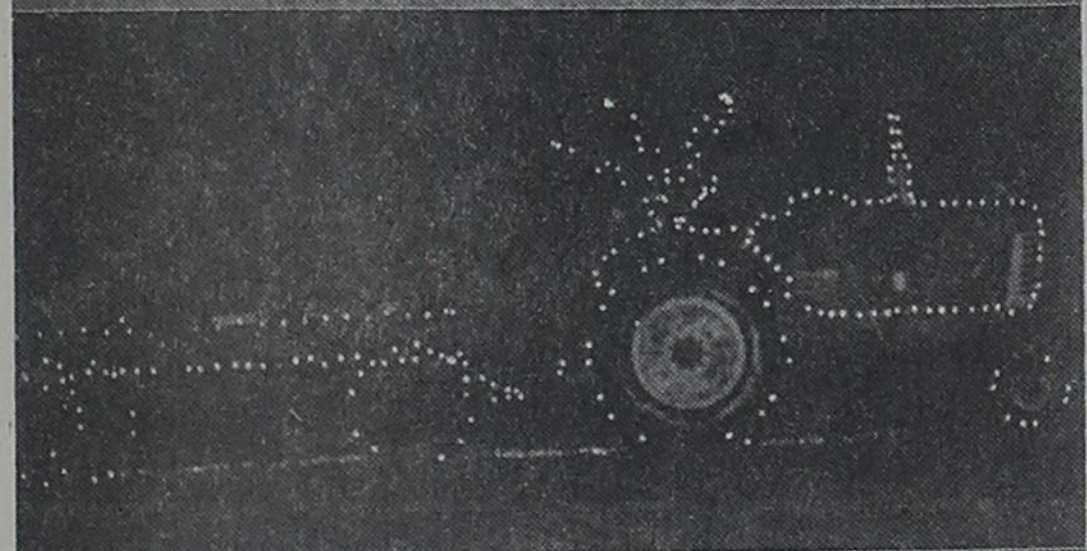


Merry Christmas



PEACE TO ALL.....In honor of the birth of Jesus and the joy and happiness of the Christmas season, the Bovina Blade wishes all Bovina citizens and all our readers far and near the very best of the season. As the calm

of the holidays settles over us, the Richard Bonham family, left, T-Bone Treinen's, and Erra Jamerson offer their tribute and celebration to everyone. (Becky London Photos)



CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR.....Gaylon Rhodes has a Santa spray plane in his yard. Sandra Johnson's tractor outline and her Santa window display, both at her CPA office, are just some of the many festive decorations in Bovina this season. (Photos by Becky London)



MERRY CHRISTMAS....The Bovina Ladies' Home Demonstration Club went to The Wild Plum Bed and Breakfast in Olton on Thursday, December 12. They ate dinner and enjoyed touring the various rooms of the inn. Pictured are the Bovina ladies along with some of the Farwell bunch that also attended. Familiar faces from top to bottom, l-r, Leah Mason, Sherrie Whitten, Dorothy Sorley, Denise Anderson, Bonnie Clayton, Kay Williams, Johnnie Rumph Twyla Galaway, Joyce Read, Gilda Garner, Karen Kirkpatrick, Mary Evelyn Steelman and Suzan Hughes. (Photo by Becky London)



AIN'T IT PRETTY?.....A little toy train goes round and round the gala tree in the lobby at First Bank Bovina, depicting the spirit of this holy season. (Ron Carr Photos)



HAPPY HOLIDAYS.....All the nice ladies that manage the money at First Bank wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. L-r are Janice Moore, Sherry Embry, Bobbie Pierson, Belinda Paladi, & Laverne Thatcher.



Joy to the World

* Letters To Santa Claus *

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I want some roller blades, a teddy bear, and a Barbie doll. Can you bring my brothers and sisters clothes please.

Remember to bring my brothers and sisters clothes.
Love,
Amber Bandy

Dear Santa,
I want you with all of the reindeer and makup and shoes that I can play with. And a trampoline, a big chalk board with different colors and a barby car. And my size barby, and a doodle bars and reel talking baba and a boy barby.
Your best friend,
Elisa Smith

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm doing very good at school. I would like to know how is Rudolph the red nose Reindeer and I would like to know how is Mrs. Santa. I hope everyone in the northpole is safe because everyone in the northpole is very nice.
This Christmas I would like a Rosi doll and I would like to have a car and I would like to have a pati doll too.
Your friend,
Yuri Salazar

Dear Santa,
My name is Brett Anderson and I am 5 years old. I would like you to bring me a belt buckle with a B on it and a race car with a snake on it. My sister would like a kitchen and a Pooh Bear. Her name is Shaylee and she is 2 years old.

My brother Zane would like a Nintendo 64 game. We have been pretty good this year. I hope you can find us since we have moved this year.
We are by Granma Joyce and Pee Pa's house now. We will leave the lights on for you.
Love,
Brett Anderson

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? Would you bring me these toys? I want a Nintendo 64, Sega Saturn, and Super Nintendo? Thank you for the things you brought me last year.
Love,
Omar Salas

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am doing good at school. This christmas I want a hat, a truck, and a bike. My sister for Christmas she wants a doll, a Birby, and a big chack bord.

And for this Christmas my mom wants some new clothes, a car, and a bed. And for this Christmas. My dad want a car, a dock and lots of present. And for this Christmas my uncle want a doch a van and abig book.
Dear Santa I love you to much.
Carlos Martinez

Dear Santa,
How are you filing? I am fine is Rudolph your rander? I wish I was Santa but I dont on if you can breng 2 dogs that can pool a sled and a peer of roler blada.
Frank Martinez

Bovina School Lunch Menu
Week of January 7-10
TUESDAY--chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green beans or burger basket, vegetables, ketchup, mustard, fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY--beef stew, cole slaw, cornbread, cinnamon rolls or burger basket, vegetables, ketchup, mustard, fruit and milk.
THURSDAY--nachos with ground beef, salad, corn or burger basket, vegetables, ketchup, mustard, fruit and milk.
FRIDAY--chicken fajitas, salad, pinto beans or burger basket, vegetables, ketchup, mustard, fruit and milk.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a rope, a Dallas Cowboy jacket and some boots. How is Rudolph reindeer. I hope you are alright on your sled. If one of your reindeer is sick leave it there and tell Miss Santa. I said I ove her.
Love,
Justin Lide

Dear Santa,
How are you? Mrs Claus doing well? I want a hot wheel, a big car, and abig track for Jesse. Thank you very much.
Your friend,
Mario Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are you elves doing fine? Sant Claus are you ready to give us the gifes. I want a nintendo 64 and I want skates and I want a computer. I liked the truck.
Love,
Henry Hiebert

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? Santa Claus do you have the toys redy because I want a Nintendo 64 and a Sega Gensis and a gameboy.
Love,
David Carrillo

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I want any game for a Gameboy and a sega Genesis and a Nintendo 64.
My mom wants two pairs of lipstick. My dad wants tapes. My brother wants a Game Boy.
Love,
Alfie Espinoza

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing is Rudolph ready yet? I want a gun that shoots balls. I love you Santa. Be careful.
Love,
Justin Haile

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Your friend,
Zachary Morgan

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NEW GRUB IN BOVINA....The Conoco Fast Stop has launched a new food service. Employees served guests at a pre-opening reception on Monday, December 16. The food service opened officially on Tuesday, December 17 and offers a variety of pizzas and sub sandwiches.

Sr. Citizens Meet In December

The Bovina Senior Citizens met on Wednesday, December 18, for their regular noon luncheon and to celebrate the holiday season with a gift exchange.

After enjoying a bountiful holiday meal, a short business meeting was called by president La Trelle Mieher. A nominating committee will present names of members for new officers at the regular meeting in January.

After the meeting was adjourned, twelve members enjoyed exchanging Christmas gifts and playing games.

Present were Julia Leake, Oma Lee George, Ethel Johnson, Sid Lloyd, charlsie Eubank, Dorothy Ellison, La Trelle Mieher, Joe Looney, Jerry Ware, Minnie Kelso, Erra Jamerson, and Mearle Morgan.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Mikey and I am going to be three years-old in January. I have a little brother that I have been kinda good to. Could you please get me a wooden tanker truck like Tweety Bird. I will leave you some chocolate milk and cookies.
Thank you,
Mikey Gamer

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? Has it been snowing too much at the North Pole? I am worried that you might get stuck in the snow.
This year I'm worried that you might get stuck in the snow.

This year I'm four and would like a big wooden cattle toy truck like my cousin Jake has. Also a Cowboy jersey.
We will leave some cookies with milk and ice cream.
Bye,
Gabe Gamer

P.S. My little brother Matthew can't talk so can you give him a little toy cattle truck. Thanks.

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? How is Ann Claus doing? I am doing fine. I want a barbies, teddy bear, and a doll.

Are the reindeer ready to come for Christmas Eve? I will leave a cup of milk and cookies on the table for you. Please leave me a cndy cane. Is Rudolph ready too come to.

Love,
Yvette Ampanan

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I would like doll, teaset, and teddy bear. Thank you for the presents I got last year. There will be cookies and milk. I love Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.
Love,
Beatriz Quiroz



GRACE STORMES Services Held For G. Stormes

Funeral services for Grace E. Stormes, 83, of Bovina were held on Monday, December 23, 1996, at First United Methodist Church in Bovina.

Reverend Neely Landrum officiated. Burial was in Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stormes died Friday, December 20, at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis.

She was born March 29, 1913 in Naylor, Arkansas. She married Sanford James Stormes, Sr. on June 28, 1930, in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on January 20, 1995.

She was a Methodist and had lived in Bovina since December 1, 1994, moving from El Reno, Oklahoma where she had lived for 22 years. She had worked in a paper mill for many years and had been retired for several years.

Survivors include one son, Sanford Stormes, Jr. of Bovina; one brother, Elza Henery Aaron of El Paso; five grandchildren, Andy, Wayne, Darla, John, and Tammy; and three great-grandchildren, Skyla, Tamra, and Kimberly.

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Season's Greetings



These folks have joined together to wish their Bovina friends and neighbors a very Merry Christmas. Proceeds from the Annual Christmas Card Fund, sponsored by the Bovina Ambulance Service, will benefit the Bovina Ambulance Service and Bovina Volunteer Fire Department. Donations were received from:

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Russell Wright Earns Rank Of Eagle Scout

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

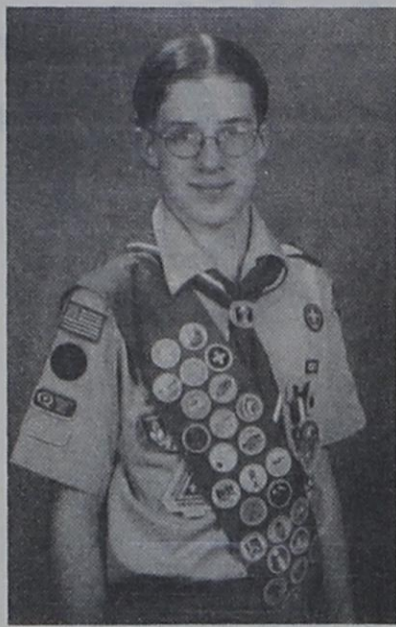
Russell Wright, fourteen-year-old grandson of the Jim Russells of Bovina, was honored with a ceremony when he received the Boy Scout Award for Eagle Scout. This is as high as any Boy Scout can reach and only two per cent in the United States make Eagle Scout.

Russell attends private school and lives with his grandmother, Jo Wright in Mountain Home, Idaho. His parents are Tracy Mayberry of Erie, Colorado and Clay Wright of Boise, Idaho.

Russell's advancements in Boy Scouts began back in 1993. He earned the Scout Award in May of 1993; Tenderfoot in October of 1993; the Second Class Award in January of 1994; First Class Award in May, 1994; Life Award in June of 1995 and earned the Eagle Award on his fourteenth birthday, September 26, 1996. His family from Texas and Colorado traveled to Idaho to attend the ceremonies in November, 1996, held in the Congregational Church in Mountain Home, Idaho.

To become a Scout, one has to be a boy who has completed the fifth grade or who has earned the Arrow of Light or be eleven years of age. He must know the Pledge of Allegiance, the Scout Salute, sign and hand shake, oath, law, motto and tie a square knot.

He has to pass fifteen qualifications to become a Tenderfoot and they are: pack and carry two backpacks and be properly dressed for a campout. He has to whip and fuse a rope, know half hitches and taunting hitch and pitch a tent. He has to know the rules of safe hiking and know how to display, raise, lower and fold the



RUSSELL WRIGHT

American flag. He has to explain why they use the buddy system and be able to do sit-ups, pull-ups, push-ups, long jump, run 500 yards, record them and be able to show improvement in 30 days.

He has to identify local poisonous plants, tell how to treat for exposure to them; how to demonstrate the Heimlick maneuver and tell when it is used. Show first aid for simple cuts, scratches, blisters, minor burns or scalds, bites or stings of insects and ticks, poisonous snake bites and nose bleed. He had to be able to participate in a Scoutmaster Conference and attend the Board of Review.

To complete the Second Class Award, he had to demonstrate how a compass works and how to orient a map using a compass and drew and took a five mile hike.

Since joining, he participated in five separate troop activities, other than meetings, two of which included camping overnight.

On campout, he had to demonstrate proper care sharpening and how to properly use a knife, saw and axe. He used tools to prepare, kindling and fuel for a cooking fire. He had to light the

cooking fire, assist with meal preparation and clean up. On a campout, he selected his patrol, sat and slept in a tent that he had pitched and participated in two flag ceremonies.

He participated in an approved (minimum, 1 hour) service project and identified or showed evidence of at least ten kinds of wild animals found in his community. He showed what to do for trauma cases of stopped breathing, serious bleeding and internal poisoning. He prepared a personal first aid kit to take with him on two hikes. He demonstrated first aid care for the following: object in the eye, bite of a suspected rabid animal, puncture wounds from a splinter, nail and fish hook, serious second degree burns, heat exhaustion and shock.

He told what precautions had to be taken for a safe swim and demonstrated his ability to swim fifty yards using two different strokes. He participated in a school or troop program on the dangers of using drugs, alcohol and tobacco. He had to show Scout spirit, attend the Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review. This completed the Second Class Award.

For the First Class Award, he demonstrated how to find directions during the day and night without using a compass, only the star. He had to use a compass to complete an orienteering course that covered at least one mile and required measuring the height and/or width of designated items.

Since joining, he had participated in ten separate troop activities, other than meetings, three of which were camping overnight. On one of the campouts, he had to prepare breakfast, lunch and dinner menus that required cooking, securing ingredients and supervised his assistant in building a fire and prepare meals. He led his patrol in saying grace at the meals and supervised cleanup.

He had to visit and discuss with a selected individual one's constitutional rights and obligation as a U.S. citizen. He identified or showed evidence of at least ten kinds of native plants found in his community.

He demonstrated tying the timber, hitch and clove hitch and showed their use in square, sheer and diagonal lashing by joining two or more poles or staves together. He had to use lashing to make a useful camping gadget, demonstrate tying the bowling (rescue) knot and how it was used, demonstrated how to use bandages for injuries on the head, upper arm, collarbone and a sprained ankle. He showed how to transport, by himself and with another person, how to take a person from a smoke-filled room with a broken leg for at least twenty-five yards.

He told the five most common signs of a heart attack and what to do, also swam 100 yards by using one resting stroke and two other strokes and attended the Scoutmasters Conference and Board of Review.

Russell received the Star Award from being active in his troop four months as a First Class Scout. He showed Scout Spirit and earned Merit badges including four from

the required list for Eagle.

While in the First Class Scout, he served four months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility--patrol leader, senior patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, den chief, scribe, librarian, historian, quarter master, chaplain, instructor and guide. He attended the Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review.

For the Life Award, Russell had to be active in his patrol for at least six months as a Star Scout. He earned five more merit badges including three more from the required list for Eagle. While a Star, he took part in service projects, totaling at least six hours.

While a Star Scout, Russell served actively six months in one or more of the positions of responsibility listed in the Star Scout. He attended the Scoutmasters Conference and Board of Review.

In order to become an Eagle, he was active in his Troop for at least six months as a Life Scout. He earned a total of 21 merit badges (ten more than he already had), including five required. While a Life Scout, he served actively for a period of six months in one or more positions of responsibilities.

While he was a Life Scout, he planned, developed and gave leadership to others in a service project that was helpful to any religious institution and in his school. The project idea had to be approved by the council or district before he started. He then attended the Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review.

Russell has had Baden-Powell leadership training, National Leadership training and Order of the Arrow. To have these, he had to complete all of the above requirements to become an Eagle Scout. The required merit badges included camping, citizenship in his community, citizenship in the world, communications, emergency preparedness, environment science, first aid and personal management. He received the Sports Badge and Safety Award. Russell has a year around camping award, fifty mile hiking award and is in the Brotherhood and the Order of the Arrow.

Russell will be going to the 1997 National Jamboree, July 29, 1997, and be gone from home 20 days. The trip will cost \$2,100 and he already has the money from working at mowing lawns, shoveling snow, pulling and raking leaves and from his allowance. He has saved birthday money and other cash gifts over the months.

He will drive to Boise, Idaho; fly to Boston, Massachusetts; take a bus tour to Lexington, Concord, Old Iron Sides, New York City, Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Land Caster, Pennsylvania; Hersey, Pennsylvania; Washington, D.C.; visit the White House, Arlington Cemetery and the Bush Gardens.

Then they will be going to the 1997 National Jamboree in Fort Hill, Virginia. There will be 108 boys going and twelve Scoutmasters. They will set up tents, live in them while in Virginia and also cook their meals. He will return home in August.



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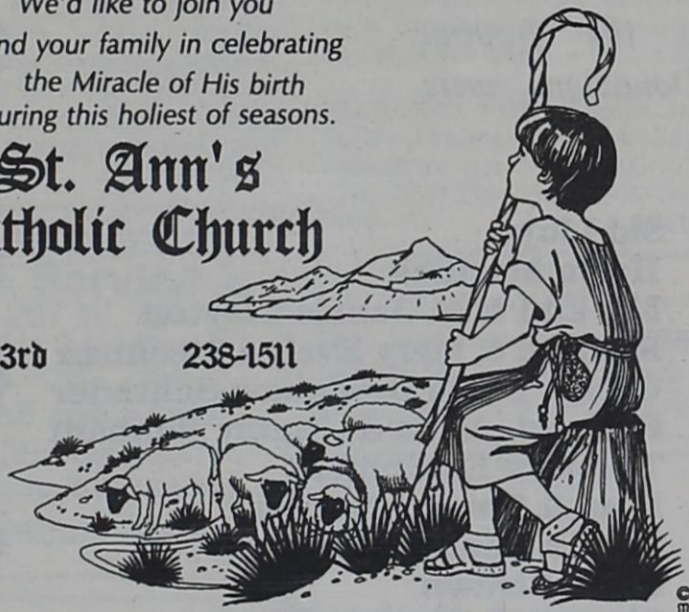
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Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



Still mightily cold and reports were, that by Monday of next week, it is supposed to be in the 60s but they have changed that to snow. On Thursday morning, it was one degree with the chill factor being six below. Some have said this is the coldest spell and has broken all records but we don't know for sure....could be.

NEWS AROUND TOWN....

Sid Lloyd had company over Thanksgiving and fixed dinner for daughter, Patsy, and her husband, Larry Webb. Their daughter, Becky, came from Amarillo and spent the day with them so it was a lot of fun.

Zeferino Villarreal is getting

along real well following surgery at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. His daughter, Anna, said he entered the hospital on Wednesday, December 11 and was in ICU for a while with stomach problems.

He had surgery for an aneurism in his stomach and came through the surgery real well. The doctors were surprised because they didn't know at the time if he would because of his heart problems. Anna said it may be possible that he would have heart surgery later.

His wife, Rita, is staying with him in the Methodist Hospital an he has been moved to a room.

Houston and Laura Bartlett went to the rodeo in Las Vegas in recent days and Laura said she

believed it was the best yet.

Vernon and Dottie Ward's daughter, Billie, and her husband, Ken Harrison of Amarillo, came to Bovina on Friday, December 13 and brought dinner to her parents' home. They had a good visit, then Ken and Billie went on over to Clovis where Billie's cousin, Butch and Bonnie Woltman live. Ken and Butch went pheasant hunting. Said they didn't even see one so gave up in a short time. Billie and Bonnie had a good visit while the men were hunting.

Seems there just aren't any pheasants anymore like at one time. I don't suppose many out-of-town hunters come to Bovina like they used to years ago.

Tiny and Maggie Moore went to Slaton and spent most of the day with their good friend, Evelyn Sschoener, who lives in Slaton, and her sister, Virginia Burger from Oklahoma, who has been with her sister since Thanksgiving. They had lunch together and exchanged gifts.

Evelyn and her husband were good friends of the Moores as they lived in Slaton before coming to Bovina. Evelyn's husband passed away some time back.

Some of the churches have had Christmas services and recently Grady Sorley led the Baptist Church in a beautiful Christmas Cantata one evening, the little ones entertained with a program Tuesday night and did a great job, according to those who attended.

The Christmas Cantata was special they said and had live animals.

Edna Estes went to the Friona hospital Monday night and Tuesday night was taken to Lubbock Methodist Hospital in Lubbock by helicopter.

Her granddaughter, Darlene

Miller, said they wanted to do surgery as she is having problems with her heart valve. She said Edna wanted to come home for Christmas and go back after the holidays for the surgery. Our thoughts are with Edna and her family.

Have a wonderful Christmas with your family and do be careful if you are traveling out of town.

"Never a Christmas morning, never the old year ends--but someone thinks of someone, old days, old times, old friends," Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.... Scooter.

HOLY NIGHT WISH

"God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all." - John 1:5

Wishing a bright and merry Christmas to all.

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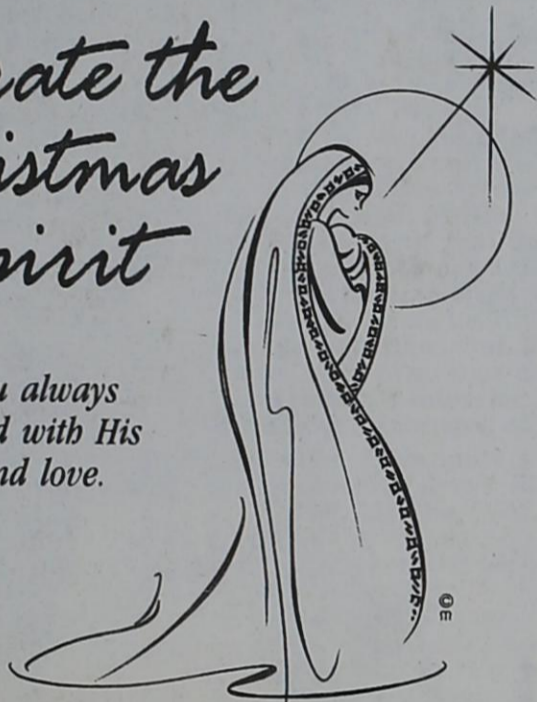
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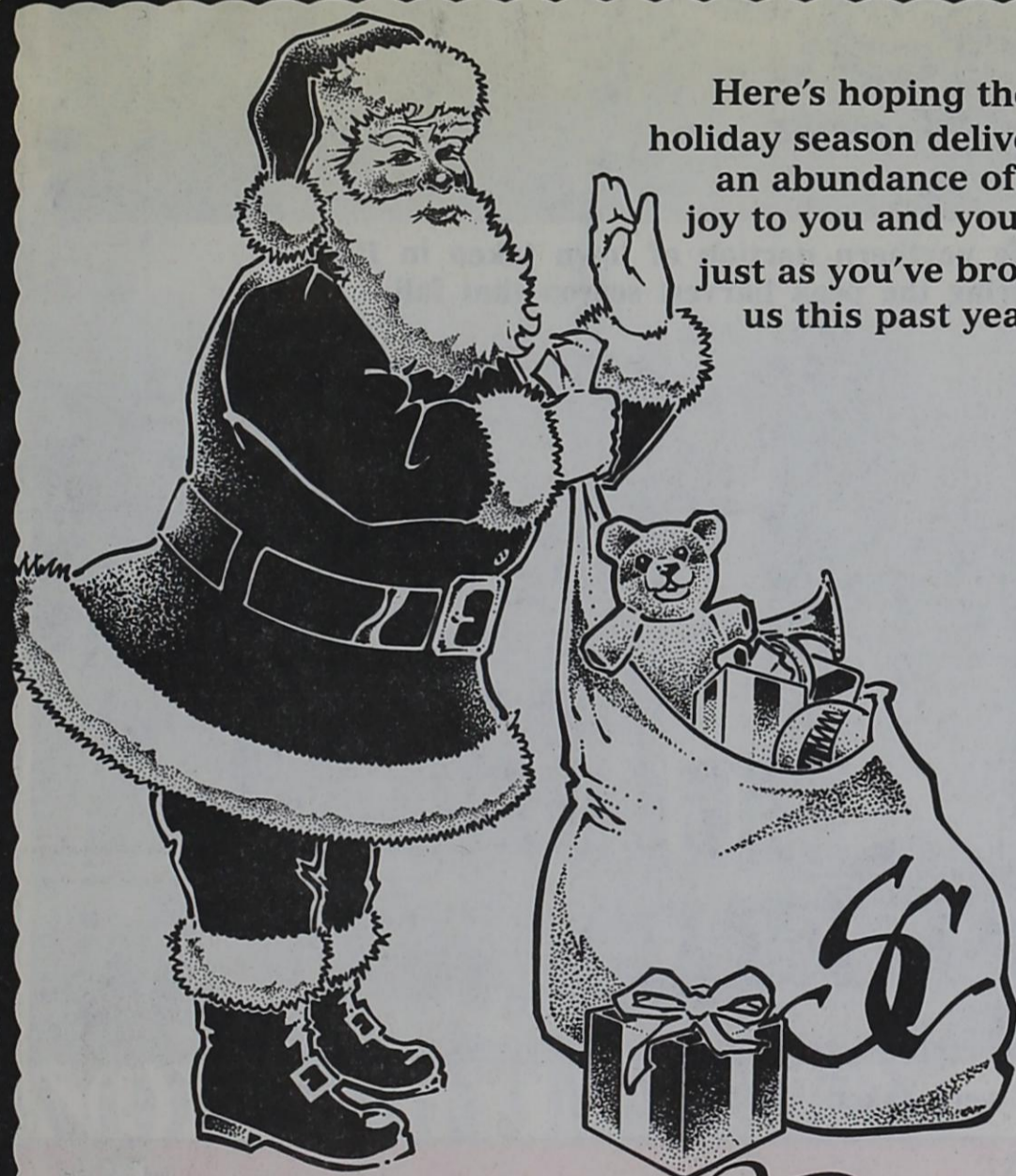


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Here's hoping the holiday season delivers an abundance of joy to you and yours, just as you've brought us this past year.

All Good Things on Christmas

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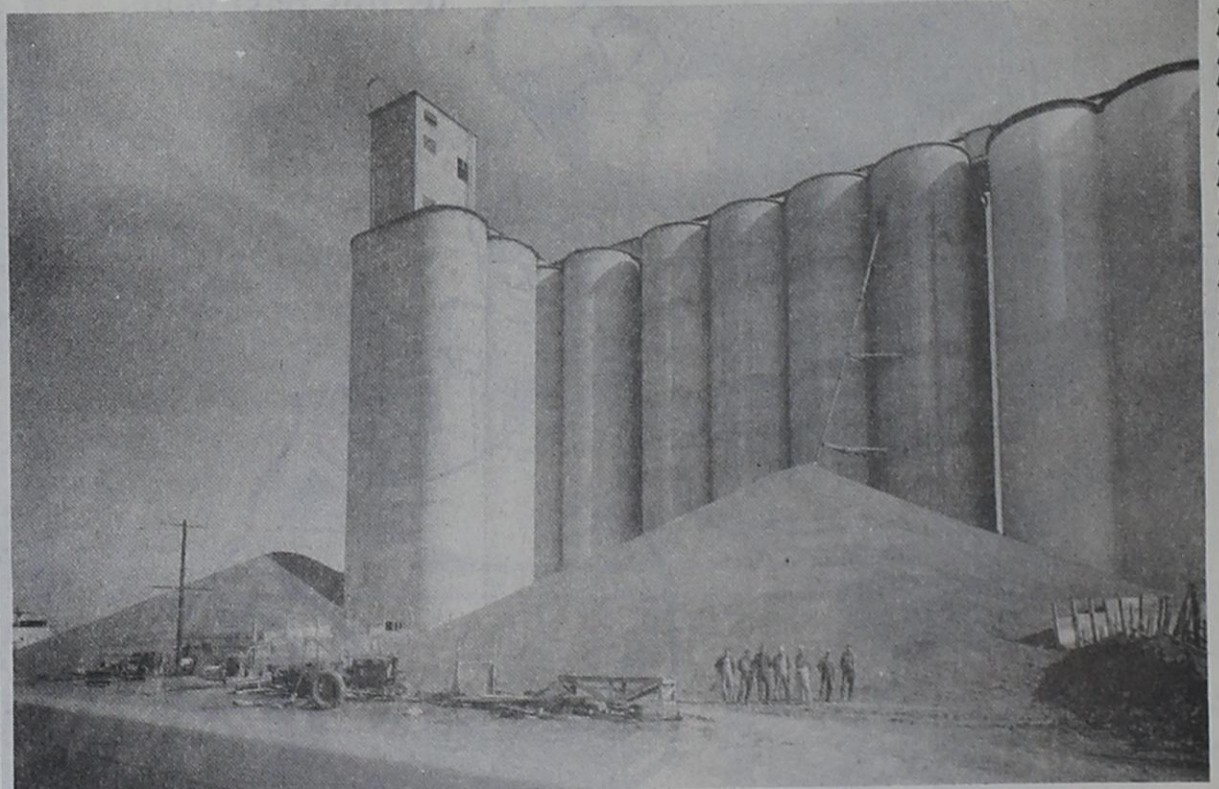
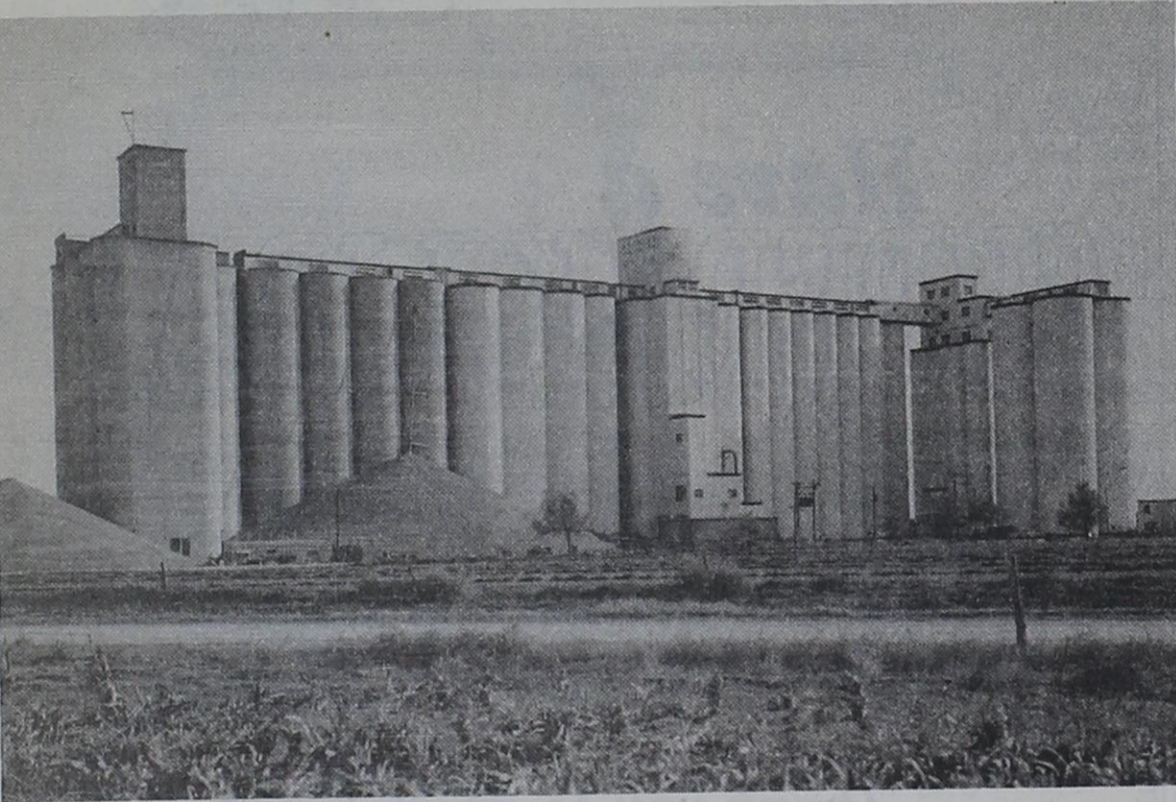
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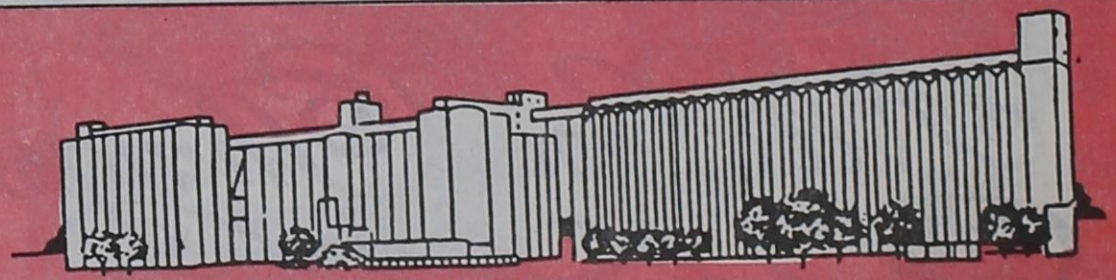


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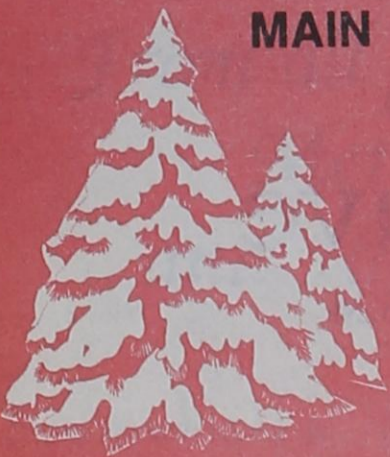
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Santa's Local Toymaker

Walter Schueler's Workshop-- The Stuff of Kids' Dreams

(Editor's note: The following article is being reprinted from the December issue of "Co-op Connection," the monthly publication for West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative.)

The article and photos are courtesy of Jim Steiert, who serves as editor of "Co-op Connection." Steiert is an award-winning writer and photographer.)

By JIM STEIERT

Elfin magic is going on at Walter Schueler's place at Rhea, northwest of Friona, these days. Like most employers, Santa is ever-eager to find good help. He's found one excellent helper in a semi-retired farmer.

Since toy-making skills come at a premium during the holiday season, you could say Santa has designated Walter's Woodcraft, Schueler's home-based toy making and wood crafting enterprise, as an official North Pole work station in Parmer County.

In a workshop just off of his home, this Parmer exchange customer crafts wooden toys that are a throwback to times past. His wife, Martha, paints the toys and helps with applying stains to the cleverly-made pieces.

Most folks might look at a chunk of wood and never imagine there was a toy hiding inside it...Walter has a knack for freeing the toy from the surrounding wood.

From blocks of pine and cedar, oak, walnut and alder, he extracts clever pull-toys in the form of egg-laying chickens, wing-flapping ducks, high-kicking grasshoppers, and yawning hippos. There are tractors with smooth-headed drivers, smooth-grained Model-A-type cars

with a spare on the rear, trucks, airplanes, and yes, even red fire engines with ladders, like kids from Christmases beyond memory have dreamed of.

Walter's hands and the tools that they wield transform pieces of cedar into nativity scenes that reflect the real message of the season. Flip over the mounting board for these scenes, place the pegs on the pieces in new holes, and peg-in a few other pieces, and the nativity scenes become fitting reminders of Good Friday and Easter.

Walter has fashioned toys, in a manner of speaking, since his childhood.

As a young boy, Walter made small cars and trucks from 2x4 blocks that he nailed wheels on.

Though the seeds of toy making were sown in his youth, they didn't sprout and blossom until Walter had health problems that forced him to lease out the irrigated end of his farming operation.

He still farms his dryland acreage part-time, but found himself with more time on his hands once the intensity level of his farming dropped off.

Walter made quite a few food and craft shows in the area with Martha, who has operated Martha's Candy, and marketed chocolates, caramels, and other ingredients for treats and gifts, and has conducted home demonstrations on how to use these ingredients to make these treats for 17 years.

While passing the time manning sales booths at these craft shows, Walter noted that there just weren't any toys for kids to enjoy at the events.

Advised by Martha that he'd best find something to

keep him busy, Walter looked around for options.

He had a shop right off the house, with saws, a lathe and drill press, router, sander--all kinds of woodworking equipment--and he remembered the joy of making toys.

What began as a time-passing hobby has now become a full-time trade for Walter the toy-maker.

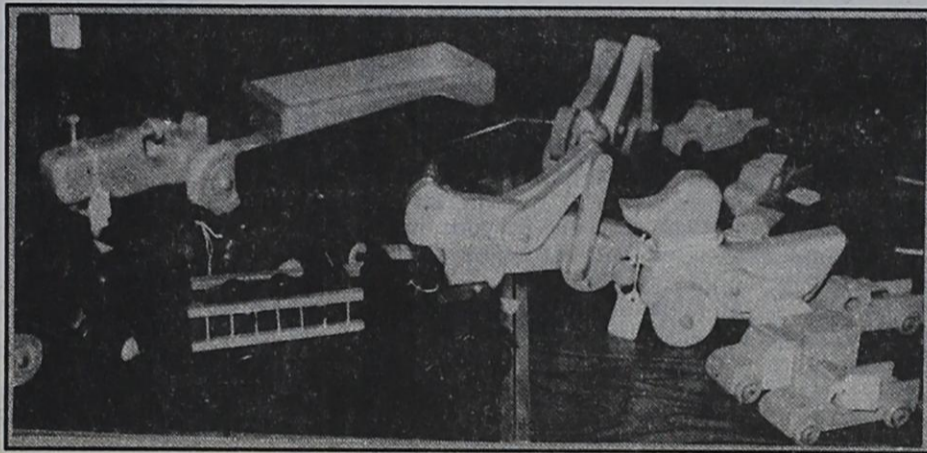
He started marketing his toys through a booth at the Crafter's Mall in Clovis earlier this year.

"I like seeing the pleasure that people take from the toys that I've built," says Walter. "I guess I'm a kid at heart, still. I can't get real interested in making furniture. I don't like to start off on stuff that I have to work a week on. It's fun making toys. I have to come up with my own pattern for some of these creations, and that's challenging. Our kids and grandkids have had some great ideas for things to build."

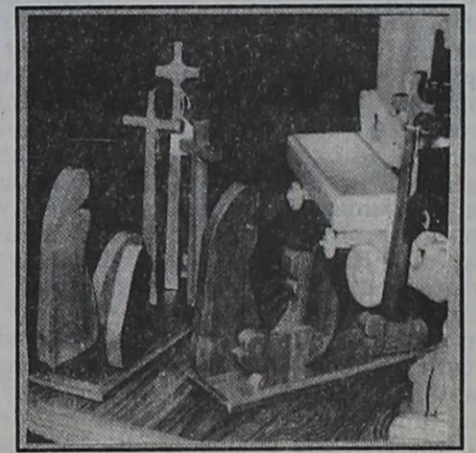
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WALTER SCHUELER'S WORKSHOP



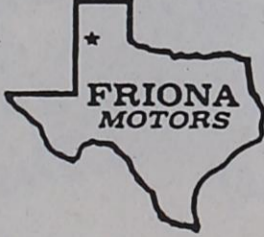
THE STUFF OF KIDS' DREAMS
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Nativity scene at right doubles as a suitable Easter scene, left, by flipping over mounting board and aligning figures.


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Former District Mgr. Died October 29

Tom McFarland, 79, who was instrumental in the creation of the High Plains Undergound Water Conservation District No. 1 and served as its first general manager. He died October 29 in Austin.



McFARLAND

McFarland was born in Littlefield, Texas in 1917 and he attended schools in Drummond, Oklahoma.

He was instrumental in writing and passing laws providing the legal mechanism for creating and operating underground water conservation districts in Texas.

When the water district law was passed in the late 1940s, McFarland was serving as manager of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce. It was in this capacity that he helped conduct public meetings and spoke for the creation of an underground water conservation district in the Texas High Plains.

After creation of the High Plains Undergound Water Conservation District No. 1 in September 1951, McFarland was appointed to serve on the District's original board of directors. The other board members persuaded him to accept the position of manager, in which he served until his resignation in August 1969.

During his 18-year tenure as manager, the District accomplished many things. Some of these include:

- *Protecting ground water quality by leading the fight to persuade the Texas Railroad Commission to pass a state-wide order halting disposal of oilfield brine in unlined surface pits.
- *Filing a lawsuit against the Internal Revenue Service to obtain a cost-in-water income tax depletion allowance for landowners who use ground water in the business of irrigation farming.
- *Development of a public information/education pro-

gram to inform area residents about their ground water resources and the need to conserve water.

After retiring as manager of the High Plains Water District, McFarland moved to Austin where he served as underground water advisor to Governor Preston Smith. He later worked at the Texas Water Quality Board and the Texas Department of Water Resources, from which he retired in June 1980.

Survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter and two step-grandsons.



Every kid needs a plane.

Santa's Parmer County Toyland...

(Continued from Page 1)

enterprise, and Walter isn't in a hurry. When busy, he may cut-out and build two or three toys a day. Once he begins a toy, this Parmer County craftsman usually stays with it until it's finished. He's anxious to see the completed product.

"I don't push it. I like to take the time to build these toys right," Walter explains. "You can pass a lot of time making these toys. I prefer doing this to sitting around in front of the television set."

He works mostly with 2x4 and 2x6 pine stock and uses a lot of 1x12 pine that he layers for proper thickness.

Martha does most of the toy painting, using a couple of coats of "kid-proof" water-based, non-toxic paint, or polyurethane for a clear, natural finish.

Walter accepts some custom woodworking projects, and often works from pictures to devise creations. He sometimes sits at the kitchen table and draws up patterns for toys.

He and Martha say they "can't keep enough made up," when it comes to little wooden airplanes and trucks, especially during the holidays.

"I like making the pull toys, tractors, and trucks. I

got the ideas for some of the pull toys from books, and I drew up the patterns for the tractors and trailers," Walter says. In addition to toys, Walter also fashions candle holders, chalice-like candy trays, and pen holders, and has made a few items of furniture—although he says he's such a kid that he's too interested in toys to work on furniture.

Does Martha's candy draw the toy customers at craft shows, or do Walter's toys draw candy customers? "They're mutually attractive. It has worked well to have them together," Martha says.

If you have a special toy project in mind, you can contact Santa's helper, Walter Schueler, at (806) 295-6597. You can also contact head candy maker, Martha, at that number. She can arrange for a demonstration of that fine art in your home or for a club or other organization.

Walter just might be able to see that toy you have in mind hidden in a block of wood.

Martha's candy is guaranteed to sweeten your disposition if you decide to pay a visit to Santa's shop in the Rhea community.

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"...we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him."

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Two County Youths Earn Top 4-H Awards

Forty outstanding youths from across the South Plains were honored in Lubbock Monday, November 25, at the 39th annual South Plains District 4-H Gold Star Banquet.

The Gold Star Award is the highest honor which can be earned by 4-H club members at the county level. Four-H is the youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, an arm of the Texas A&M University System.

The district banquet has been sponsored each year by eleven area electric cooperatives: Bailey County, Caprock, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Lamb County, Lea County, Lighthouse, Lyntegar, Midwest, South Plains and Swisher.

This year's event at the Koko Palace, brought to 1,519 the number of young leaders honored in the district. Some 14,000 guests--family members, community leaders and officials from the two-county area--have honored the recipients at the banquets.

"We count it a privilege to have sponsored this event for 39 years," said Delbert Smith, general manager of the Lamb County Electric Cooperative, as he welcomed this year's group on behalf of the cooperatives. "It's really an opportunity to encourage the honorees and say, Hey, we appreciate what you're doing."

"What you're doing is important," he told the Gold Star winners. "What you're really doing is growing up, learning skills that will help you be outstanding citizens."

Smith also paid tribute to the winners' parents. "You're raising young people, giving them a focus, something they can keep the rest of their lives. Our hat's off to you," he told the adults.

Grant Key, Borden County delegate to the district 4-H Council,



EARN GOLD STAR AWARDS....Kirk Gober of Farwell and Joni Johnson of Friona received the Parmer County 4-H Gold Star Award. They were recognized at the District Banquet held recently in Lubbock.

responded to Smith's welcome. "Think how important the electric cooperatives are to our 4-H program," he urged the 4-H members and leaders. Trent DeLeon of Lamb County, council president, was master of ceremonies.

Tawnee Matthews of Castro County, council first vice president, reported on the 1996 state 4-H Congress. This is a mock legislative session at the State Capitol in Austin and is held every other year. Special recognition was given to key volunteer leaders and to 4-H members whose project record books won state awards, earning them a trip November 29-December 1 to Washington, D.C.

Receiving the Gold Star award from Parmer County were Joni Johnson of Friona and Kirk Gober of Farwell.

The Legend of the First Christmas Tree

One clear, cold Christmas Eve, a man walked through the snow toward his home. As he looked up through the branches of the evergreens along the way, he saw hundreds of stars twinkling like silver jewels. He was enthralled and wished he might share this beauty with his small daughter, who was an invalid. He hurried home to fetch his axe and returned to find a beautiful evergreen with full branches. He chose the loveliest of all and took the tree into his home.

On its branches he placed lighted candles, so that his daughter would know something of the beauty of the stars shining through the branches of the trees. It was almost as if the light of heaven was within their small home.

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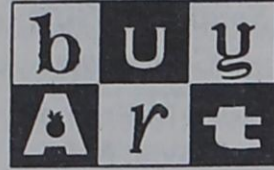
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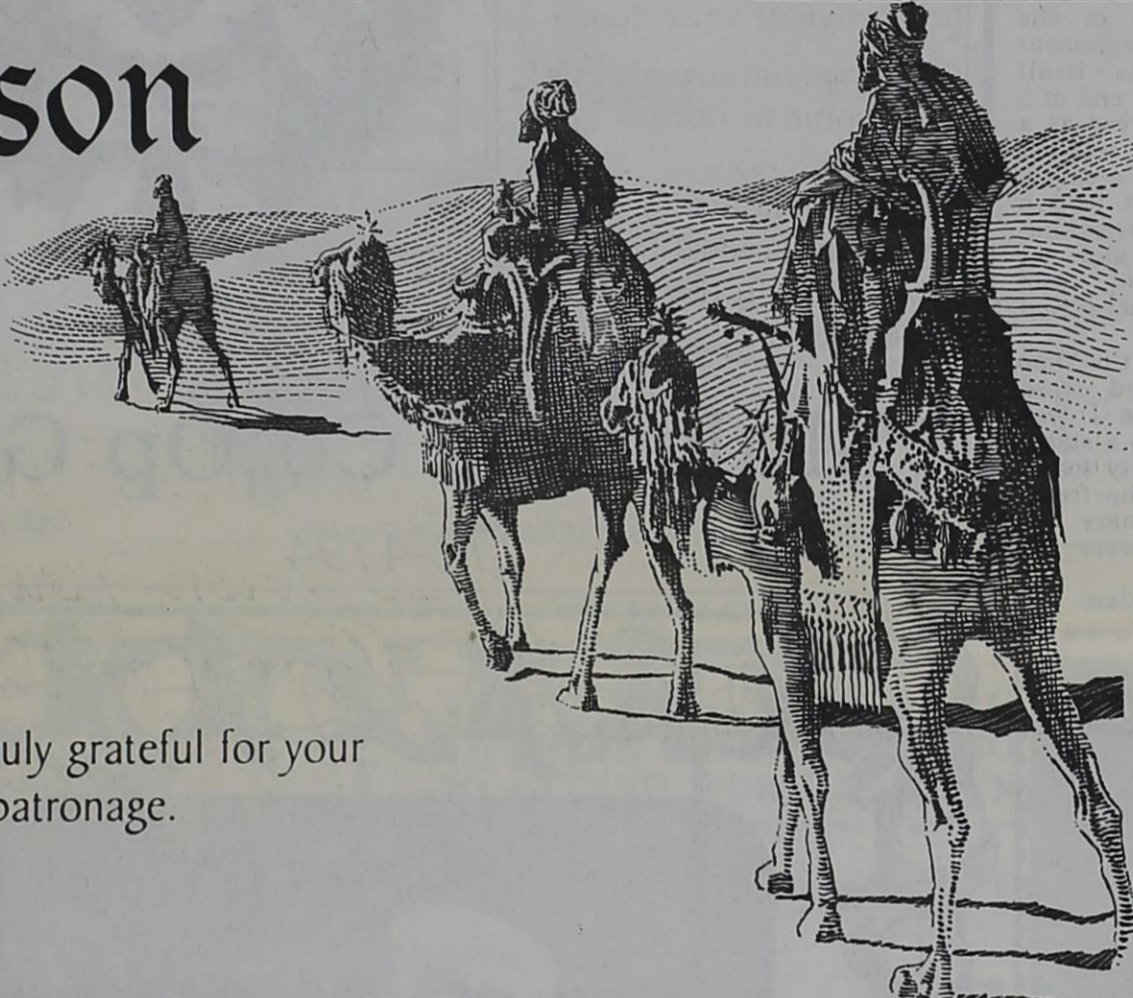
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(Editor's note: the following article by Jim Steiert appeared in this month's issue of "Co-op Connection," monthly publication of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative.)

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By JIM STEIERT

"I just hate to see 'it' coming any more," the grandmotherly lady sighed as we exchanged greetings and steered our shopping carts to pass side-by-side in the narrow aisle that the giant retailer had left between piled-high cartons of wrapping paper on one side, and a mind-boggling assortment of ornaments and varied junk on the other.

Ever shopping-wary, and now shopping-weary, I knew the overwhelmed feeling she was expressing. Here came the holiday season, bearing down like a runaway train. She was probably already in frenzied planning and preparation for what she hoped would be a memorable blow-out for the family. The tasks that lay before her, whether real or imagined, must be completed before Christmas. She was already feeling the pressure.

We hadn't even laid in the turkey for Thanksgiving at our house yet, and here we were, elbowing our way through the consumer mayhem of all of this. We were trapped in a shopping hell, surrounded by mountains of tin and tinsel, bulbs and bows, fake renditions of pine and fir, the electric-driven animation of elves and Santa and snowmen, the ceaseless bombardment of tinny music from figurines.

The wind-up and battery-driven jangles mixed but ill with the stuff blaring over the public address system that was supposed to be music. The casual shopper was quickly rendered deaf, or numb, or both, by what I

suppose was intended as marketing gimmickry to soothe, and put shoppers in a holiday spirit of spending.

I watched young parents drag their small, gawking child through this mass of confusion. He seemed as stupefied by it all as I was.

What kind of impression of Christmas, what sort of wide-eyed wonder at the season was a kiddo to draw from all of this?

When had Christmas, the childhood favorite season, been reduced to an "it"? When had Christmas become something to be dreaded, rather than anxiously anticipated?

We bumped and jostled, dodged and weaved and fought and clawed our way through the crowds. The store was so congested that over-eager cart-pushers were clipping my heels in their excessive zeal to get to the next "must" deal. At long last, we got finished with this foray, then ran for home.

I wondered at what was wrong with this picture on the drive back to small town civilization.

Back home and unloaded, I made a trip to the alley to dispose of some of the day's accumulated trash.

I guess it was the wind of the previous November evening that had ripped a heavy upper branch from one of the many-and-marvelous blue-needled cedar trees flanking the south side of the alley. I like that row of evergreens. They dampen the road noise and give us a little privacy on the back 40. They are a haven for colorful birds from mourning doves to bluejays. They ease the burn of the southerly sun in the summer, and buffer the blasts of fitful winds in the spring.

I'm proud of whoever had the foresight, many years ago, well before we came to the neighborhood, to plant that row of them there.

The soft-needled uppermost parts of the wounded

branch hung by a sliver of bark, wedged between the trunk and other branches. Boisterous freeze had wreaked its havoc in the night, when the likelihood of anyone walking beneath the tree was remote. The broken branch was nearly as big-around as a small man's leg. Had it fallen on someone's cabeza, it would surely have inflicted a substantial el cabong.

I got a saw and big pruning loppers to take this dangling hazard down before it could nail the neighbor lady.

A few minutes of pushing the saw heated me up, despite the brisk temperature. The branch broke free and crashed to the ground. I wrestled it around where I could work it down to manageable size. I used the loppers to whack off all of the branches that I could get its jaws around.

Some flexes of the wooden handles, some gashes by the business end of the tool and fresh, tacky, skin-tarring sap was oozing. The odor from the work was familiar. It was that of Christmases years back, when trees were real and shopping malls weren't.

A noseful of this and I thought about how Dad used to lug in a soft-needled Christmas tree that would stand in the hole in the middle of an old implement flywheel, that was itself placed in the bottom end of a steel barrel that served as a water pan. The pan was cut from the barrel with a chisel, and the edges then beaten down with a hammer, so that they were smooth and not sharp. The tree, and Christmas itself, were real enough then.

I thought about the time that Pancho used tree branches much like I was lopping off to fashion a stable for the church nativity scene, and how we used the fresh, sweet-smelling greenery left from his work to cover the stable roof.

We had no budget for

church decorations that year, but were able to bum some leftover Christmas trees from a couple of local stores. We banked those trees in staggered heights behind the table holding the nativity scene at the front of the church, and decorated the trees with what we had. That Christmas surely looked and felt real.

I decided that in the cool weather, I could save some of those branches that I was trimming off. It's been a while since our home has smelled of such a real thing of Christmas.

I almost had to be bonged on the cabeza by an evergreen branch to be reminded that with Christmas, it's better to just keep it simple, stupid.

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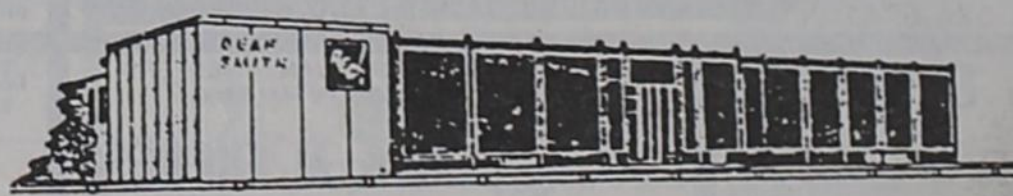
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