

Friona Area Wide Living Christmas Tree Choir 1999

# Merry Christmas

## Living Christmas Tree Featured 85 Voices From Panhandle Area

The 1999 Living Christmas Tree Choir presented two performances on December 3 and 5 at the Friona Junior High Auditorium, having had the Saturday evening presentation "snowed out."

The choir was made up of voices from Friona, Hereford, Amarillo, Broadview, New Mexico, Dimmitt, Muleshoe and Bovina. Included in this group was the Texas Plains Chorale, which is directed by Jane Gulley.

The Christmas Tree Choir was directed by Jim Parker and was accompanied by Johnnie Walters.

Those who participated were: sopranos, Cherry Wells, Sharon White, Sandra Turner, Jo Blackwell, Joan Lewis, Adabeth Smith, Pamela Pauling, Violet Barton, Jane Gulley, Ann Meyer, Amelia Taylor, Linda Griffin, Greta Warren, Amy Terry, Katherine Johnston, Barbara Kerr, Jo Jinks and Jeanine Erwin.

Also, Lois Norwood, Jayn Looper, Amber Widner, Delphine Wied, Amy Gilliland, Bonnie Stevens, Jeri Lynn White, Cynthia Streun,

Andrea Geries, Kandace Frye, Betty Renner, Nola Vestal, Gerry Taylor, Claudie McBrayer, Sharon Cramer, Loraine Jarecki, Anna Mae Thomas, June Rudd, and Virginia Coronado.

Alto voices included Mandy Geries, Cara Evans, Kelly Jones, Nancy Roden, Kathy Terry, Marca Herring, Jean Ricketts, Donna Mears, Linda Gilbert, Kelsey Welch, Kristin Butman, Peggy Monroe, Doris Barnett, Sherri Taylor, Mary Johnston, Lynn Kriehauser, Lucy Hinkle, Rene Hough, Connie Neelley, Cheryl Weatherly, and Kitty Gallman.

Tenor singers were: Ray Jenkins, Gene Streun, Kirk Frye, Charles Axtell, Wayne Proffitt, Bob Wilson, Tom Fuller, Mickey Griffin, and Duffy McBrayer.

Bass singers were: Trow Mims, Rickey Rector, Jerry Killingsworth, Bill Neely, Alan Monroe, Kim Caffey, Jim Allison, Nathan Abernathy, Michael Johnston, Donald Meyer, Harold Taylor, Dwight Joiner, Albert Ricketts, Danny Black, Bobby Wied, Floyd Reeve, Stan Jones, and Ben Kirton.



A FIRST CHRISTMAS...Ashley James Eugene Rose, 3 months, celebrates his first Christmas with a visit to Santa at the Depot in Friona City Park.  
ron carr photo

## This Is The 1999 Final Publication Of Friona Star

This Christmas edition will be the final issue of the local newspaper for 1999, marking the end of this decade and century.

Down through the years, the paper has traditionally allowed the staff to have a week off between Christmas and New Year's to celebrate and enjoy this time with family and friends.

Your newspaper is looking forward to great things for our community in the coming year 2000.

## The First Christmas

By Mary Dalton Crump

The first Christmas was before them,  
How could they ever know?  
The shepherds and the wise men  
Only knew that they must go.

They knew no omen of the cross,  
For how could they foresee  
That all the glories of these skies  
Held all the world to be?

On that first Christmas, who could doubt  
The angels, when they said,  
The star would lead them to a Child  
With halo on His head.

They only knew this was the King,  
A King this Child was born.  
They somehow knew the world had changed.  
On this first Christmas morn.

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

The annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at the Union Congregational Church will be held Friday, December 24 at 6 p.m. You are invited to worship as we proclaim the birth of the Christ child.

AFTER MORE THAN a year of hearing and reading all of the "Y2K" hype, it will all be history in just one more week.

By the end of that week, we will find out if all of the speculation as to how the change from "99" to "00" will bring about many of the problems that various sectors of our society have been fearful might beset their companies or organizations.

While it is understandable that many of the problems involving computers which must "roll over" into the 2000s might experience problems, for many of us, the changing of the calendar will simply bring about the usual problem of remembering to write the correct date.

It has always been a problem when December gives way to January to get used to writing the new year correctly. It usually takes about a week or so to get the old year out of our system.

For the first time in a thousand years, the change next Friday night involves not only the changing of a year, but also the changing of a decade (meaning the last two digits change), and also a century (meaning three digits change), and (drum roll) and also a milenium (all four digits change).

This old world has undergone a lot of changes since our calendar's "odometer" rolled that many numbers when December 31 ended. As far as that goes, the past 100 years have seen every facet of our very existence change so much that if a middle-aged person from 1899 could see our world today, they would not see anything they would recognize.

If science develops at the same pace in the next 100 years, it is hard to imagine what one would see at the dawning of the year 2100. Technology has already outstripped science fiction from a half century ago as it is.

The decade just ending has been known as the "90s." Before that, it was the "80s," and when Ye Editor graduated from high school it was the "50s!" The new problem is how to refer to the new decade. Will it be called the "oughts?" Or the "double zeroes?" Someone more creative than myself will surely come up with something, and it probably won't be long in coming.

Since Ye Editor observes his birthday on December 31, he will have even more folks joining in the celebration than usual. But don't celebrate too much--and we'll see you in 1999-2000. Happy holidays!

## Star Lites

By  
Bill  
Ellis





# FRIONA FLASHBACKS

...from the files of The Friona Star

**70 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 27, 1929**

The Star is authorized to announce that the people of the Baptist congregation will hold their first devotional services in their new church at Sixth Street and Summitt Avenue this Sunday. The regular Sunday School services will be held, beginning at 10 a.m., when arrangements have been made to have Santa Claus visit the school and distribute a Christmas treat to each one.

Carthel were returning from Dimmitt, where they had attended a wedding. The accident occurred at a dead end on a country road south of Black. Osborn, who was the least seriously injured, ran to the Joe B. Douglas farm home for assistance. The four were admitted to Parmer County Community Hospital. Osborn was released Saturday morning. Beene was transferred to an Amarillo hospital Monday and the other two are still patients in the local hospital.

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**20 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 23, 1979**

The winners of the Friona Chamber of Commerce lighting contest were announced this week. They were Virginia Jennings, first; Robin Houlette, second; Leroy Berend, third; and Gaye Tannahill, fourth. The FHS speech team won the sweepstakes trophy at the Brownfield meet last week. Top point-makers were Mark Zachary, David Fleming, Mark Blankenship, Cole Fulks, Maria Escalante, Janette Reed, Kipi Fleming, Sheri Dodson, Christy Benge, Sonja Gore, Sandy Spring, Gary Wright and Amber Smith.

on the first team offense, and two spots on the first-team defense, as the all-district teams were announced this week. John Aguirre and Matt Osborn were the Chieftains who were tapped both on offense and defense. Aguirre made the offensive team as a wide receiver and the defensive team at the safety position. Osborn gained a spot both as an offensive and a defensive lineman. On offense, Osborn was the "pulling guard" on the team's sweep plays, and Coach Tommy Moss credited him with being a big factor in the success of the Chieftains' running attack in 1984.

**10 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 23, 1989**

Jane Houlette was the first prize winner of \$200 in Friona cash in the Christmas promotion sponsored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

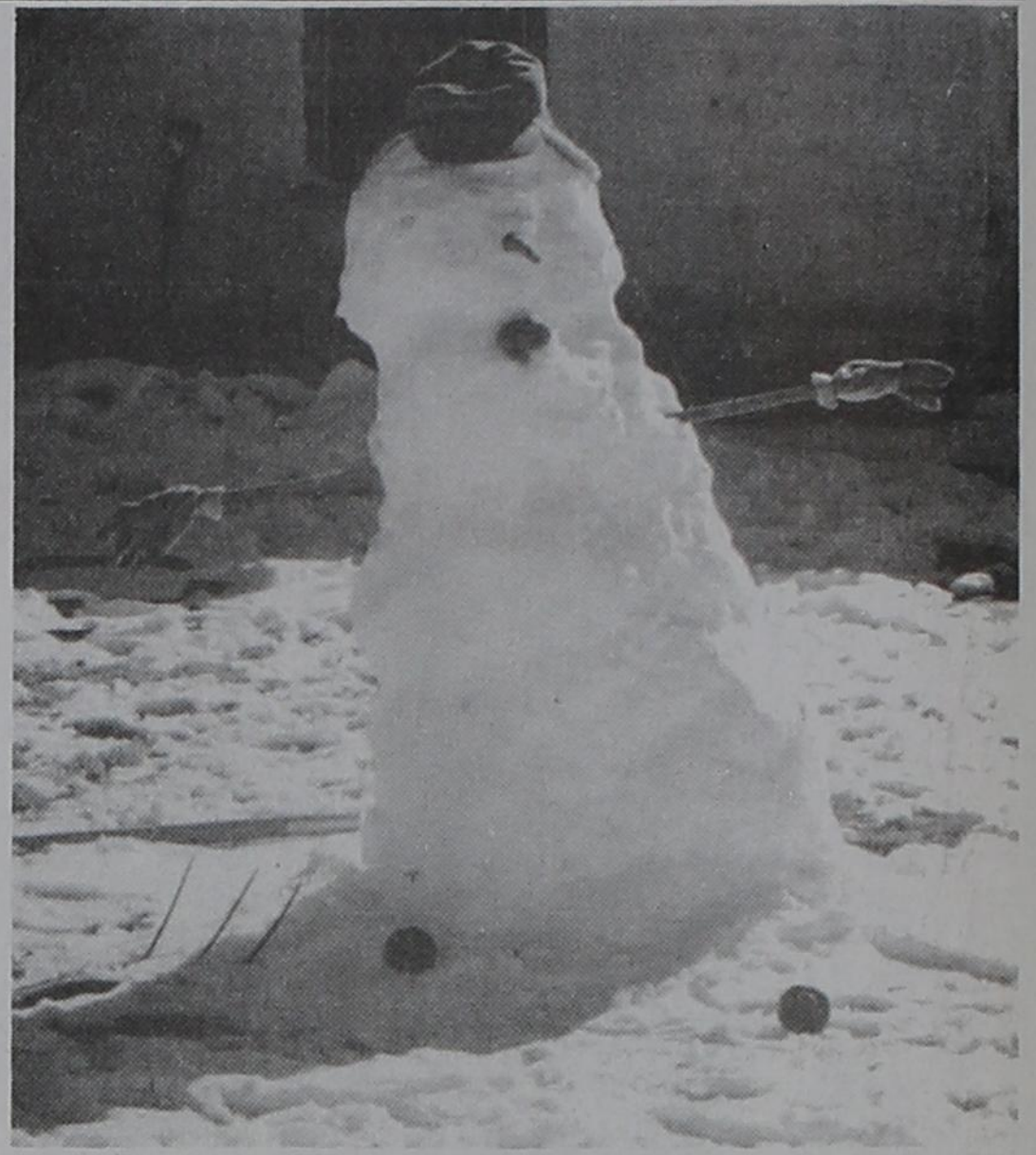
**5 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 24, 1994**

The 1994 classes of practical and associate degree nurses at Clovis Community College were honored at a Pinning Ceremony, December 14 at the college.

Sherry Widner of Friona was among the 38 students who received practical degree nursing pins.

The Rhea Homemaker's Club held their Christmas party December 15 at the Rhea-Hollene Activity Center.

Present for the party were: special guests, Diane Abarca, Ona Patterson, Judy Potts, Helen Potts, Martha Schueler, Bertha Carnero, Gay Taylor, Donna Schueler and Cecelia Schueler.



HE'S BEEN A POPULAR sight around Parmer County the last few weeks. Snowmen of all shapes and sizes test the creativity of area children and add to the fun of the season.

**65 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 28, 1934**

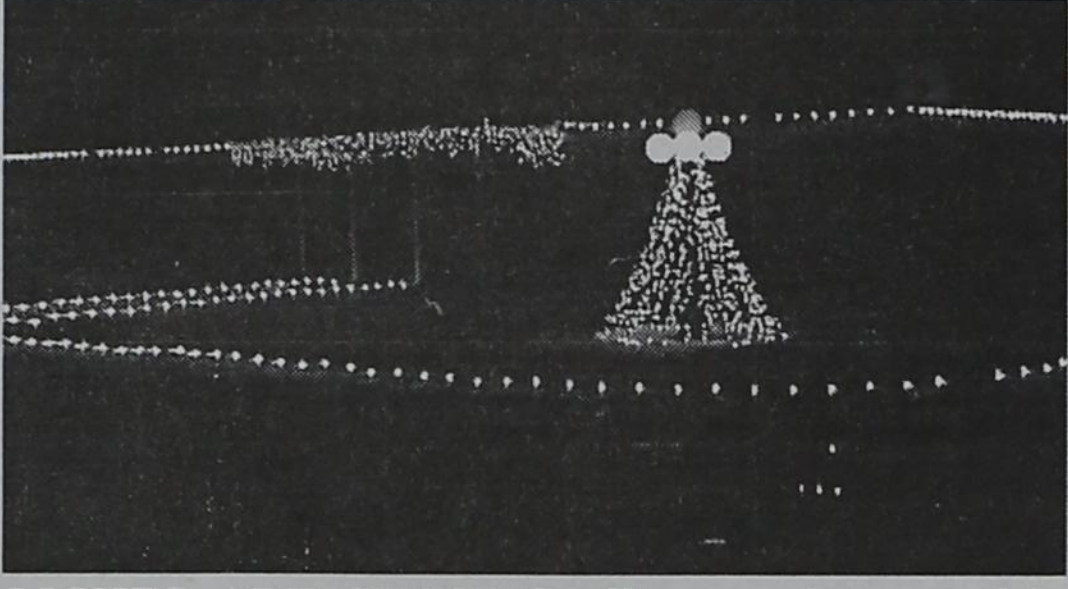
Among those of the Friona young people who are attending the various state colleges this winter, and who came home during the holiday season, the Star is able to report the following: Misses Seva Welch, Gwendolyn Cowgill, Reba and Roberta Hill, Marian O'Brian and Edith Brookfield, Lex Alexander, Glenn and Charlie Reeve, students at WTSC, Canyon. Also, Miss Rosella Dixon and Weldon Whitefield, Paul Spring, Nelson Welch, Loyde Brewer and Albert Conway, all students at Tech College, Lubbock; Miss Dorothy Crawford, student at C.I.A. College, Denton; Miss Helen Crawford, student at the State University in Austin and Frank Truitt of the Draughn's Business College at Dallas.

**25 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 22, 1974**

Friona Consumers' board of directors announce that long-time manager Thomas (Buddy) Lloyd is retiring as of January 1. Becoming manager on the first of the year will be Elton Wyly. Lloyd has served as manager of the cooperative for the past 24 year, and has been

**15 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 23, 1984**

The Friona Chieftain footballers landed two spots



LIGHTS ARE SHINING all around town this season. This residence near the high school is aglow with the Christmas spirit.

**55 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 29, 1944**

Americans, traditionally overfed at Christmas, went back to shorter rations Tuesday morning when most meats which have been point free for several months were returned to the ration list and point values were again placed on nearly all canned vegetables and canned preserves and jellies.

Christmas Day for 1944 was probably as quite a day at Friona as the town has ever seen, it even compared to the time in the town's early history when a traveling salesman said that someone had to get out shortly after daylight each morning and chase the jack rabbits out of the streets.

**50 Yrs. ago--Dec. 23, 1949**

The management of Friona Wheat Growers, Inc. have added to the Christmas spirit at Friona, by the erection on the extreme top of their large elevator, a beautiful electrical display in Yuletide colors. The display features a large five-pointed star beautifully lighted by electricity, and surmounting a border of red and green lights, framing the top of the head house.

**45 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 31, 1954**

Building permits issued by the city of Friona during 1954 today totaled \$225,240. This included both new business houses and residences and improvements. A total of 47 permits were issued.

**35 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 24, 1964**

Brenda Hawker, Friona's exchange student from Australia, is spending her first Christmas away from home, and is hoping to see her first "White Christmas." Being from Australia, she is used to observing Christmas in the middle of the summer. Brenda is staying with the E. G. Phipps family during her year in Friona.

**30 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 25, 1969**

Four 1969 graduates of Friona High School, who were home from college for the Christmas holidays, were injured Friday evening when the car in which they were riding went out of control and turned over. Charles Hamilton, driver of the late model Pontiac, Joel Osborn, Ramey Beene and Danny

## The Miracle of Christmas

By Mary Dalton Crump

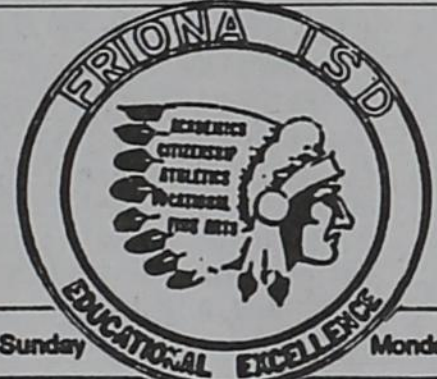
A baby in a manger born,  
No crown a King used to adorn.  
Coincidence? How could it be,  
The miracle of nativity?  
For long ago it had been told  
That this time would someday unfold.  
On angels' wings the stars unfurled  
With holiness that touched the world.  
Could shepherds see the Magi start  
Halfway across a world apart?  
His resting place, a humble barn,  
No royal robes like kings had worn.  
Yet on this night the angels came,  
Told of His birth and sang His name.



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- Local Stock Show 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Drug Free Assembly 28<sup>th</sup>
- Book Fair - Primary 31<sup>st</sup>

## Friona I.S.D. Calendar of Events January, 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Years Day
2	3 Student Holiday Teacher Work Day 7-8-9 BB - Muleshoe 4:30 G-T B-H	4 JV. & Var. BB vs Happy Here	5 Report Cards Home	6 9 <sup>th</sup> BB Muleshoe G-T B-H	7 Squaws BB at Shallowater Chiefs at Tulia	8 7-8 B & G BB Tournament at Tulia Bobsled Classic All-State Band Auditions
9	10 7-8-9 Basketball Shallowater G-T B-H	11 JV. & Var. Chiefs & Squaws vs Roosevelt There	12	13	14 All Regional Band at WTAMU JV & Var. Vs. Cooper - Here Speech Team at Seminole	15 All Regional Band at WTAM Speech Team at Seminole
16	17 Middle School Conference at Amarillo 7-8-9 BB Roosevelt G-T B-H	18 Paid Assembly "World of Robotics" JV & Var. BB at Littlefield	19 Drug Free Party Meeting 6:00	20	21 JV & Var. BB Vs. Muleshoe - Here	22 7 & 8 Friona BB Tournament 9 <sup>th</sup> B & G Lockney - Tournament Local Stock Show Hereford Speech Tournament TASP Test in Cafeteria 9:00
23	24 7-8-9 BB vs Cooper G-H B-T	25 JV & Var. BB Shallowater - H	26	27	28 Rock Rageous Drug Free Assembly 1:30 Jr. High JV & Var. vs. Roosevelt Here	29 Borger Speech Tournament
30	31 Scholastic Book Fair Open Daily Through Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup> - 8:00-4:00 Primary Bldg. Only 7-8-9 BB Littlefield G-T B-H					

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# Out Here

## By Ron Carr

### "Welcome To The City Of E"

By the time 2000 arrives millions of words and billions of dollars will have been spent in anticipation of something that nobody really knows much about.

For any of you that might be taking marketing classes, what has happened leading up to 2000 is called "HYPE." It is a vital part of any marketing plan and is equally important to professional scammers.

My Webster's Ninth New Collegiate defines hype as a put-on, deceit, or to promote or publicize extravagantly.

Lord only knows we have been buried in a big pile of millennium hype. Most of the commercials on TV these days hype some e-tail store or e-shopping website, the names of which I can't remember.

The e-commerce frenzy has swept across America faster and further than even the experts predicted. It is definitely leaving me and a lot of other people behind.

In the 2000's, almost every word or every business will have an e- in front of it. Future generations will not be able to communicate without a "www" on one end and a ".com" on the other.

Now as we get set to cross Billy Jeff Clinton's carefully

constructed bridge to the 21st century, scientists and engineers are developing wireless technology. They claim that a person soon can connect to the Web, retrieve e-mail, and even make a phone call on their cellular phone.

I'm not worried too much about 2000 getting here next week. I'm happy to have lived in the last 60 years of the 1900's.

I received some Christmas cards in the U. S. mail this year but they say that future generations will exchange Christmas cards via computer. What a merry e-Christmas that will be. We will be able to pay bills, register cars and trucks, get driver's licenses and order almost any good or service imaginable from the comfort of our own home. That's what they say and I believe them.

We are in a frenzy of hype that will intensify for years to come. Having one's own computer will be necessary not for enjoyment but for survival. There was a time only geeks loved computers. Now you are a geek if you don't love 'em.

None of it makes a lot of sense to my generation, but that is the secret to today's

frenetic society. It doesn't have to make sense. In fact it is not supposed to make any sense. Just go with the flow.

For instance, you have at least heard of Amazon.com. They sold lots of books on the Internet. It has been an amazing growth story. Amazon's founder, 35-year-old Jeff Bezos, is the Time Magazine man-of-the-year.

Amazon.com now sells everything you can imagine through your computer. They sell electronics, software, toys and home improvement items. They run auctions of clothing, wine and other collectibles. They own a stake in other websites like drugstore.com, HomeGrocer.com and pets.com.

Here is the most amazing fact of all. Amazon.com was established in 1994 and has never made a profit. This year, founder Bezos expects the company to lose \$350 million and warns that it will not be profitable until 2002. Yet he is a billionaire, the stock is sky high, and people are nuts about the company.

Here is what Bezos said when asked about losing money: "People believe passionately in the future of the Internet and e-commerce, so they're investing sort of commensurate with that belief."

So there you are. As we creep toward next week's turn of the century, America is in a frenzy. One TV ad is for a company named "mysap.com" I know you can get merchandise there because the guy in the commercial ordered soccer equipment for his son's team.

Mysap.com's motto is "Welcome to the city of E...!" It struck me as appropriate as a New Year's greeting. Come midnight next Friday, we will all enter the city of "e", never to return back to the future.

I am resolving to get

more involved with my own home computer. I am hooked up to the Internet with WT Services. I even have an e-mail address: ronc@wtrt.net. It does not work yet 'cause I am still trying to find my browser.

By January 1, 2000 you can just e-mail away. I'll be ready. All inquiries kept in strictest confidence, prompt returns guaranteed.

Now maybe you can help me out with a question that has been bugging me. There are 26 letters in the alphabet. Why did they choose the letter "e"? Instead of e-mail, it could have been z-mail, or c-mail. Why "e"?

If you know why and can explain it to me, please contact me at 806-250-2211, 806-250-5319, 806-265-5205 (mobile), e-mail ronc@wtrt.net, or write to me at P.O. Box 789, Friona, 79035.

In the meantime, to mother and Martha, Coach Dewitt, Al Podsednik, Bobby Bobby, PC., Zora Gaede, Rick & Sherry, Candee, Kirsten, Casey, Zach, Megan, all my ex-wives and any future wives, all my friends and customers in and around Parmer County, I would like to say:

I have enjoyed the 1900's with you, thank you for reading the paper, have a Merry Christmas and...

"Welcome to the city of E."

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The term "Xmas" is not an attempt to take Christ out of Christmas.

Actually, it is merely an abbreviation of the word itself. The X in Xmas is the Greek letter Chi, the first letter of Christ's name when written in that language. This simple abbreviation dates back to about the 12th century.



**DOREEN DURAN and RANDY STONE....** Antonio and Mary Duran of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Doreen, to Randy Douglas Stone of Bovina. He is the son of Jessie and Alice Stone of Bovina. The couple will exchange wedding vows on February 12 at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

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# George Fryes Are Hosting Tenth Exchange Student

by BILL ELLIS

The school year 1999-2000 will be especially meaningful for Aundrea and George Frye of the Black community. The number 10 will also be especially meaningful for the Fryes and a young man from Germany.

Kai Pawlowski, a 17-year-old from Potsdam, Germany, is the tenth exchange student the Fryes have hosted to attend Friona High School. Also, Pawlowski became the first FHS exchange student to play a vital role in varsity athletics, when he became a place-kicker for the football team. Kai wore the number 10 for the Chieftains.

"I guess it was my lucky number," Kai told us this week. Down the stretch drive for the Chieftain football team, Pawlowski kicked three field goals for the team. His 27-yarder against River Road turned out to be the difference in Friona's 26-23 win, its first bi-district win since 1996.

What did he think about American (and Texan) football? "I liked it! People here are crazy about football. We don't even play football in Germany," the outgoing youngster said.

He has played soccer in Germany. His first look at a "real" football game was the 1999 season-opener in which he suited up for the Chiefs.

The FHS exchange student explained that sports in his homeland are not played as "schools vs schools," but more likely are local "clubs." Over there, the "club" teams are more important than "school" teams.

He went on to say that he ran track at his school in Potsdam, but there the "coach" or teacher just gave the students grades. They did not compete on an interscholastic basis.

Kai said he may go out for track at FHS, but isn't trying basketball. "I'm no good at that," he admitted.

Pawlowski had completed ten years of schooling in Germany, which has a 13-year system, not including kindergarten. He said that when he returns home, he will be allowed to take a test, which if he passes satisfactorily, will give him credit for the year he spends at FHS. Otherwise, he will have to take his 11th year there.

He says he likes physics and chemistry the best at FHS. ("The labs are fun"). On the other side of the coin, he says that math is his hardest subject.

Having to take the courses in what amounts to a foreign language for him has not been a particular problem, he says. He is fluent in English, although he (and we), may have to have a phrase repeated sometimes, due to the Texas accent of local natives.

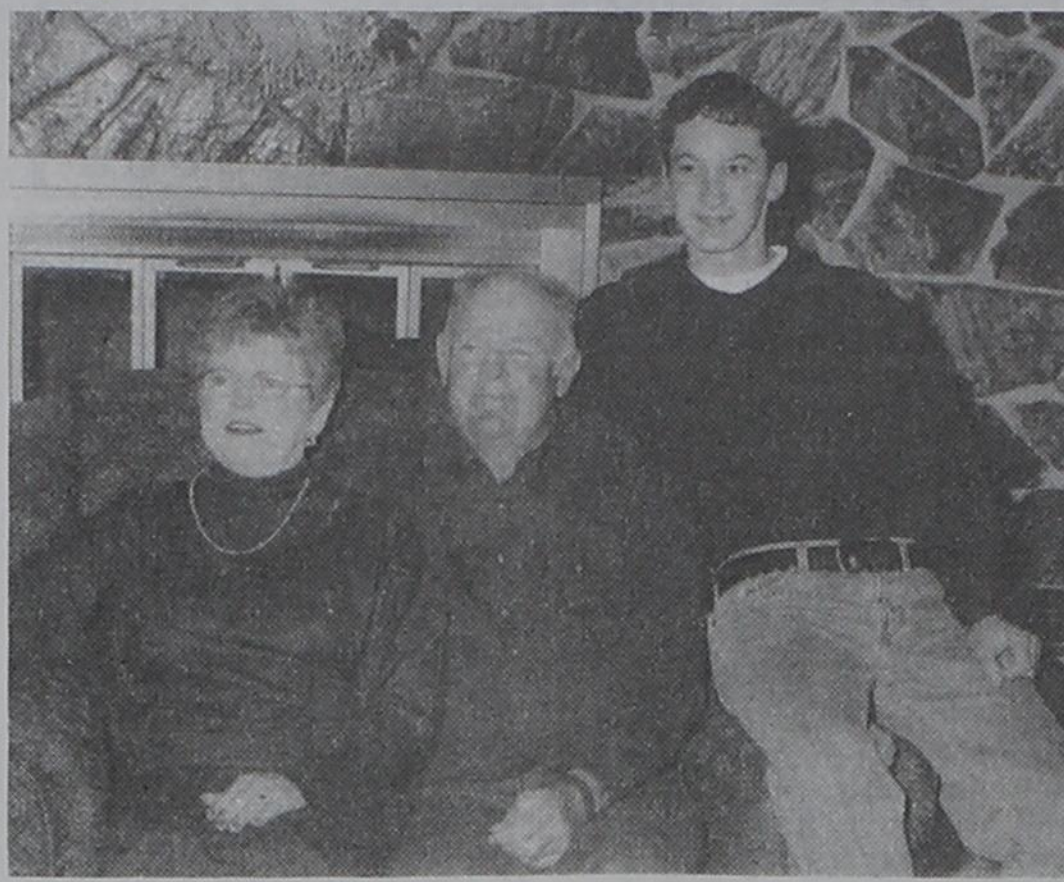
Kai comes from a family of four, which includes an older brother Jan (pronounced "Yan"), who is 20. His father, Udo, is a civil servant for the federal armed forces. He works in the area of communications.

His mother, Angelika, works as a bookkeeper for the city's water distribution department. Most of the mothers there work outside the home, much as they do here, he told us.

Teenagers in Germany go on dates, as they do here, but very few of them have their own cars. A main reason for this is due to the cost of a driver's license to begin with. These can cost between \$800 and \$10,000.

Vehicles here are a lot different than Pawlowski is used to. He mentioned the big trucks we have here, and the cars here are also bigger than in Germany.

Kai says he enjoys the small town atmosphere in Friona. Germany, he points out, is about the same size as Texas. Germany's population is 82 million, while that of Texas is only 17 million.



EXCHANGE STUDENT...George and Aundrea Frye of the Black community are shown here with Kai Pawlowski, the seventeen-year-old German exchange student, making his home with the Fryes.

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His hometown of Potsdam is about the same size as Lubbock. "You are able to relax here," he said.

As far as he can tell so far, Christmas in Texas won't be much different from the way he observes it in Germany. "The families come together, and there is gift-giving," he said.

One thing they do in his home is the observance of "Nikolaus" early in December. Youngsters set their boots and shoes on their front doorsteps, and if you're lucky, the next morning you might find candy and other treats.

They don't have the hanging of Christmas stockings since there aren't many fireplaces in his home country.

Kai is having to adjust to the difference in food, but has made it pretty well. "Everything here is fast food. There is a fast food (restaurant) on every corner here, and even at school. But I like the

steaks, and burgers that you have here," he said.

The visitor has been impressed with our area's cattle industry. You don't see many cattle in Germany. Most of them would be in barns, he indicated.

Besides being on the football team, Kai also had a role in the FHS Thespian play, "The Boyfriend," earlier this fall. "It was just a small role, but it was a good experience. I got to dance!" He said this was his first acting experience.

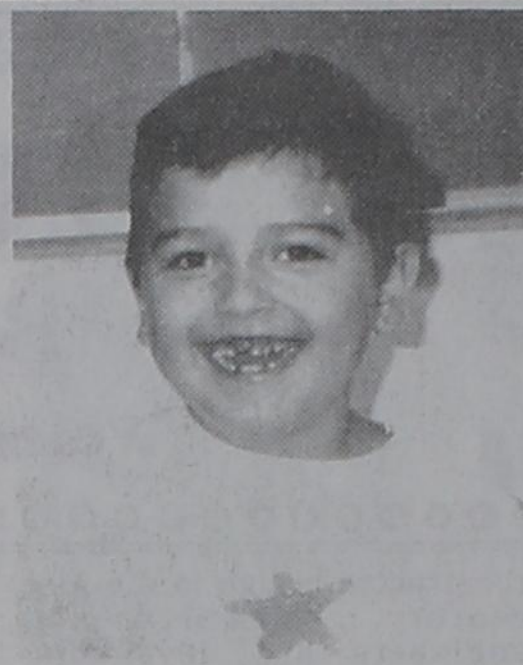
He has been surprised at the mild weather of the Texas panhandle. "It is warm here until December. At home, we only have three or four warm months in the year. The rest of the year, it is either cold or snowing," he said.

The Fryes seem to be enjoying their "number 10," and from all appearances, he is enjoying the Fryes, and the Friona community.

## Santa Letters

Dear Santa,  
I want a Flubber, and Cowboy Woody that has no guitar, and Jaelin wants a Hot Wheels and a truck. I want a football that when you press a button it makes a thing go out like this, so that when you throw it it will go long and only big kids that are 5 can catch it. Jaelin wants a Barney Christmas Video. I want a Konex that you build a robot wo you can call the Robot World.

I've already been good.  
Kaleb Rainey



## MARIO VEGA

Friona kindergartner Mario Vega won the 3-6 year-old division in Hereford's Moovies 6 coloring contest.

Moovies 6 sponsored the contest for area children. Mario's prize was a new bicycle.

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike race track. A super race track, and a train set. And a fat train. And a marble set. And a track for a ABC train.

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Our equipment has been updated and is now Y2K compliant. We will be open Friday, December 31, 1999 and DSEC crews will be on duty the night of New Year's Eve just in case there are isolated communication problems to be solved.

DSEC crews will also periodically check in at predetermined locations in the various communities of the area to address concerns regarding Y2K.

The following community locations will be visited by DSEC crews on New Year's Eve:

- Castro County Courthouse
- Simm's Store parking lot
- Nazareth Community Hall
- Farwell: Sherley Anderson Grain Elevator located on Hwy. 84
- Dawn Cafe parking lot
- A1 Service Center parking lot - west side of Friona on Hwy. 60
- Cotton Gin: 1 mile west of the Hub Intersection
- Hereford: Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative offices on East Hwy. 60

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**BY GIRL SCOUTS**

**Louisa Wilson Is Named "Woman Of Distinction"**

Longtime Friona resident Louisa Wilson was one of four people honored as a "1999 Woman of Distinction" at the Scholarship Banquet on December 2 at the University Medical Center in Lubbock.

The Women of Distinction program is sponsored by the University Medical Center and the Girl Scouts of Caprock Council.

The Girl Scouts of Caprock Council instituted the awards program and scholarship banquet six years ago to honor women who have made a direct and powerful impact on the lives of others, particularly Girl Scouts, through their support of and belief in Girl Scouting.

Mrs. Wilson's presentation read as follows:

"Girl Scouts and Louisa Wilson are synonymous in Friona, Texas. Louisa became a Girl Scout leader in 1942 and continued her contributions to Girl Scouting over the next 57 years."

Louisa was born in Des Moines, Iowa September 25, 1906. Her father, Charles Schlenker, came to Parmer County in June of 1906, and bought land. He returned to Texas in October and built a home for his family.

In December, 1906, his wife, Amelia came to Texas on a train with nine children! Louisa was two months old at the time. She graduated from Friona High School, and then attended West Texas State College in Canyon.

She married Ralph Wilson, and the couple had one daughter, Mamie Lou (Welch) as well as four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Ralph died October 9, 1993.

The Wilsons purchased several acres of native grassland, and the former Spohn Ranch became a retreat for Girl Scouts, a privilege enjoyed by girls and leaders, since 1963. Campers were allowed to pitch tents or stay in the two ranch houses on the property.

Additionally, Louisa was



**LOUISA WILSON**

instrumental in the fund-raising, design and construction of the Girl Scout House which opened its doors in Friona in 1968.

As if serving as a Girl Scout leader for over 50 years was not enough, Louisa was also very active as a member of Modern Study Club in Friona; the Rhea Home Demonstration Club, Parmer County Historical Committee, the Friona Fine Arts and Crafts Club and the Friona Quilting Club, where she taught young(er) women to quilt.

She has been an active member of the Congregational Church, and was chosen as Friona's "Woman of the Year" in 1960. She served on various other committees in her community.

"Her concern and service are viewed as a continual blessing for over fifty years. The Girl Scouts of Friona express their gratitude by saying 'We appreciate your efforts, but most of all we appreciate your finding beauty and value in us. You have overlooked our short-

comings and have seen only our potential. You have loved us and helped us. We are better girls and women because you have given yourself so tirelessly and unselfishly to Girl Scouting. We salute you with our hearts!"

Just recently, the Friona Service Unit further extended their thanks to Louisa by voting to rename the Friona Girl Scout Hut the "Louisa Wilson Girl Scout House."

The Women of Distinction award, "Morning Reverie," was sculpted exclusively for the Caprock Council Women of Distinction honorees by renowned western artist Kenneth Wyatt of Tulsa. The award, cast in pewter, depicts a young girl kneeling on a stone, gazing at her own reflection in the water. Awakened by the mirrored image of herself, the girl sees who she is and dreams of who she wishes to become in the future.

One of the members of the "Women of Distinction" committee is Anne Carthel of Friona.

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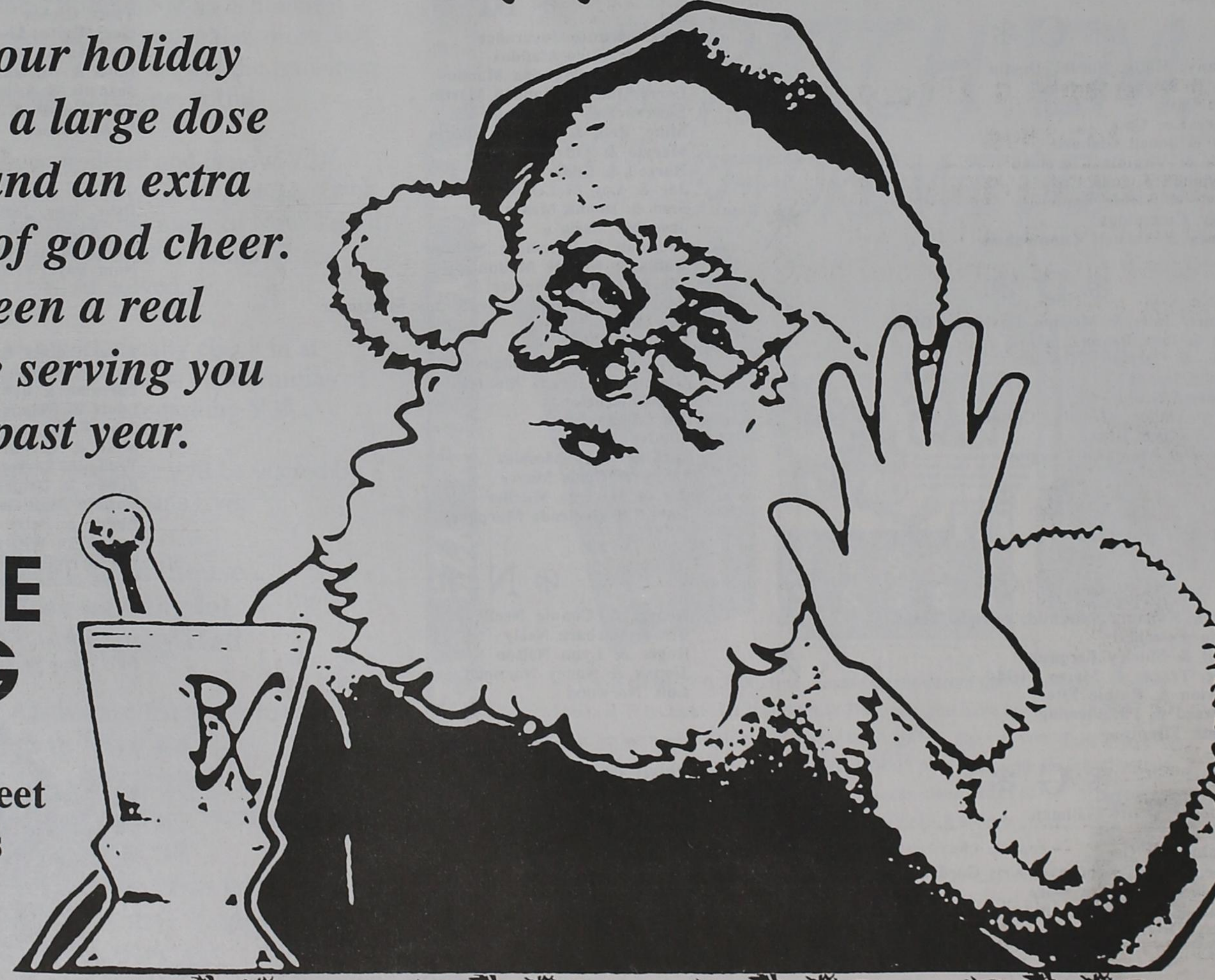
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# A Christmas Retrospective Shared By Nancy Edelman

Since I have lived more than a few Christmases, it should be an easy thing to remember one that stands out in my memory more than any other. So I began thinking back to the earliest one that I could recall and came on up through the decades, thinking that there must be one that tops all the others.

Could it be the one when the teenage neighbor was helping with the decorations and knocked the tree over?

Or was it the year during WWII when I found at the bottom of my stocking there were five pieces of bubble gum which had been set aside by our grocer for his best customers? That must have been the same year that our family received a box of Smuckers jams and jellies from our uncle and aunt who owned a grocery store, and I thought that to be the ultimate ---just think of all that bubble gum they must

have hidden under the counter.

Maybe it was the year, a year typical of several, when my mother, out on the driveway, whitewashed our tree with lyme one branch at a time. I don't recall anyone else having a white tree, as this preceded flocked trees by many years.

The most unusual one was the holiday spent at my grandparents' home in the country. We lived quite far from our extended family, so most holidays were spent just with my immediate family of four. That year we went out along the creek to look for the perfect small evergreen tree, cut it down (there were no known tree-huggers in the area back then) and we made paper ornaments for the little tree.

What could be more exciting for a college student than the anticipation of the Christmas holidays and then boarding a train in Fort Worth with my Houston and Galveston friends and traveling south to arrive at the huge railway station in Houston?

Of course, many couples think that their first Christmas together is the best and I certainly remember that one. We had just been married a month, and I preceded Von to Hawaii where he was stationed. While waiting for the MATS plane to arrive, I purchased our first tree and ornaments and thought it was just beautiful until I had the film developed. The island must have been tilting at that moment.

That was also our first Christmas without a turkey. Since that time, we've had Chinese food one year when we were traveling and there was no restaurant nearby which wasn't overcrowded. We've had roast beef cooked by a friend, but no plum pudding, which was our family's tradition, usually made by my English grandmother who mailed it to us.

One year I played Mary in the Christmas pageant in our Dallas church. It is a lovely remembrance for me, though probably not for Von, who had the responsibility of feeding, dressing, and getting to the church on time with four very young children.

The first snow on Christmas that I can recall was in Friona and both of our one-year-old grandsons bundled up for a romp in the snow; one paralyzed with fear and the other one enjoying the whole experience. Christmas in Houston usually had only a chill in the air, but we would light up a roaring fire and pretend it was white outside. Then in the afternoon the teenagers, traditionally, went downtown to the Loew's Theater to see the latest movie release.

Each Christmas has its own highlights and maybe even some disappointments and its own unique moments, but several things are constant, and they are the beautiful lights and music, the gathering of families and the remembrance and celebration of the birth of Christ.

## Santa Letters

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing. I have been good. Would you bring me a Doctor Kit. I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
Love, Skyla

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Dear Santa,  
I want Toy Story game. And the movie "Wild, wild West."  
Hi, Santa! I moved to Friona.  
Tanner Gausin

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Dear Santa,  
I want a cattle truck, and a airplane, a remote car truck and a Wistling Dil.  
Santa, I miss the babies. Please bring them baby toys.  
Cagen Chaney

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Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer. I have been good. I would like a telescope and a Play Station.  
I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
Kirby



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## Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
I want an ace bandage and if you have crutches my size I want some. Can I have some perfum? Can have a CD player and Britny Spars CD please thank you. And by the way I'm gonna be at my NetNets for Christmas this year so if you can drop it of thre thank you. 140 yacea, o, Portales NW 8813.  
From Paige Herbert

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Dear Santa,  
I want a pogo stick, candy cane, dump truck loader, a real gun, a rope, and hat, a big big jeep and dominoes in my stocking.  
Love, Gavin Douglas

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Dear Santa,  
I wanted a bicycle, two Barbies, a toy sled, a picture of my mom and family, and that's it.

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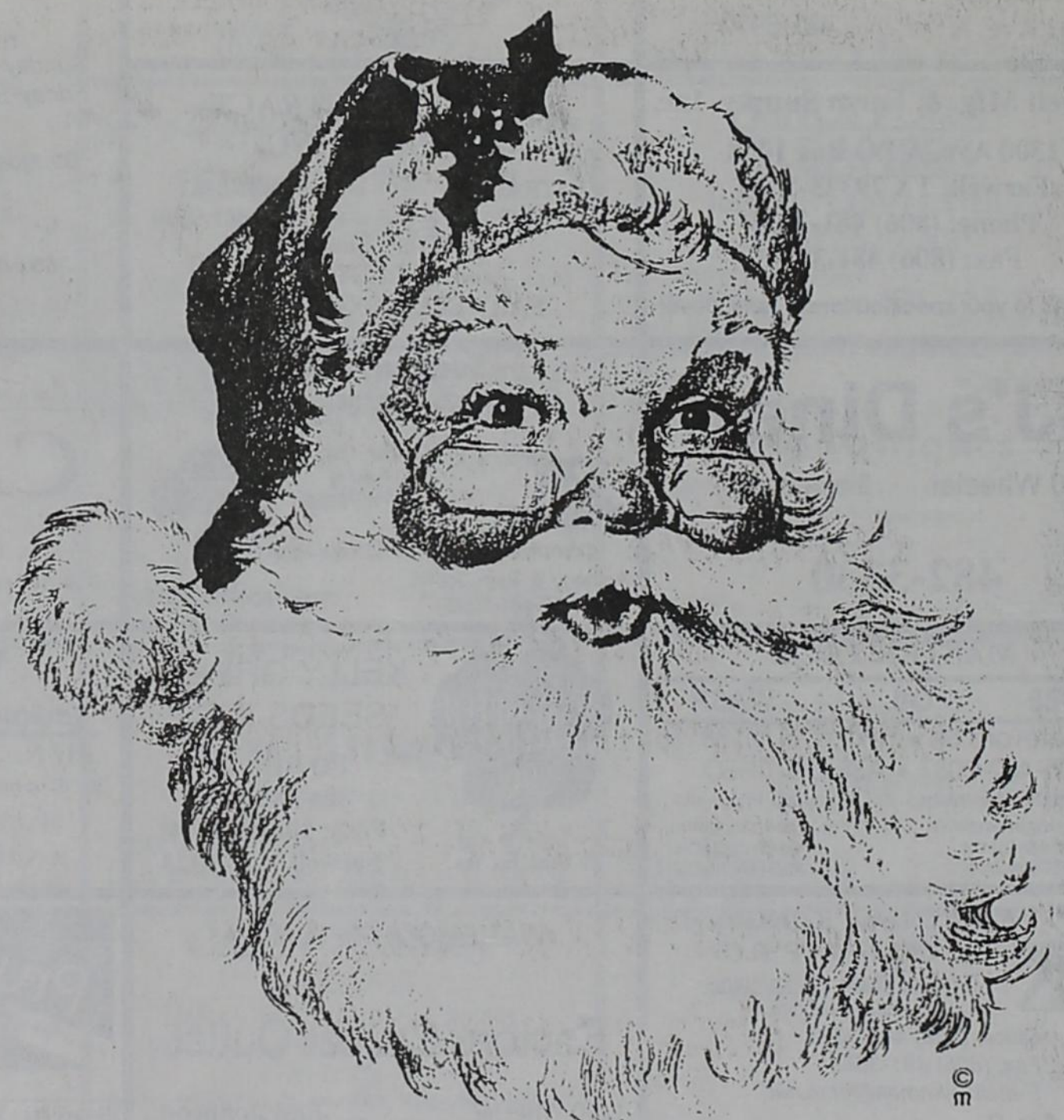
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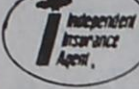




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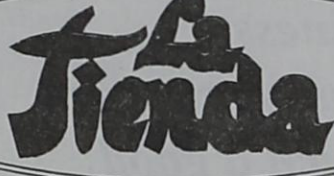


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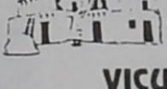
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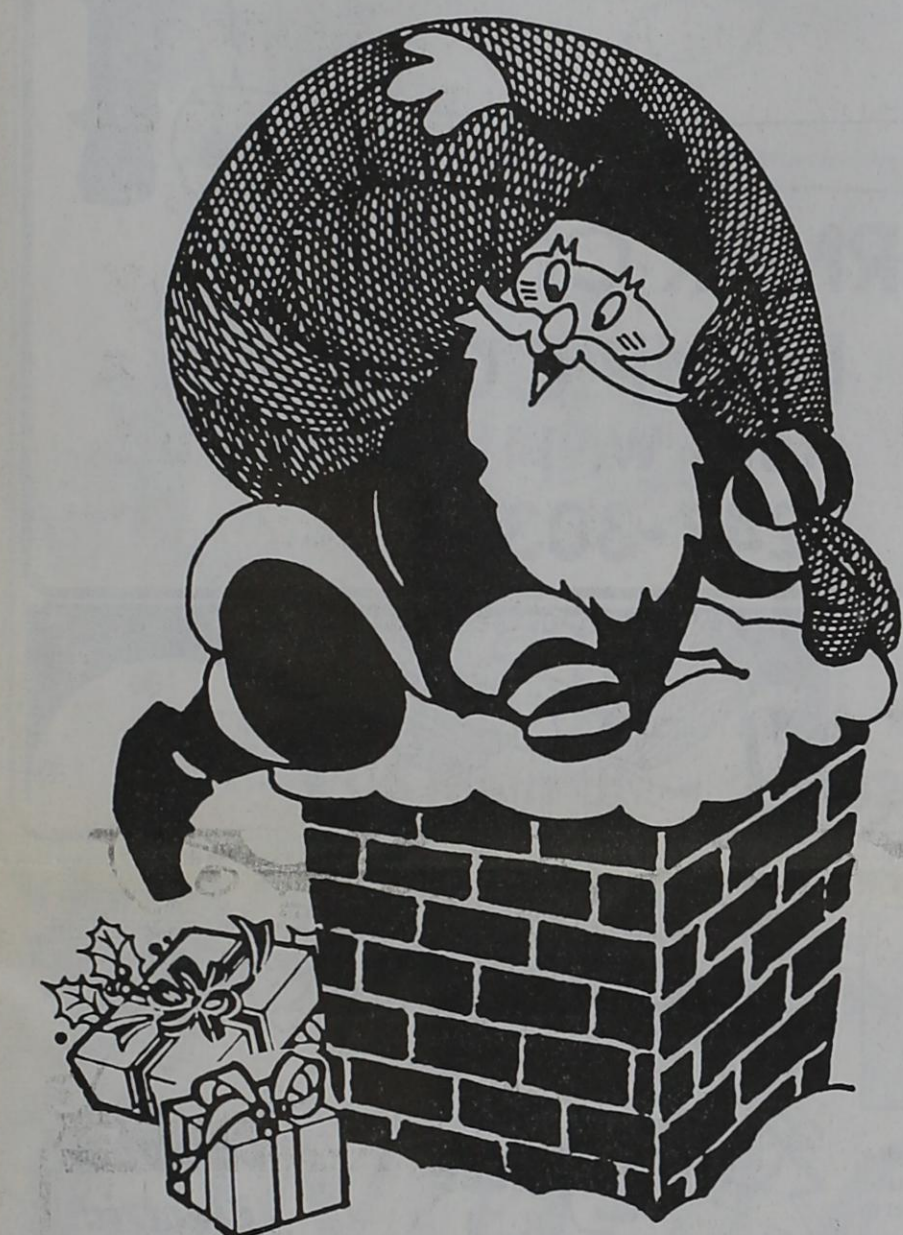
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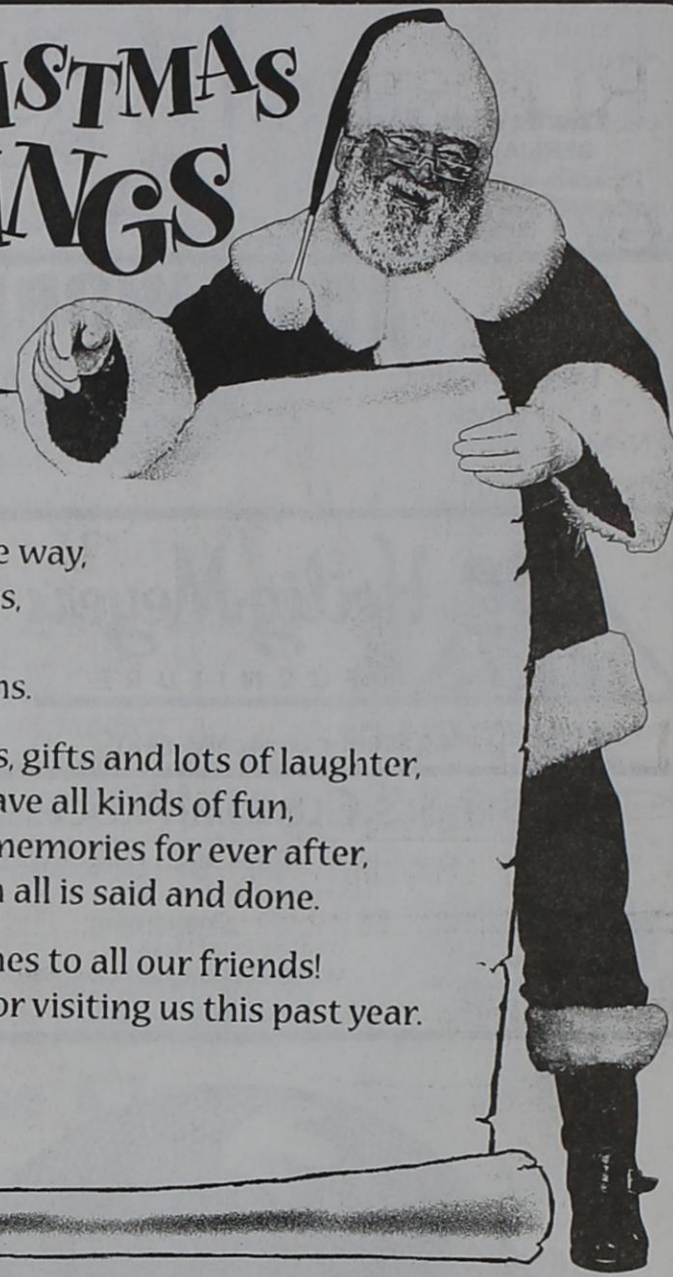


ALL THE BEST this Christmas season and throughout the coming millennium from our Christmas family at the Old Depot in Friona City Park and all of us here at the *Friona Star*. ron carr photo



THESE YOUNGSTERS entertained at the Baptist Ladies Christmas luncheon last Tuesday. They are, l-r, Will, Debra and Sara Cooper and Jacob, Hanna, Sarah and Leah Nelson. Parents are Sharlet and Kevin Cooper and Katie and Scott Nelson.

# JOLLY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Christmastime is on the way,  
With many expectations,  
Building to the holiday,  
We start the celebrations.

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January 3--Marriott Vann Horton, Jennifer Brockman Baize, Vickie Kube, Vondale Mann, Jeremy Reed, John Jarecki, Maxine Bolding, David Moseley, Jolynn Tongate.

January 4--Wanda Wilhelm Gibson, Debbie Stowers, Mike Sunderlin.

January 5--Keith Moore, Courtney Stowers, Carolyn Kaufman.

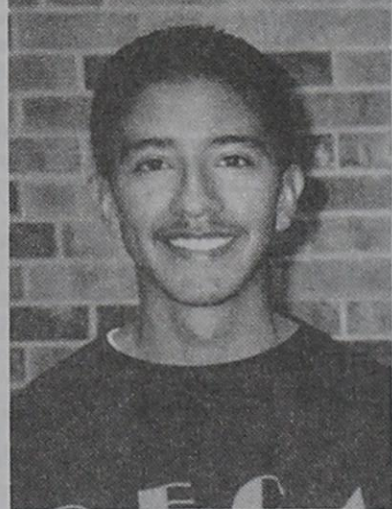
January 6--Wesley Barnett, Mitch Massey, Randy Lee Shayse, Megan Conlee.

January 7--Jeff Hamilton, Mike Lamb, Keta Dodson, Harold Taylor, Gloria Turner,

Kelli Spring.

January 8--Dave Buske, Ruben Gomez, Betty White, Richard Allen Roberts, Sherry Dawn Widner.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 and report it.



**SERGIO PENA**  
*Sergio Pena Participates In Program*

By **SERGIO PENA**  
I am the eighteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sotero Pena and a senior at Friona High School. This is my second year in the Marketing Education Program. I am currently serving as vice-president of the DECA organization.

As a student in the Marketing Education Program, I am learning valuable skills. I am learning the responsibility of how to maintain a job while attending school. I feel that being a part of this program is one step closer to preparing me for the future.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Parmer County Community Hospital for allowing me to work for them. I would also like to thank Mr. Sterling Graham and all the staff at PCCH.

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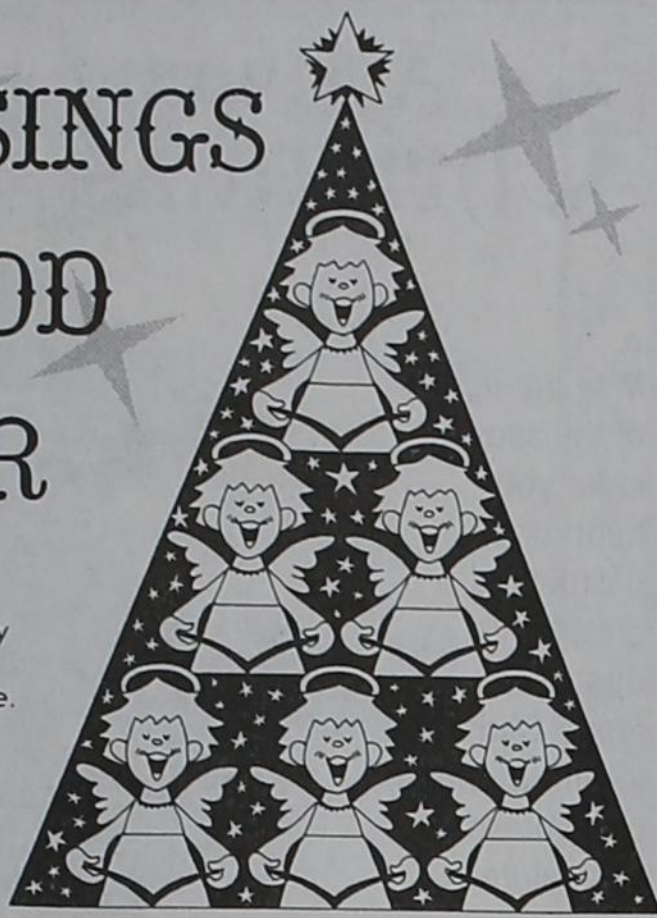
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## Floyd Reeve Remembers Christmases Of Past Years

In the early 1950s, my sister and I finally talked our folks into buying a television set for Christmas. We were thrilled just watching black and white, and mostly "snow" in those days. Our favorite program back then was "Your Hit Parade" with Giselle McKenzie.

Later in that decade the Reeve family was unable to get together at Christmas because my father's youngest brother lived on the East Coast and his youngest sister on the West Coast.

My Aunt Mary was a teacher and speech therapist. She decided to use a new fangled machine, the tape recorder, to convey seasons greetings to the whole clan. We gathered at Grandpa Reeve's house to record our messages and had plenty of

fun.

These gatherings were important to my grandmother because she used the occasion to hold a concert. All the grandchildren brought their musical instruments and she joined in on the piano. The moms and dads thought we all performed very well. My grandpa was also inspired with our music, although his first love was watching all his grandsons play football. He himself had been a football star in college.

A year or two later my mother decided we should go to Merkel, Texas to visit our Pinkly grandparents. We caught the train at Muleshoe and arrived at Sweetwater, where my Uncle Jarrett met us. Sharon and I were most concerned about Santa being able to discover our new location, but all went well. I remember the joy our grandparents displayed when we arrived, all smiles and hugs.

Christmas 1958 was a sad time since my father had passed away the previous April. My mother, my two sisters and I, all had the Asian flu. It seems like we spent two miserable weeks before any of us finally felt well enough to visit the drugstore for a few simple little gifts. It certainly was not much of a Christmas for my mother, compared to the glitter and hustle and bustle of today's holiday season. Every family should be lucky enough to have a mother like ours.

In the mid-sixties, Betty and I lived in Canyon, where she worked as an RN at

### Santa Letter

Dear Santa,  
I want a little Barbie Jeep with seat belt. And an Angle Doll and she has another suit for me. And I want Giddy-up Girl. And a Brown Big Horse that is play.

Santa have a great Christmas.  
Kylie Boyd

Nesbit Hospital while I finished college at WT. She was really busy, so I bought a little tree, about three feet tall, for a dollar and put a few lights around it. We were just as happy as we could be for our first Christmas together.

Our family now consists of three daughters, one son-in-law, and two really "grand" grandchildren. For Christmas '98, our little two-and-a-half year old granddaughter sang several Christmas songs on her own. This remains a very special memory for me.

As a young couple, we were so fortunate to have a very active and spirited Sunday School Class. We always constructed the nativity scene at the Methodist Church and went caroling to many of the shut-ins and older folks in our city.

The faces of those people that we sang to, really made the reason for the season come alive.

When our older daughters were at home, we often went snow skiing during Christmas. They learned to ski and enjoy the mountains with all their wintertime splendor. Most of the time, several families went on these trips, which made for great fun and forged some true lasting friendships.

Betty and I wish that every family could have the fine grandparents and aunts and uncles that we were so fortunate to witness and share with during the holidays of years past. These memories are forever ingrained in us, and are pretty typical of all the fine people of West Texas.

---Floyd Reeve, Christmas '99



HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS....It is time for Santa to visit good little boys and girls. Here Santa and Friona Little Miss Amber Roberson arrive at city park. ron carr photo

*A Song of Joy*

Join your voice to the joyful chorus of carolers, and welcome the holidays in. Along with the traditional old melodies, we're singing your praises for being such good customers. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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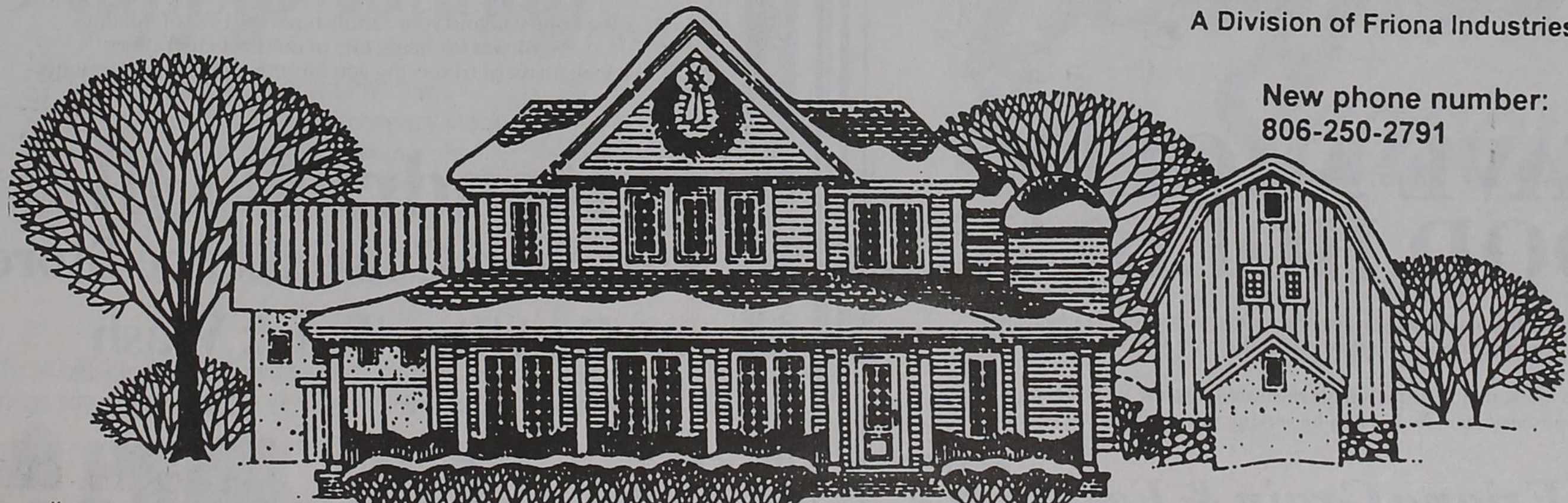
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The only problem with it, as with most things in life, that are worthwhile, is that someday it has to end. We have had many, many patrons through the years who have faithfully read from the library every two weeks for years and years. Even when they have been in their last days, we have continued our relationship with them in their homes.

It is difficult to say goodbye and many of these same faithful patrons continue to patronize us by suggesting that their memorials come our way. It is to all these special patrons that we will dedicate our new addition with the sincere hope that together we will help produce lifelong readers of the younger generations following us.

From this year's annual report....nearly 25,000 patrons visited us last year.

We will have to be closed for a period of time while we move. Watch the Star and your cable channels for the announcement of exact dates. We plan to celebrate our new space in some very special ways in 2000. We'll keep you posted.

New on the bookshelf:  
Fiction-*Hunting Badger* by Tony Hillerman; *Saving Faith* (large print) by David Baldacci; *Irresistible Forces* by

Danielle Steele; *A Walk to Remember* by Nicholas Sparks; *Atlantis Found* by Clive Cussler; *Death Rattle* by Terry Johnston; *Desire of the Everlasting Hill* by Thomas Hill; *Dream Maker* by Alison McLeay; *Monster* by Jonathon Kellerman.

Non-fiction--*A Charge to Keep* by George W. Bush; *Furthermore* by Andrew Greeley; *Great One* by Podnieks; *Invitation to Joy* by Pope John Paul II; *My House of Memories* by Meryle Haggard; *'Tis* by Frank McCourt; *Walter Benjamin at the Dairy Queen* by Larry McMurtry; *1st Son George W. Bush* by Minutaglio; *When Christ Comes* by Max Lucado.

Memorial donations have been made by: Sam Mears, Fay Reeve, Dave Thompsons, Tom Jarboes, Claire Blanco, Ernest Osborns, Lilah Gaye Gee, Gary Renners, Wana Brewer, Debra Baxter (Amarillo), Harold Mays, Don Springs, Janice Richards, Lewis Gores, Martha Rutherford, Alva Bedgoods, Micah Londons, Terry Fosters (Oklahoma City), Bruce Parrs, Wanda Hart, Gary Peters (Spring, Tx.), Teddy Whites, Carol Hogan, her niece of Calgary, Canada, Cass Perkins, John Baxters and Rex Brackens to CARMALLET TRUITT.

Anne Spring to Bill Morris of England (her brother-in-law); Eddie Halls, Martha Rutherford, Cass Perkins and Rex Brackens to C.L. LILLARD.

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An anniversary memorial to LILLIE TAYLOR was given by the Ronald Hales of The Woodlands, Texas. An honorarium to RUTH STEVICK was given by Geneiva Stanley.



MAKING WISHES COME TRUE....Like all boys and girls, Derek Scott gives Santa his list for this year. Little Miss Amber Roberson helped Santa by handing out goodies to all the girls and boys.  
ron carr photo

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## Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
I want a new cowboy hat, a new cowboy shirt, and a saddle and you know what saddles go with, saddle blankets. And some reins. And a saddle horn and big boots. And big jeans, a big belt, big vest.  
I'm going to help Dad when I get big.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Blake Stowers

Dear Santa,  
I want Hot Wheels and match boxes and a new white Jeep. And a red Dodge Pickup. I want Gingerbread Cookies and I'll leave you some Gingerbread Cookies.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Cotton Fleming

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new basketball 'cause my nother one is flat. And a motorcycle Jeep, and a motorcycle bicycle. And a car that has a remote control.  
Have a great year. We are going to make you cookies.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Benjamin Anthony

## A Shining Christmas Wish

May the light of the season enter your heart and bestow the gift of love upon you. Merry Christmas to all our friends, past, present and future!



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# GREETINGS OF THE Season



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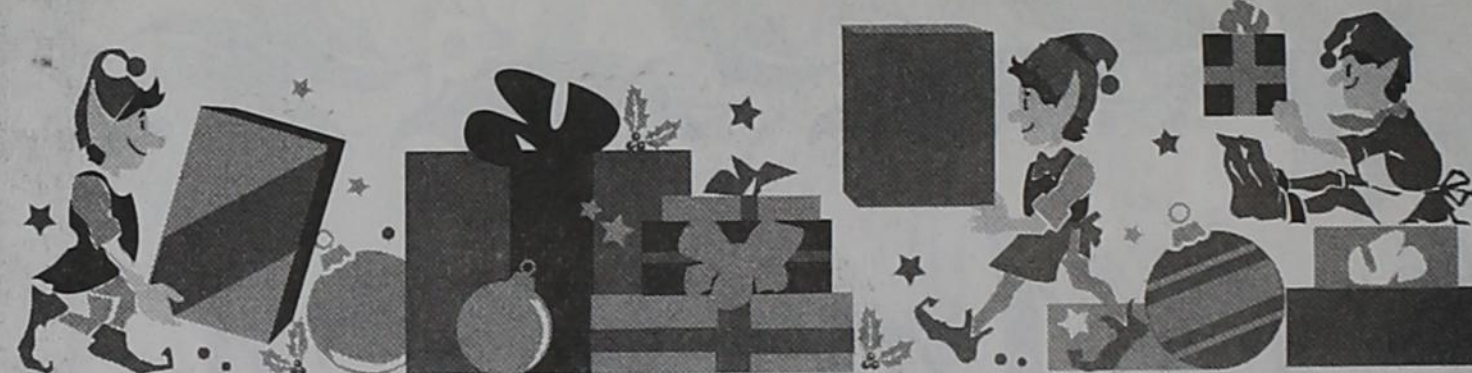
## HAVE A JOLLY GOOD HOLIDAY

Hope your Christmas finds you sharing many heartwarming memories and much hearty laughter with the ones you love.

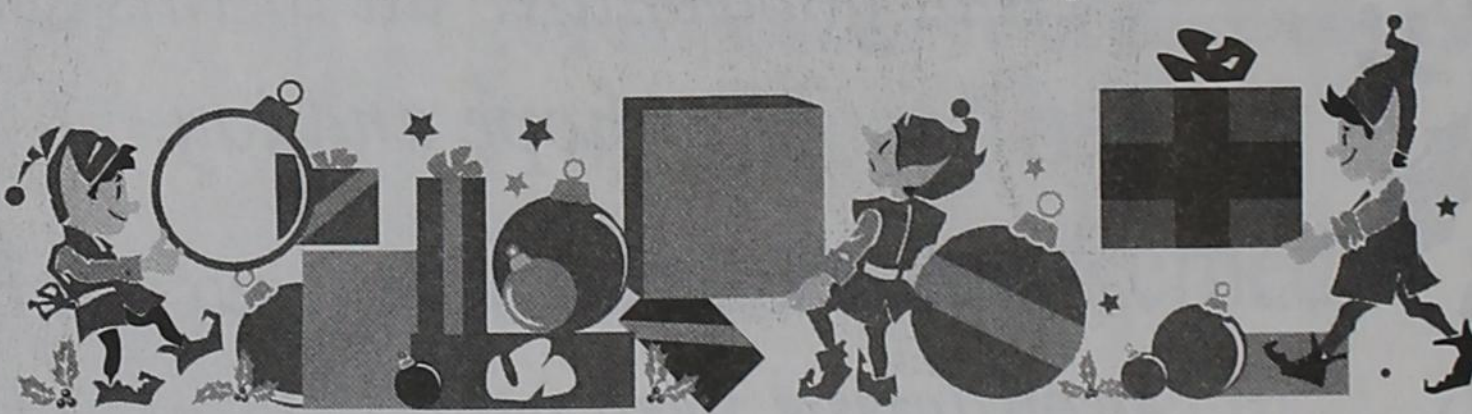
We want you to know that your patronage means a lot to us. We're very grateful to have you as our customer. We hope to be serving you again in the near future.

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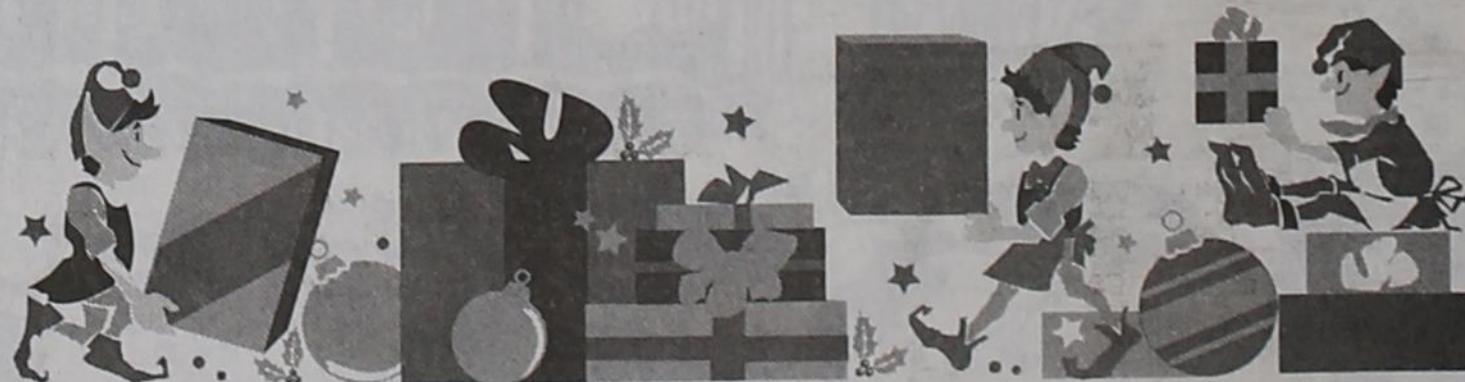
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# Pudge & Deke Kendrick Share Some Christmas Memories

Our first Christmas together was interesting, to say the least. Pudge's family didn't do much for Christmas. They didn't even have a tree! Our family went all out. So, as I was wandering through the "Dime Store" I saw this beautiful hand-blown glass spire. It was just gorgeous and the only one I had ever seen. I bought it. I proudly showed it to Pudge that night. He wanted to know how much it cost. Only \$3.25. He hit the ceiling. We only had \$5.00 at the time. Well, that spire sits proudly atop our Christmas tree this year--for the 52nd time.

Pudge's outstanding Christmas memory is not a very merry one. Pudge says:

"It was 1944 and I had been in the army for four years and had not been home for Christmas in all that time. We were all sitting in

the mess hall shooting the breeze and looking at a Christmas tree. A First Sergeant jumped up on a table and began singing "White Christmas." I had never heard the song before and I thought it was the saddest song I'd ever heard! I nearly cried."

I can attest to the fact that he still sees that mess hall every time he hears it. Pudge was luckier than most because he never got sent overseas. He was in the Signal Corps and every time his name came up to be shipped out, something would happen and he wouldn't have to go.

My Christmas memory is quite a bit happier, though. It was during the Great Depression. Now, some people can still relate to that statement, but most will say "What's a Depression?" (Isn't that great?) For those of you not "in the know" --during the Depression, absolutely everybody was broke. And I do mean broke! I remember in later years, a man told me that if he could sell a light bulb, it would mean that he could buy some bread that day.

Being a child, I didn't know we were broke. Everybody in our neighborhood was in the same condition. I did know that I wasn't supposed to ask for very much at Christmas time. You must know that, as an only child, I did a lot of things with my Dad. After all, I was the only "boy" he would ever have.

Imagine my surprise when I got up on Christmas morning to find an ELECTRIC TRAIN running around the Christmas tree. Of course I was delighted! And so were my Dad and all the other kids in the neighborhood who enjoyed playing with it. My popularity soared every Christmas after that.

At a school reunion last year, I met an old friend who had been raised in the neighborhood. The first thing he said to me was, "Do you still have your train?" Yes, I still do.

--Deke Kendrick



**Pudge & Deke Kendrick**

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## Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have been good. Could you bring me some Pokemon Japanese cards, Pokemon Stadium. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love, Devin

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I want an Army man Sargent hero video game.

Love, Baau Sanders

Dear Santa,  
I would like a cookie, some mail, and some M&Ms, a candy cane, a picture of Santa Claus. I would like a motorcycle. I would like a toy airplane like Eric has. I'll leave cookies from you.

Derek Scott

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you because you are nice to me.

Kelsey White

Hope you find everything you want under your tree this year.

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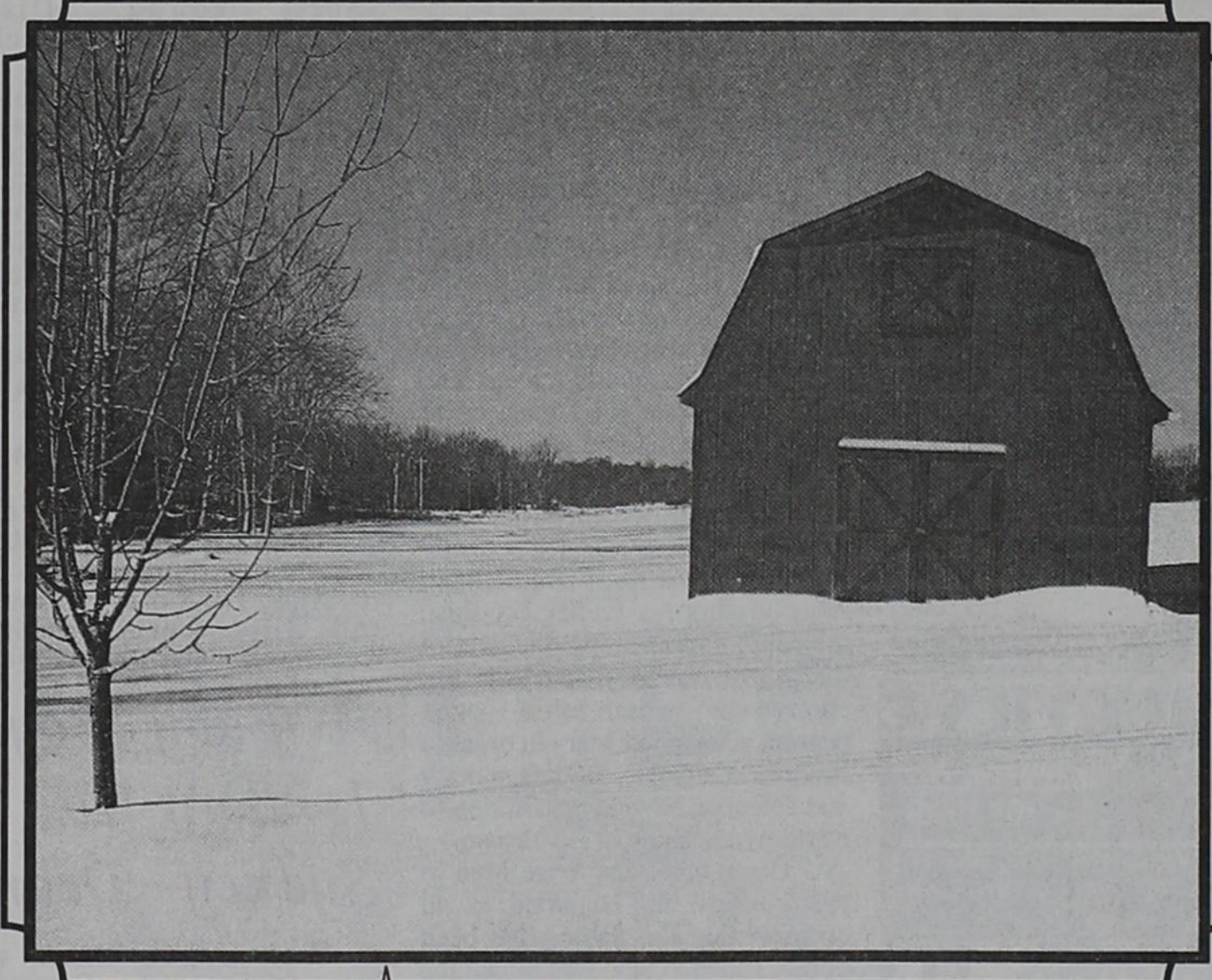
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He jumps into his little sleigh;  
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**AWARD WINNING OFFICE...**The Dimmitt office of H&R Block won an award for Region 37 for the largest increase in business in small town offices for 1998. Office personnel include (from left) employee Mary Lou Lumbrera, owner Reba Holt and receptionist Glenna Holt.

## Jesus' Trip To Bethlehem

BY DON BOREN, PASTOR  
United Methodist Church

A father and son stood on the bank of a lake each holding a handful of round, flat stones they had picked up along the shore. With a strong, swift motion of the arm, the father sent the first stone skipping across the water for 11 bounds.

The son, still in the learning stages, hit 7 on his first try this day. Once the rocks were all thrown, the two sat down on a fallen log to enjoy together the beauty of it all.

Years later in a boating accident on that same lake, the son would give his own life to save his friend's. Through the midst of his own pain, the father would proudly recognize the accomplishment of his son, knowing that his death was not in vain. The gift of life his son had given to another young man was well worth the price that had been paid.

Years earlier, actually before time was marked, another Father and Son stood on the banks of eternity, on the shore of creation. The Son loosed the drawing on a pouch he held. Light flooded the vast darkness.

One by one he removed the stars that would make up the galaxies and skimmed them across the darkness. Their brilliance filled the heavens. One special star was left in the bottom of the bag for a time yet to come.

With one stroke of his powerful arm, he separated the waters in the heaven from those on the earth, creating the sky. He set all of the stars and planets in motion with the flick of a wrist.

Each morning he paints the skies a bright yellow to awaken the earth. Each evening he chalks the western skies with the beauty of pink and orange pastels. The same hands then molded the earth into a ball. The earth would later pierce

those hands, the very hands that had formed it.

He plunged His mighty fist into the earth to separate the land and the water and to set the waters in motion. He traced the brooks and streams, carved the rivers and dug the depths of the seas. The same powerful hands that had cast the stars and molded the earth gently scattered seeds across the land to fill the earth with life.

He freed the birds to flight, loosed the fish to swim and released the animals to roam the earth. Then with the greatest care, the Son intricately created man in his own image, male and female. With his own breath, He breathed life into them.

He pierced man's side to bring life to woman. Man would one day pierce the Son's side to bring everlasting life for all people. He placed them in their temporal earthly paradise to live knowing another paradise awaited them which would never end.

The Father and Son rested together on the banks of creation and seeing all they had created called it good. They savored the moment both seeing the inevitable. One day this Son would have to leave His Father to redeem a lost creation and neither of them doubted that the cost would be of greatest price, but neither doubted that the sacrifice made would be well worth it.

Jesus' trip to Bethlehem was the farthest and His travels the longest. He came from the far edges of creation and began His journey before the foundation of the world.

Sometimes love requires sacrifice. He again loosened the drawing and opened the pouch of creation. He now removed the star that had been reserved for just this time. With one final release, he cast this star above what would become his new birthplace.

The follow through was excellent as the star landed perfectly above the town of Bethlehem. After kissing his Father goodbye, the King of all creation, the light of the world, the source of all life entered the womb of a young peasant girl named Mary in order to become one of us. He left majesty and splendor beyond description to be born in a stable in Bethlehem.

The star led the Wise Men to His bedside and signaled to all creation that the Savior had been born. The One who had blown the life into Adam and Eve and all of creation now gasped for his first breath as an infant. His names reveal for us just who He has become. Immanuel, God with us.

### ✦ Letters ✦ To Santa

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie telephone, a Barbie cash register, a Barbie ice skater, a generation Barbie, a bike, a little people car. I will leave you cookies and milk. Don't forget Jaylee and Ashton from Leslee.  
Amber Roberson

**Meet Friona's Class of 2012**  
Abigail Jones is a kindergartener at Friona Schools.  
Her parents are Robert and Becky Jones. She has one sister Allison. Her grandparents are Carolyn Jones of Dimmitt.  
She enjoys jumping on trampoline, riding bikes and playing with friends.  
Her favorite foods are watermelon, sausage and biscuits, strawberries with whipped cream.  
Her favorite color is pink.

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## Holt Receives H&R Block Award

On November 16, Reba Holt of Dimmitt, owner of the H&R Block Income Tax Preparation Service office in Dimmitt, was honored with a plaque given by Bob Brun, West Texas franchise director representing H&R Block Region 37 which includes Texas and Oklahoma.

The award is for the largest increase in small town offices. Holt increased 91% for the tax year 1998. She received this surprise award in Lubbock at one of the required classes H&R Block provides for their preparers

## Friona PD Receives Fed Grant

Last summer Friona Police Chief Randy Geries applied in behalf of the Friona Police Department for a federal grant.

The application for the grant and the process was done entirely over the Internet, according to Chief Geries. The grant was titled the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant, administered through the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

The department received word this week that their grant was approved. The federal government grant will pay for half of the purchase price of six new vests for the department.

The grant pays half and the city pays half. Chief Geries said the total cost of the six vests would be about \$3,000, so the grant is worth about \$1,500 to the city.

He was called Jesus the Nazarene, son of Joseph, son of man, friend of sinners, a man of sorrows, Rabbi or teacher, and carpenter.

He is our Chief Shepherd, Messiah, our Peace, Savior, the Way, the Truth, and the Life and the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

He also was called a babe which we celebrate each Christmas. The Great I Am became a tiny baby boy. The King of King's became a carpenter's apprentice.

Whatever you decide to do with Him this Christmas, know that He has already made His decision about you. He has given His gift of love in a manger, on a cross and at the right hand of His father. What gift will you give Him?

### FOR 1999

## Chamber Gives List Of Friona Bucks Winners

Friona Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kathryn Goddard announced the winners in the annual Ho Ho Home For The Holidays promotion.

Winners of 100 Friona Bucks to be spent at any participating merchant were Sheri Young, Diana Santellana and Rachel Douglas.

Winners at each participating merchant were: A-1 Service Center, Galen Carson; An Added Touch, Lois Norwood; BiWise Drug, Roxan Mendoza; Big Ticket Video, Steven Saldana; Campbell Electric, Kenneth McLellan.

Also, Friona Star, Patsy Talley; Tasty Cream, Arati Bhakta; Hi-Pro Feeds and Animal Health, Blayne Baxter; Holly's Cafe and Bakery, Lynn Gowens; Ingram's Department Store, Lorraine Anthony.

Also, Ivy Cottage Flowers and Gifts, Doris Cameron; Kendrick Oil Co., Julia

## A Baby Boy Is Born To Sydney Deans

Whitney Jo Dean was born on Saturday, December 11 at 8:28 a.m. in Providence Health Center, Waco, Texas.

She weighed seven pounds, twelve ounces and was nineteen inches long. Her parents are Sonny and Sydney Dean of Hewitt, Texas.

The family has two older children, Garrison, six years old, and Maddie, age three.

Grandparents are Bob and Donna Albin of Lubbock and Jack and Lois Dean of Eldorado, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Ruth Albin and Ora Sperry, both of Follett, Texas. The Deans are former residents of Friona.



B.K. BUSKE under his Christmas tree in 1955.

## B.K. Buske Recalls "Christmas Past"

Family and tradition are the two words that come to mind when I think back to "Christmas past."

Long before December 25 arrived, my Mom would start her sewing and baking in preparation. I never recall any invitations going out, but all the kinfolks knew when and where to be on Christmas Day.

One of the few days of the year I can remember my Dad being home in the morning was Christmas morning.

My sisters were musically inclined, so we would gather around the piano for the traditional carols.

After what seemed to be an eternity, usually would be brought to a close with Dad's suggestion that we read the Christmas story from Luke 2. For a young lad anxious to get to the presents, this activity seemed as if he were reading the entire Bible.

The Christmas tree was almost always a "real" pine, and always stretched to the ceiling. Decorations were sometimes homemade—strings of popcorn and cranberries, combined with colorful store-bought lights and tinsel and a plastic angel at the top.

Generally the tree had to be in one place, and that was the den (or family room). Fifty years later, we still place the tree in that room, in the same home in which I grew up.

Each day after school, just prior to Christmas, we would snoop around the base of the tree to try to determine the contents of the packages. So, after the Christmas story was read, Dad would say, "It's about lunchtime. Suppose we should eat and have the rest of our Christmas later?"

Well, you can guess which way we (kids) voted. The memories are so numerous and so endearing, I wish there was time and space to share more.

May each of you produce your own special traditions and have the privilege of observing this Holy season with family.

--B. K. BUSKE



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<b>DEUCE BIGALOW</b> <b>R</b>
1:50 & 9:20
These times will start 12/25 - 12/30
<b>TOY STORY II</b> <b>G</b>
4:15 & 7:15
Sat. & Sun. Matinees Bargain Matinees: \$3 Adults: \$5 - Kids & Seniors: \$3



## Need For Balance Between Orthodoxy And Orthopraxy

by REV. ALVIN PETTY  
Calvary Baptist Church  
What is Orthodoxy? Webster's New World College Dictionary says that to be Orthodox is "conforming to the usual beliefs of established doctrines."

In the first few centuries of Christianity, Orthodoxy meant simply what the majority of the church believed. In those early centuries, Orthodoxy became important because strong heretical movements arose within the church that threatened the foundations of the historic Christian faith.

Orthopraxy is how you practice your faith in Jesus Christ. It is what you do. You may have great doctrinal Orthodoxy but if your Orthopraxy is not wholesome and strong you are not doing much good. In fact you may be doing a great deal of harm with your religious attitude.

The classical historical illustration of people who were very Orthodox in their doctrine but plumb sorry in their practice of their faith is the Pharisees of Jesus' day. Their main concern was being Orthodox.

Right doctrine was everything to them and their doctrine for their day wasn't all that bad on paper. They believed in the spirit, angels, grace, resurrection of the dead and judgement for all people.

But since right doctrine as they understood and preached it was everything to them, they manipulated and dominated and trod upon everybody to push their view of doctrine upon them and they could lie, cheat and steal a little bit so long as they were convinced it promoted their doctrine. They judged the worth of everybody by their standards of Orthodoxy.

Now the mindset toward Orthodoxy of the Pharisees is

the best illustration in history of the mindset or attitude that most theologians call fundamentalism.

Fundamentalism is an attitude towards perceived right doctrine (Orthodoxy) that is arrogant, abrasive and unloving towards people different from the in-group.

Fundamentalism always emphasizes its pet doctrines and is always very weak in Orthopraxy, that is in treating the world right with respect and love.

This ugly attitude of arrogance tends to infiltrate every religious group to some extent. That is why we must ever seek to be balanced between the doctrine we preach and what we practice in every day life. Doctrine is very important but no more important than what we practice.

When we overemphasize Orthodoxy to the negligence of Orthopraxy, you can mark it down that our religion has self-destructive tendencies. You can also mark it down that we are retreating toward Orthodoxy because we are afraid; afraid to learn new things and see where we may be wrong because it threatens our security; afraid of all the changes going on in society and the world; afraid of those different from us.

Every manifestation of a fundamentalist mindset, be it religious or political is a manifestation of a reaction of fear of the world. 1 John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The man who fears is not made perfect in love."

My mother summed up the balance needed between Orthodoxy and Orthopraxy by often preaching the folksy proverb, "What you do speaks so loud I can hardly hear what you are saying!"



HEY, LET ME GO.....Santa has a grip on 5 year-old Sawyer Osborn as Friona's Little Miss Amber Roberson stands by. You can tell by looking that Sawyer has been a good little boy this year and should probably get his Christmas wish list, right Santa? ron carr photo

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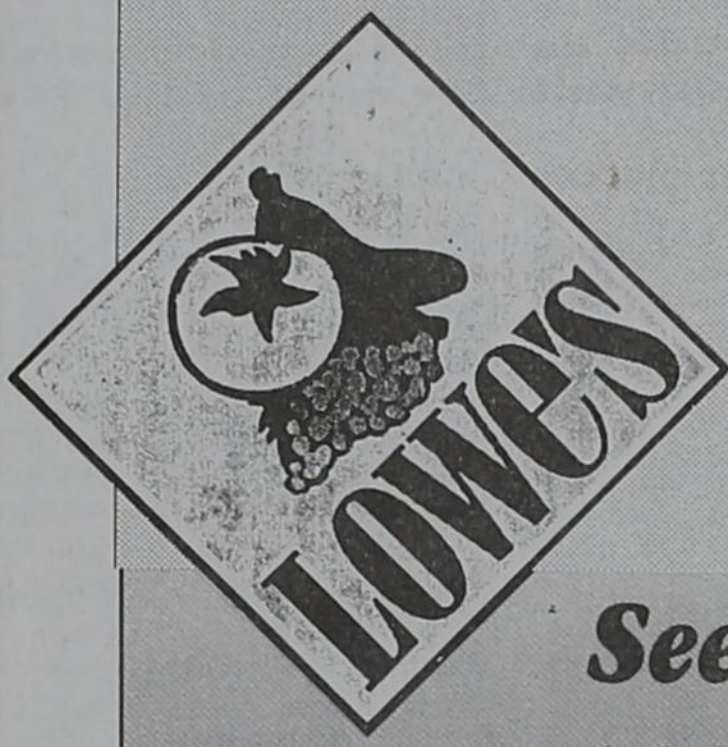
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December 27--Levi Whitney Bandy, Joanna Schueler, Johnnie Walters, Roy L. Smith, Micah Duke.  
December 28--Todd Long, Allen Stewart, James Chadwick, Sara Zerfas, Kim Caffey, Jan Parker.  
December 29--Bob Clark, Holly White Schueler, Mabel Jones, Alan Monroe, Seva

Struve, Zora Gaede, Heather Smith Schueler.  
December 30--Jerry Goen, Larry Sanders, Jessie Gonzales, Jianna Davenport, Frankie Lindeman, Sarah Hendley.  
December 31--Bill Ellis, Glenda Ellis Kitten, Kenneth Wilhelm, Keith Martin, Joel Landrum, Gwendolyn Maurer.  
January 1--Hack Corbell, Gary Stowers, Agnes Fulks, Richard Wilson.  
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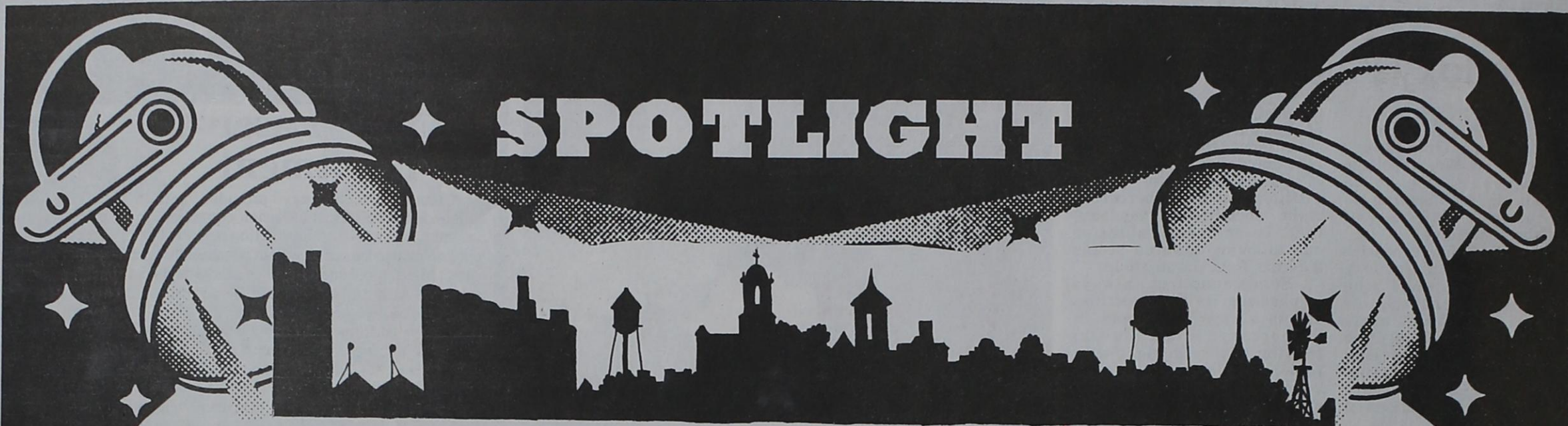
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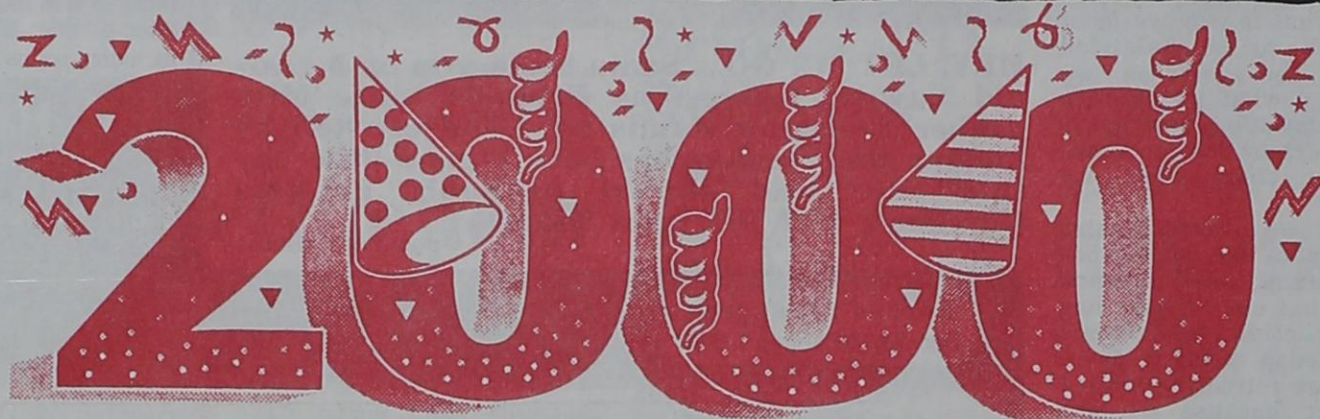
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Feral Krizek, 4-1-44 to 7-44  
Georgia Nell Coldiron  
Lola Goodwine, 4-11-44 to 6-30-69  
Carolyn Lange  
David Smith  
Gertrude Short Murphree, 1-51 to 8-51  
Paxton Smith, Jr., 7-44 to 9-44  
Velma Schueler, 5-45 to 11-46  
Geneva Nelson, 10-44 to 10-44  
Tommy De Buske, 10-44 to 12-44  
Jo McNabb, 11-44 to 11-45  
Ouida Jones, 10-58 to 12-58  
Charles E. Allen, 3-16-46 to 12-31-85  
Jane Williams, 11-1-46 to 10-31-76  
Norma Jean Schults Terry, 12-46 to 12-50  
Mary Southward, 1-47 to 5-47  
Glen Fallwell (Janitor), 3-47 to 3-47  
Mary Lou Allman, 7-47 to 12-47  
Odell Vaughn (Janitor), 8-47 to 8-47  
Johnie Hedley, 4-48 to 4-48  
Doris Ann Lange, 6-48 to 8-48  
Eva Lu Rector, 10-52 to 11-52  
Fern Sanders, 10-63 to 11-63  
Patsy Loflin Meil, 11-59 to 9-60  
Bettye Jarboe, 1-55 to 7-56  
Ann Dukes, 10-52 to 8-54  
Wanda Beaty Jones, 2-53 to 7-55  
W.H. Lloyd (Janitor), 5-54 to 5-55  
Lorene Wright, 8-54 to 6-55  
Zelma Faye Beaty, 5-55 to 10-55  
Georgia Means, 7-55 to 7-56  
Jane Phipps Houlette, 8-55 to 1-59  
Harris Dunn, 9-55 to 12-55  
Lois Strickland, 9-5-69 to 8-31-76  
W.C. Osborn, 3-1-56 to 2-68  
Shirley Hogue, 6-56 to 12-57  
Sylvia Wilson, 10-56 to 12-56  
Ann Nazworth, 2-57 to 11-58  
Bill Nichols, 3-7-57 to 2-16-63  
Melba Miller Allen, 9-57 to 5-58  
Betty Carver, 5-58 to 9-58  
Billie McKee Tongate, 7-58 to 9-59  
Jerry Belle Blaylock, 10-58 to 7-59  
Mary Moseley, 11-58 to 9-61  
Shirley Callahan, 1-59 to 2-60  
Iola Nelson, 1-4-59 to 6-30-76  
Vernell Cunningham, 1-16-59 to 7-31-84  
Tennie Henderson, 6-16-69 to 8-2-72  
Peggy Taylor Howard, 6-24-59 to 9-30-62  
Jane Fulgham Kent, 9-1-59 to 12-31-64  
Mary Tom Spring, 6-59 to 8-59  
LuAnn Hough, 3-60 to 11-60  
Jerry Hinkle, 9-1-65 to present  
Gwen Green Greeson, 8-60 to 9-61  
Dale Smith, 9-22-60 to 12-14-82  
Versie Ansley (Maid), 1-61 to 5-61  
Hazel Ruffins (Maid), 6-61 to 2-67  
Johnny Massey, 10-61 to 11-61  
Gaye Knight Greeson, 12-26-61 to 12-28-63  
Nelda Douglas Ellis, 10-1-96 to 2-27-98  
Adabeth Akens Smith, 3-11-63 to 8-24-63  
Dinah Thompson, 6-3-63 to 10-5-63  
Gary E. Brown, 6-18-63 to present  
Paula V. Phillips O'Brian, 6-18-63 to 12-7-63  
Wanda Reeve, 9-16-63 to 11-19-63  
Cynthia G. Taylor Bishop, 5-14-79 to 6-5-83  
Patsy Bender, 12-9-1963 to 12-31-65  
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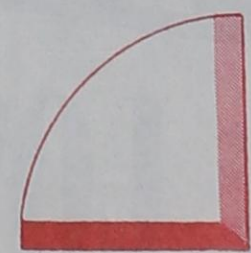
Curtis William Dukes, Jr., 6-1-64 to 7-31-64  
Amelia Zamora (Maid), 6-29-64 to 7-13-64  
J.B. Douglas, Jr., 7-13-64 to 2-11-67  
Mannie Lue Noey (Maid), 8-5-64 to 8-26-64  
David H. Carson (Dir.), 9-1-64 to 5-31-68  
J.G. McFarland, 9-1-64 to 5-31-68  
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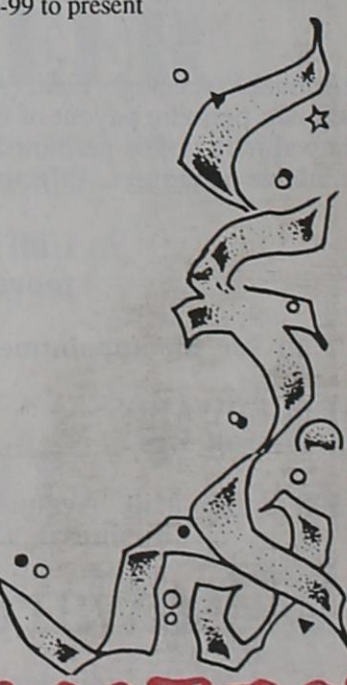
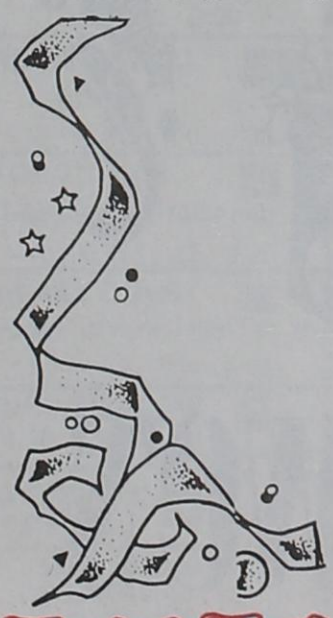
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and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy,  
is to have the real spirit of Christmas.*  
Calvin Coolidge

As we celebrate the arrival of the holiday season — the last of the millennium — Coolidge's words are a particularly apt reminder of the importance of cultivating and maintaining the true Christmas spirit.

When friends and family members join together, it is the genuine warmth of loving relationships, not elaborate gifts or multi-course meals, that gives life to the season's festivities and enriches the lives of the participants in the years to come.

The joy of the season can be captured in even the simplest activities: teaching a child to make a gingerbread house; going caroling with friends; stringing popcorn and cranberry garlands for the tree; sending Christmas cards to far-away family members; setting out a tray of milk and cookies for Santa to enjoy.

Whether holiday traditions are simple or elaborate, they serve to bind loved ones together, creating a sense of continuity and permanence that transcends the worries of everyday life.

So, even if your Christmas gift budget is not as big as you would like it to be, celebrate the goodwill of the season and find ways to share that joy with those you love. Whether you put a festive CD on the stereo, throw a holiday video in the VCR, light some candles, bake holiday cookies, have a tree-trimming party or arrange for a more formal event, the smiles on the faces of those you love will prove your efforts to be both rewarding and appreciated.

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John, Matilda, Terry and Peggy Baca in 1966

## Bacas Tell About Memorable Christmas

John and I married in October of 1956. That December we went to Booker, Texas, to spend Christmas with his folks.

On Christmas day we decided to take a train ride to Kansas. The train consisted of the engine, passenger car and the caboose. It was called the "Doodle Bug." We like to have starved that day. Nothing was open for business.

The next Christmas was going to be a sad one, for we had our oldest daughter and no money to buy her a gift. We managed to buy an aluminum tree and decorations of newspaper.

Then on Christmas Eve at noon, John's boss gave him a \$20 gift certificate at Hurst's for Christmas. So John and I came to Friona and bought a T-shirt and pant and small toy for Terry and two towels and we put them under the tree. There was no money to buy paper for wrap.

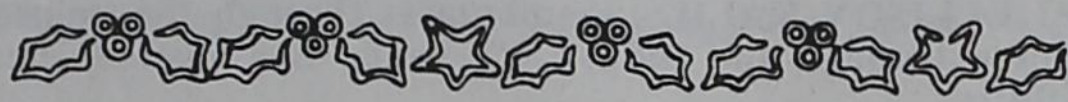
Our biggest Christmas was in 1987 when we had an exchange student from the Philippines, Florencia Ley. Peggy and family had come in from Germany and Terry and family from here.

When Santa knocked on the door the grandchildren all started crying and wouldn't go to the door. We more or less had to push them out.

For Peggy's gift to Terry, she took string and strung it through the house and outside and Terry had to follow it. Needless to say Terry was crying and the four grandchildren were right behind her. It finally ended up behind the commode and it was a very beautiful ring.

Now the kids all look forward to their stockings at Granny and Grandpa's house.

MATILDA BACA



## The Real Meaning Of "12 Days of Christmas"

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young members of the Church. Each element in the Carol has a code word for a Religious reality which the children could remember:

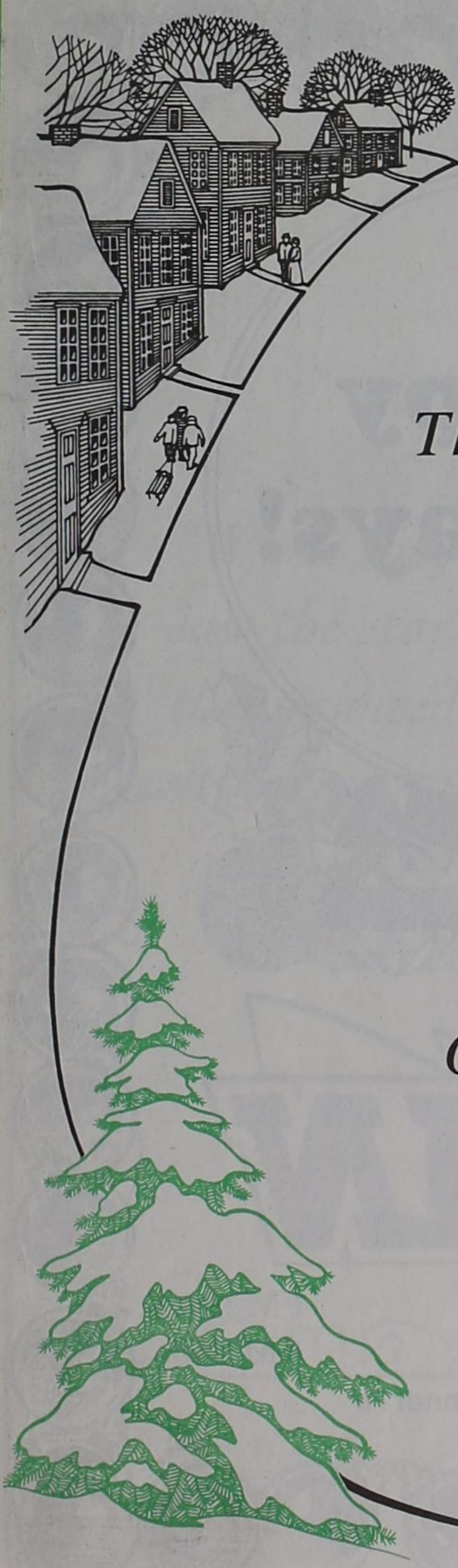
- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
- Two turtle doves were the Old & New Testament.
- Three French hens stood for "faith, hope and love."
- Four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
- Five golden rings recalled the Torah -- the first five books of the Old Testament.
- Six geese-a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
- Seven swans-a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Eight maids-a-milking were the eight Beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing? These were the nine truths of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galations 5:22-23)
- Ten lords-a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
- Eleven pipers piping stood for the 11 faithful disciples.
- Twelve drummers drumming symbolized the 12 points of belief in the Apostle's Creed.



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**IN FLOWER INDUSTRY**

# Ellisons Introduce New Marketing Ideas

Step into the greenhouses during the annual Poinsettia Celebration at Ellison's Greenhouses in Brenham, and get ready to be dazzled. Poinsettias—some 50,000 plants representing about 25 varieties—fill the benches and tumble from hanging baskets in waves of gorgeous color.



**JIM AND ELLEN ELLISON** get into the holiday spirit. When the couple began opening their greenhouses for tours in 1990, others in the wholesale plant industry thought they were crazy. Ellison is a former Bovina resident.

Looking around, it's easy to see why the poinsettia is America's biggest-selling flowering potted plant. Vibrant specimens welcome the holidays in bright red, pale pink, muted coral, and creamy ivory. Close inspection reveals poinsettias with marbled bracts in combinations of crimson-and-white and pink-and-cream.

Other discoveries include poinsettias with "petals" shaped like oak leaves or curling in clusters like some roses. To the delight of visitors, other plants enrich the breathtaking scene. Chrysanthemums—numbering thousands—boast pompon blooms in lavender, lilac, gold, and white.

Christmas cacti catch the eye with flowering cascades in coral and pink. Azaleas, too, are memory-makers, especially tabletop varieties with red-and-white-speckled blooms. "These flowers look like peppermint candy," says Marge Harris, a watercolor artist from Houston.

But for the 5,000 or more visitors who attended the two-day Poinsettia Celebration (November 20-21, 1999), exploring the greenhouses on the self-guided strolls is only part of the fun. In the indoor promenade connecting the greenhouses, browsers inspect candles, chimes, Christmas ornaments, and other gift items.

At a display of exquisite new poinsettia varieties, visitors chat with plant breeders from California and other states before casting ballots for their favorite introductions. Just ahead, in an area set aside for plant sales, shoppers select from an array of hanging baskets, dish gardens, and potted poinsettias ranging from three inches tall to Texas-size beauties towering to six feet.

If you are looking for Santa, meander toward the poinsettia tree, a 15-foot-tall marvel made from more than 450 poinsettia plants. There, you'll find Saint Nick listening to kids and posing for pictures. Nearby, you can savor a wedge of homemade pie, nibble Christmas cookies,

nurseries in Austin, San Antonio, Bryan-College Station, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston. Some plants will flaunt their beauty at the Governor's Mansion and the State Capitol; others will decorate the George Bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M University in College Station.

Although Ellison's ships the majority of poinsettias by mid-December, the color in the greenhouses only momentarily wanes. Daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, and miniature roses welcome flower-lovers in February. Easter lilies unfurl in March. Hydrangeas announce May. Azaleas, kalanchoes, gloxinias, African violets, chrysanthemums, and foliage plants create a sensation with tourists nearly every month of the year. In all, the dedicated team at Ellison's grows 135 species of flowering and foliage plants that develop and bloom at just the right times.

The ongoing bouquet beckons families, garden clubs, and school kids, who inspect the flower-filled greenhouses on guided tours given year round. The 45-minute treks begin and end at Ellison's Garden and Tourism Center, a shoppers' haven filled with gift items as well as plants. (The only time shoppers can purchase gift items and plants at the greenhouses is during the November Celebration.)

The program for visitors evolved after Ellison's 20th-anniversary open house in 1990. The event created a milestone in the Texas wholesale greenhouse industry, according to PJ Ellison Kalil, who heads the business started by her parents. "When we opened our doors to tourists, people in the industry thought we were crazy," she says. "Now, they call us innovative and progressive. Educating the public about the plants we grow and how we grow them is one way we differ from other wholesalers."

PJ oversees 40 employees, five acres of greenhouses (including a branch operation east of town where 50,000 more poinsettias are being groomed for future markets), and the Garden and Tourism Center. Jim and Ellen Ellison, co-founders of the business, serve as advisors.

In the 1960s, shortly before Jim and Ellen started their mom-and-pop enterprise, genetic botanists developed long-lasting poinsettia varie-

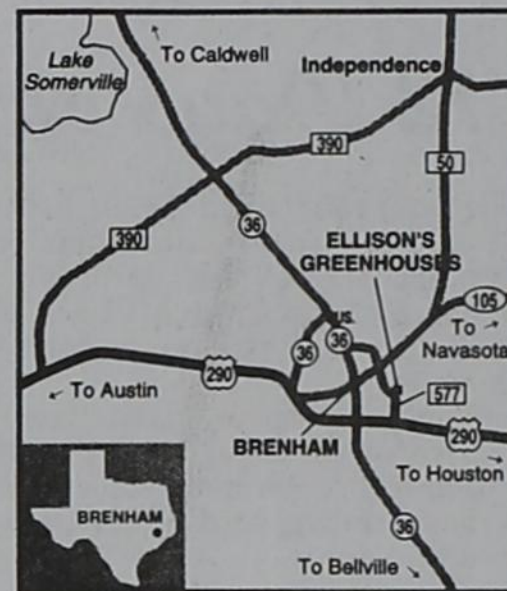


**PJ ELLISON KALIL** perambulates through the poinsettias (in February, she'll tiptoe through the tulips). PJ heads the business her parents started in the 1960s.

ties. Until then, poinsettias were almost impossible to ship, because their color faded quickly. The breakthrough opened the doors for the plants' burgeoning popularity. In 1998, says the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Americans bought about 70 million poinsettias to adorn their homes, churches, and offices. The same year, Texans spent a whopping \$13 million or so on the showy plants.

Although the poinsettia is a relatively new holiday symbol in this country, in Mexico and Central America, where the plants grow wild, folklore has long linked the Flores de Nochebuena (Flowers of the Holy Night) with Christmas. One story says that when a poor peasant girl offered the Christ child a bouquet of roadside weeds, the barren stalks miraculously burst into luminous red poinsettias.


Joel Roberts Poinsett, an amateur botanist, probably knew the legend. When his



But whatever name you call it, no other plant announces the holidays like the poinsettia. Red poinsettias enliven a gala; pink poinsettias brighten a room; white selections seem to simulate freshly fallen snow. And what could ignite the holiday spirit faster than strolling through greenhouse after greenhouse aglow with this flamboyant holiday herbage.

"Most wholesaler growers just produce plants," says PJ. "Ellison's though, is in the business of beauty. At the Poinsettia Celebration and throughout the year, our goal is to create a memory."

*Shopping savvy: select poinsettias with fully colored, expanded bracts whose dense, dark green foliage extends to the stem's base. Tightly clustered, yellow "buds" (in the center) indicate freshness. Never buy poinsettias with overly dry or waterlogged soil.*



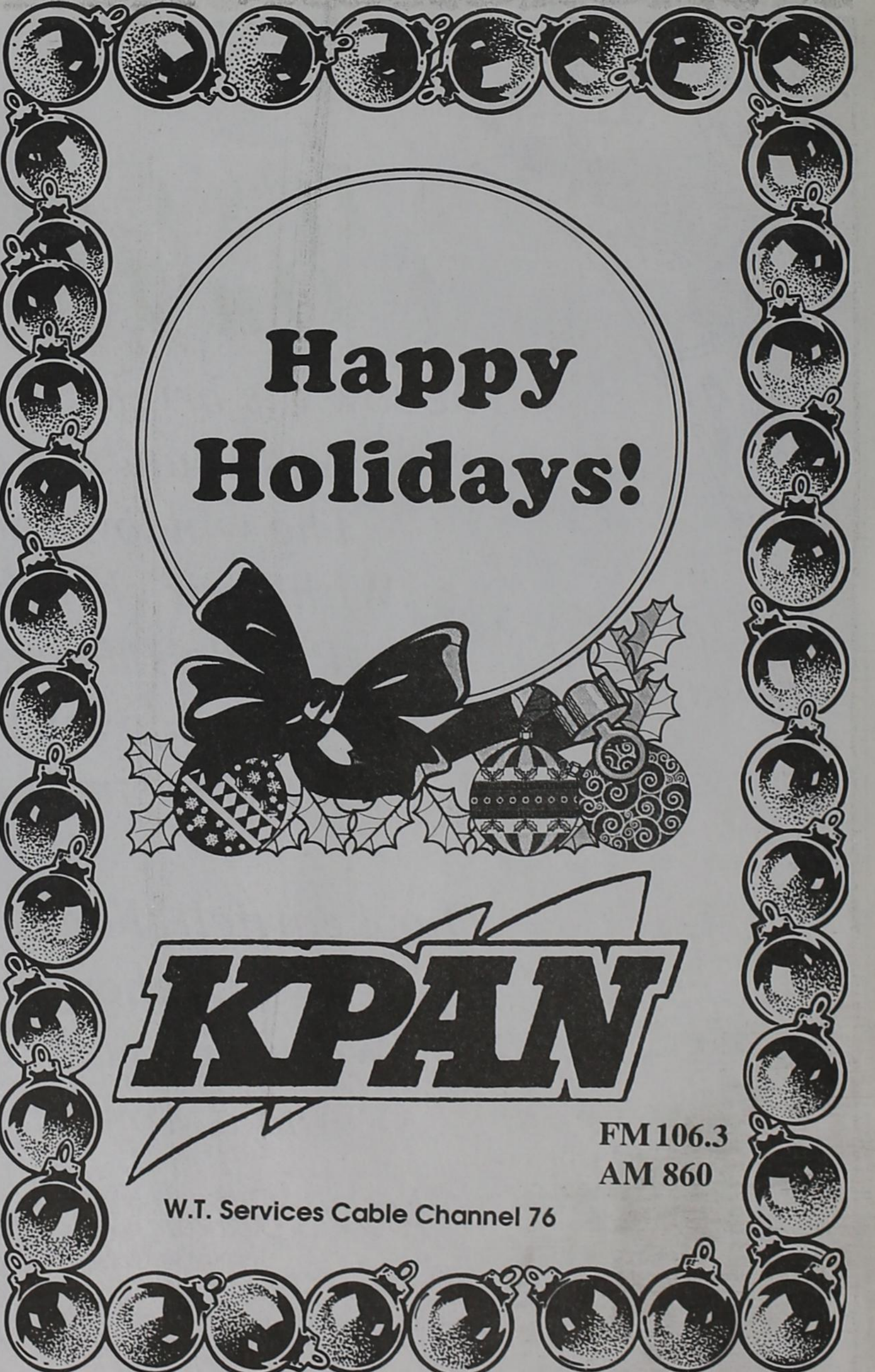
For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall  
be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be  
called Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father,  
The Prince of Peace.

— Isaiah 9:6

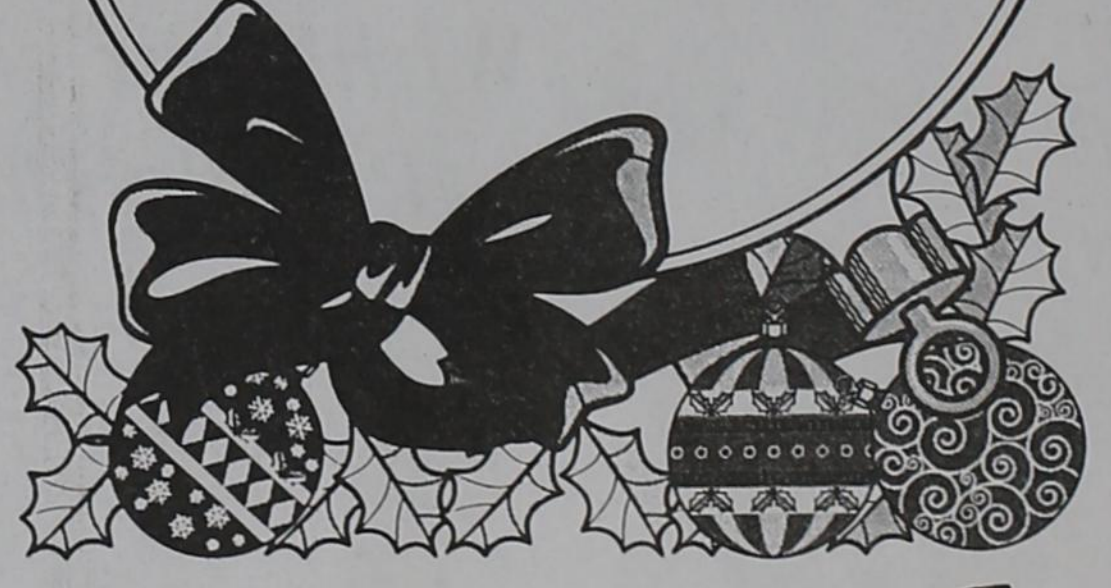
*Bless you for your kindness throughout this past year.  
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KNOWN IN MEXICO as Flores de Nochebuena, or Flowers of the Holy Night, poinsettias grow wild south of the Rio Grande. Tamer varieties of this wildly popular plant lure visitors to Brenham each year for the Poinsettia Celebration at Ellison's Greenhouses.

# Jack Patterson Recounts Christmas '44 in Germany

We grew up poor, Ona and I, in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Georgia. But we didn't know we were poor until we were grown up, got married, and left there.

I was the 11th child in a family of 19. Fifteen of the children lived to be grown. I know what it's like to sleep at the foot of the bed. There were sometimes as many as four of us kids in a bed at one time.

We lived in the last house in Hell's Hollow in Fannin County, Georgia, on the border between Georgia and Tennessee. If you were in a wagon and were planning to go further on up into the hills from our house, you had to stop and get out and walk the rest of the way. So I guess you could say that our place was pretty remote.

Each one of us had a nail on the mantle up over the big fire place and that's where we'd hang up our stockings for Christmas. We each got a stick of hard candy and an orange, and that was a real treat. Oranges were special and we were sure glad to get them. The only time we ever saw an orange was at Christmas time. It was better than all those electronic toys that kids get for Christmas now days.

As one of the younger kids, I had to learn to hold my own with the older ones. Hunting, shooting and fishing was a way of life for us. We didn't do it just for fun. We learned to hunt and fish as soon as we were big enough, so we would have enough to eat. You had to be able to shoot a rabbit in the head because the body was going to be part of your dinner. I guess that's why I still enjoy hunting and fishing. It's in my blood.

Growing up under those circumstances, was probably the Lord's way of preparing me for that memorable Christmas of 1944 when I was in Germany helping General Patton try to stop the



JACK PATTERSON

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 Germans at the Battle of the Bulge. The Germans launched their surprise attack on December 16, working their way through the Ardennes Forest to force that bulge in the Allied line from Belgium and Luxembourg to a depth of about 60 miles.

The winter of '44-'45 was the worst winter on record in Germany. It wasn't windy like it is here, so the snow came straight down and it was knee deep. I was never so cold in my life. The reverberating roar of those guns and exploding shells went on continuously all day long without stopping. The noise slacked off a little bit after dark, but not much. The constant roar and the

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 cold really took its toll. Our forces finally got it ironed out by about the end of January 1945. That was my most miserable and memorable Christmas.

I missed getting home for about three Christmases in a row. I went into the service just before Christmas '42, and got out in September '45. But the real heroes were the ones who gave their lives or came home crippled up for life.

After that experience, those Christmases back home in the Blue Ridge Mountains with 13 kids getting an orange in their stockings, seemed mighty close to heaven on earth.

---Jack Patterson



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*"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."*

—Matthew 2:10



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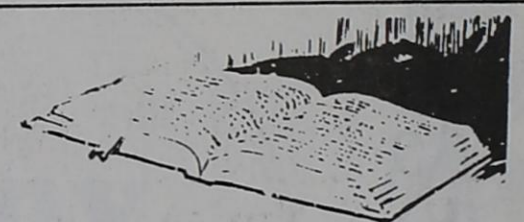


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I remember with nostalgia that perfect night more than 80 years ago -- the night my Mother, Dad and I went to the Dunbar Community Christmas tree and program. Dunbar was located in a rural area near Altus, Oklahoma. This was where I started to school in a two room building.

"Is it time to go to the Christmas tree now?" I repeatedly asked my dad. "As soon as I get Old Prince hitched to the buggy, we will start," he replied.

Mother heated bricks on the coal stove. These were well-wrapped and placed on the floor of the buggy to keep our feet warmer. She sang "Silent Night, Holy Night" as she finished her chores.

The sounds of Prince's nickering, his hooves crunching through the snow, and my Dad's whistling only added to my excitement.

At last Dad came inside, stamping the snow off his boots. The winter cold that blew in with him contrasted sharply to the warmth of his smile as he lifted me to his arms to carry me out to the buggy. There I was snugly seated between my loving parents.

I gazed at the star-studded sky above a winter wonder-land -- I was completely happy! Feelings of content-ment and security are forever etched in my memories of that time. No amount of cold wind and snow can erase them.

The creaking of the buggy wheels and the slap-slap of Prince's leather harness were background sounds which accompanied my feelings of bliss.

Today I am nostalgic and happy to recall the joy, peace and trust that I felt that night so long ago. I wonder what gifts were in my Christmas packages -- I have no idea! I do remember the tree decorated with REAL candles and strings of popcorn -- yes, and Santa Claus.

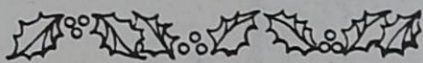
Never will I forget that aura of total serenity and happiness. Aren't we still wishing for these same intangible gifts as we celebrate this last Christmas of the century?

I wish you a Merry Christmas and all these gifts of love, peace, joy, and serenity with trust and security in the future.

--LILAH GAYE GEE



LILAH GAYE & J. T. GEE



*Editor's note: Lilah Gaye Gee has resided in Parmer County for the past 67 years. She came with her late husband J.T. to Bovina in 1932, where he was Bovina principal and she taught, from 1932-35.*

*The Gees moved to Friona in 1935, where both spent the remainder of their teaching careers. Mr. Gee passed away in 1994.*

*At age 88, Mrs. Gee is today one of our area's honored elder citizens. Her "Christmas Memory" presented here dates back to the early days of this century in 1916.)*



## The Legend Of The Holly

On the first Christmas night, when the shepherds went to the manger, a little lamb following them was caught by the holly thorns. The red berries are the blood drops that froze on the branches that long-ago night.

## Cecelia Schueler Recalls A Memorable Christmas Trip

My most memorable Christmas happened when I was in grade school. We lived in the Bethel Community west of Dimmitt. Our parents decided to take our older sister and my twin brother and I to see some friends and grandparents for Christmas.

We went to Little Rock, Arkansas to visit our former neighbors. It rained the whole time we were there. Their home didn't have a fenced yard and a river ran at the edge of the back yard. The rain kept coming and the river kept getting closer and closer to their house. We kids had never seen so much water.

After we left there, we went to visit our grandparents who lived east of Quitman, Texas which is about 100 miles northeast of Dallas. We spent a nice Christmas with them, but then a big ice storm struck and everything was heavily coated in ice.

Our Dad needed to get back to work and we had already missed some days of school. So after a few days we started home. Well, there are a lot of hills in East Texas. We would creep up a hill, only to find ourselves slipping and sliding down the other side. Thank goodness, the speed limit back then was only about 45 miles per hour, so the few cars on the road were already driving pretty slowly.

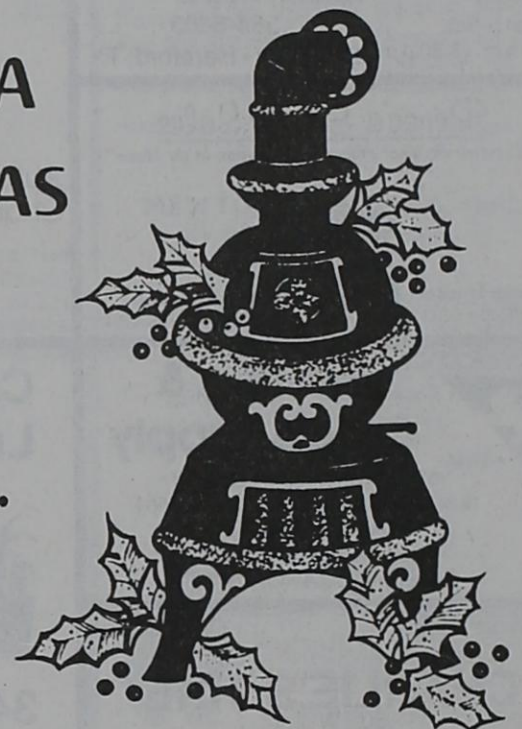
When we got back here, the flat lands of the Texas Panhandle never looked so good. We were all happy and thankful to arrive home safely. Needless to say, I can remember only a very few of the gifts we received that year except for some silver dollars from our grandparents and some angels who were watching over us all.

---Cecelia Schueler

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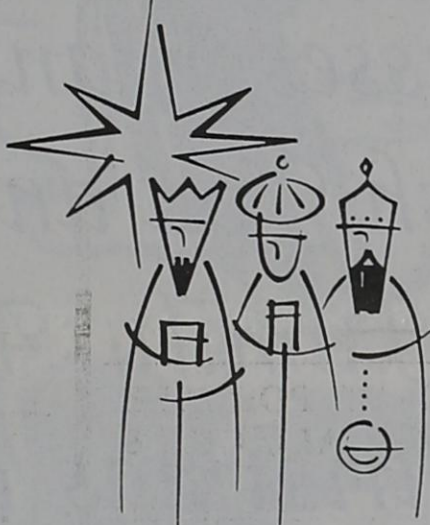
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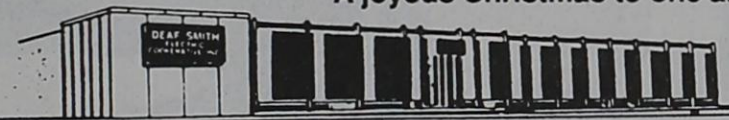
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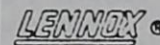
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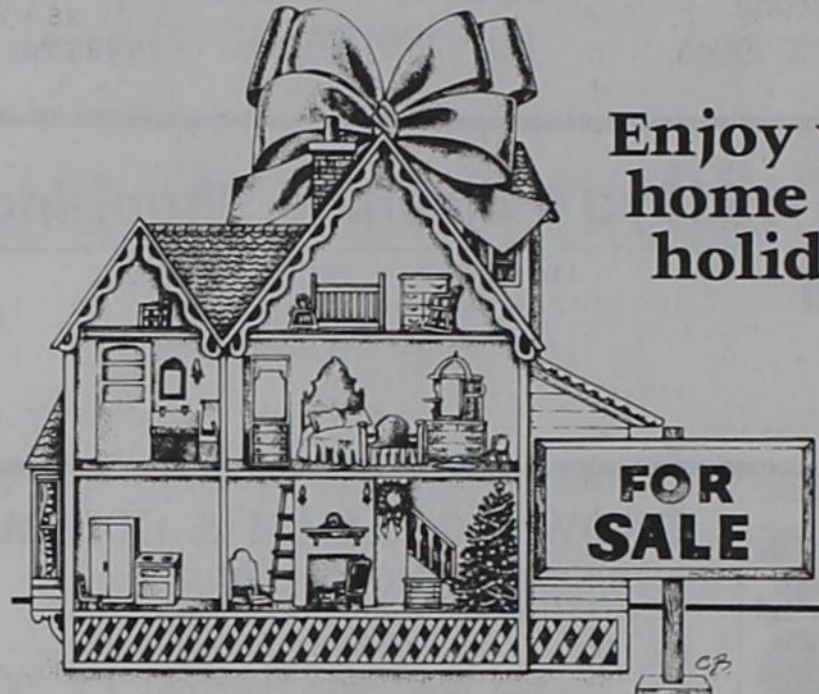


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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP, ("Valor"), formerly known as dba Texas Operating Co., LP, has entered into a contract with GTE Southwest Incorporated to purchase the following exchanges in Parmer County: Bovina, Friona. On December 13, 1999, Valor filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting approval of the acquisition and issuance of a certificate from the Commission to provide telephone service to the listed exchange(s). If approved, GTE will cease to be the local telephone service provider in this area and Valor will assume the responsibility of providing local exchange service in this area. The Valor application has been assigned Docket No. 21834. GTE's application to remove the exchange(s) from its certificate has been assigned Docket No. 21830. The Commission intends to investigate the acquisition and its impact on the public interest pursuant to Sections 14.101 and 54.051-54.054 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.

Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing-and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.



# Scooter Russell Tells Her Favorite Christmas Story

by SCOOTER RUSSELL

Christmas is here and a time for giving, sharing, loving and remembering friends and family.

Everyone, even though times are rushed, find the time to remember Christmases of long ago and what Christmas meant to us during our growing-up years.

Thinking about years past, we wonder how parents provided for their families during those years of depression, and how they managed presents at Christmas time.

I had three older brothers, Fred, Preston and Oliver, who made Christmas so very real for me and my sister Jane.

I remember one year at Christmas time there was a heavy layer of snow on the ground, but it seemed that Santa Claus always found our house on Christmas Eve, even though we lived thirty miles from town. Our playmates were a little envious, because Santa Claus always came to our house on Christmas Eve, and most of them had a late visit from him and had to wait until Christmas morning to find their gifts.

One evening my brother Oliver came running to the house, all excited and telling us that he'd seen tracks in the snow up in the fields, so we just knew Santa was making his rounds.

Jane and I always believed brother Oliver, because he never "storied" to us, and needless to say, we were beside ourselves with excitement.

When supper was over and we were sitting around anxiously awaiting Santa's arrival, the brothers went outside to see if they could see Santa coming, and sure enough, our greyhounds began to bark and became

jubilant over the movement, so we knew things were beginning to happen.

Oliver came into the house and told Jane and me that Santa was outside and for us to hide. We always did this when we thought he was near. We crawled under the kitchen table and closed our eyes.

It wasn't long until we heard Santa enter the house and heard the rustling of the presents as they were put under the tree.

We heard him wishing everyone a Merry Christmas before he left and we knew when the door closed we could come out.

I remember the thrill of those presents under our beautiful Christmas tree, and how we went to work opening the gifts. It always seemed to be just what we wanted, and the dolls were played with until we wore them out, because Christmas was the only time of year that we received toys.

I remember that Santa never left much for Mother and Daddy, and it bothered me a little, but they seemed so happy and excited over our gifts that the wonder didn't last long.

Looking back, I know how fortunate and blessed we children were to have our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Birch West, who made Christmas time such a special time and gave us so much fun, laughter, and provided us with a sense of security that surrounded our lives with constant love and these feelings have lasted a lifetime.

These things were gifts that couldn't be bought in any store and during this time of year, we pause to give thanks for our special memories of Christmas in years gone by.

May your Christmas be full of fun and good times, and the new year a happy one!



## Piercing The Night

by Wayne Bristow

(Wayne Bristow grew up in Muleshoe, Texas and was a childhood buddy of Star/Blade publisher Bill Ellis. Rev. Bristow is widely-known as an evangelist and is the founder of "Total Life International Ministries" based in Edmond, Oklahoma.)

What was the star all about?  
Why did angels look down and shout?  
What made shepherds stand still to hear?  
Why did the King tremble in fear?

The answer is found in the test of time.  
What one life has so affected yours and mine?  
He was born to die that we may live.  
The gift that lasts was His to give.

Was it just another birth  
That stirred Heaven and Earth?  
Could one small child, in a bed of hay,  
Bring wise men rushing to where He lay?

Of His worth, mocking men are unaware.  
That He died for them, they little care.  
Yet He calls; stand still to hear.  
He has conquered night and casts out fear.

Or was God at work that far-off night,  
Piercing the darkness with Eternal Light?  
Was this the unfolding of His own plan  
To meet our need by becoming man?

Because He loved before we knew,  
The Christmas message endured and grew.  
Be still; look up on a cold winter night.  
Darkness is pierced by Eternal Light.



### HOLIDAY Peace

Our thoughts are with you throughout this season of hope and brotherhood. May you experience the true spirit and meaning of the holiday.

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# Two Local Ladies Tell Their Favorite Christmas Memories

Emmagene Calaway and Edna Scott grew up in the same community, Hollene, which is east of Broadview, New Mexico, and not far from Parmer County.

They were friends during all of those years, and remember spending nights with each other and going all the way through school together.

Both ladies also remember the community "get-togethers," where everyone gathered and brought presents for their families. Gifts were hung from the huge cedar tree that was cut from the "breaks" (canyons) nearby. There were gifts for both the adults and children.

Emmagene's parents were Charlie and Edith Sheppard, and she has two sisters: Eris Pullman, who lives in Hereford, and Audine Wells, who lives in Midland. (Mrs. Wells is a former Friona resident. Her husband Bill Wells was Friona Postmaster for a short time.)

Emmagene recalls the excitement of one Christmas in particular, when the family gathered at the big party and saw toys hanging all over the tree. She watched and wished, as she saw a beautiful doll hanging on the tree. Sure enough, when the gifts were all distributed, she received the doll!

Edna remembers one year that stands out in her mind as one of the most memorable. Her parents were Sam and Mattie Campbell, who lived on a farm and had eight children. She and her brother, Edgar, and sister Mattie, were the youngest.

The family had a big red barn on their farm, and one could drive in it, and there were bins of grain on the side. The children loved to play in the grain. She said "Papa didn't like for us to play on the mounds of grain, because he wanted them "just so" when it came time for him to scoop up the grain.

One day, a week or so before Christmas, they were playing on the grain and uncovered a big, red wagon. They got the wagon out and played with it every day, but were very careful to bury it and make the mound perfect each time, so no one would know.

The night of the Christmas party, the kids were ecstatic when they gathered for the special community event, and saw a big red wagon hanging on the Christmas tree. When the gifts were handed out, they received the wagon.

They kept their secret about the wagon for years, but that was the night they found out...all about Santa Claus.

--SCOOTER RUSSELL

Peace, Love and Joy

Merry Christmas!

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# COUNTRY Christmas Greetings

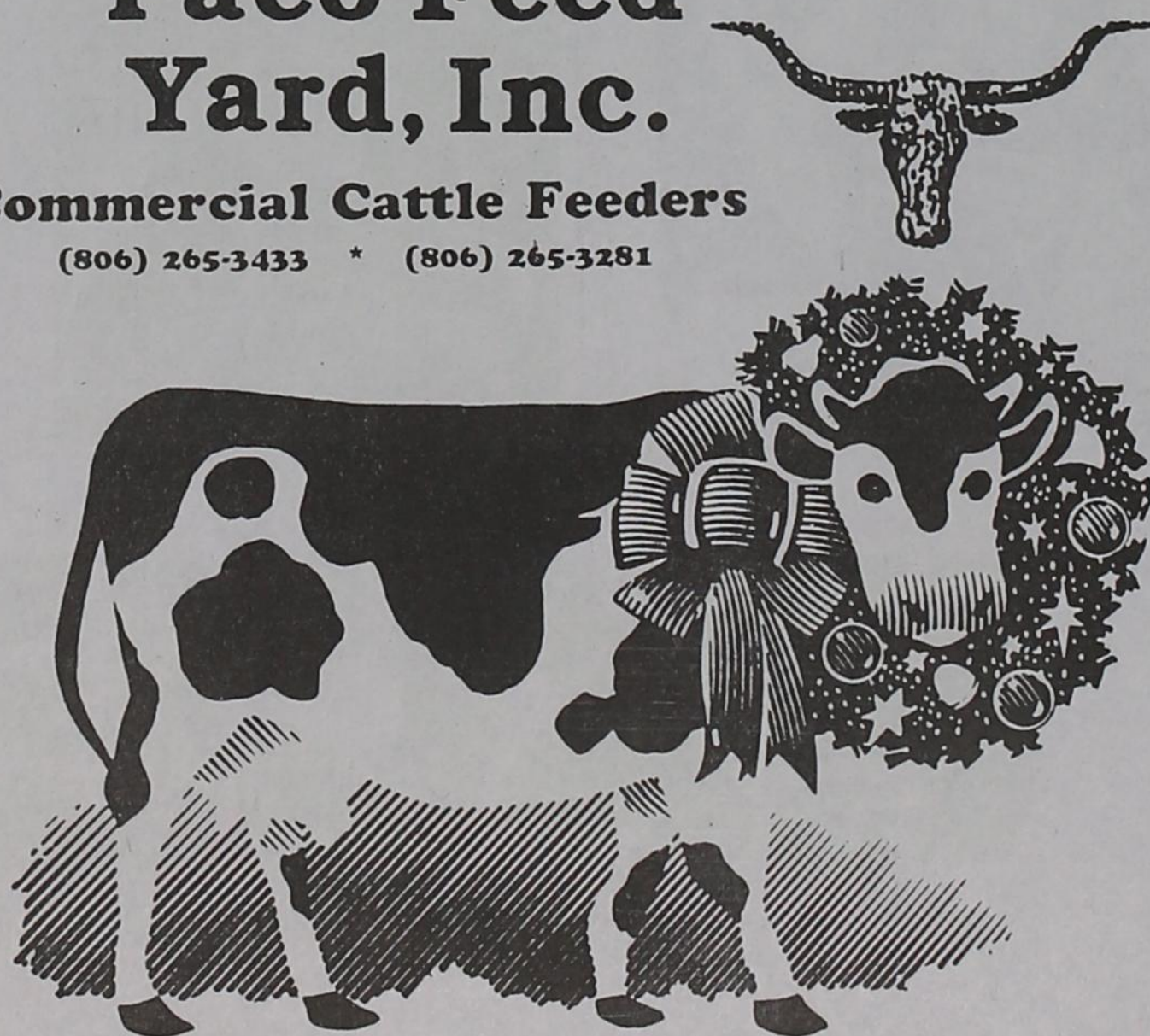
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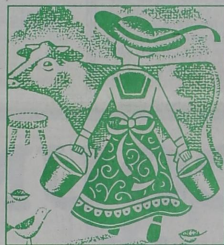
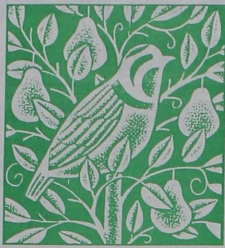
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# TWELVE DAYS of CHRISTMAS

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six geese a-laying,  
five golden rings,  
four calling birds,  
three french hens,  
two turtle doves,  
and a partridge in a pear tree.

May all the days of the season be filled with happiness, good cheer, and delightful surprises for you and those you love. Thank you for bringing us the gift of your patronage this year.

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