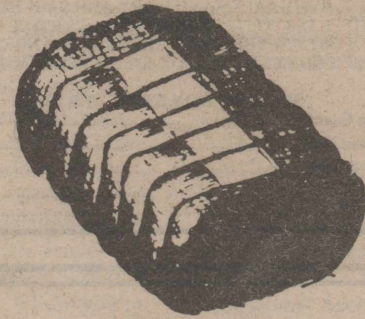




Silverton: Home of Scenic Lake Mackenzie



Briscoe County News

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All Around The Town

BY MARY ANN SARCHET



Apology To

The Robertsons

Along with our deepest sympathy, we would like to extend an apology to the Robertson family.

Section B of this issue of the Briscoe County News was finished and sent to Blanco Offset in Floydada for printing last week. This eliminated our being able to take out the Christmas greeting that had been ordered for Jack's Pharmacy after Jack's untimely death Monday. We apologize for this ad being included in this issue.

Jack Robertson is the second of our good friends and associates to be lost during the last six months. Just as we are missing Glen Lindsey, the Silverton business community and his many friends will miss Jack Robertson.

ASCS Community Election Results Are Announced

Results of the December 3 election of ASCS Community Committee persons for 1985 is now official. Members of the County Committee met Thursday, December 6, and tabulated the ballots. New committeemen are elected for a one-year term.

The county is divided into three communities, and a committee of three was elected to serve each of these areas.

Community A lies north of Highway 86 and stretches from the Swisher County line east to the caprock. Farmers elected to serve Community A were Jimmy Burson, Harold Edwards and Zane Mayfield.

The B Community encompasses the entire area of the county that is below the caprock. Farmers elected to serve this community were Randel Hamilton, W. E. Hawkins and Lynn Cox.

The C Community lies south of Highway 86 and extends from the Swisher County line east to the caprock. Farmers elected to serve this area were J. D. Nance, Alva C. Jasper and Jimmy Myers.

As earlier publicized, the members of the newly elected communities met in a convention December 11, 1984 and selected a farmer to serve a three-year term as an ASCS County Com-



"I want a motorcycle," Ryan Minyard told Santa when he made his visit to Silverton on

December 1, during the Christmas Jubilee.
—Briscoe County News Photo

December 27 Paper Will Be Out A Day Late

The December 27 issue of the Briscoe County News will be published a day late—on Thursday instead of Wednesday. Dead-

mitteeman.

The County Committee is made up of three farmers. The members of this committee are responsible for the administration of the national farm programs here in the county. Members are selected to serve alternating three-year terms.

The 1984 County Committee was made up by Alvie Francis, Glenn Ramsey and Pascal Garrison. This year marked the end of a term for Alvie Francis, who either had to be replaced or returned for another term.

Delegates to this year's convention voted to return Alvie Francis to the County Committee for another three-year term. They also selected Glenn Ramsey to serve as chairman, and Pascal Garrison to serve as vice chairman during 1985.

line for news and advertising to be included in this issue will be noon Wednesday, December 26.

It is hoped that you will mail or bring your Christmas news for publication in your hometown newspaper.

This is because the Blanco Offset Printing plant in Floydada will be closed December 25 and 26.

Appraisal District Office Announces Holiday Closing

The Briscoe County Appraisal District office will be observing the courthouse holidays and will be closed December 24-25-26.

The Appraisal District office WILL BE OPEN December 31, but closed on New Year's Day.

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Many Expected To Lose Lives During Holidays

Major Vernon Cawthon, Regional Commander of the Department of Public Safety said today, "Based on past holiday experience, we know that numerous persons will lose their lives and hundreds will be injured on Texas streets and highways during the 1985 New Year's

holiday. The Department requests the help and support of the motoring public in reducing this needless waste of human life by observing all traffic laws, especially those regarding speed and alcohol."

Major Cawthon said, "All available DPS Troopers will be on patrol throughout the holiday period in an effort to reduce, both by their presence and actions, violations that could lead to accidents. But it is only through the help and cooperation of the motoring public by their self-compliance that the needed reduction can be realized."

Major Cawthon stated, "Possibly the most prevalent accidents occurring during this period will be the one car run-off-the-roadway type accident which is directly attributed to driver inattention and/or intoxication."

The Major suggested that adequate travel time be budgeted in holiday plans, stop frequently and rest, reduce speed for road conditions, and above all, don't mix alcohol and driving. If you drink at a party, let a sober friend drive you home.

"Feel free to request needed assistance from any DPS Trooper during your holiday travels. Let's all do our part to reduce to zero all holiday traffic deaths," Major Cawthon added.

Another 1.10 Inches Of Rain Falls On Silverton Area

Rain during the past week amounted to 1.10 inches, according to the official measurement records kept by Fred A. Strange.

The rain froze on vehicles, trees and everything exposed to the weather, but the temperature warmed and the ice melted more quickly than had been expected.

As the newspaper was being put together Tuesday, ice was again forming on things exposed to the weather with a high temperature expected to be near 45 degrees.

Commodities To Be Given December 21

Butter, cheese, dry milk and rice will be distributed December 21, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Center building.

Please bring a sack for carrying your commodities home.

SENIOR CITIZENS TO HAVE CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Silverton Senior Citizens will have a Christmas and New Year's party Thursday night, December 27, at the center, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

There will be music and quartet singing. The public is invited and there will be no charge.

Eural Vaughan was taken by Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service to Central Plains Hospital in Plainview last Thursday after falling at his home. He received a cut on his forehead that required several stitches to close. He expected to be dismissed early this week and planned to spend a few days with the Dwain Henderson family before returning home.

James Clemmer was taken to Swisher Memorial Hospital Thursday after becoming ill. He returned home the next day.

Newspaper To Close For Holiday

The office of the Briscoe County News will be closed December 24-25, in observance of the Christmas holiday, and January 1, in observance of New Year's.

Please arrange your business in order not to be inconvenienced by these closings.

CHILDREN'S RAINBOW NOW ENROLLING FOR NEXT SEMESTER

The Children's Rainbow Preschool is now enrolling ages 2½ and 3½ for the next semester which will begin January 8.

There are only a few openings left in this age group. For more information, contact Gail Wyatt at 847-2570.

Merry Christmas

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OBITUARIES

JACK ROBERTSON

Funeral services for Jack Robertson, 45, of Silverton were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Silverton Church of Christ, with Gerald Beasley, minister, and Ted F. Kingery, former minister, officiating.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Silverton.

Mr. Robertson died at his home about 7:30 a.m. Monday. Justice of the Peace Glenn Stone of Plainview ruled the death was due to natural causes at Central Plains Hospital where Robertson was taken by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Born at Cone February 28, 1939, he married Patricia Gayle Benefield January 25, 1957 in Ralls. He attended the Oklahoma State School of Pharmacy and was a registered pharmacist. He and his family moved to Silverton from Plainview about 18 years ago. He owned and operated Jack's Pharmacy in Silverton and was a member of the Silverton Church of Christ.

He had also been working as a pharmacist on weekends at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Jack Robertson, jr. of Floydada and Corey Robertson of Silverton; a daughter, Mrs. Stacey Bain of Plainview; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robertson of Ralls; and a brother, Dan Robertson of Spur.

Pallbearers were Dick Roehr, Bill Boling, Wayne Nance, Troy Jones, Fred Strange and Beryl Long. Honorary pallbearers were Keyth Tiffin, J. D. McGavock and Joe Ted Edwards.



Gayla Maloney
 Texas Department
 of Agriculture

HOLIDAY TASTE OF TEXAS

Holly, bells ringing, carolers, mistletoe—the smell of sweet pine from the Christmas tree—aromas of holiday treats baking in the kitchen—yes Christmas is definitely in the air! The most popular time for gift giving and festive entertaining has arrived. During this joyous time of the year many Texas agricultural products can be utilized and enjoyed throughout the holidays.

Although the citrus fruit in Texas was destroyed in last years freeze, an abundant supply of Ruby Red Grapefruit and orange juice is available. Citrus juice is nutritious, providing for our daily dose of Vitamin C and it's refreshing. The juices can be used in holiday beverages, gelatin salads and desserts. Texas juices are available in large cans and in individual serving size boxes and cans. Keeping a good supply of Texas citrus juice on hand during the holidays pro-

vides for a nice beverage to serve to children and adults who may prefer not to partake of an alcoholic beverage at a holiday party.

Sweet potatoes are a popular holiday vegetable. The majority of sweet potatoes are produced in West Texas but they are also produced in some areas such as Briscoe County, on the High Plains. Sweet potatoes can be used in main dishes, salads, side dishes and desserts.

Texas Pecans and Peanuts are also ideal products to use for holiday entertaining and gift giving. Both are nutritious and abundantly available.

Texas Wine is also a nice gift to receive during the holidays. Add a favorite recipe which uses the wine or a favorite cheese ball recipe to make the gift extra special.

To help you plan for your holiday gift giving and entertaining, the Texas Department of Agriculture cordially invites you to enjoy this delicious collection of Texas treats.

HOLIDAY ORANGE EGG NOG

- 6 eggs
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup evaporated milk, well chilled
- 3 cups milk, well chilled
- 1 cup orange juice

In large bowl, beat eggs until light and fluffy; add sugar, nutmeg and cinnamon. Blend in milk, evaporated milk, then gradually stir in orange juice. Sprinkle each serving with grated orange peel if desired. Makes 24 punch cup servings.

SWEET POTATO WAFFLES WITH PECAN HONEY BUTTER

- 4 tablespoons shortening
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 egg, separated
- 1 cup sweet potatoes, cooked and mashed
- 3/4 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup milk

- 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
 - Cream shortening and sugar.
- Stir in well-beaten egg yolk, potatoes, flour, baking powder, milk and seasonings and beat well until smooth. Fold in stiffly beaten egg white. Bake in a heated waffle iron until golden brown.

PECAN HONEY BUTTER

- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 cup softened butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Slowly beat the honey into the butter or margarine until well blended. Stir in chopped pecans. Pack in container and refrigerate. Bring to room temperature before serving on biscuits, rolls, or other bread. Makes approxi-

mately 2 cups.

BARBECUED PECANS

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 4 tablespoons barbecue sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 2 dashes red pepper sauce (Tabasco type)
- 1 lb. (4 cups) Texas whole pecan halves

Melt butter in a large saucepan; add barbecue sauce, salt, and red pepper sauce. Mix in pecans. Spread on a cookie sheet and bake at 300 degrees F. for 30 minutes. Stir frequently during cooking time. Spread out on a brown paper and allow to cool.

"Nature never breaks her own laws."

Leonardo Da Vinci



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 Monday, December 24

Enjoy refreshments and stimulate your holiday spirit by joining **KATY ROBISON and MARY PEERY** in a very special occasion for their customers and friends.

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 Quitaque, Texas

Dear Santa . . .

FIRST GRADERS WRITE LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Remote Control Van and a Remote Control Army Tank and a Knight Rider big foot truck.
Love,
Oscar Vargas
Trater Toy

Dear Santa,
I want a Remote Control jet Remote Control Tractor and a radio, a Cabbage Patch Kid for my sister. I want a water bed too.
Love,
Justin Delano

Dear Santa
I bin a good boy this year. I want a combine and then I want a

plow for my tractor then I want a transformer then I want some farm animals say hello to Mrs. Santa for me. My little brother wants a Cabbage Patch Kid and a Care Bear.
from Jonathan Ivory
to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Remote Control Jet. Remote Control. Big Foot and Tractor. Bring me an electric blanket. Bring my Daddy and brothers waterbed. Say hello to Mrs. Santa.
Love,
Zeb

Dear Santa
I want a walk man, and Tender Heart Bear, cheer leader suit and a water bed and a TV and don't forget my brother.
Love,
Molly

Dear Santa
I want Cabbage Patch Care Bear Ewok Coloring Book
Love,
Lena

Dear Santa.
I want a Cabbage phone. this is from me
Mary Ann
I love you, Dear Santa.

Dear Santa
Please bring me five cowboy shirts and a box of Chocolate Covered Peanuts. don't forget Nana and the Kids.
Love,
Mac Dunham

Dear Santa.
I want a Truck. Gobot and a Cabbage Patch Kid for my sister. Knight Rider.
Love
Bubba

Dear Santa
I want Barbie and Baby skates Remote Control Car Rub-a-Dub Dog. Don't forget my sister.
Love
Becky

Dear Santa
I want a Cabbage Patch Kid and a Care Bear and a Rub-a-Dub Dog and I love you Santa.
Love
Jessica

Dear Santa
Please bring me a speak and math and clothes and puppy and Care Bear and Cabbage Patch.
I love you
Shannon
i will leave you some milk and cookies

Dear Santa
I want a Cabbage patch care Bear Barb Doll ewok. tv. water bed
I
love
you
Santa
Love
Kristi

Dear Santa
I would like a Care Bear
Please Come visit our Pastor
Love
Vanessa

Dear Santa
I Want a Cabbage Patch kid and I Love You Santa and don't forget my sister.
Love
Kara

Dear Santa,
Please bring Mrs. Nance a new watch.
Thanks,
Mrs. Parker

Differences In Dual-Income Lifestyles

Having children, as well as having two pay checks, creates some major lifestyle differences among dual-income families, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension home economist.

Researchers have developed profiles of dual-income families with no children, those with young children and those with older children, explains Diane T. Welch.

According to the profiles, families with no children have work and spousal relationships as top priorities, while children dominate the lifestyle of couples with young children. For many families, the years with young children are the greatest financial strain. A more manageable lifestyle characterizes dual income families with older children, observes the home economist.

While family relationships are important at this stage, the research shows that many men and women also make personal time a high priority.



Thomas Jefferson's shoe size was 12-1/2.



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Crisco SHORTENING		
LIBBY	303 CANS	59¢
Pumpkin		
SHURFINE STRAINED OR WHOLE	16 OZ. CANS	99¢
Cranberry SAUCE		
SUNNYFRESH GRADE A	18 CT. CTN.	\$1.09
Large Eggs		
ALL GRINDS COFFEE	1 LB. CAN	\$2.49
Folger's		
FLAKED COFFEE	13 OZ. CAN	\$2.59
Folger's		
FOLGER'S DECAFFEINATED	13 OZ. CAN	\$2.99
Coffee		
COFFEE CRYSTALS	8 OZ. JAR	\$3.99
Folger's		
DECAFFEINATED COFFEE CRYSTALS	8 OZ. JAR	\$4.99
Folger's		
ASSORTED COLORS SCENTED OR UNSCENTED BATHROOM TISSUE	6 ROLL PKG.	\$1.69
Charmin		
LAUNDRY DETERGENT	GIANT BOX	99¢
Super Suds		
SHURFINE WHOLE SWEET	23 OZ. CAN	69¢
Potatoes		
IMPERIAL LIGHT BROWN OR POWDERED	2 LB. BAG	99¢
Sugar		
KRAFT	7 OZ. JAR	59¢
Marshmallow CREME		
CARNATION EVAPORATED	TALL 13 OZ. CANS	99¢
Milk		
25' OFF LABEL ANGEL FLAKE BAKERS	14 OZ. CAN	\$1.19
Coconut		
SWANSON CHICKEN	3 14 1/2 OZ. CANS	\$1.00
Broth		
KRAFT	1 QT. JAR	\$1.89
Mayonnaise		
CAMPBELL'S CREAM OF CHICKEN OR MUSHROOM	2 NO. 1 CANS	89¢
Soup		
LIPTON MIX	2 CT. PKG.	89¢
Onion Soup		
PHILADELPHIA	8 OZ. PKG.	89¢
Cream Cheese		
KRAFT COLBY OR CHEDDAR	10 OZ. PKG.	\$1.79
Halfmoon Horns		
KRAFT	16 OZ. BOX	\$1.99
Velveeta		
PILLSBURY CHOC. CHIP, SUGAR, PEANUT BUTTER	15 OZ. ROLL	\$1.59
Cookies		
SHURFRESH QUARTERS	16 OZ. BOX	\$1.99
Butter		

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Golden Bananas 4 LBS. **\$1**

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Apples
Oranges
Tangerines **39¢** LB.

CALIFORNIA GREEN PASCAL LARGE STALK EACH STALK **39¢**
Celery
LARGE THICK WALL BELL **Peppers** LB. **49¢**
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YELLOW SWEET **Onions** LB. **19¢**

FROZEN FOOD

MINUTE MAID FROZEN OR REDUCED ACID 10-12 OZ. CAN **Orange Juice \$1.09**
BIRDS EYE EX. CREAMY OR REG. 8 OZ. CTN. **79¢**
Cool-Whip
PET RITZ REG. 2 CT. 10 OZ. PKG. **89¢**
Pie Shells
PET RITZ PUMPKIN 26 OZ. PKG. **\$1.49**
Custard Pie
PET RITZ 26 OZ. BOX **\$1.69**
Mince Pie

BETTY CROCKER SUPER MOIST Layer Cake Mix \$1.29
BETTY CROCKER R.T.S. Frostings **69¢**
16 1/2 OZ. CAN
18 OZ. BOX

HOLIDAY SPECIALS

KRAFT JET OR MINIATURE 10 1/2 OZ. PKGS. **Marshmallows 2 \$1.00**
SHURFINE RED MARASCHINO 6 OZ. CAN **69¢**
Cherries
DROMEDARY CHOPPED 8 OZ. BOX **\$1.89**
Dates
NEW CROP PIECES OR HALVES DEE & C 8 OZ. PKG. **\$1.69**
Pecans
NESTLE SEMI-SWEET 12 OZ. PKG. **\$1.99**
Morsels
BTTR. SCTCH., PNT. BTTR., MILK CHOC. 12 OZ. PKG. **\$1.79**
Morsels
SCHILLING 2 OZ. BTL. **\$1.89**
Vanilla
SCHILLING POULTRY 3/4 OZ. BTL. **99¢**
Seasoning
QUAKER YELLOW 2 2 LB. BOXES **89¢**
Corn Meal

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VLASIC SWEET 16 OZ. JAR **\$1.29**
Pickles
HOLSUM THROWN STUFFED MANZANILLA 7 OZ. JAR **\$1.09**
Olives
CORN 12 OZ. PKG. **\$1.49**
Chex
RICE 12 OZ. BOX **\$1.49**
Chex
WHEAT 15 OZ. BOX **\$1.49**
Chex
SUNSHINE VANILLA 11 OZ. BOX **\$1.19**
Wafers
KRAFT GRAPE 18 OZ. JAR **79¢**
Jelly
AUNT JEMIMA 12 OZ. BTL. **\$1.29**
Syrup
AUNT JEMIMA ORIGINAL 1 LB. BOX **69¢**
Pancake Mix
CHIFFON TWIN PLY DINNER 50 CT. PKG. **79¢**
Napkins
WHITE TISSUE 2 100 CT. PKG. **\$1.00**
Kleenex
8' OFF LABEL CLEANSER 21 OZ. CAN **65¢**
Ajax
AAA'S AA'S BATTERIES 2 CT. PKG. **\$1.49**
Duracell
AA'S BATTERIES 4 CT. PKG. **\$2.59**
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REGULAR NAPKINS 12 CT. PKG. **Kotex \$1.89**

WRIGHT'S HICKORY SMOKED SLICED **Slab Bacon \$1.39** LB.

LOUIS RICH BONELESS FULLY COOKED 3-5 LB. TURKEY LB. **\$1.79**
Half Hams
HORMEL'S PORK LINK SAUSAGE 12 OZ. PKG. **\$1.19**
Little Sizzlers
EXTRA LEAN FRESH GUARANTEED 80% 1 LB. **\$1.59**
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SECOND GRADE WRITES LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa, and I hope you bring me a doll and a dog. I love you very much.
Molly Reyes

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a clock and a watch for Christmas.
Brandi Breedlove

Dear Santa,
I want a Knight Rider 2000 and the Dukes of Hazzard, a Bat Mobil and the Super Mobil.

The Congregation of the CHURCH OF CHRIST Meeting at Rock Creek

EXTENDS A GRACIOUS WELCOME TO ALL TO ATTEND ANY AND ALL OF OUR SERVICES.

	Sunday	
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
	Wednesday	
Evening	7:00 p.m.

Michael Hill
Dear Santa,
I wish I had some Walkie-Talkies and a He-Man, Buzz-Off, Whiplash, Skelletor, Santa.
Rusty Miller

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch Kid's diapers, Cabbage Patch Kid doll, stroller, and club house. Also, I want a pair of cowboy boots.
Love,
Staci Hill

Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves? Fine, I hope. I want a radio for Christmas.
Your friend,
Brandy Winchester

Dear Santa,
If you can, get me a Snake Mountain and some Star Wars stuff.
Love,
Jonathan Whitfill

Dear Santa,
I want a truck and a car. I have been good.
Adam Aleman

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that walks and a bike and doll that skates and a Barbie Doll that walks and a Rainbow Bright.
LaToya Baker

Dear Santa,
I would like a Cabbage Patch Kid and I also would like a real monkey if you want to go to Africa or maybe the zoo. I would like another Barbie Doll.
Love,
Brandi K. Brunson

Dear Santa,
I want a real tool set to work with my father.
Amy Jasper

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a set of drums. And please bring me a doll with a cradle. Please bring me a surprise. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Holly Nance

Dear Santa,
I wish for some Star Wars and Transformers. You are the best Santa Claus.
Love,
Dewayne Juarez

Dear Santa,
I want a My Little Pony. I want it purple and I want a Dream Dancer. I want a Cabbage Patch Kid and a Rainbow Bright and Starlight. Also, I want a little trampoline.
Hilda Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch Kid and a Teddy Bear and a book about the Care Bears and a toy doll bear, a cute one, too.
Rosie Segura

Hi, Santa!
My name is Lupe Aguilar. I wish I had a doll and a baby cat for my sister.
Love,
Lupe
Oh, and Joy to the World.

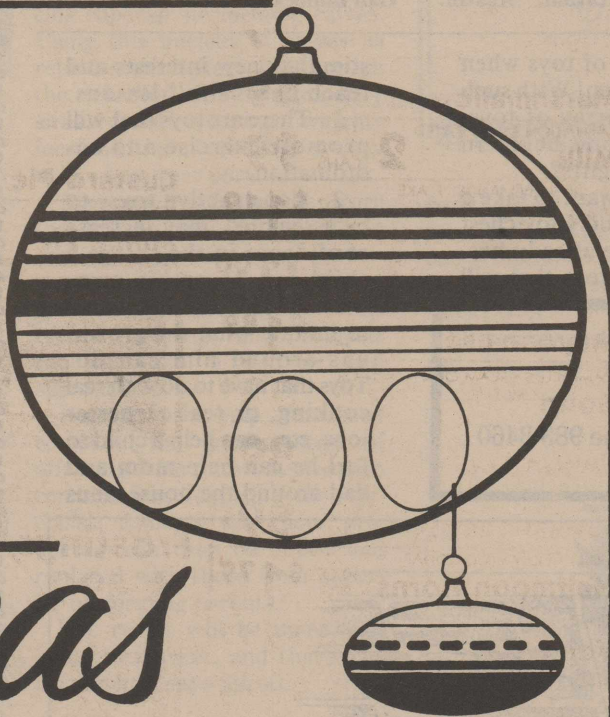
Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Lori Brannon. I wish I had a Cabbage Patch Kid. I like the girl premie most. I would like an easy bake oven and a Jam Box and a My Little Pony. My big brother Jess would like a Jam Box.
Thank you for the toys last year.
Love,
Lori

Dear Santa,
My name is Heath May. I am eight years old and I live in Plainview.
Please bring me a jambox and some tapes, a few GI Joe guys, a GI Joe boat and parachute pants.
I will be at Nana and Big Daddy's. Don't forget my cousins Alisha, Josh, Anthony and Preston.
Love,
Heath May

Dear Santa,
My name is Justin May and I am four years old. I live in Plainview. I have tried to be good but I'm afraid it hasn't worked out. I will be better next year.
Please bring me armored He-Man, cowboy hat, rifle, a Ronald McDonald watch and parachute pants.
I will be at Big Daddy and Nana's house.
Tell Rudolph and Mrs. Santa hello.
Love,
Justin May

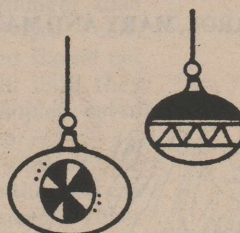
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May bountiful feasts be yours this Yuletide. Here's hoping Santa brings all our friends the very best!



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A number of Silverton highway department employees were recognized in Childress recently at a service and safety awards ceremony held in the City Auditorium. Some 150 employ-

ees were present to receive awards and hear an address by Henry A. Thomason, jr., Deputy Director, Field Operations, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin.

Silverton highway employees receiving awards were Rick Minyard [behind], Johnny Tiffin, Lynn Smith, Randy Purcell, Sonny Thomas, Joe Castillo and Gail Bullock.

What Toy Shall I Give?

As we adults look down the toy shelves, we cannot help but stand in awe at the great selection offered today's child, in comparison

to the shelves of toys when we were children! With such a wonderful array of toys, where does one begin in selecting these gifts?

You might want to take a look at the child's toy chest to see what he already has, then think of toys that will

stimulate new interests and teach new "life" lessons.

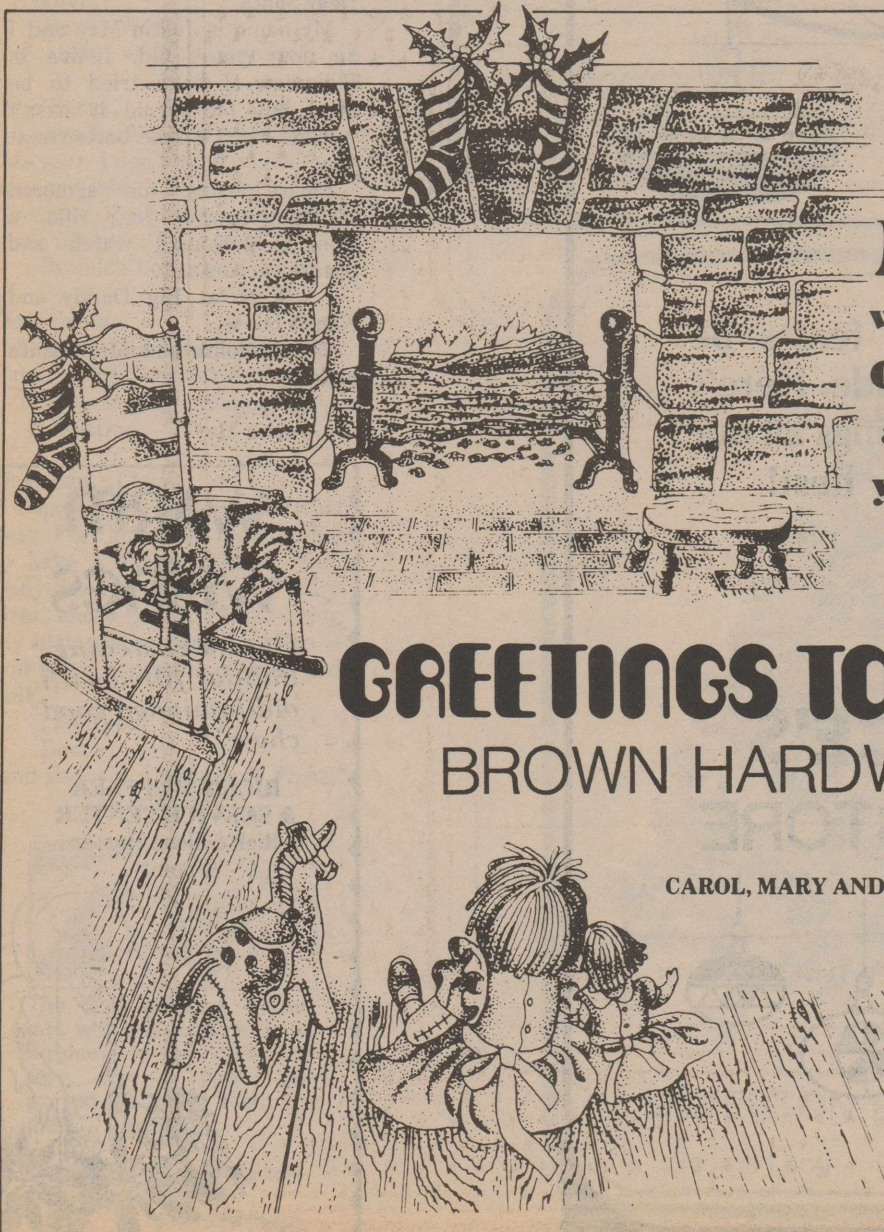
1. There are toys that will promote exercise and coordination.

2. Constructive toys, to be assembled, may increase confidence in the things a child can do on his own.

3. A child usually wants to imitate what the grown-ups around him can do. Toys that have to do with real cooking, or real carpenter jobs, etc., can help a child to feel he can help mom and dad around the house, thus

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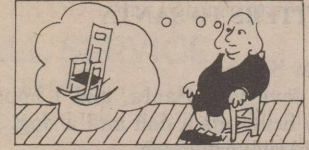
NEAT, INEXPENSIVE GIFT WRAPPING

A fabric remnant you have, left over from a sewing project, can make an elegant-looking package.

Use plain paper, and paste on cut out designs from old

Christmas cards.

Wrap gifts in plain paper, adding a sprig of greenery and berries, a small pine cone or two.



Benjamin Franklin invented the rocking chair.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR FRIENDS.

Francis Aerial Spraying

Alvie, Glenda and Katy Francis



ONE SOLITARY LIFE CHANGED THE WORLD

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city.

He never travelled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away.

He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of a man on this earth as much as one solitary life.

We pause to reflect on his life during the Christmas Season, and celebrate his birthday on Christmas Day.

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DEAR SANTA . . .

LETTERS TO SANTA FROM THE KINDERGARTEN

Dear Santa,
I want to get a bear, and I would like to get a telephone. I think that's all.

I would like to say to you—I love you and wish you a merry Christmas.

Isabel Patino

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a shiny red bicycle with training wheels please sir, and a sand truck with sand things in it—sand toys. And I want a sand back-hoe. My Fun Factory has

broken—please bring me another one. If he's not able to bring that much, then I don't care. He can bring some of it next Christmas. I guess that's all until next Christmas.

Marshall McCammon

Dear Santa,
I would like Kangaroo shoes and a skate board and that's all I know.

I wish you a merry Christmas, and I love you.

Billy Edwards

Dear Santa,
I would like some Cabbage Patch kids and some Care Bears. We wish you a merry Christmas.

Melissa Barraza

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you too much. I want a doll that talks a new car and a truck for my baby sister. And a little snowman, and a little Santa Claus and a candle for my Mama and Father. And a seesaw and merry-go-round and that's all.

Veronica Reyes

Dear Santie Claus,

I love you! I want a B-B gun and a tape player and some cassettes. That's all.

Anthony Gamble

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa Claus. Buy me a ring Santa Claus. Bring me a

Barbie doll. That's all. Buy my little brother a truck.

Amanda Cruz

Dear Santa,
I want a baby that will cry. I want an ice box and stove and microwave. A pony and pony shower.

That's all. Heidi Tiffin

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll. I want a cookie monster and a telephone. That's all. I love him and I like him.

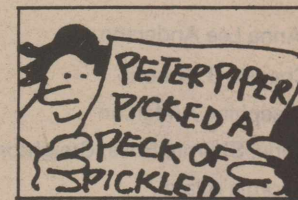
Carrie Baird

Dear Santie—
I want a doll and care bear coloring book and some play

dishes. I think that's all.
Minerva Patino

Dear Santa,
I would like a Cabbage Patch doll for Christmas and a bike. Thank you for coming. Merry Christmas to you.

Patricia Moreno



Some say reciting tongue twisters will cure hic-coughing.

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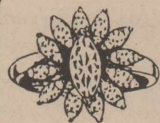
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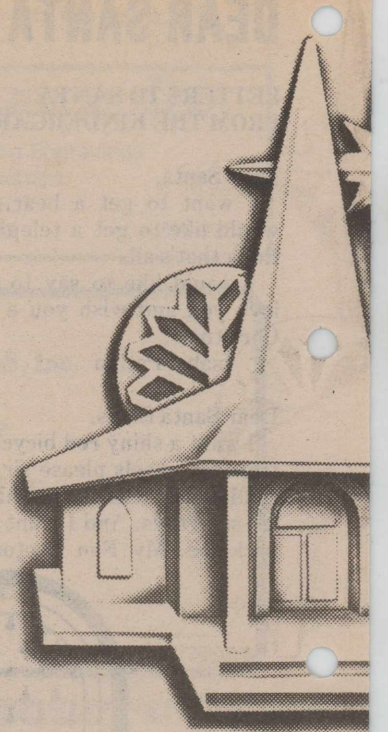
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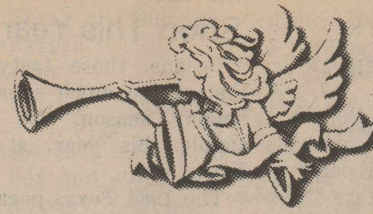
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Suggestions Made For Cutting Paperwork Logjams In Counties

State Comptroller Bob Bullock has found a way for local tax assessor-collectors to cut paperwork logjams and gain state and county governments the most interest possible from motor vehicle sales taxes.

"We found an assessor in Travis County who couldn't keep up with the tax payments coming into his office. We designed a way for him to deposit the tax money into the bank before he cleared his processing backlog. It worked so well for him that we're making it available to everybody else," Bullock said.

The new procedure was announced at the Second Annual Tax Assessor-Collector's Seminar in College Station recently, and will be available for use by all local assessors January 1.

Under the new procedure, counties will deposit Motor Vehicle Sales Tax funds they collect into a local interest bearing account until those funds are forwarded to Austin.

"We figure these funds, which had been sitting idle, will gain the state at least a half million dollars in interest each year," Bullock said. "Counties will also get some interest from these funds and the local assessors should sleep better knowing that money is in the bank, instead of sitting in unopened envelopes in the assessor's office."

Bullock's new system continues a trend set by the last regular session of the legislature. Under a new law passed in 1983, counties with the most motor vehicle tax collections send their receipts to Austin the quickest in order to gain top interest for the state.

Texas Pecan Crop Short This Year

Pecans, those tasty morsels that are so much a part of the holiday season, are in short supply this year, at least in Texas.

The 1984 Texas pecan crop is only a fraction of what it was a year ago, points out Dr. George Ray McEachern, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. About a third of the crop has been harvested to date.

"We are estimating a crop of less than 20 million pounds this year," says McEachern. "That compares to last year's crop of more than 80 million pounds."

Why the sharp drop? According to McEachern, the state's pecan crop was hard hit from several fronts. The first and foremost reason was the large 1983 crop. Pecans generally produce good crops on alternate years, so that accounts for much of the decline of this year's crop.

Other factors that kept pecan production down in 1984 were the severe freeze last December which damaged some trees, the extensive drought this past summer, and a heavy infestation of pecan nut casebearers, the most serious pecan pest.

"Because of the short crop, pecan growers are getting a good price," notes McEachern. "In-shell pecans currently are bringing a dollar or more per pound, and that price may increase as harvesting progresses and demand increases."

Although Texas produced a large pecan crop last year, use was heavy so carryover stocks were not that great, notes the horticulturist.

Texans can expect to see some pecans coming in from other states although the crop is also short in the other major pecan growing areas, adds McEachern.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FAVORS

For a welcome gift for any age — fill a real ice cream cone full of nuts and/or Christmas candies. Place the cone in the middle of a square of plastic wrap or foil gift wrap. Bring the wrap up to the top and tie with a ribbon. Fluff the top of the wrap.

Another attractive Christmas favor cup can easily be made by cutting the tops out of small milk cartons and then covering the sides of the milk containers with Christmas cards. Attach a handle that's made from braided yarn to the box. Fill the Christmas cup with nuts and/or candy. Quart-sized cartons make really pretty popcorn containers.

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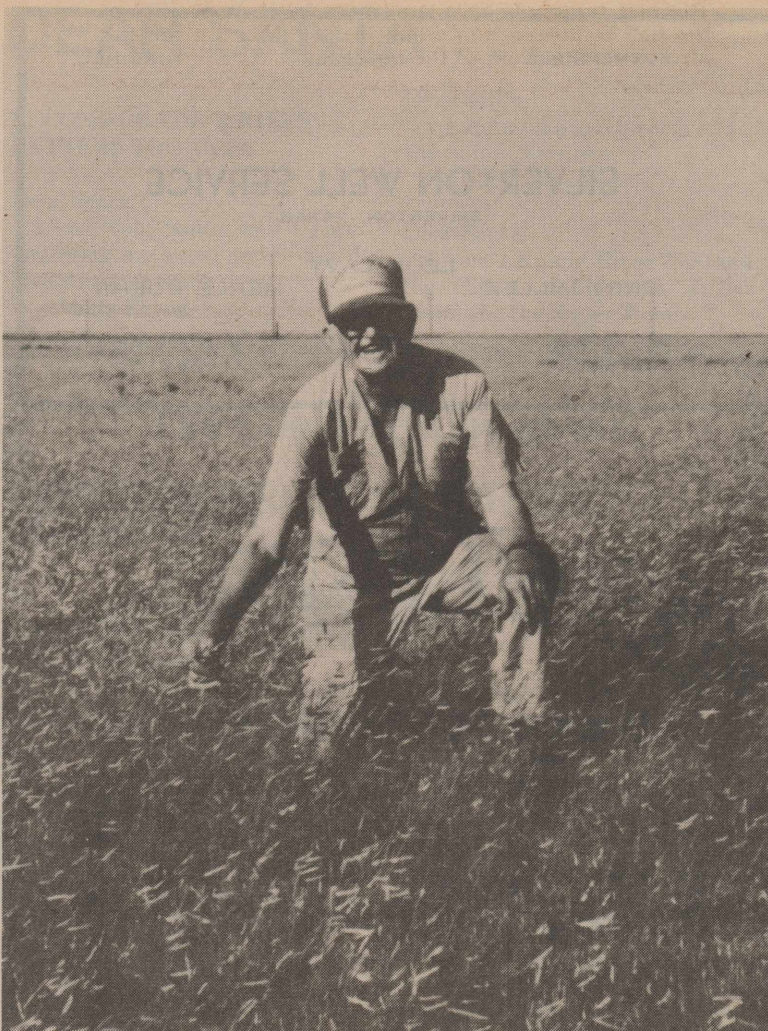
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Take half and leave half is a saying used by ranchers who practice proper grazing use. This means take one half and leave half of the grass for later use.

Think of your grass as a checking account. You start off with a balance of 100% (your grass). You can take out a specific amount before you have a service charge. When you use too much of your grass, your service charge is a reduction in the quality and quantity of grass you have available in the future. The 50% you leave in your account is your insurance against hard times. If you save some of your grass, you will have something to fall back on.

To manage grass properly, it needs to be deferred 60-90 days

during the growing season, at least one out of every three years. A grazing system will help you manage your grass.

Planned grazing systems offer ranchers benefits over year-long continuous grazing. These systems help maintain or speed up improvements in plant cover while properly using the forage on all pasture units. The Soil Conservation Service offers assistance in planning or beginning a grazing system.

Children Can Choke On Food

Parents who consider safety when buying their children's toys, or who carefully keep small objects out of the reach of little hands, often forget to use the same caution in preparing children's food.

"Food asphyxiation accounts for as many childhood deaths annually as poisoning," says Dr. Mary Ann Heussner, a health

Performance, Progeny Testing Key To Beef Gains

Selecting top quality, high performing beef cattle takes more than a sharp eye.

While a cattleman with a trained eye can select cattle for structural soundness, muscling, height and length, the bottom line for measuring an animal's ability to grow is performance and progeny testing, says Dr. L. R. Sprott, beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Sprott and Waller County Extension Agent David McGregor worked with the Four G Ranch at Hempstead in a demonstration regarding the use of progeny testing to increase herd productivity. The demonstration was a part of the Integrated Livestock Management Program of the Extension Service.

Sprott and McGregor worked with Brett Triplett, then manager of the Four G Ranch, to begin a herd improvement program in 1978 using seven different sires. Records showed that two of the sires were consistently producing superior performing calves. Using this nucleus of calves as replacement heifers and through the selection of other superior sires, herd weaning weights increased almost 100 pounds over a four-year period.

Accurate herd records were the key to this demonstration and are essential to any performance and progeny testing program, emphasizes Sprott. While record keeping and analysis requires time, it is time well spent, he adds.

Records can help cattlemen compare the performance of offspring from different sire-dam combinations, explains the specialist. Animals with poor production can then be culled and replaced with those from superior performing parents.

The result will be more beef going to market, and that's the bottom line, says Sprott.

education specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service.

About 66 to 77 children die by choking on food each year, she reports. A recent study of children's food-related choking fatalities conducted by Johns Hopkins University found that more than 90 percent of the victims were under five, Heussner says. The risk was highest in one- and two-year olds and dropped substantially at age three.

The children choked most often on hot dogs. Other foods on the list were candy, peanuts and other nuts, grapes, cookies, meat, carrots, apples, popcorn and peanut butter, she notes.

Foods such as peanuts or hard, round candies should not be given to children younger than four or five, she advises. Foods that must be chewed should not be given to children until they have developed a complete set of teeth around age two.

Besides causing choking, another danger is that the food can go deep into the bronchial tubes or into the lungs themselves, says Heussner.

"It's not always easy to recognize that a child has inhaled food," cautions the specialist. The initial coughing fit may end

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and the child will appear to have recovered. However, more serious symptoms such as pneumonia, may show up days or even weeks later.

"If you suspect food inhalation and the food particle is not

coughed up, contact your pediatrician or family physician," advises Heussner.

"It's the good loser that finally loses out."

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Kara and Shauna Kingery were two of the children who visited with Santa when he made his visit to Silvertown on December 1, during the Old Fashioned Christmas Jubilee.

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Dear Santa

FIRST GRADE STUDENTS WRITE LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
My name is Jimmy Wade Myers. I am seven years old and I am in Miss Grabbe's first grade. I want an Airwolf helicopter, a football suit, helmet and pads, a John Deere combine with corn header. I have been a good boy so please bring me these things. Please don't forget Gina.
Love,
Jimmy Wade
P. S. Daddy wants a computer

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year. I don't want much so I hope you can fit it in your sleigh. I want a football, cleats and a three wheeler.
Brandon Lowery

Dear Santa,
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We think of the statesman as one who has purposeful loyalty to high and noble principles. His concern for truth, justice and right overshadows any desire to be a political pleaser or party favorite.

History seems to indicate that Henry Clay was a true statesman. At one time he was considered a shoo-in for the presidency. However, he fought for an unpopular position which he deemed right. A friend warned, "If you maintain that position, you'll never be president." Clay replied, "I'd rather be right than president."

Society pressures would make us men-pleasers in spiritual and moral matters. Many Jewish leaders believed on Jesus, "but because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: for they loved the glory that is of men more than the glory that is of God" (John 12:42-43).

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Shows Help Boost Hay Quality

Hay shows can provide a lot of good information about hay quality and what it takes to produce high quality hay.

And hay samples at many shows indicate that more needs to be done to produce a higher quality product, points out Dr. David Bade, forage specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

County hay shows in coastal sections of Texas have helped producers realize the importance of hay quality and how this affects their winter feeding program, points out Bade, whose efforts are in support of the Integrated Livestock Management Program of the Extension Service.

In 14 county hay shows held in 1983 in the Coastal Bend and Upper Coast Extension Districts, 566 hay samples had an average protein content of 7.5 percent. Seventy percent of these samples would be of high enough quality to meet the nutrient requirements of a dry cow without extra supplementation while only 17 percent would meet the needs of a lactating beef cow. Yet, hay at these shows should be better than average, says Bade.

Summarizing the hay show results, Bade notes the following:

1. Hays vary greatly in quality. Crude protein in the shows ranged from 2.1 percent to 20.6 percent.

2. High quality hay can be produced from most forage species; conversely, low quality hay can be produced from any forage species.

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Dedra and Dara Johnston were two of the children who visited with Santa when he came to Silverton on December 1. Dara was a little apprehensive about visiting with Santa, but Dedra

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Christmas Trees From Texas Make The Season Special

Over 22 farms across Texas are producing a very special crop—Christmas trees. Texas-grown trees were specially developed for the state's soil and climate.

"Because these trees grow

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to buy trees shipped in from Oregon, Vermont or some other far-flung state, and wonder how long ago they were cut." There are a number of farms where you can take the family, choose your trees while it's still growing, and cut it yourself. A guide to these "choose and cut" operations is available from the Department of Agriculture.

Once you buy your Texas tree, following these simple directions will help keep it looking its best for the holidays.

If you aren't setting the tree up right away, keep it outdoors or in a cool place, out of the wind and sun. Make a straight cut across the bottom of the trunk and stand the tree in a container of water.

When you bring the tree in to decorate it, make another straight cut an inch up—this helps the tree take up water. Keep your Christmas tree in a

stand that holds water and add water daily. A tree may drink between two pints and a gallon a day, and if you let the water drop below the trunk, a new cut will have to be made so it can still take up water. A fresh tree with adequate water stays flame-resistant. For further safety, place the tree away from heat outlets, avoid combustible decorations, and check your Christmas lights. Don't use lights with frayed or worn cords or cracked sockets. Turn off the lights when you're away from home and when you go to bed at night.

Texas growers offer primarily

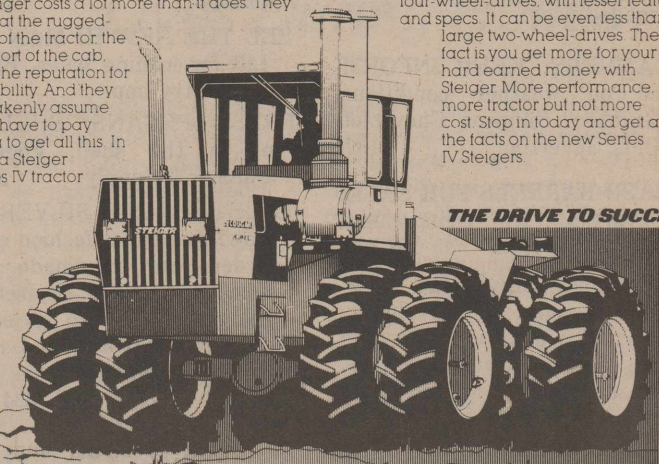
Virginia pines, and in the southern part of the state, Eldarica pines. Christmas trees take from five to 16 years to grow to market size, and over 30 million are sold nationwide.

The use of evergreen as part of our Christmas began in Germany 400 years ago, based on the Egyptian and Roman traditions of using evergreens in seasonal celebrations. The first retail Christmas tree lot opened in 1851, and the first tree in the White House was set up by Franklin Pierce.

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Martha Greeson
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Christmas has long been a special time for children as they anxiously await the coming of Santa Claus and his sleigh filled with goodies. These two youngsters, Jeff Weak and Sarah May, didn't pass up their chance to perch on Santa's knee. St. Nicholas, the legendary jolly soul who comes laden with gifts for good boys and girls, is a contri-

bution of the Dutch. Santa's arrival in Texas, however, was courtesy of the Germans, who had borrowed the legend centuries earlier from their neighbors in Holland. The German Santa Claus didn't get about in a sleigh pulled by reindeer, however. Settlers from Sweden brought that particular legend to Texas.

—Briscoe County News Photo

Little Ones and Bright Eyes: Children At Christmas

by Charlene Blohm

Did Christmas exist in the minds and hearts of Texas children before Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer made his mark on the holiday folklore scene? Is it possible for youngsters to enjoy the yuletide season without Frosty the Snowman, the Grinch that Stole Christmas and mounds of brightly-colored presents under the tree?

Christmas was first and foremost a religious celebration to children in early Texas and they were often an integral part of many holiday traditions.

According to researchers at The University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures, the Wends, a Slavic cultural group from Germany who settled near Giddings, practiced a charming custom involving both the children and the family's farm animals. Each Christmas the eldest son was given the responsibility of repeating the message of the birth of Christ to all the dogs and cats and barnyard animals.

Tales of the bright-eyed wonder of little ones at Christmas are yuletide favorites. One such story stems from an incident that occurred around 1720 at a mission in San Antonio known today as the Alamo.

The mission fathers had built a realistic manger scene and asked the Indian children to adorn it with their gifts to the Christ Child. The children brought whatever they could find—including beads, colorful pebbles and cloth—and placed their presents around the crib.

One small boy, however, was heartbroken because he was from a poor family and had nothing to give baby Jesus. A kindly priest, Father Margil, took pity on the lad and accompanied him on a search for a suitable present. They found a little vine with faded green leaves and berries which they dug up and placed in a small clay

pot. The Indian boy took the gift to the Christ Child and begged him to accept it and make it beautiful.

The next day was Christmas. As the little boy walked into the chapel, he heard cries of "milagro," a miracle. He looked closely and saw that his little vine had twined itself around the crib, its leaves now dark green and its berries shiny red. Called the Margil vine in honor of the kind priest, Father Antonio Margil de Jesus, the vine still grows wild in Texas and its berries turn bright red at Christmastime.

To hard-working pioneers, frontiersmen and immigrants,

Christmas was also a chance to shower attention on their youngsters. One woman wrote of her family's celebrations, "Every child got apples and cookies, for the mothers had certainly made up plenty of cookies and doughnuts. You see, they had killed hogs before Christmas, and while they were rendering up big pots and kettles of lard, and that grease was boiling hot, they would drop doughnuts in and fry

them till they had great pans of them. We had stick candy and peloncillos (brown sugar cones) so the children weren't neglected."

For children of Yugoslavian immigrants, the holiday season was a little different. The Yugoslavs, some of whom settled near Galveston to found the Saints Constantine and Helen Serbian Orthodox Church, followed the Julian calendar, which placed

their celebration 13 days after the traditional Christmas observance on December 25.

Christmas Eve is Badnji Day, or Day of the Oak, for the Yugoslavs. On that day, a specially selected three-year-old oak tree is felled, cut in three pieces, and the Yule Log is burned behind the church in memory of the fires built by the shepherds as they

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watched over their flocks at night.

A smaller tree is decorated with cookies, nuts, apples and streamers of red, white and blue for the children. This tree is carried into the sanctuary and later it, too, is added to the fire, decorations and all, as the children scramble to retrieve their treats before the fire consumes the goodies.

Gifts presented by the Three Wise Men to the Christ Child were probably the start of our modern gift-giving tradition, although this didn't become a widespread practice until the Middle Ages. The idea of wrapping gifts in colored paper is a relatively new one, however. In frontier times presents were hung on the trees because pioneers didn't have pretty paper in which to wrap their handmade gifts.

Fruit—especially apples and oranges—were popular treats at Christmas and often appeared, along with candy, in stockings carefully crafted by talented needleworkers and hung near the fireplace. As one Texas woman put it, "Mama avoided using our black stockings since the lint might stick to the goodies and the white hose because the treats might discolor them."

As you and your family hang your stockings by the chimney with care this Christmas season, share a few of these tales, as well as stories of your own, with your children and grandchildren.



Heap on more wood! the wind is chill;
But let it whistle as it will,
we'll keep our Christmas merry still.

— Sir Walter Scott

Tidbits of Texas Christmas Tradition

Exchanging gifts with friends and relatives has long been a Christmas tradition and Texas has received at least two presents that will long be treasured.

The U. S. Congress formally accepted the new Texas State Constitution on December 29, 1845. Although the event missed Christmas by four days, it nonetheless marked the formal entry of Texas into the family of states.

On Christmas Day 1872, a tiny wood-burning locomotive pulling a string of cars crossed the Red River from Indian Territory and chugged into the new town of Denison to become the first train ever to enter the state from the North.

Looking for something for you and your family to do this Christmas season that's both fun

and educational? Tour the exhibit floor of The University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures and learn more history tidbits like these through interpretive displays of the 25 major ethnic and cultural groups which settled the state.

How about a performance of the Christmas Puppet Show at The Institute of Texan Cultures? The cast in this flavorful plot includes Ms. Tamale, Gingerbread Man, Cookie Dough and Plum Pudding as the puppets describe the many treats we Texans eat at Christmas. Call 226-7651 for show times.

After the show, stop at the Institute Store to buy some last minute stocking stuffers including wooden toys, the book "Texas and Christmas: A Collection of Traditions, Memories and Folklore," ornaments depicting everything from oil rigs to longhorn cattle, packets of blue bonnet seeds and clips for putting real candles on your Christmas tree.

Special presents for the kids include "The First Christmas: 16 Greeting Cards from Early Woodcuts for Hand Coloring" and "The Night Before Christmas Coloring Book." For children of all ages, the books and pamphlets in "The Texans and

the Texans" series published by the Institute on Afro-American, Anglo-American, Belgian, Chinese, Czech, Danish, French, German, Greek, Indian, Irish, Italian, Jewish, Mexican, Norwegian, Polish, Spanish, Swiss and Wendish Texans make interesting gifts.

The Institute of Texan Cultures will be closed Christmas Day but is open Tuesday through Sunday throughout the remainder of the holiday season. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and admission is free. The Institute of Texan Cultures is located at the corner of Bowie Street and Durango Boulevard on HemisFair Plaza in downtown San Antonio.

Old English Blessing

*God bless thy year!
Thy coming, thy
going out,
Thy rest, thy
travelling about,
The rough, the
smooth,
The bright, the drear,
God bless thy year!*

We Rejoice



Let there be love at Christmas, when all the world is warm and bright with His blessings.

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as we celebrate His Birth.*

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A Farmer's Creed

I believe a person's greatest possession is his or her dignity, and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

I believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.

I believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is one of the most honorable ways a person can spend his or her days on this earth.

I believe farming nurtures the close family ties that make life rich in ways money cannot buy.

I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime, and can be learned in no other way.

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I believe farming provides education for life, and that no other occupation teaches so much about birth, growth and maturity in such a variety of ways.

I believe many of the best things in life are indeed free: the splendor of a sunrise, the rapture of wide open spaces, the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring.

I believe true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field, your children grow tall in the sun, your whole family feeling the pride that springs from their shared experience.

I believe that by my toil I am giving more to the world than I am taking from it, an honor that does not come to all persons.

I believe my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for my sisters and brothers in this world, and by this standard I fear no judgment.

I believe that when people grow old and sum up their days, they should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life they have lived.

I believe in farming because it makes all this possible.

Power Surge Can Affect Phone Device

The answering device on your telephone could be affected by a power surge caused by lightning, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service home economist.

The phone itself, however, has a reasonable level of protection due to a device on the side of your house, put there by the telephone company, says Bonnie L. Piernot.

There's less protection if you are using one of the new, inexpensive phones, she notes. The most common damage from a power surge is program upset. For example, your answering device will turn itself off. But major power surges can damage any kind of household equipment with microchip circuitry, requiring a service call to replace burned out components.

Replacement Heifer Show, Sale Slated

Cattlemen across Texas will have an opportunity to show, sell and buy top replacement heifers at a special show and sale next March in Austin.

The Capital of Texas Commercial Replacement Heifer Show and Sale will be March 27-28 at the new five-acre show barn at the Texas Exhibition and Heri-

tage Center.

The event will be in support of the South Central Texas Beef Herd Improvement Program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and will feature both an open and a junior show with "fancy" pens of three heifers, says a Travis County Extension Agent. Heifers must have been owned by consignors by December 1, 1984. Entries must be submitted by February 1, 1985.

State 4-H Horse Show Goes To Abilene

The 1985 Texas State 4-H Horse Show will be held at the Expo Center on the West Texas Fair Grounds at Abilene next July 22-26.

Some 600 youth from throughout the state annually compete in a host of events at the show,

which has been held in Waco the past three years, notes a 4-H specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

The show began on the campus of Texas A&M University in 1963 and has been held in San Antonio, Fort Worth, Houston, Odessa, Sweetwater, Dallas and Amarillo, in addition to Waco.

The Yule log

The yule log ceremony originated in Scandinavia, according to scholars. In ancient celebrations of the solstice, huge logs were blessed and burned in the hope that they would forever bring light, warmth and comfort.

"Art is man added to nature." Francis Bacon



Dara Ramsey spoke right up to tell Santa what she wanted for Christmas when the old gentle-

man visited with children in Silverton on December 1. —Briscoe County News Photo



GOOD TIDINGS

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as people everywhere delight in
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as we recall your valued business,
and sincerely offer our
appreciation, along with fondest
wishes to you and yours...for a
truly joyous season in every way.**

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Raymond McJimsey, Manager

Dashing Through The Lore of Texas Christmas' Past

by Charlene Blohm

Along with feasts of goose and plum pudding, a large serving of oral history is dished out each year as families gather around the dinner table to share tales of Christmas' past.

How did your family's traditions get started? What ancient customs are kept alive in your yuletide celebrations?

Texans have witnessed a mirade of holiday traditions throughout the state's history, some of which were established as long as four centuries ago. According to researchers at The University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, Indian tribes near what is now El Paso were introduced to the religious pageantry of the holiday as early as 1599 when the ladies and noblemen attached to Juan Onate's expedition enacted the march of the Wise Men to Bethlehem. Dedicated padres, who accompanied early Spanish military expeditions, used the miracle play, "Los Pastores," as an aid in teaching Christianity. Since 1776, Mission San Jose in San Antonio has been the stage for performances of the play which depicts the shepherd's journey to Bethlehem to pay homage to the Christ Child.

Another Spanish tradition dating back to the 16th century, which is still practiced today, is "Fiesta de las Luminarias," or Festival of Lights. The soft sparkle of candles is symbolic of the lighting of the way for Mary and Joseph as they traveled to Bethlehem. "Fiesta de las Luminarias" is celebrated each year along the banks of the Paseo del Rio, or River Walk, in San Antonio, and on El Paso's Scenic Drive where the glittering lights cast a peaceful glow upon the base of the mountains.

Canary Islanders introduced the now popular Texas tradition "Las Posadas" to San Antonio in 1731. "Las Posadas" is a nine-day procession representing Joseph's search for a "place of lodging" for Mary, who was soon to give birth to the Christ Child.

The French observed their first Christmas in Texas in 1686 as members of La Salle's colony extolled the Christmas Holy-Days, including the singing of Midnight Mass, at their camp on Garcitas Creek between Port Lavaca and Victoria.

More than a century later, Jean Lafitte and his pirates celebrated the holiday on Galveston Island. The rum and sugar they pillaged from merchant ships sailing in the Gulf of Mexico provided the basic ingredients for their Christmas feast. They reportedly spent most of the holiday drinking, playing practical jokes on one another and writing ribald jingles which they sang amidst much laughter.

Immigrants from Germany initiated many of the jolly folkways we now associate with Christmas in Texas. The ritual of decorating trees at Christmastime originated in Germany in the Middle Ages. Legend says that not only shepherds, but trees as well, honored the birth of Christ. The gray, scraggly spruce was the ugliest of the trees, so the heavens took pity upon it and dropped stars from the skies to light its branches, transforming it into such a vision of beauty

that the Christ Child looked up and smiled.

Prince Solms Braunfels is credited with transferring the German custom to Texas by decorating the first Christmas tree. Since the spruce isn't native to the state, however, German immigrants substituted cedar trees which they adorned with colored paper and lighted candles.

Another holiday trimming tradition established by German settlers is that of mistletoe. Regarded from ancient times as having magical properties, the plant can still be found growing in Central Texas. According to folklore, mistletoe etiquette directs that as each person is kissed, they are to pluck off a berry and when all the berries are gone, the kissing should end.

Red and green are favorite holiday colors and nowhere are they more recognized than in the poinsettia plant, which comes to us as the result of negotiations between the governments of Mexico and the United States. The first American ambassador to Mexico, Joel R. Poinsett, was in that country during Christmas 1828 in an attempt to purchase the territory of Texas. The ambassador became interested in a beautiful Mexican plant known as "the flower of Christmas Eve" and brought it back to this country.

Just as traditional yuletide ornaments abound during the holiday season, so, too, do customary meals and delicacies. Some of the more popular Christmastime sweets, such as mincemeat pie and plum pudding, were brought to Texas by English immigrants. As you prepare your Christmas dinner this year, you might share this tale written by an English surveyor in 1872 after his holiday meal.

"No prince, potentate or magnate ever sat down to such a feast. I think we had 14 varieties of meat. We could have had 16, as one of our hunters offered to furnish us with a mess of rattlesnakes and polecats, which he assured us were a most excellent delicacy, but our cook drew the line at these," the surveyor wrote.

"We had buffalo, antelope, deer, bear, rabbit, prairie-dog, possum, and possibly other animals that I do not recall; turkey, goose, brant (wild geese), ducks, prairie chickens, curlew (long-legged shore birds), quail and other birds. The most expensive meat which we had on the table was bacon, which we had to haul 500 miles," he added.

The oldest permanent Polish settlement in the state is Panna Maria in South Texas which was established in 1854 by 150 Polish citizens from Silesia who arrived at the site on Christmas Eve. Led by Father Leopold Moczygemba, the group celebrated mass under a giant oak tree and honored their holiday traditions. For Poles, Christmas Eve, or Wigilia, is the most important day of the season. As the first star appears in the sky, family members gather for a simple meal that breaks their day-long fast. The head of the household divides a

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small, flat oblong wafer, called an oplatek, that has been blessed by a priest. Each family member shares the oplatek and exchanges good wishes with all the other members.

One unusual imported treat is lutefisk, or lye fish, which is part of a traditional Norwegian Christmas Eve meal. The delicacy, transported in dehydrated form, is first soaked in lye water, lime water and clear water, then cooked and served with boiled white potatoes, melted butter and a delicious white sauce.

Another Norwegian custom called Jule Bokking was preserved in Texas until 1890 in Normandy, the state's first Norwegian settlement, which later became known as Brownsboro. On the evening following Christmas Day and every evening up to the New Year, groups gathered in costume to make rounds of the homes. The men usually dressed as women and the women as men. They gathered in front yards and sang Christmas songs, then the host would open his

house to the group for refreshments and try to guess the identity of the masqueraders.

These various customs and celebrations shared by the many cultural groups who settled the state have blended together to give Christmas special meaning for all Texans. But there is one more tradition we can't overlook—the Cowboys' Christmas Ball, the story of which will be told around many a Texas dinner table this holiday season.

Originated by an Anson innkeeper, M. H. Rhodes, who was interested in boosting business at his Morning Star Hotel, the Cowboys' Christmas Ball began as a means of bringing in more guests, but quickly became an annual affair. It is reported that cowboys from miles around attended the first event in 1885. A rancher living near Anson, William Lawrence Chittenden, wrote "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball" poem as part of his book, "Ranch Verses," in 1893 and the piece has become an enduring part of Texas folklore.

'Way out in Western Texas, where the Clear Fork's waters flow,
Where the cattle are "A-brows-

in,'" an' the Spanish ponies grow...
The music was a fiddle an' a lively tambourine,
And a "viol came imported," by stage from Abilene.
The room was togged out gorgeous—with mistletoe and shawls,
And candles flickered frescoes, around the airy walls.
The "Wimmin folks" looked lovely—the boys looked kinder treed,
Till their leader commenced yellin': "Who! fellers, let's stampede."
And the music started sighin', an' awaitin' though the hall,
As a kind of introduction to "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball"...
His voice was like a bugle upon the mountain's height;
His feet were animated, an' a mighty movin' sight,
When he commenced to holler, "Neow fellers, stake yer pen!
"Lock horns ter all them heifers, an' russle 'em like men.
"Saloot yer lovely critters; neow swing an' let 'em go,
"Climb the grape vine 'round 'em —all hands do-ce-do!
"You Mavericks, jine the round-up—Jest skip her waterfall,"
Huh! hit wuz gettin' happy, "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball!"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...
Dec. 21—Nathan Perry, Billy Perry, Ester Ramirez, Thurman May
Dec. 22—Lillian Lindsey, Ravenel Grewe, Sonya Henderson, Donnie Perkins, Carl Bomar
Dec. 23—Kim Mayfield, Fred Mercer, Earlyne Hutsell, Jean-nita Stephens, Iris Burson
Dec. 24—Mary Rampley, Sally Grimland, Jack Robertson, jr.
Dec. 25—Joe Grabbe, Donna

Estes, Dorothy Bomar, Nora Lee Yeary
Dec. 26—Lindsey Jennings, Sloan Grabbe, Eddie Baker

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...
Dec. 22—Mr. and Mrs. Louie Kitchens
Dec. 24—Mr. and Mrs. James Patton



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TALKING ABOUT TURKEY

Turkey is one of the most popular meats served for Ameri-

can holiday meals. This versatile bird is available in all sizes, therefore it can be served at everyone's holiday meal, from the smallest to the largest families. Turkey meat is one of the highest meats in protein. At

the same time it is one of the lowest meats in fat and calories with one cup light and dark meat, mixed, containing 265 calories. The fat content in turkey is the unsaturated type which reportedly does not increase the blood cholesterol level. Turkey is also a good source of the B vitamins, thiamine, riboflavin and niacin. The majority of turkey production in Texas is around the Temple and Waco areas.

If you are a "first timer" or "old hand" at preparing turkey for your holiday dinner, there are many facts to remember in order to make your meal safe and delicious. When purchasing a turkey, either fresh, frozen, self-

basted or prestuffed, be sure to look for the USDA label. This inspection mark lets you know the turkey has been inspected and that it is safe and wholesome. Since there is no significant difference in quality between fresh and frozen turkeys, the choice is based on personal preference.

If purchasing a frozen turkey, make sure that it is solidly frozen. Keep the whole, frozen turkey—either prestuffed or unstuffed—in the home freezer until ready to cook. The two recommended methods for thawing turkeys are thawing in the refrigerator or in cold water. The main point to remember is that

both methods keep your turkey cold while thawing—the key to preventing excessive bacterial growth. Always remember to cook the turkey promptly after thawing.

To thaw in the refrigerator place the turkey in its original wrapping on a tray or in a pan to catch moisture that accumulates as it thaws. The thawing time is dependent upon the size of the bird, usually 1-5 days. If thawing in cold water, place the bird in its unopened bag in the sink or in a large container and cover it with cold water. Change the water every 30 minutes to assure safe and effective thawing. Thawing time is usually between four and twelve hours, again depending on the size of the bird. Never thaw prestuffed turkeys because bacteria can develop in the stuffing while the turkey thaws. It is also not a good idea to thaw a turkey on the kitchen counter because room temperatures fall within the danger zone of 60 to 125 degrees F. which promotes active growth of bacteria. If left on a kitchen counter, a frozen turkey will thaw from the outside in. As the surface warms bacteria could multiply to a dangerous level. Since some food poisoning organisms produce toxins that with-stand heat, cooking cannot be relied on to destroy all bacteria. When thawing is completed, remove the neck and giblets from the neck or body cavity. Wash the inside and outside of the bird and giblets with cold water and drain well. It is also important to wash your hands, utensils and sink after they have come in contact with the raw turkey to prevent the spread of bacteria. If purchasing a fresh turkey be sure to purchase the turkey only one to two days before you plan to serve it. Keep the fresh turkey refrigerated at 40 degrees F. or below.

Stuffing a turkey in advance may sound like a good idea, but actually this practice invites trouble because harmful bacteria can multiply in the stuffing and cause food poisoning. Turkeys should be stuffed only at the last minute. Dry stuffing and ingredients may be prepared the day before, tightly covered and left at room temperature. The perishables (butter or margarine, mushrooms, oysters, cooked celery and onions, broth, etc.) should be refrigerated. The ingredients should then be combined just before stuffing the turkey. Remember to allow three-fourths cup of stuffing for each pound of ready-to-cook turkey and to stuff the cavity lightly because stuffing expands as it cooks. Extra stuffing may be baked separately. In fact if you are in a hurry, you may want to bake your stuffing in a greased, covered casserole during the last hour while the turkey roasts. Not only does an unstuffed turkey take less time to cook than one that is stuffed but you'll save time by not stuffing the turkey and having to scoop the stuffing out to serve it once the turkey is done.

Holiday buffets are a festive, fun and wonderful serving method for a large crowd. However, they do require extra care in preparing, storing and serving the food. Be sure to have enough



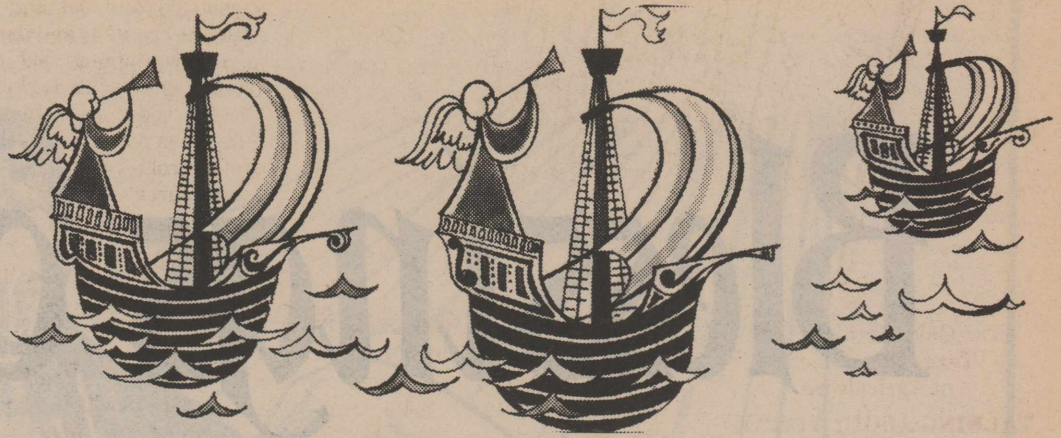
"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." May the spirit of Christmas abide with you always.

MID-PLAINS RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

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*I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas Day, On Christmas Day,
I saw three ships come sailing in,
One Christmas Day in the morning.*

*O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas Day in the morning.*



Prior to World War I, dinner jackets were generally regarded as informal wear to be worn only in the absence of ladies.

SHS SCHEDULE

Jan. 3-4-5-Claude Tournament, varsity G&B	Jan. 11-Lakeview, varsity G&B, there, 6:30
	Jan. 15-Kress, varsity G&B, here, 6:30

Jan. 18-Valley, varsity G&B, here, 6:30
Jan. 22-Hedley, varsity G&B, there, 6:30
Jan. 29-Valley, varsity G&B, there, 6:30
Feb. 1-Hedley, varsity G&B, here, 6:30
Feb. 5-Lakeview, varsity G&B, here, 6:30
Feb. 8-Motley Co., varsity G&B, here, 6:30

SJHS SCHEDULE

Jan. 7-Motley Co., G&B, there, 6:00
Jan. 12-Silverton Tourney, G&B
Jan. 14-Hedley, G&B, there, 6:00
Jan. 21-Lakeview, G&B, here, 6:00
Jan. 28-Lakeview, G&B, there, 6:00
Feb. 4-Hedley, G&B, here, 6:00

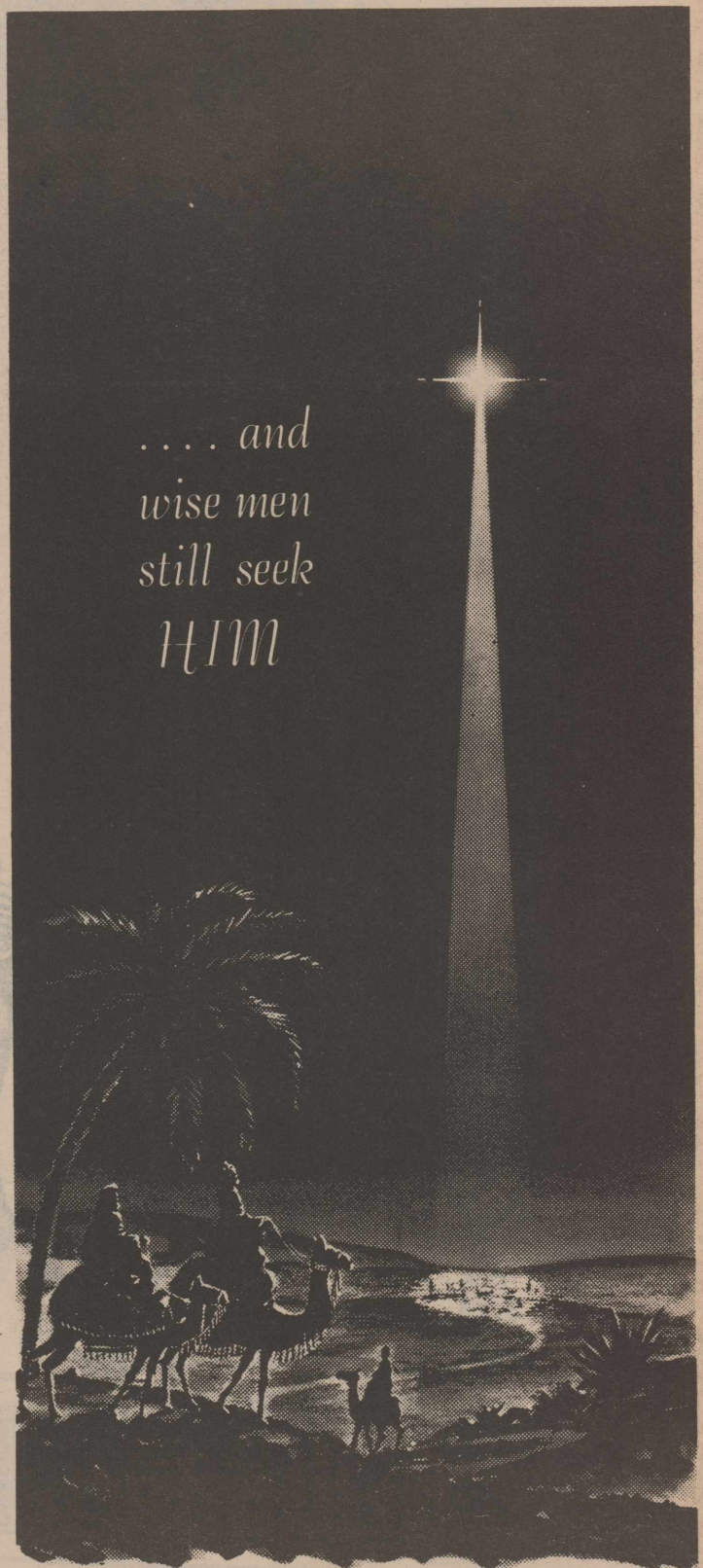
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It's the holiday that brings us closer together through song and celebration, reminding us all of the value of friendship... and good friends, like you, who've been so kind. Have a wonderful Christmas.

JERRY'S MALT SHOP

... and wise men still seek HIM



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Blessings of the Season

LED BY THE LIGHT OF
SERENELY BEAMING
GLOWING HEARTS
CRADLE WE STAND: A
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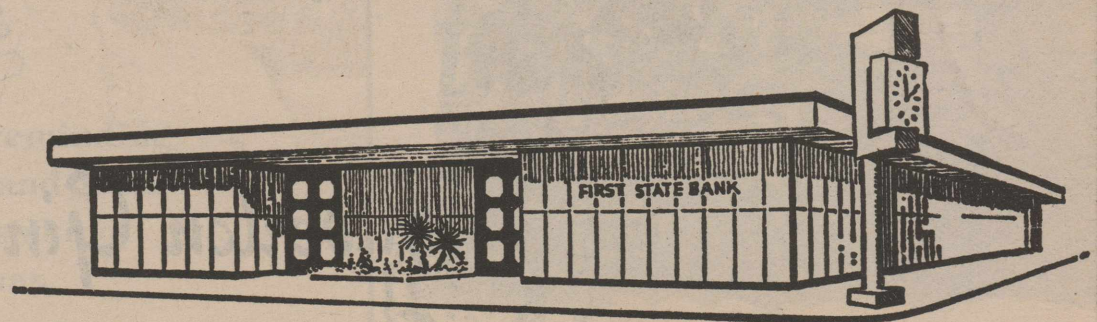


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Texas Budget Problems To Worsen If Oil Prices Continue To Drop

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said recently Texans can expect worse budget problems ahead if the price of oil on world spot markets continues to drop.

Bullock warned Legislators and other state leaders, "I am very fearful that if the price of oil keeps plunging, I'm going to be

forced to reduce my estimate of revenues available for the January session of the State Legislature.

"I am told a gallon of gasoline has been selling for less than a gallon of unrefined crude oil on the spot market. This might be good news for consumers, but it will be bad news for Texas state budget writers who are already facing a \$640 million revenue shortage.

"My staff is watching developments in the world oil market hour by hour but it will be until some time next spring before anybody will be able to say just how far the price of oil might fall.

"A cold snap in the Northeastern United States might drive up demand and the price of Texas oil. But if it doesn't, the Legislature can expect a hot time next January. It's beginning to look a lot like 1983."

DELAYED FROM LAST WEEK

Carrie Dell Dickerson met her children, David, Rhonda, Ross and Greg Hunter of Midland in Lubbock Saturday and attended the State Class 5A quarterfinal football playoff between Odessa Permian and Midland Lee Rebels. A spectacular performance was given by both football teams and bands. It was very disappointing to Midland fans that



No living person may appear on a dollar bill.

their team was defeated by one point in the closing minutes of the game.



Christ is Born

It is time to rejoice and honor the birth of our Saviour and to reflect and to remember His teachings. We want to wish a Holy Christmas to all of our fine friends and patrons who have been so loyal to us throughout the year.



Silvertown Gin, Inc.

Jim and Anne Davidson

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refrigerator space for the perishable foods. It's a good idea to keep buffet servings small and to replenish the serving dishes as needed, directly from the stove or refrigerator. If food is left out more than two hours, even in heated serving units, the risk of food poisoning is increased. When the guests have finished eating, put the perishables, especially the turkey and other meat and poultry products back into the refrigerator.

You bought the kind of turkey you wanted because you read the label, you thawed it properly and cooked it according to the directions and your turkey was the hit of the holiday dinner! Now—what do you do with the leftovers? Maybe these recipe ideas from the Texas Department of Agriculture will help!

TURKEY TURNOVERS

Pastry for two-crust pie
1½ cup chopped cooked turkey
1½ cup shredded Swiss cheese
1 (2¼ oz.) can deviled ham
¼ cup sour cream

1 teaspoon parsley flakes
½ teaspoon salt
1 beaten egg
Sesame seeds
Sour Cream

Prepare pastry for two-crust pie and divide into two equal parts. Roll each part on lightly floured cloth-covered board into 16x8-inch rectangles. Cut each rectangle into eight 4-inch squares. Mix turkey, cheese, deviled ham, ¼ cup sour cream, parsley flakes and salt. Spread scant three tablespoons turkey mixture on a triangle half of each square, keeping mixture ½ inch from edges. Moisten all edges with water. Fold pastry over filling to form triangle. Seal edges with fork; prick tops. Brush turnovers with beaten egg; sprinkle with sesame seeds. Bake at 425 degrees F. until golden brown, about 13 minutes. Serve hot with sour cream. Serves eight.

**TURKEY BUFFET
CASSEROLE**

4 oz. med.-wide noodles
1 pkg. frozen broccoli spears
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
3 tablespoons flour

1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon prepared mustard
¼ teaspoon pepper
2 cups milk
1 cup (¼ lb.) processed American cheese, grated
2 cups cooked turkey, diced
⅓ cup pecans

Cook noodles in boiling salted water until tender; drain. Cook broccoli as label directs until just tender; drain. Dice broccoli stems, but leave flowerets whole. In saucepan over low heat, melt butter; stir in flour, salt, mustard, pepper and milk. Cook, stirring constantly, until thick and smooth. Remove from heat and stir in cheese until melted. In greased shallow casserole or 8-inch square baking dish, arrange noodles, broccoli stems, and turkey; pour cheese sauce over all. Arrange broccoli flowerets on top, pressing them lightly into sauce. Sprinkle with pecans. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees

F. for 15 minutes, or until bubbling hot. Yield: 4-6 servings.

**TURKEY-STUFFED
GREEN PEPPERS**

3 large green peppers
1 box cornbread stuffing mix
2 beaten eggs
½ cup chicken bouillon
2 cups chopped cooked turkey
Grated sharp cheese

Cut the green peppers in half lengthwise and remove seeds. Cook in boiling water for 2-3 minutes, then drain. Arrange hollow side up, in a casserole. Mix the stuffing mix with eggs. Add bouillon to moisten and mix. Add turkey and mix well. Fill the green peppers with turkey mixture and cover with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees F. for about 25 minutes.

The first eating chocolate produced on a factory scale was made in Switzerland in 1819.

Wassail bowl

If you give the customary toast at holiday time, you are carrying on a tradition going back hundreds of years, to the wassail bowl.

At that time, the daughter of a German chieftain offered a gold cup filled with wine to the host of a reception held in her father's honor. She told the host, "Waes hael hlaford Cyning," or "Be of health, Lord King."

The practice of drinking a wassail quickly became popular. Those who could not afford the fine wines of nobility used hot oil, sugar, nutmeg and ginger, topped with toasted bread. Gradually, a drink to one's health became known as a toast!



The tuxedo got its name from the Tuxedo Park (N.Y.) Country Club, where it was first worn by Griswold Lorillard in 1886.

Merry Christmas

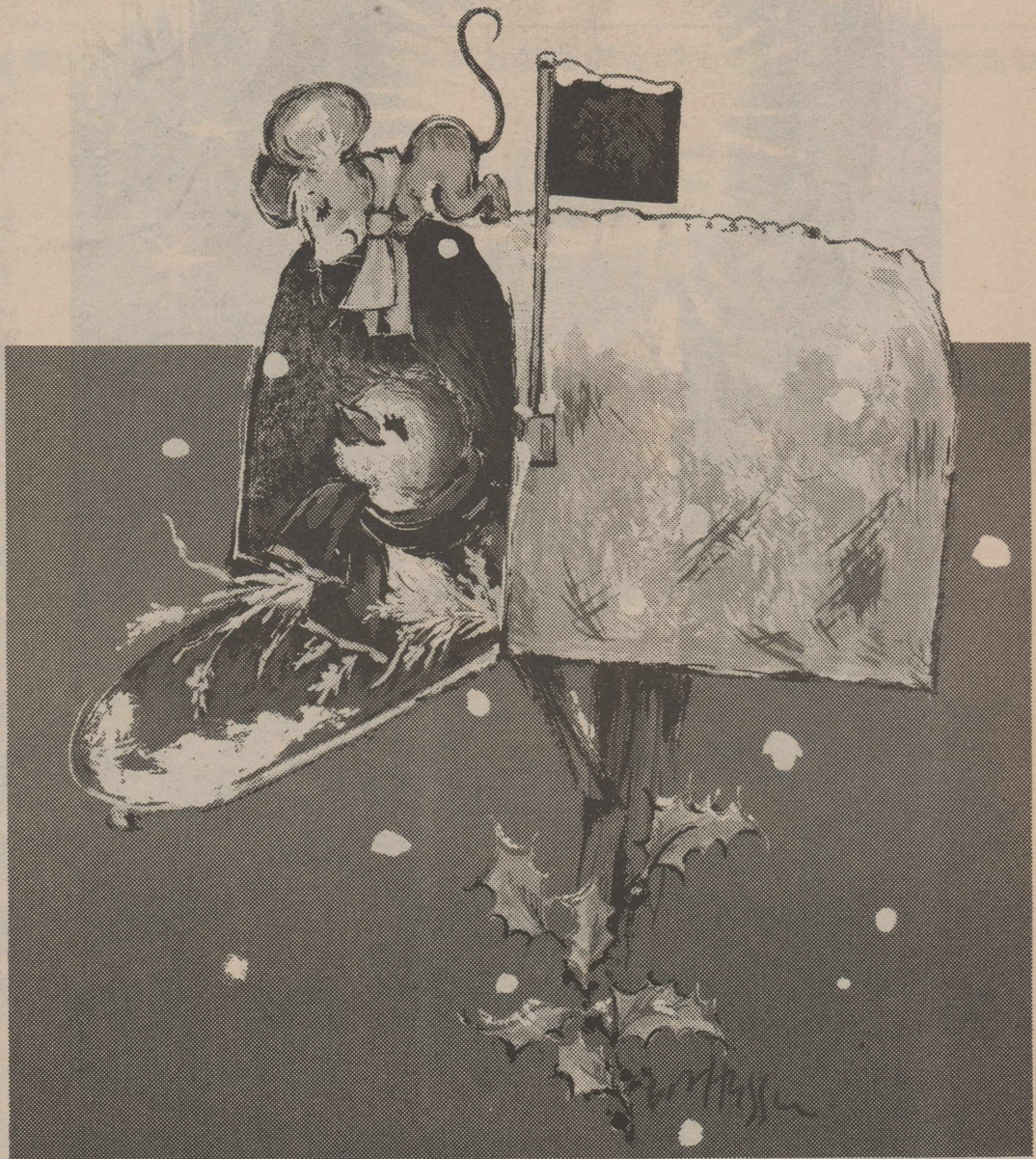


Here's hoping jolly old Santa has you on his list. We're pleased to have the opportunity to wish you and all your loved ones a holiday season that is truly the merriest!

**SHEAR DELIGHT
BEAUTY SALON**

SHIRLEY HENDERSON AND FAMILY

Season's Greetings



May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you today and always.

Fleming Well Service

LEO AND PEGGY FLEMING

Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a GI Joe Fort, Armatron and electronic sharpshooter. Is it snowing here? Yes, no, maybe so. Are the drawfs working pretty good? I have been good. My name is Cy. I'm six years old. I'll be seven years old soon, so I'm really 6½.

Dear Santa Claus,
Here is a picture of you. I would like an A-Team Headquarters Camp Set. It's going to snow at this place close to Amarillo, Texas. Are the elves doing good this Christmas night time? Mrs. Claus, is Santa Claus well tonight? I am good.
Love,
Miles Comer
P. S. Merry Christmas! Do you have a TV to watch cartoons?

Dear Santa,
I would like a Blueberry Muffin, Purple Pic Man, Apple Dumpling, Raspberry Tart. I forgot somebody else but maybe you know her. Ohyea, Sour Grapes. I'm three years old and I obey my mother and I can help pick up. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Lisa Comer

Dear Santa,
I have been looking forward to Christmas for a long time. I hope you are ready with your toys for all my friends.
Please bring me a tricycle, a Nerf football, a robot and a surprise in my stocking. Don't forget my little brother, Chance. He's still a baby, but he needs toys of his own so he will leave

mine alone.
Love,
Russell Patrick

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch Kid, and I ware a Care Bear please. Send me anything else you think I should have for being a good girl. Tell Rudolph hi.
Love,
Jessica Wood
Amarillo

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm sorry I would not talk to you last year. I'm three years old and a big boy now so please bring me a He Man, Battlecat, and a Skeletor. Also Santa, please remember that we will be at either Grandmother's and Big Granddad's house at Lockney or Nanny's and Big Daddy's in Silverton.
Your friend,
Anthony Douglas May
Amarillo



Stacy Hill wanted to make sure that she didn't forget any of the things she wanted for Christmas

when she had a chance to visit with Santa in Silverton on December 1.

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been a good boy except when I'm hungry or have a dirty diaper. Please bring me a teddy bear, train and some bathtub toys.

Preston Andrew May
Age nine months
Amarillo

"Genius is patience."
Buffon

**GLAD
TIDINGS**

We hope the holidays find you well and happy, peaceful and content. Have a wonderful Christmas season.

SILVERTON CABLE TV

Season's Greetings

**TO OUR
MANY FRIENDS**

It's the time of year when we pause to remember friends old and new and wish them the best!

**DURHAM
FERTILIZER
DURHAM
PLANTS & GIFTS**
Bill, Shirley, Kirk and Lee Ann

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Tuesday, 3 December, I received the most beautifully written invitation I have ever received from the M. B. Self family.

As a retired teacher, I consider one of my greatest fringe benefits is the friends I have made where I taught, and Haylake School helped me to gain many.

We used to turn out school for a month for cotton picking. I picked cotton but was embarrassed when I picked with Mrs. Self and her sister, Tone Brooks. These little ladies could pick cotton faster than I could and I grew up picking cotton.

Once O. C. Rampley volunteered to remove a "dead" skunk from under a book case. He did, but the "dead" skunk spewed and we had no more school that day. The last time I saw O. C. was on Oahu. A handsome marine lieutenant came up from behind me and said, "Hi, Mr. Gunter!" I am glad I out-ranked him. Although I had to use the paddle on several Haylake students, I do not recall having to use it on O. C.

I had the pleasure of being "best man" at Tom Brooks wedding in Upper New York state several years ago. I stayed with the Brooks who treated me like "one of the family." Once, while resting and waiting for supper, I felt a severe pain on a tender part of my leg. When I raised up, Tom had a pair of pliers pinching my leg. Why did he do this? Well, sometimes I would pinch him on his arm muscle for "acting up." If he ever pinched me back, I totally ignored it and so he wanted to prove I was not all that tough. He did!

At the instistance of my uncle, Jim Biggs, I applied for the principal's position at Haylake in 1935. I had to drop out of A&M--no more money. I was 19. When the trustees asked me my age, I said "I am going to be 21." I was 9 November 1936. I have Mr. Self's signature on some of my papers. If I praised all the great people I knew while at Haylake, I would fill many pages. We were lucky enough to have Mrs. Tone Brooks and daughter for a couple of days when Tom was married. We saw part of New York City.

M. L. Gunter

PROTECT HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Your house doesn't have to be hit by lightning for your household electronic equipment to be affected in an electrical storm, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service home economist.

You may have noticed during a thunderstorm that your lights flicker. That means there's been a power surge caused by lightning, says Bonnie L. Piernot.

It lasts only an instant, but that surge can damage microchip circuitry in your home computer, telephone answering device, microwave oven or anything else that uses microchips, she says.

The surest way to minimize the threat is to disconnect or at least turn off anything with microchip circuitry during a severe thunderstorm, Ms. Piernot advises. You can also buy a device that plugs into AC outlets and protects microchip circuitry.



Christmas is that wonderful time of year filled with the laughter of children and the warmth of friendship. We look forward to a wonderful holiday and we hope that all of our loyal friends and patrons will have a great holiday, too. We enjoy working with you and we take great pleasure in wishing you the best wishes for the season.

BRISCOE COUNTY OFFICIALS

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 Bess McWilliams, Clerk
 Fred Mercer, Judge

Mildred Reid, Treasurer
 Josephine Anderson, Surveyor
 Fairy McWilliams, Tax Collector
 James Edwards, Justice of the Peace

Shafe Weaver, Commissioner
 Beryl Long, Commissioner
 Bryant Eddleman, Commissioner

Letters To Santa From Gail Wyatt's
Children's Rainbow Preschool

Dear Santa,
I want a new car. Please bring me a present. A big present. Mommy needs a new car, too.
Love,
Misti Mattheus

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch doll. I love you and nothing else.
Robin Hutsell

Dear Santa,
I want two necklaces for my birthday. I want a Cabbage Patch. I want a present. I love you.
Laura McCammon

Dear Santa,
I want a big baby. I want a present.
Katy Hester

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and a car and a Cabbage Patch doll and a telephone. Leslee wants a Cabbage Patch doll and a phone.
Lindsey Weaks

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch Kid and a pair of roller skates and some clothes for my Cabbage Patch. I think I need a size of 6 for my roller skates and a Rainbow Brite and her pony and something else to put on my Christmas tree.
Erica Montague

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle. That's all I can think of.
Jeff Weaks

Dear Santa,
I want a doll baby and a Snuggle Bug and a Mickey Mouse Talking phone and I want an Exercise Barbie. I like the way you make the toys.
Shauna Kingery

Dear Santa,
I love you very much, and I want a Cabbage Patch Kid and I want a Go-Bot and I want a typewriter. And that's all and a toy TV, too.
Walt Henson

Dear Santa,
You love me. I want a TV. I want a toy train. I want a caboose. I want a doll. I want a sea gull. I want some necklaces. I want a doll that walks by itself. I want a boy too.
Traci Ham

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I want a Cabbage Kid. I want a little baby doll. I want Gismo babies. I love you and I will be sitting on your lap.
Amy Stark

Dear Santa,
I want a Pac Man.
Randi Brooke Powell

Dear Santa,
I want a Pac Man. I want a bicycle. Kristin wants a bicycle—just a very little one. I want a crane. That's all.
Russell Ramsey

Dear Santa,
I want everything you got. I want a boy Cabbage Patch. I want a twin puzzle. I want a sticker. I love you. I love you so much.
Lindsey Jennings

Dear Santa,
I want a toy knife. I want a Cabbage Patch girl. I want some new roller skates. I love you.
Colter Gilmore

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch. I want one of them Hot Cycles like Lindsey got. Thank you.
Dara Ramsey

Dear Santa,
I want a 3 wheeler. I love you.
Bobby Martin

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want one of those things that Harvey McJimsey tore up the porch with—a back-hoe, and a gravel thing and a fire truck. My Ashleigh wants a headphone and that's all. Then we wants her ears pierced. Me and Ashleigh have been good.
Trey Wyatt

Dear Santa,
Please get me a Robot. I want a big ambulance. I want some blocks and a Care Bear. And I want a choo-train. I want a table.
Russell Patrick

Dear Santa,
I want a toy. I want another shotgun. I want you to get me another truck because my other one is ruint. I want you to get me a motorcycle.
Donny Ray Cagle

Dear Santa,
I want He-Man stuff and He-Man bracelets because I am tough like him. Nobody can mess with me. I want everything. I want my own battleship game. I love you, too.
Lorn Estes

Dear Santa,
I want a Skeltoria and the deal that goes round and round. When I am 5, I will get Snake Mountain. And I love you.
Michael

Dear Santa,
I want a He Man and one of those green men who pull their head off and put water in it and it sprays out the mouth. And he Man that has one of those deals that go around and the Snake Mountain. I want a trampoline. I want a Dallas Cowboy football suit and helmet and Washington Redskins, too. I'm happy and I will clean up my room.
Trey Ziegler

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a toy for Christmas—a Barbie Dream House and a Teddy Bear and then I want a book that is a book of you, Santa Claus, because you are so nice to little girls like me and all my friends. And you make so good toys for me and my name is Kenzie.
Kenzie Burson

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle. And a thing that goes "Um Um" and also a boxing pen. I want a B-b gun when I get big. I want a pop gun and Mickey Mouse lamp.
Jay Arnold

Dear Santa,
I will give you some cookies. I want a Teddy Bear and Care Bear and Strawberry Shortcake. I want a Cabbage Patch Kid.
Lacy Brunson

See CHILDREN'S RAINBOW—
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**Peace, Love and
Health To You,
Loyal Friends.
Thanks for being
so nice.**

We will be closed
December 24-25 and
December 31-January 1



Briscoe County Farm Bureau



SEASON'S GREETINGS

As we celebrate the holiday season, our thoughts turn to our many friends and patrons who have visited us through the years. We are looking forward to serving you in the future as we have in the past and we hope that you will have a great holiday season.

Silverton Well Service



The Evolution of The Santa Letter

Quite a few years ago, the little girls wrote Santa to ask for baby dolls and the boys asked for wagons, cars or balls. Things went along like this for a number of years; then in the early 1950's along came television, and with it the Santa letters began to change.

The kids began to be quite specific. They began to ask for toys by brand names—almost to the point of telling Santa on what page in the mail-order catalog they could be found.

Now come the Transformers, highway vehicles by day and robots by night; computers, and an assortment of electronic games and toys.

Hope you enjoy some of the letters written in years gone by.

1925

Dear Santa, Bring me a doll and candy, nuts, etc. and other nice things. Willie B. Stout . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want things in the machinery line and a horn and candies. Archie Stout . . . Dear Santa Claus, Will you please bring me an air gun, a wagon, a little car and a foot ball and a ball mit. Jim Haynes . . . Dear Santa Claus, Will you please bring me a doll, a doll buggy, set of dishes, ring and fountain pen. Einell Smithee . . . Dear Santa, I want you to bring me a little car that has a top and a windshield on it, a coster wagon, a top, a foot ball, chocolate candy, nuts and cracker jacks. Arnold Brown . . .

1938

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doll, a machine and some other toys. Your little friend, Shirley Haynes . . . Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good little boy and I hope to stay that way, and I thought I would write and tell you what I wanted for Christmas. I want an air gun. Some of the other children have been very nice too. Most of all I want you to bring me some candy and an apple and an orange. Yours truly, Archie Ray Martin . . . Dear Santa, Will you please bring my little sister a doll and some candy and apples, nuts and oranges. Bring big sister a bicycle. Will you bring me a bicycle? Your friend, Milton Clemmer . . .

1951

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl five years old and I would like a doll and record player for Christmas. I have been a good little girl. Don't forget my two brothers and all the other little boys and girls. Love, Gloria Maye Wallace . . . Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy four years old. I have tried to be good all year. Please bring me a little tractor that I can ride, a snow shovel and a cowboy and Indian molding set. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Goodbye. Garner Garrison . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a bicycle, doll clothes, a big doll, a baby doll, a suitcase and a piano. I am planning on seeing you before Christmas. Thank you Santa. Jo Lynn Womack . . .

1964

Dear Santa, Come to school. Please bring me a Jack and Jill doll. Love, Danna Garvin . . . Dear Santa Claus, I would like a Johnny Seven O.M.A. Thank you for everything I got last year. Sincerely, Wylie Bomar . . . Dear Santa, I want a "Posey Pixie" for Christmas. Also, I would like

some Barbie clothes for my Barbie. Please bring something to put in my stocking. Love, Shonda Gauntt . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a Barbie wrist watch and a Miss Barbie and a Posey Pixie and a banana seat and a big handle bar. Cynthia Walker . . . Dear Santa, I am in the first grade this year. I surely do like school, and have been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a football suit, a football stand, a superman suit and a Johnny Seven gun. Also bring me some fruit and candy. Thank you for everything. Love, Jene Montague, seven years old . . .

1977

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Kiss Me Baby Tender Love and record player, gauchos, doll stroller, doll high chair, Jaws game. Amy wants a Baby Come Back, Town Dump and gauchos. We have been good little girls. Please remember all of our cousins. We love you. Missy and Amy Minyard . . . Dear Santa, I would like a skateboard and a Rub-a-Dub with the boat, a Baby Come Back and a beautiful long dress. Love, Jeannita Stephens . . . Dear Santa, I want the Wonder Woman doll. And clothes for Jamie Summers doll. And a Mickey Mouse sharpener. Love, Carey Blackerby . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a Stretch Monster, a truck, a Barbie swimming pool, Big Wheel, Spiderman doll and a walking

How the mice turned back the Christmas clocks

One Christmas Eve, Santa was very late in arriving at the little village of Snowflake, the last stop on his annual trip around the world.

Fortunately, all the children of the village were asleep, so they didn't know that Santa had been delayed.

As the village slept, animals gathered at the town square to discuss the situation. It was almost 6 o'clock, the hour when the children traditionally arose on Christmas morning.

"There are going to be some pretty disappointed youngsters around here," commented the calico cat. "You can say that again," growled the German shepherd. You see, on Christmas Eve all the animals of the village would forget about their usual rivalries and speak to each other.

alligator. Love, Brian West . . .

1982

Dear Santa, I want a GI Joe please. I love you. Michael Hill . . . Dear Santa, I want He-Man and Castle Grey Skull. I love you, Wayne Martin . . . Dear Santa, I would like a Pac-man, Little Machine and a Dallas Cowboy uniform with a helmet, please. Love, Brian Martin . . . Dear Santa, I would like a Wampa and an ET action figure and a mouthpiece and a Zoro. Love, Rob. P. S. Thank you for the last year's presents . . .

Just then, a robin landed on the square. "Santa's on his way!" he chirped. The animals barked, mewed, squealed, and crowed over this good news.

"Wait a minute," grunted the pig. "It may be too late. The children will be getting up soon."

"If we could only keep them in bed a little longer," whinnied the horse. But how, the animals wondered.

Suddenly, a field mouse squeaked excitedly. "I know! We'll go into all the houses and turn back all the clocks!"

The animals applauded this idea, and soon all the field mice of the village were scurrying into homes and clambering up the clocks. They moved back all the hands a half hour, just enough time for Santa to finish his rounds.

It wasn't long before Santa did arrive. When he heard about what the field mice had done, he laughed heartily and thanked them. Then he went to work putting presents under every tree.

Just as the clocks began to strike six, Santa climbed into his sleigh and flew off, waving goodbye to the animals of the village.

As the children happily opened their presents, the animals settled down for a nap. They were tired from waiting up all night for Santa, and the field mice were the most tired of all!



"The sky is the daily bread of the eyes."
Ralph Waldo Emerson



Happy Holidays

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season to all our fine friends and patrons. Thanks so much for doing business with us. We enjoyed serving you and look forward to seeing you soon.

HARRIS GIN

RILEY, SANDY, SHELLY AND SCOTTY HARRIS



CHILDREN'S RAINBOW— Continued From Page Fourteen

Dear Santa,

I want a Snake Mountain and a new He-Man and a bicycle with training wheels and a exercise bicycle.

Will Hester

Dear Santa,

I want a Rainbow Brite and one of them baskets that don't tear up for my mommy. She needs something. I think some big chairs Granny's size for my Granny and a basket purse for my Granny and Granny needs a dress about 2 feet long. I want something to put pictures on and I think I will take something that will go on my head and a Strawberry hat. That's all.

Krista Ziegler

Dear Santa,

I want a 6 x 6. I want my own tape player and some Alvin and the Chipmunk underroos and a short sleeve shirt.

Donny Burson

Dear Santa,

I want a Cabbage Patch kitty. I want a calculator.

Holly Tiffin

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

December 6, 1979—Silverton players named to All-Zone elite included Greg Hill, Nicky McJimsey, Bill Denton, Kelly Comer, Diji Couch and Mike Cornett . . . Mrs. Frank Cobb dies at Tulia . . . Cynthia Edwards wins first place in district Make It Yourself With Wool contest . . . Terra Cotta CowBelles have lunch at Lake Mackenzie . . . Mrs. Tina E. Schott, 95, buried here . . . Services for Mrs. Peggy Jarrett held in Lubbock . . . Assembly of God to sponsor Youth Rally . . . Junis Hutsell returns to WTSU

after 26-year absence . . .

December 11, 1969—Terry Bomar and Bill Strange named to All-District team . . . Bud House bagged a 12-point buck deer east of Silverton over the weekend which weighed 186 pounds field dressed . . . J. J. Vardell, Bruce Burleson, Sid McFall, Mrs. Daniel Bryan buried . . . Sam Brown will be soloist for the Christmas Cantata with the First Baptist Church Choir in Amarillo . . . Susan Mosley to marry Dale Sissney . . . Earl McDonough receives craftsmanship award as construction superintendent on the First State Bank remodeling job . . . William Darrell Long serving as chaplain's assistant at

Bein Hoa Vietnam . . . Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Murphy, jr. are parents of a son . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lynn D. McDonald are parents of a daughter . . .

December 24, 1959 — Willie Mae Ivory laid to rest . . . R. E. Stephens family has dinner party . . . Mrs. W. T. May buried in Tulia . . . Owana Jo Wellman to marry Jay Turner . . . Mayor Alvin Redin warns against use of fireworks . . . Owls win first place, Owlettes second in Silverton Tournament . . . Kay Strange was absent from the fifth grade Thursday to attend the funeral of her great-grandmother . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Yates to observe fiftieth wedding anniversary . . .

Dear Santa, I want a doll, a pair of boots, and a bow and arrow for Christmas. Don't forget to bring me some fruit, candy and nuts. I forgot, I also want a scooter. Love, Sharon Gilkeyson . . . Dear Santa, I want a monopoly game, a record player and records. My sister wants a trampoline (Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.) and a doctor kit and sleigh. My mother wants a dishwasher. My daddy wants a pickup. Linda McWilliams . . .

December 8, 1949—The Vigo Park community church was recently completed and dedicated. Rev. Roland Moore preached the sermon . . . Rock Creek Club meets with Mrs. Joe McWaters . . . OES honors Worthy Matron

Mrs. J. W. Brannon, jr. on her birthday . . . Mrs. Jackie Wingo to present pupils in recital . . . Donald Rhea and Flunoy Hutsell on All-Star team . . . LTD Club meets with Mrs. Johnnie Lanham . . . Mmes. Edd Thomas, Clyde Lightsey, Gabe Garrison, Bill Watts, Gordon Alexander, E. Posey and R. M. Hill attended a book review, "The Robber," by Mrs. Daniels at Lockney Monday . . . John Howard Burson has recently undergone surgery in a Dallas hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. Scott Smithee and daughter, Faith, and Anne Brown were in Plainview on business Saturday . . .

December 7, 1939—Named to the All-District team were Hank Brown, fullback; O. C. Rampley, halfback; Grady Martin, end; W. L. Perry, guard, and Johnny Quillen, tackle . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. L. O. Riddell gave a big Thanksgiving dinner for relatives and friends . . . Silverton decks out in holiday lights . . . Silverton Owls conquer Turks, 41-0 . . . One of the most popular boys in Silverton High School, and especially in the Junior Class, is Grady Martin. Being six feet and four inches tall, and weighing one hundred and eighty pounds, with dark hair and eyes, he is very handsome . . . Mr. and Mrs. John D. Baird left Wednesday morning to take W. C. Baird to Mason County for an extended visit with his daughter, Mrs. Rhea . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hill and baby and Mrs. D. O. Bomar were in Lubbock Monday on business . . . Earl Cantwell was in Amarillo Tuesday . . . Mrs. Coy Chappell was operated on for appendicitis at the Tulia hospital Thursday at 2:00 a.m. . . .

December 12, 1929—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lusk and baby were in a serious auto wreck in Arkansas . . . L. O. Tucker takes over Silver Moon Cafe from Noah Amason . . . Home of Dr. J. J. Breaker on Seventh Street was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning . . . Grade school teachers beat high school teachers 23-21 in basketball game . . . Suffering from a broken collar bone, two broken ribs, a splintered hip bone and a severe cut on the head, all received in an automobile accident as she was on the way to a football game, Mrs. W. B. Herring, mother of Coach W. D. Herring of Quitaque High School, received emergency medical treatment and proceeded to the game to see her son's pupils clash with Turkey in their last and biggest game of the season. After the hostilities on the gridiron had ceased, Mrs. Herring returned to her home and the broken bones were set . . . Special festivities of holiday season opened by Mrs. R. E. Douglas . . . Guinn Williamson honored at birthday party . . . Hawkins Whippet Co. in Quitaque sold to Jenkins & Son . . . Mrs. N. W. Haynes entertains with turkey dinner . . .



Let there be joy at Christmas, when all the world is warm and loving in remembrance of that night when the Star of Bethlehem led the three wise men to the Holy Child.

RHODE PIPE COMPANY



Rosemary bush
The herb, rosemary, has been associated with Christmas for centuries. Legend has it that on the way to Egypt, Mary washed the Baby Jesus' clothes and spread them over a rosemary bush to dry in the sun. That is how the rosemary bush got its lovely fragrance, according to the legend.