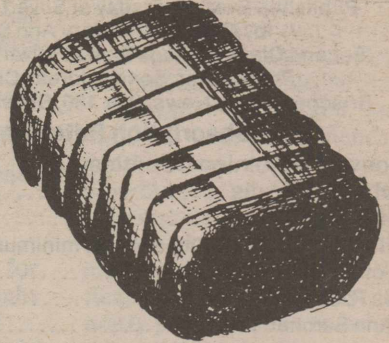




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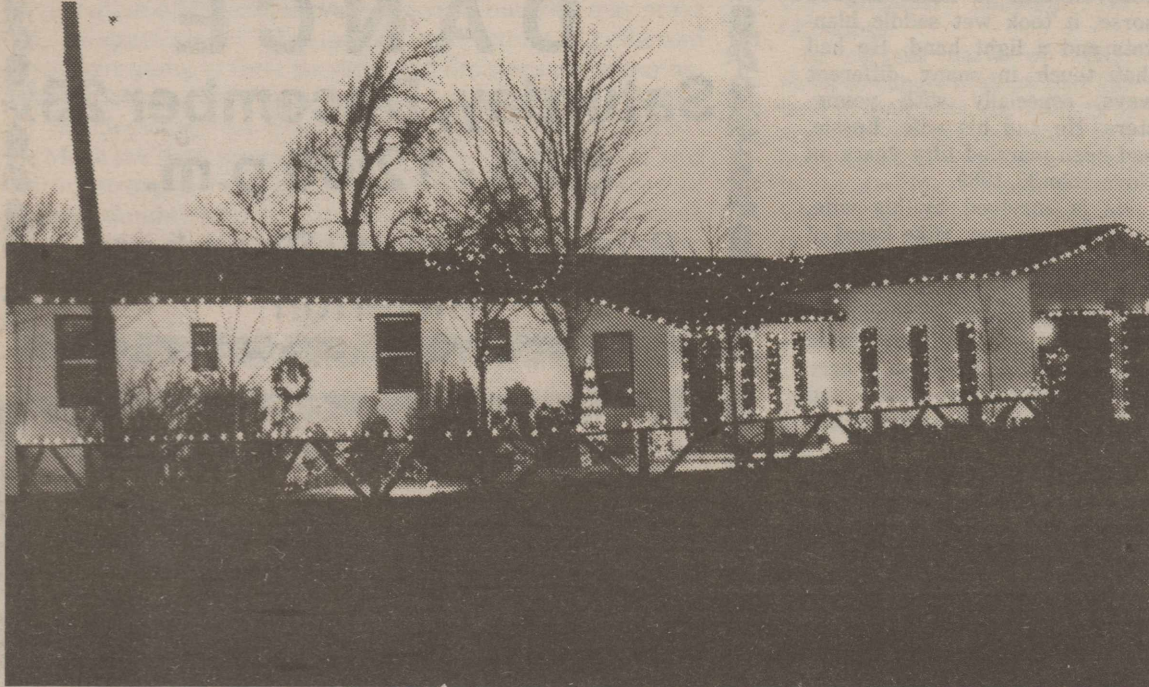


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The home of Lee and Ada Clay is a Christmas showplace, with a variety of motorized toys.

Briscoe County News Photo

Christmas Lighting to Be Judged Sat. Night

The Christmas lighting will be judged Saturday, December 23, and everyone is asked please to have their lights on between 6:00

and 8:00 p.m.

There will be prizes for first, second and third places.

Compelling New Billy Graham Film Set to Show

CAUGHT, the newest film from Billy Graham's World Wide Pictures, will be shown on Sunday, December 31, 1989, at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Silverton. The true-to-life dramatic story portrays the power of one person caring for another.

share Christ's message of love, hope and forgiveness in a way that Tim could not ignore.

Vast audiences who have witnessed the film's premiere in movie theatres around the world have been gripped by its central focus on their friendship which was forged out of danger and desperation.

An 18-year-old American, Tim Devon, goes to Amsterdam in search of the father he has never known. His mother reluctantly admits he was born illegitimately out of a college romance between her and a Dutch exchange student.

Deeply moved by the warmth of the film with its many moments of humor, Billy Graham said "CAUGHT is certainly the most outstanding film yet produced by World Wide Pictures."

In this city, far from his home, he slips into the self-destructive drug culture, but is encountered by a single, caring person—a person of deep faith. The person, Rajam Prasad, found a way to

CAUGHT rings a challenge to all: in reality, one caring person can have an immeasurable impact on the life of another lonely, disillusioned, desperate person. The public is cordially invited to attend this showing.

Have A
 Jolly
 Holiday!

Mrs. Bradford Seeking Justice Of Peace Post

Jeanetta Bradford has announced this week that she is seeking election as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, in Briscoe County subject to the action of the Democratic Party Primary.

Mrs. Bradford was born and reared in Briscoe County. She is the daughter of Roy and Lou Younger. She was graduated from Silverton High School in 1972. Shortly thereafter, she and Doug Bradford were married. They have one son, Lance, who is a freshman in Silverton High School.

In making her announcement, Mrs. Bradford said, "I have enjoyed working and will help anyone anyway I can and if elected I will continue to do so. If elected, the office of Justice of the Peace will be open on a daily basis.

"Before the election, I will try my best to visit each one of you and your vote and support will be greatly appreciated," she said.

Love Fund Started For Baird Family

A love fund has been started at First State Bank for Mrs. John D. Baird.

If you would like to have a part in this, you may leave your gift at the bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Olive of Petersburg visited Betty Olive Sunday night.



Randy Hollums

Hollums Seeking Election as District Judge

Randy Hollums, a former District Attorney, has authorized the Briscoe County News to announce that he is a candidate for Judge of the 110th Judicial District, which encompasses Briscoe County.

In his statement, Hollums said, "I know you understand the importance of having an alert, attentive and efficient judge in the courtroom. I promise to be that type of judge. My twelve-plus years as your District Attorney have given me the legal skills and experience to be an effective leader in the courtroom

See RANDY HOLLUMS—
 on Page Twelve



Joe B. Mercer was presented a plaque by L. B. Garvin during the regular meeting of the Briscoe County Tax Appraisal District last week. Mr. Mercer is retiring after ten years of service as a director.

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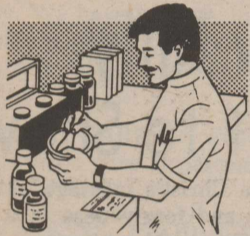
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JOHN D. BAIRD

Funeral services for John D. Baird were conducted at graveside in the Silverton Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 15.



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Officiating was Victor Arnold, a member of Jehovah's Witnesses from Tulia.

Mr. Baird died at his home in Silverton at 2:35 a.m. Wednesday, December 13. He had been under a doctor's care, and the death was ruled to have been of natural causes by Justice of the Peace James Edwards.

Mr. Baird had seven brothers and sisters, all of whom preceded him in death. They were Carl Silas, Lena Belle, Stella Susan, Gladys Lillian, Rawls Aubrey, Winifred Coy and Elmo Dean Baird.

Mr. Baird was born July 9, 1917 and was reared in Silverton. He had lived here all his life. His parents were area pioneers, William Ciscero and Lula Ann (Miller) Baird.

He was a horse trainer, having trained horses many years for area farmers and ranchers and the president of the Quarter Horse Association, Bob Hooper. He lived by what he said. He

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Evening 7:00 p.m.

BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

Boy Scout News

by Scoutmaster Mark Eddleman

Merry Christmas from all of us, Mark Eddleman, Tommy Davis, Spud Tiffin, Brad Ziegler, James Edwards, Frances Gamble, Lance Holt, Zeb Holt, Stan Gamble, Anthony Gamble, Phil Patino, Johnny Patino, Stoney Hubbard, Braden Towe, Jeff Smith, Steven Jasper, Frank Ramirez, jr., JoDee Robison, Greg Perkins. God will bless all of you for helping us make it through 1989 and with your help next year, we can make this

believed that to make a good horse, it took wet saddle blankets and a light hand. He had that touch in many different ways, especially with youngsters. He and his wife, Lessie, had been married fifty years on November 30, 1989.

He is survived by his wife, Lessie Lee; a son, Mike Baird of El Paso; a daughter, Linda Ray of Silverton; four grandchildren, Tonya and Hanna of Silverton, Russell of Carlsbad, New Mexico and Laura of El Paso; three great-grandchildren, Molly and Katie of Carlsbad, and Amanda of El Paso.

Pallbearers were Bryan Burson, John Burson, Tom Burson, Harvey McJimsey, Terry Bomar and Fred Edwards.

GLADYS DAVIS

Funeral services for Gladys Irene Davis, 74, of Tulia were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday in Wallace Funeral Chapel with Ted Kingery, minister of the Silverton Church of Christ, officiating.

Earl Cantwell, a retired minister of the Rock Creek Church of Christ, assisted with the service.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, with arrangements directed by Wallace Funeral Home.

Mrs. Davis died at 4:55 p.m. Saturday at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo after a brief illness.

She was born in Silverton and moved from California to Swisher County in 1945. She married Victor V. Davis on May 8, 1964, in Lubbock. He died April 3, 1980. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Redfern of Abilene; a son, Dennis K. Nix of Tucson, Arizona; two sisters, Hazel McDaniel of Amarillo and Ruth Mowery of Anaheim, California; a brother, E. H. McGavock of Silverton; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Scout Troop better, and the boys can have a year of good memories from their growing up.

I also want to let the parents know I do thank each of you for sharing your great kids with me this year, and I hope we can make the next one even better.

All I can say to the parents is, if you haven't given your boy a big hug and told him that you care and love him, now is the time to do it. Kids need to know that they're cared for and loved.

Merry Christmas and God bless you all.

WATCH FOR IT!

A Bit of Nostalgia

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Saturday, December 23

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Kids Send Christmas Wishes to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good little girl some times. I would like a trampoline and Little Miss Make-up and that is all. Thank you.
Catherine Reyna

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl sometimes. I would like a trampoline and Little Miss Make-up and that is all. Thank you.
Vanessa Reyna

Dear Santa,
I am nearly two years old. I've been good. Please bring me some new boots, sesame street beads, and a pee wee doll.
I love you,
Clay Ware

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy. Please bring me a red jeep, a pee wee doll and a guitar. Claymo needs toys too.
Love,
Cody Ware

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? How is Miss Santa? Is she doing well? Would you please bring me a picture of all your raindeer? I am going to see Prancer with the kindergarten through fifth grade. And are the elves doing well? Are their

backs hurting? What I want for Christmas is a watch, a new wagon, a Fashion star filly, Barbie car called Ferrari car that is white and glamour house.
Thank you for getting me some stuff.
Love,
Laura McCammon

Dear Santa,
My name is Kina Garrison. I have been trying real hard this year to be a good girl. I would like you to bring me a snack shop, a coloring book, new crayons, hot potato game, barbies, and some new shoes. I wear a size 10 in shoes. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Thank you so much!!
Love, Kina

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Car. I want a teddy bear and ducks and dogs and kitties and horse.
From Kelsie

Dear Santa,
We got cookies and milk. I want skates and a barbie car with batteries. I want a teddy bear. I want a new barbie to ride in my barbie car. I want a Little Miss Dress Up. I want a P. J. Sparkles. I have been a good girl. Be careful coming in my chim-

ney. If my daddy has the fireplace burning, please come in

the front door.
I love you, Santa, goodbye!
Love,
Amanda

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Holiday*

Peace & Joy

As the holiday unfolds in all its mystery and beauty, may you experience the warmth of the season.
Merry Christmas and many thanks.



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Looking Back

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

December 27, 1979—Cynthia Edwards was a top winner in the Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool state championships Saturday, December 8, at the Sunset Mall in San Angelo. Miss Edwards won first place in the junior class division . . . Mr. and Mrs. Oford King returned home Tuesday of last week after he had undergone open heart surgery December 12 in an Amarillo hospital. He received three by-passes during the surgery . . . Bill Cushing, 71, buried Sunday . . . Lee Ann McMurtry to marry John Ted Nuckols . . .

December 25, 1969—Staff Sergeant Johnny Jowell has received the Army Commendation Medal for heroism while serving in the Republic of Vietnam . . . Ware Fogerson to head Silverton Merchants' Association . . . Garner Garrison is winter candidate for degree at Tarleton State College . . . Carron Montague recently returned from a three-day field study trip in Washington, D. C. . . Dear Santa, I have been good this year and last year. I hope you bring me a watch and a Mr. Chimp and please bring me a racing set. Love, Greg Hill . . . Dear Santa, I want a Johnny Lightning drag race set. I hope you come very soon! With love, Bobby Scott McPherson . . . Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Crazy Car and a King Kong Punching Bag. I go to kindergarten and I try to be nice. Love, Casey Bean . . . Dear Santa, I have been a pretty good girl this year. I would like a pin-up bulletin board and a talking Stacey. I would also like a pink lamp and some surprises. There will be cookies and coffee or milk on the table. Love, Becky Perkins . . . Dana Martin underwent a tonsillectomy in the Lockney Hospital last Friday morning . . .

December 17, 1959—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yates buried . . . Haylake Club has Christmas dinner . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clemmer and James went to Hart Sunday evening to visit their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swindle . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McJimsey were weekend guests of her mother, Mrs. W. E. Lawrence, and Jerry at Lakeview . . . R. L. Hill, manager of Silverton Co-op Elevator, Mrs. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mallow, Mr. and Mrs. True Burson, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie May and Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Northcutt attended the annual meeting of the Producers' Grain Corporation in Amarillo Tuesday and Wednesday of last week . . .

December 29, 1949—E. E. Minter home scene of Christmas dinner . . . Reunion of children in home of mother, Mrs. Ben Garvin . . . Miss Grace Margaurite Raisler and Riddell C. Hutsell wed . . . Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Long entertain family here . . . Mr. and Mrs. Champ Blackwell of Lubbock spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McGavock . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. A.

McJimsey and Raymond spent the Christmas holidays in Oklahoma City with relatives . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sweek and children spent the Christmas holidays with his father, J. B. Sweek, at Mineral Wells . . . Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Tate spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tate, at McLean . . . Hubert Brooks of Clarendon spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks . . . Mr. and Mrs. Esdell Hutsell spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Guest, at South Plains . . .

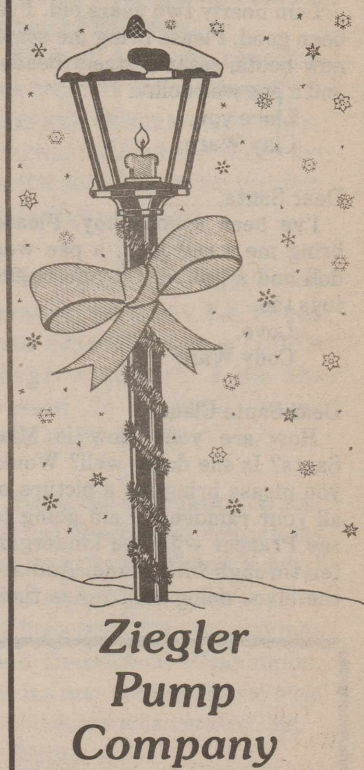
December 21, 1939—Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy seven years old. I am in the second grade. I go to school at Rock Creek. Please bring me a cowboy suit, boots and spurs and a hat. I guess that will be all this year. P. S. I also want a football. Thanks. Your friend, Walter Bean . . . Dear Santa, I am a big little boy. I want you to please bring me a steam shovel and truck. Your friend, Jack Graham . . . Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy five years old. I have been a pretty good boy and helped mother and

daddy. Please bring me a football, a shotgun and some candy and fruit. Your little friend, Gail Bullock . . .

December 12, 1929—L. O. Tucker of Memphis has taken charge of the Silver Moon Cafe, operating under a lease from Noah Amason . . . The house and contents of Dr. J. J. Breaker on Seventh Street were destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. Occupants of the home were visiting in Amarillo and when the alarm was turned in shortly before two o'clock flames were wrapping up half the roof and the whole structure was so filled with smoke that nothing could be saved . . . The grade school bested the high school 32 to 23 in the basketball game Tuesday between teams made up of teachers. The grades ran up a score of 13 to 4 in the first half but the high school came back strong and almost evened the count. Playing for the grade school were Misses Anna Lee Anderson, Lucille King, Sadie Summers, Jessie Morton, Amye Burson and Mrs. Walling. High school players were Misses

Clinkscales, Annis, Gladys Murphy, Bradley, Murphy and Mrs. Kelsay . . . C. W. Mallow is driving a new Chevrolet sedan . . . Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Mayfield were shopping in Silverton Saturday . . .

We're all aglow with the spirit of Christmas and we want to share it with you. Thanks.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Remember the best gifts of all are love and laughter for all!

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Santa promises to give Eric Minyard's request for a Choo Choo Train top priority this Christmas. He is the son of Rick and Beverly Minyard.

A Letter of Gratitude

There are also individuals who just make donations for whatever reason. Some are large and some small, but ALL are deeply appreciated.

The Fire Department sometimes serves hamburgers to the public in order to make money. These efforts are made more profitable for us by Walter Bean and Robert McPherson who provide the meat and Nance's Food Store and the Malt Shop who provide other supplies at their cost or "for free".

Tulia Fuel, Inc., a part of Tulia Wheat Growers, has provided the diesel for the "Silverton One" ambulance for the past year and has asked to "do it again" in 1990.

Dick and Bill block traffic and do whatever else they can do in their official capacity as law enforcement officers as well as upholding their own personal commitment to the Fire Department and Ambulance Service.

Brown Hardware and Silverton Auto Parts also help in various ways.

The service clubs, L. O. A., P. T. A., B. C. A. A. and Progressive Extension Homemakers are

always extending helping hands.

The teachers in our schools, Scout and 4-H leaders help by arranging programs that cause our children to be safety conscious. The children make contributions to these organizations instead of giving gifts to one another.

There is another absolutely essential contributor who is seldom, if ever, recognized. Without this one, neither organization could function.

This is the contribution made by the businesses that allow their employees to respond to emergencies and those who leave their own businesses in order to render aid to others. These include: ASCS Office, Briscoe County, Briscoe Implement, Briscoe County News, Brown-McMurtry Implement, City of Silverton, D & K Manufacturing, Energas, Hutsell Insurance, Malt Shop, Silverton Elevator, Silverton Oil Company and Silverton Well Service.

Folks, support these businesses, and it would not be inappropriate to tell them you appreciate what they are doing.

We would be remiss in this if we didn't remind all of you of the generosity of the Martha Ann Cogdell Memorial Trust Fund

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F. E. Hutsell

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Ambulance Service
President

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— Francis Pharcellus Church

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Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi came from the East to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him" . . . And behold, the star that they had seen in the East went before them, until it came and stood over the place where the child was. And when they saw the star they rejoiced exceedingly.

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 Fred and Vivone Arnold
 Anna Lee Anderson
 Georgia Allard
 Charlsie Arnold
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 Walter and Bobbye Bean
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 Einell and Hub Bramblett
 Joe and Vaughnell Brannon
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 John Burson
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 Shorty and Ruth West
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 Aaron, Mary Lane and Rhett
 Riley and Lois Ziegler



Those whose names appear on these pages extend to you their personal Christmas greetings. They have donated to the L. O. A. Junior Study Club Christmas Greeting Fund to help pay for new stage curtains for the school auditorium instead of sending greeting cards locally.

Dear Santa, For Christmas Please Bring . . .

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good girl most of the time. I love you very much. Please bring me some markers, a sweetie kitty, and a playhouse. Don't forget my sister Sage and all the good boys and girls.
Love,
Stormy Brannon, 3 years old

Dear Santa,
I love you. I am going to be a big girl. Please bring me a truck to haul horses. I can share a

playhouse with Stormy. Please give Rudolf a hug for me. I will leave cookies and a coke for you and a carrot for him.
Love,
Sage Brannon, 2 years old

Dear Santa,
I like your smiling face. Please bring me my own kitchen. I want a coffee pot, a telephone and a washdisher, and a table and chairs. I want some cups too.
You can find me at my MeMe and Pop's house making choco-

late cookies.
Merry Christmas Santa!
Holly Beth Gaskins

Dear Santa,
Hello, my name is Brandi. I am six years old and in kindergarten. I have been as good as I can this year.
Please bring me a doll carriage, a Barbie doll, a Barbie pool party, a keyboard, a baby doll, and whatever else you think I might like. I hope you don't mind, but my mother wrote this for me

because I can't write yet.
Love,
Brandi Rice

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the firetruck last year. Please bring me a choo choo train and a bunch of stuff. I will leave you a snack on the fireplace. Thank you for the choo choo train you're bringing me.
I'm Eric
I love you

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryan, and I want a Nintendo game named Excitebike, and a remote control car, and Jaws the Nintendo game. I love you. I wish I could see you. Eric is my brother.
Ryan



Christmas in History

In the year 1847 Charles Dickens wrote a letter to Hans Christian Anderson, saying:
"A thousand thanks, my dear Andersen, for your kind and dearly-prized remembrance of me in your Christmas book. I am very proud of it, and feel deeply honored by it, and I cannot tell you how much I esteem so generous a mark of recollection from a man of such genius as you possess.
"Your book made my Christmas fireside happier. We were all charmed with it. The little boy, and the old man, and the pewter soldier, are my particular favorites. I read that story over and over again, with the most unspeakable delight."

Gift-Bringer History

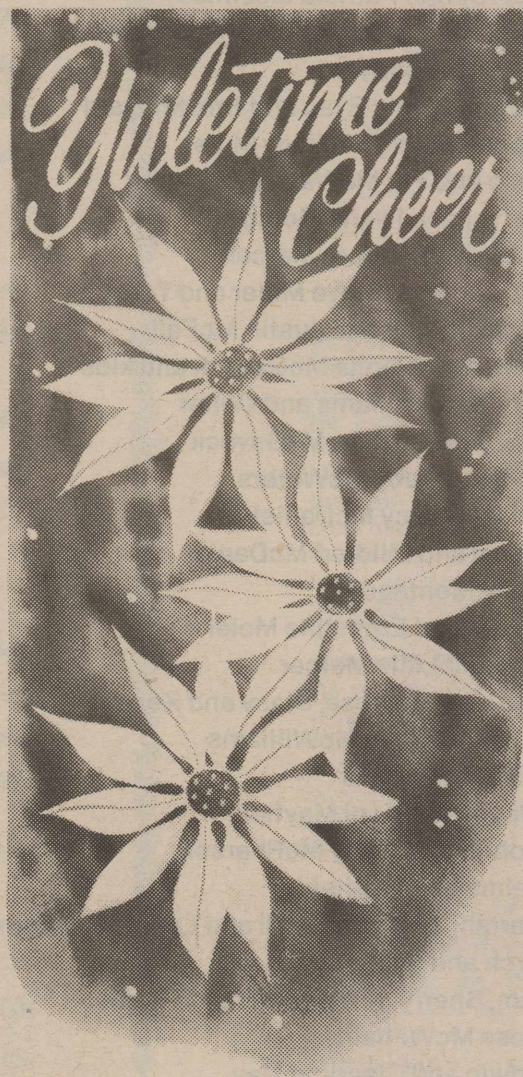
The character of Santa Claus started out as St. Nicholas or colloquially Sinterklaas. But after the Reformation most Protestant countries rejected St. Nicholas as too Popish. Protestant Germany emphasized the Christkind or Christ Child as the real gift-bringer.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wishing all the joys of the season to you and yours this best of all times — Christmas!



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Kindergarten Kids Dictate Their Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me some toys. I want some pegs and I want a roller racer and some skates. And that's all.
Amy Maciel *

Dear Santa,
I like Santa. I like the way Santa likes people. I want for Christmas — Betsy Wetsy. I like Santa — the special way he delivers toys. And I like Santa because he is so nice. Thanks — that's all!
Kylie Green *

I want Santa to bring me a Batmobile and a baseball. And a picture of Santa. I want a ball to play basketball. And a toy.
Jimmy Castillo *

Dear Santa,
I like you to come and give me a new toy. A mouse pet and I want a good Batmobile with a remote control. I want a new snake, a tiger pet, and a mouse that's skating. (with new batteries) I want a Big Foot and a Monster Truck.
I love you Santa Claus,
Nicholas Vargas *

Dear Santa,
I want an Oopsy-Daisy and a play car that can really go and has real paddles. I want a Dress and Dazzle and a Santa Claus doll that's a girl and one of her elves. I want a new playhouse. I love you. Will you please get me what I want for Christmas.
Nicole Maddox
I want a roller skater too. *

Dear Santa,
I want Dress and Dazzles. I want B. J. Sparkles, Oopsy-Daisy, a new bicycle and a fussy bear. How is Mrs. Santa? Dear Santa ... I love you.
Amanda Estes *

Dear Santa,
I want a firetruck. That's it!
Will Hill *

Dear Santa,
I want a tractor and a plow and I want some dart markers and I want a truck and I want a Christmas tape.
Andrew Francis *

Dear Santa,
I want some bright colored markers and a make-up doll, and that big crawling doll—ya-know, that falls down and picks herself back up.
Karlie Green *

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I like you Santa. You've got a long night. Fill my stocking full of goodies! That's all.
Brandi Rice *

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a Christmas tape and a calculator and some new clothes.
Kurby Garvin *

Dear Santa,
Have your elves been real busy? I would like a remote control bulldozer and a radio controller dump truck and a stuffed rabbit and a few surprises and a pool table.
Danny Dunn *

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a lot of fun delivering presents. I brought you some milk and cookies and it's going to be somewhere—I don't know where—but it's going to be somewhere. They're going to be chocolate chips.
Kassie wants some little Barbie dolls. Then she wants some little play dishes from Matt.
I want a Hot Potato, steam

shovel, a car wash and a cowboy set.

I hope you have a very happy Christmas.
Matt Strange
P. S. I want a dump truck, please. *

Dear Santa,
I want a Little Baby Bubbles, Dance Club Barbie, a Dolly Surprise, and a B. J. Sparkles.
Calinda Shely *

Dear Santa,
How are you feeling? Are you feeling fine? Wonderful! (If you are) Could I please have some play dishes? Can I have a record player and some records? Can I please have a little box to keep my jewelry in.
Have a merry Christmas Santa!
Molly Sarchet *

Santa Claus,

Will you pretty please bring me a snack shop and a Hot Potato and some new Barbies, and some new shoes.
Thank you,
Kina Garrison

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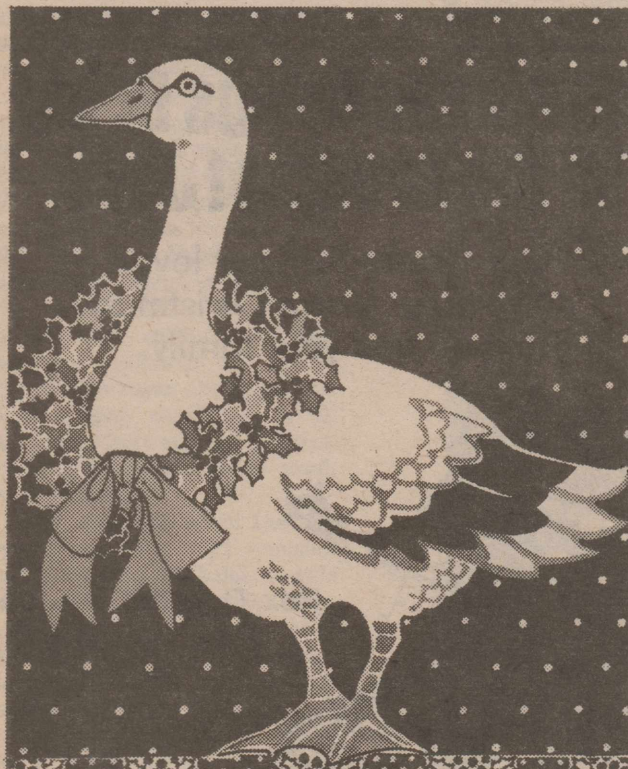
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*Fast away the old year passes,
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
Sing we joyous all together,
Heedless of the wind and weather,
Fa la la la la la la la...
- Traditional Welsh Carol*

Fond wishes for a Merry Christmas

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Christmas is...

A time of joy and gladness. May it hold many happy moments for you.

Mary John's Flowers & Gifts

Cancer Information Services Hits Milestone with 200,000th Caller

The Cancer Information Service (CIS) at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center recently reached a milestone as it received its 200,000th call.

The CIS is a toll-free telephone service that provides Texans with current and accurate information in layman's terms about cancer causes, detection, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and prevention.

"Cancer Information Service phone counselors provide more than just printed pamphlets to callers; they also let the public know what treatment alternatives and community resources are available to them," said Emily Parnell, manager of the CIS.

In addition, phone counselors urge callers to take action. "We may suggest that they try a lifestyle change, such as quitting smoking or improving their diet. We suggest that they consult

their physician when appropriate, and we always urge callers to practice self-examinations, such as breast self-exam, testicular self-exam and skin self-exam," Ms. Parnell said.

Funded by the National Cancer Institute, the Texas CIS telephones went on-line in 1976, and the number of calls continues to increase each year. In fact, the CIS received its 100,000th caller in 1985 and doubled that number by 1989.

The CIS phone counselors have completed an extensive 45-hour training course to become certified by the National Cancer Institute. They also participate in continuing education on a regular basis. Recently all phone counselors completed a special training on how to respond to questions about clinical research trials. Clinical trials are investigational procedures that offer patients an opportunity to participate in a new

therapy that may be better than the standard treatment.

"The CIS phone counselors have access to state-of-the-art cancer information and specialized cancer resources at their fingertips through our various computer data bases," said Jo Ann Ward, director of public education.

"We are finding that the public has become very sophisticated in their knowledge about cancer and other health concerns, so we try to stay abreast of the latest in cancer treatment and that includes clinical trials," Ms. Ward said.

"No two questions are ever alike," said Ms. Ward. The calls may range from a teenager wanting information on smoking cessation to a husband asking about breast cancer treatment options for his wife.

In addition, CIS phone counselors have sent more than 600,000 pamphlets and other educational



Ryan Minyard, son of Rick and Beverly Minyard, sits on Santa's lap and requests a remote control car for Christmas.

materials to callers, hospitals and social service agencies throughout Texas. The 1-800-4-CANCER number also provides information to health-care professionals.

Christmas Unity

Christmas is celebrated in many ways by many people from one end of the Earth to the other.

For the people in Jamaica the Christmas tree is a cactus.

Christmastime in Brazil is carnival time.

In Australia the Christmas roast turkey is eaten cold with salad.

Nativity scenes in Japan are performed by children in their kimonos.

The Christmas celebration varies from culture to culture. For one culture it is a time for fasting—a quiet time, while New Year's Day is the time for presents and revelry. In other countries Christmas is the most joyous festival of the year.

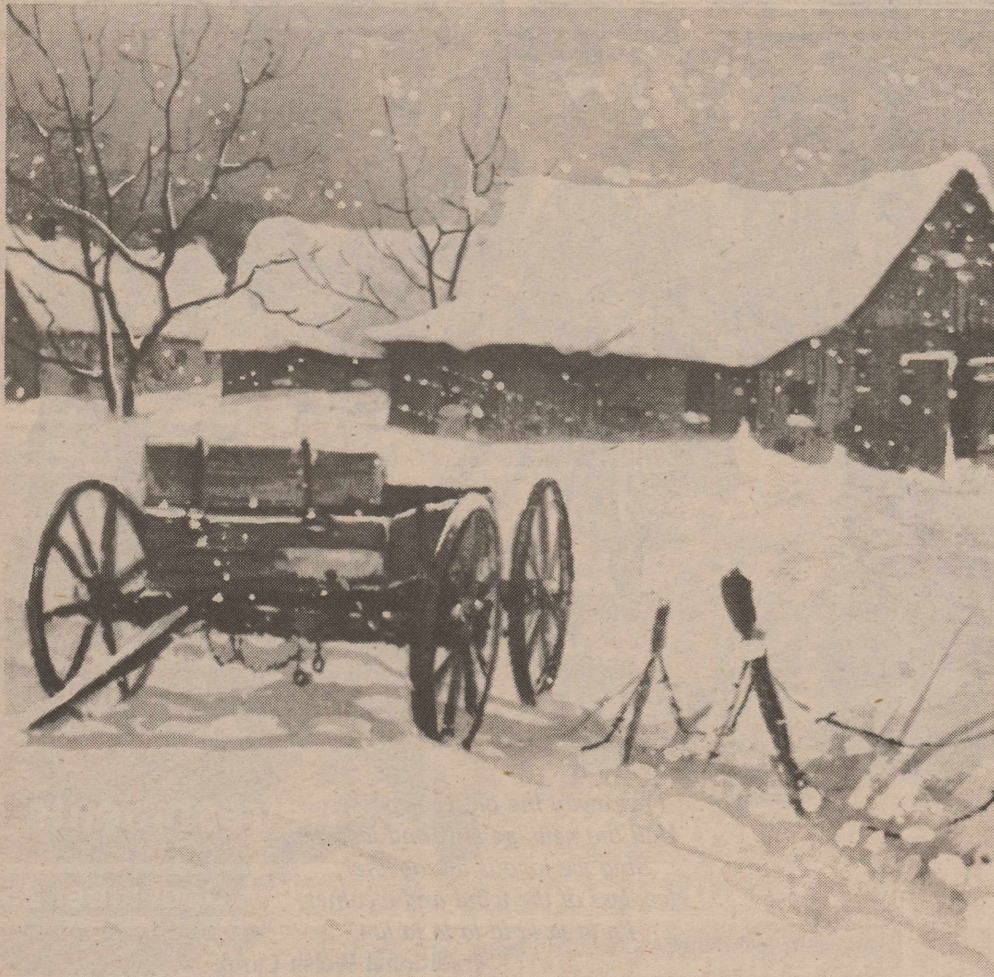
In spite of the many varied ways Christmas is celebrated, if

the true meaning of Christmas comes through, it brings a kindred spirit of love to all nations—for were we not all once real brothers and sisters before our pride and greed brought hostilities! The Christ Child was given to grow up among us to bring us closer together, to help us to understand the Heavenly plan for love. This Christmas may we give with no thought of return; may we love even the most unlovely; may we forgive before it's asked of us; may peace begin with us this Christmas!

Spanish Christmas Giving

Postmen, messengers, and others in Spain give their patrons small leaflets with holiday greetings at Christmastime; the patrons remember them with small gifts. Businessmen often receive turkeys or other farm products, while the rich give food and clothing to the needy. This old custom says that bad luck might come if one fails to help the needy at this season.

Season's Greetings

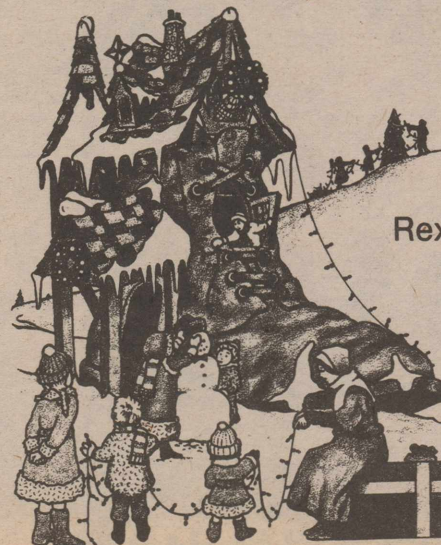


Our warmest wishes for a delightful Yuletide to all our fine patrons. We enjoyed doing business with you and we hope to see you again in the future!

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Boys and Girls Write Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
My name is Chase and I'm 2½ years old. I've been a good boy most of the time. I would like for you to bring me a Fire Truck and two loaders, and I would like a car and gas pump, too.
Please bring Daddy the golf shoes that he wants.
Love,
Chase Younger

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Nintendo, Legos, Lite Brite, Flying Fighter and Turbo Trickster. Please remember that we'll be at Nana and Big Daddy's in Silvertown and Grandmother and Big Grandad's farm at Lockney.
Preston May, age 5
Houston

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Nintendo, B-B Gun and a Tennis Racket. Also how about some snow at Silvertown and Lockney while I'm there.
Anthony May
Houston

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is Barbie, Barbie, Barbie.
I love you,
Kymberli May, age 3
Houston

Dear Santa,
I am doing well. I would like a Jam Box and a Christmas Barbie and doll house and a doll that grows hair. Please remember my

mom and my dad and my sister.
I love you,
From Taylor

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Santa doing? My family and I are doing fine.
I would like an Oopsy Daisy, little red sports car, and a little doll house.
I have been a good girl this year.
Please remember my sister and my Momma and Daddy and all the other kids.
I will leave some cookies and milk out for you and wish you a merry Christmas.
Love,
Lori Dorn

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Little Miss Make-up, Dress-n-Dazzle, my very own blow dryer and a billfold.
Please bring my baby sister, Shandy, a rattle.
We will leave you some milk and cookies to eat.
Love,
Tarran Forbes

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy. Please bring me a shotgun, a dinosaur, a horse and a tent.

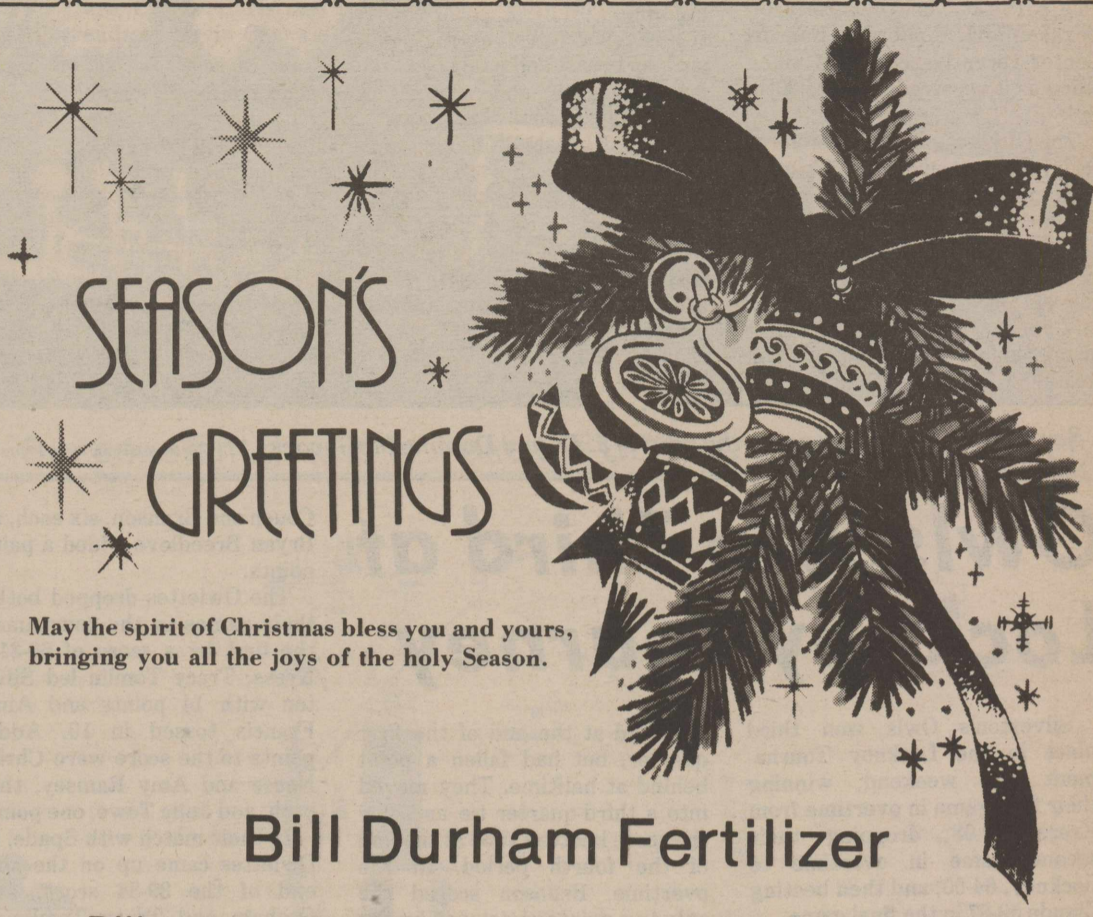
Please bring my baby sister a toy.
Love,
Yance Forbes

Dear Santa,
My name is Danny and I am six years old. I have tried to be a good boy. Please bring me a little

pool table and a radio controlled crane. Please remember my baby sister, Ami, my cousins, Magan and Matt, and my cat, Rufus.
Love,
Danny Dunn

Dear Santa,

My name is Ami and I'm one year old. I've been a pretty good girl. Please bring me some dishes and maybe a baby doll. Please remember my "Bubba" and my cousins.
Love,
Ami Dunn



SEASON'S GREETINGS

May the spirit of Christmas bless you and yours, bringing you all the joys of the holy Season.

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8 Days of Christmas Calendar

Monday, December 18	Tuesday, December 19	Wednesday, December 20	Thursday, December 21
Every Day ★ Value ★ Service ★ Selection	Every Day ★ Register For Christmas Jewelry Chest To Be Given Away December 24	Every Day ★ Free Gift With Purchase ★ Free Crystal Box With Purchase Over \$50	★ 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Midnight Madness Sale ★ Refreshments
Friday, December 22	Saturday, December 23	Sunday, December 24	Monday, December 25
Every Day ★ Free Gift Wrap ★ Specials on Fine Jewelry Continues	★ Santa's Day to Check His List (Mustn't Overlook Mrs. Santa's Wishes!)	★ Drawing For Christmas Jewelry Chest ★ Open 2:00 - 5:00 For Last-Minute Shopping	<i>Wishing You A Very Merry Christmas</i>



Santa and his reindeer grace the yard of J. D. and Daphne McGavock.

Briscoe County News Photo

Owls Win Third at Lockney Tourney

Silverton's Owls won third place in the Lockney Tournament last weekend, winning their first game in overtime from Kress, 70-68, dropping their second game in overtime to Lockney, 64-60, and then beating Claude 59-57 in the final game.

Against Kress, the Owls overcame a large first-quarter lead built by Kress to trail by two at the midway stop. They trailed by two points at the three-quarter mark, and moved into a tie before the end of regulation time. In the overtime period, Kirk Couch rang up two points, Kendal Minyard tossed in three and Bradley Brunson scored four points to take the victory.

Total points scored showed Couch burning the baskets with 27 big points, followed by Minyard with 17 and Teddy Hubbard with 13. Adding points to the score were Brunson, nine, and Denny Hill, four.

In the game with Lockney, the

Owls led at the end of the first quarter, but had fallen a point behind at halftime. They moved into a third-quarter tie and saw the score knotted at 58 at the end of the fourth period. In the overtime, Brunson scored the only two points registered by the Owls, as Lockney ran to a 64-60 victory. Scoring for the Owls were Brunson, who had the hot hand with 25 points; Minyard, 13; Couch, eight; Wayne Henderson, six; Hubbard, four; Hill and Frank Ramirez, jr., two points each.

In the final game, the Owls had to come from behind a 16-9 first-quarter deficit. They trailed 26-29 at the halfway mark, and were behind a point at the end of three quarters. They moved into the lead and took the victory, 59-57.

Minyard ripped the cords with 21 points in this game, with Hubbard lighting the board with 16 points. Henderson got eight;

Couch and Brunson, six each, and Bryan Breedlove added a pair of points.

The Owlettes dropped both of their games in the tournament, the first by a score of 60-31 to Kress. Tracy Tomlin led Silverton with 14 points and Aimee Francis tossed in 10. Adding points to the score were Christy Nease and Amy Ramsey, three each, and Julie Towe, one point.

In their match with Spade, the Owlettes came up on the short end of the 39-34 score. Julie Graham and Tracy Tomlin led the team with eight points each; Aimee Francis scored seven; Amy Ramsey, six; Julie Towe, four, and Penni Fogerson, one point.

In earlier games, both teams lost badly to Lockney on December 8.

The Owls dropped their game 59-37, behind the scoring of Brunson, 16, and Hubbard, 11. Ramirez got five; Minyard, four, and Henderson, one point.

The Owlettes lost their game 73-48. Julie Graham led the offense with 14 points. Penni Fogerson rang up 12 and Aimee Francis also caged in double figures with 10 points. Tracy Tomlin tossed in six points; Julie

RANDY HOLLUMS— Continued From Page One

and my many years of experience in community activities have made me sensitive to the needs of the people of the 110th Judicial District.

"For this campaign to be successful, I will need the grassroots support of people like you who have been involved in the judicial process. I have neither the time nor financial resources to conduct an expensive publicity campaign; therefore, I must ask for your personal support at this time. The Democratic Party Primary will be held on March 13, 1990.

"I hope to run for this office using the highest standards of political campaigning. I know that I am qualified to serve as your District Judge, but I also know that unseating an incumbent judge is a very difficult proposition. It is only with the help of voters like yourself that I can be successful. Your vote and support can make a tremendous difference," he added.

Hollums was born in 1943, the son of Edwina Hollums and the late Duncan Hollums, and has spent most of his life in Floydada. He and his wife, Teresa, a junior high school science teacher, have two sons, Jay, 19, and D. C., 13.

He received his bachelor of science degree from West Texas State University in 1966. He entered the U. S. Air Force in September 1966, and was released from active duty March 30, 1971, with the rank of captain.

In September 1971, Hollums entered Texas Tech Law School where he graduated in December 1973. While in law school, he was a member of the Student Bar Association, Moot Court Board, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and served as a member of the International Law Competition.

Hollums was admitted to the practice of law in April 1974 and he has practiced law in Floydada since that time. He was District Attorney of the 110th Judicial District from January 1976 until December 1988.

During the 64th Legislature, Spring 1975, Hollums served as the administrative aide to former State Senator Ray Farabee.

"I am looking forward to serving the people of Briscoe, Dickens, Floyd and Motley counties in a new capacity as District Judge," Hollums concluded.

Dry ice does not melt. It evaporates.

Towe, four, and Amy Ramsey got two points.

On December 12, both teams earned big victories over Patton Springs.

The Owls roared to a 63-41 victory behind the scoring of Brunson, 12, Minyard, 11, and Hubbard, 10. Points were added by Ramirez, nine; Couch, Henderson and Breedlove, four each; Stephen Cavitt, three; Brian Martin and Bryan Ramsey, two each.

For the Owlettes, Julie Graham burned the baskets with 21 points, followed by Penni Fogerson with seven; Julie Towe, Aimee Francis and Tracy Tomlin, two points each.

The teams will be idle until the Big Silverton Owl Hoot Out, which is scheduled to begin on December 28.

Black Christmas Kisses

Some Spanish mothers have extra laundry to do after Christmas (Epiphany) Day. On Epiphany Eve some parents blacken their children's faces with charcoal. Early the next day the children rush to mirrors to see if the Black King Balthasar had kissed them during the night. Imagine parents trying to suppress giggles as their black-faced children seriously turn their faces many ways to look for kisses, and also try to keep their humor as black pillowcases go to the washing machine. Could it be worse than what Mrs. Santa goes through after all of Santa's sooty chimney escapades! Wonder why Santa isn't portrayed with a black beard? Have you ever seen a soot-streaked Santa beard?

Pinata In Memory of Bethlehem Journey

We have often heard of the pinata's place in the Mexican Christmas. The pinata, decorated container filled with candy and gifts for the children, is broken by the children's sticks and the presents fall out for a mad scramble to grab the gifts.

But did you know where the idea for the pinata originated? It is said that the pinata is in memory of the crude containers in which Joseph and Mary were given food and drink on their journey to Bethlehem.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to Action of the Democratic Primary

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE, 110th Judicial District of Texas:

DAVID CAVE
[Re-election]
Spur, Texas

Pol. Adv. Pd. For by David Cave

RANDY HOLLUMS
Floydada, Texas

Pol. Adv. Pd. For by Randy Hollums

FOR COUNTY JUDGE, Briscoe County, Texas:

JIMMY BURSON
Silverton, Texas

Pol. Adv. Pd. For by Jimmy Burson

FOR COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK, Briscoe County, Texas:

BESS McWILLIAMS
[Re-election]
Silverton, Texas

Pol. Adv. Pd. For by Bess McWilliams

FOR TREASURER, Briscoe County, Texas:

JANICE HILL
[Re-election]
Silverton, Texas

Pol. Adv. Pd. For by Janice Hill

FOR COMMISSIONER, Briscoe County Precinct 4:

FRED A. STRANGE
Silverton, Texas

Pol. Adv. Pd. For by Fred A. Strange

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, Briscoe County Precinct 1:

JAMES R. EDWARDS
[Re-election]
Silverton, Texas

Pol. Adv. Pd. For by James R. Edwards

CONNIE SMITH
Silverton, Texas

Pol. Adv. Pd. For by Connie Smith

JEANETTA BRADFORD
Silverton, Texas

Pol. Adv. Pd. For by Jeanetta Bradford

Have a Wonderful Christmas

As we observe this joyous Christmas season and look forward to the new year, our family would like to thank you for your friendship and support.

We wish you, your family and friends a very merry Christmas and happy new year. We pray that the love, peace and joy of the Christmas message be felt during the season and throughout 1990.

The Warren Chisum family

Christmas Gifts Often Cherished For a Lifetime

The spirit of Christmas—giving a gift that will be treasured a lifetime. Christmas is a time to express joy and love, and what better Yuletide expression of love and joy than the act of giving! There is truth in the old adage, "It is better to give than to receive." Herein lies the true spirit of Christmas.

And there is no gift more associated with love, sentiment, quality and lasting beauty than a gift of fine jewelry, according to Jewelers of America, the national association of retail jewelers from across the country.

Jewelry has been given as a gift throughout history. One of the first gifts associated with Christmas was a gift of gold brought to Christ by the Magi, which is how gift-giving at Christmas began.

At first, man's fascination with gold as an adornment lay in its intrinsic value. Ancient civilizations worshipped it for its association with Ra, god of the golden sun. Gold is the noblest metal worn by kings and royalty.

The allure of gold continues today. A gift of gold jewelry is the perfect way to commemorate that first gift, and it will be around for generations. After all, gold withstands the test of time, as shown by the findings from King Tut's tomb and many other archaeological discoveries.

Since ancient times, colored stones have been thought to possess magical powers or the ability to endow the wearer with certain attributes. Gems are as unique as people and each has its own separate personality characteristics.

For a personalized and individual Christmas gift, choose jewelry set with a person's birthstone, or research the folklore surrounding a stone and select one which captures the wearer's characteristics.

For example, one who is enamored with the sea, or a world traveler, would be the ideal recipient of a cool blue aquamarine. Emerald's intense green would help one become an eloquent speaker.

Fascinating folklore follows every stone, and selecting the right one can be a fun adventure for the giver. Not only do gems come in every color, there are all price ranges for each color. In red, deeply hued garnets can

appear as rich as rubies.

Diamonds' association with love and giving can be traced far back into history, but it was in 1477 that the polished diamond officially became the betrothal ring, when Maximilian of Austria proposed to Mary of Burgundy.

Love and the Christmas spirit seem to create a romantic setting for marriage proposals, proven by the fact that the month of December accounts for 25 percent of all diamond engagement ring sales, as compared to June, which accounts for 10 percent. Diamonds set in all jewelry designs add a special sparkle to a Christmas gift.

Because of their mysterious origin from the sea, pearls were believed to be the most magical and powerful gems, particularly in the realm of love. The pearl is the oldest gem in the world, dating back to 3500 B. C.

From that time, the pearl's shimmering and mesmerizing inner glow was reputed to bring, bestow, enhance and sustain love. In fact, one of Sir Lancelot's ladies gave him a pearl emblem from her dress sleeve as a token of her love.

Pearls also symbolize truth. Such a virtuous gem reflects the spirit of Christmas expressed in all styles of pearl jewelry.

Jewelry's enduring nature throughout history guarantees that today's Christmas gifts will become future heirlooms. Gifts of fine jewelry will be around longer than faddish gifts which don't last long beyond the holiday.

The spirit of Christmas past can be revitalized today in antique or "retro" style jewelry from past generations which, given new life with the help of your local jeweler, can be passed on to future generations. Fashions this year call for period jewelry in Victorian or Art Deco designs, from pins to "retro" style watches.

Jewelry as an adornment serves as a form of individual expression. When choosing gifts of fine jewelry, you can take into consideration the recipients' taste and sense of personal style and self-image.

Do they wear more conservative career clothes or are they more avant garde? Do they look better in certain colors, shapes or length of jewelry? Do

they have favorite motifs they traditionally like to wear, or a hobby interest they like to express?

It can be fun picking out

jewelry so special and unique that the recipients will know that you took the extra time and thought just for them.

Your local jeweler can help you select those special Christmas gifts of fine jewelry by showing

you a wide variety of styles based on your needs and budget.

And when these gifts need servicing, your jeweler will take time and care to clean them, size them and replace clasps in order to maintain their beauty and life.



A Christmas story,
a Yuletide song,
love is knowing
that you belong
to our family.
Many thanks.



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In some sections of the United States, black-eyed peas are a "must" on the New Year bill of fate.

Armenian women of Persia traditionally bake New Year cakes. Baking is done early, as the custom is to visit and entertain on New Year's Day.

The Wassail bowl comes to us from Scotland where it was associated with legendary romance. The mixture of ale and sugar and spices is warm and sweet and wine is sometimes added.

To many Swedes, Glogg is as important as food as part of the holiday fare. This tradition drink is made with claret wine, sweetened with sugar and flavored with almonds, raisins, cinnamon, cloves and cardamom. It is usually set afire before serving.

A Spanish favorite is sopa, rice cooked with olive oil, tomatoes, vegetables and meat particles. Africans enjoy couscous, which is composed of wheat grains, lamb and vegetables.

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AND the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, Who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will." Luke 2, 10-14

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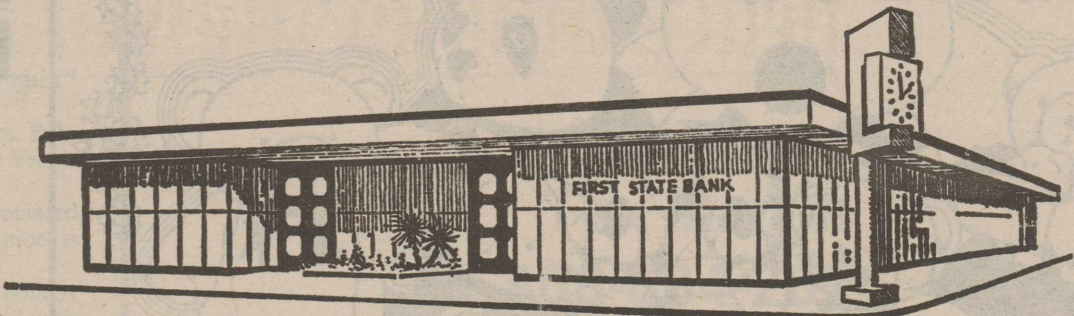
REJOICE!

Jack Strange
David Tipton
Steve Jarnagin

Brenda Patton
Madeline Stone
Ada Clay

Patricia McJimsey
Lura Brown
Glenda Couch

State Bank



The Happy Little Fir

A legend was found in an old monastery in Sicily which said that all the living Christians journeyed to Bethlehem on the night of Christ's birth to honor Him and bring presents.

The trees went too--the olive to give its olives and the palm to

bring dates, but the poor little fir tree had no gifts and was so exhausted it could hardly stand. The larger trees pushed the little fir into the background, almost hiding it. But a near-by angel felt sorry for the little fir and looked up at the stars, then asked some of them to come down and rest on its boughs. The stars did so, and

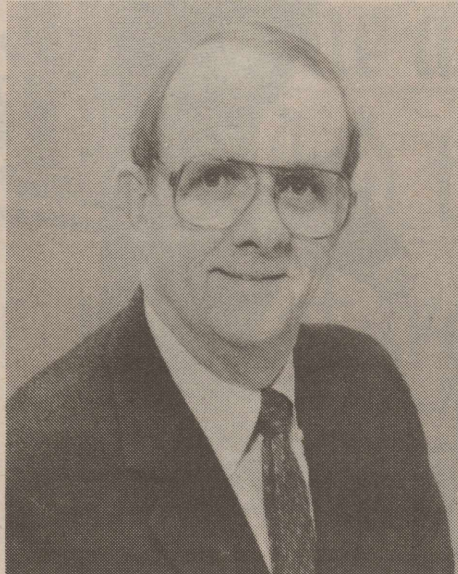
shone like candles. Then the legend says Baby Jesus smiled at the lovely sight, blessed the now happy little tree and said that the fir tree should always be lit at Christmas to please little children.

There are many legends about the Christmas tree--different countries having different stories, but it does seem fitting that presents

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should be given around a beautiful evergreen tree as an emblem of Christ's eternal living and eternal giving, and eternal love.

It's Plum Possible

A legend says that an English king went hunting and had to remain in the forest over Christmas Eve. His cook put all the food that he happened to have with him into a pot--chopped meat, flour, dried plums, apples, eggs, ale, sugar and brandy. The sticky mass was put into a bag and boiled--becoming the first English plum pudding.

Whether or not this is true we'll never know, but it has been said that "plum" meant to "swell" or "rise" and that the dish got its name from the swelling of the raisins.

Strange Christmas Minstrel

Seven petty kingdoms united under Alfred the Great during

the ninth century each year set aside twelve days for Yule festivities. One year, 878, Alfred the Great and his court were lavishly feasting when the Danes suddenly rode through the West Saxons making a surprise attack. The king and a small band of soldiers fled to the forest as his army was scattered.

In order to discover the Danes' strength it is said that Alfred disguised himself as a Christmas minstrel entertaining the Danish camp for several days without his identity being known.

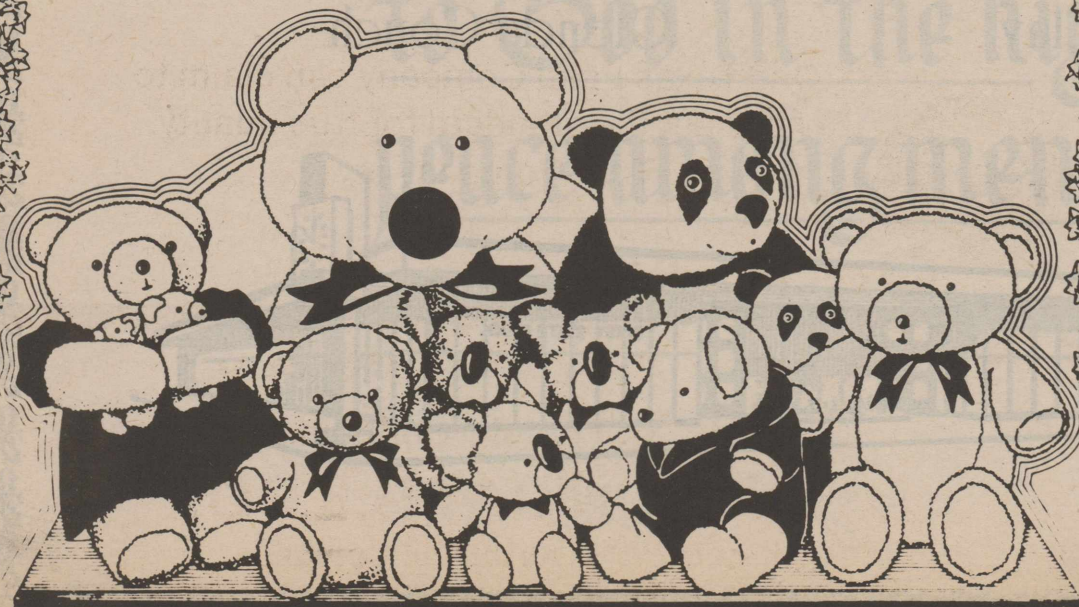
An Animal Santa

An old Syrian legend says that when the Three Kings finally made their way to the crib of Baby Jesus that the youngest camel fell down in exhaustion. The Christ Child was said to have given the camel a special blessing. So it became a tradition for the Syrian children to believe this camel brings their presents on January 6.

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Comings And Goings

Elton and Lanita Cantwell were in Amarillo December 8 to attend a Christmas musical, "Two Days Before Christmas". Their grandson, Devin Cantwell, was a member of the children's choir and portrayed a toy soldier. Over one-hundred choir members were dressed as different toys. They sang a variety of songs which told of the real meaning of Christmas.

On December 15, they returned to Amarillo to attend a performance of "And You, Beth-

lehem". Roger Cantwell played the part of a Roman captain, Felix. The Christmas production was presented by the Fine Arts Department of Trinity Fellowship Church.

James Cantwell of Roanoke, Anthony and Kyle Woody of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Cantwell, Carl and Ryan of Alvin, along with Randy's friends, were weekend guests of Elton and Lanita Cantwell. They enjoyed pheasant hunting and were fortunate enough to take home a few birds.

Saturday, December 16, Roy Mack Walker's family thought his flag was being flown at half

staff because his daughter was getting married. But soon, they found out it was in honor of his brother, Staff Sergeant Alton B. Walker, 18,076,480 Air Corps, who was reported missing in action on December 16, 1943. He was a crew member of a Flying Fortress on a mission to Bremen, Germany. His plane was attacked by enemy fighters and due to the damage inflicted, collided with another Fortress while both were over Wadden Zee, off the northwest coast of Holland. Both planes were destroyed.

An elephant's trunk has about 40,000 muscles.



Santa Claus was shown in front of the Prairie Christmas Tree made by members of L. O. A. Junior Study Club for the Christmas Jubilee held at the Show Barn recently. The tree was constructed from tumbleweeds and was strung with tiny white lights and adorned with large red bows.

Santa's Jail Break

by Jesse Cabello

One cold afternoon, Santa was flying around when he saw some lights in back of him. He said, "Those lights are not Christmas lights. Those are cop lights. I guess I'll lose him." So he went faster. But he got caught. So the cop told him that he was putting him in jail. "But you can't," said Santa, "tomorrow is Christmas. I have to give the presents to the boys and girls." So the cop said, "I'm putting you in there anyway." So Santa called Mrs. Claus. But she didn't have the money. But Mrs. Claus had a plan. The elves began to work. The reindeer loaded the sleigh. The reindeer flew off. Mrs. Claus said, "There he is; drop the bomb." The wall fell down and Santa ran and jumped in the sleigh. The cop went and jumped in his sleigh. It was a wild goose chase. But he got away and Christmas was saved!

EPIPHANY AFTER THE NEW YEAR



Christmas really ends after the New Year has arrived. Twelfth Night or Epiphany—January 6—is the traditional end of the Christmas season.

Long before Christmas was observed on December 25, Epiphany was widely recognized as the time to observe the memory of the baptism of Jesus. Epiphany was mentioned as early as A.D. 194, and was widely observed by the 4th century.

England's King Alfred decreed in the 9th century that the Christmas season would include Christmas and the 12 days thereafter. Charles II promoted the customs of the Twelfth Night cake and the burning of Christmas greenery.

In Syria

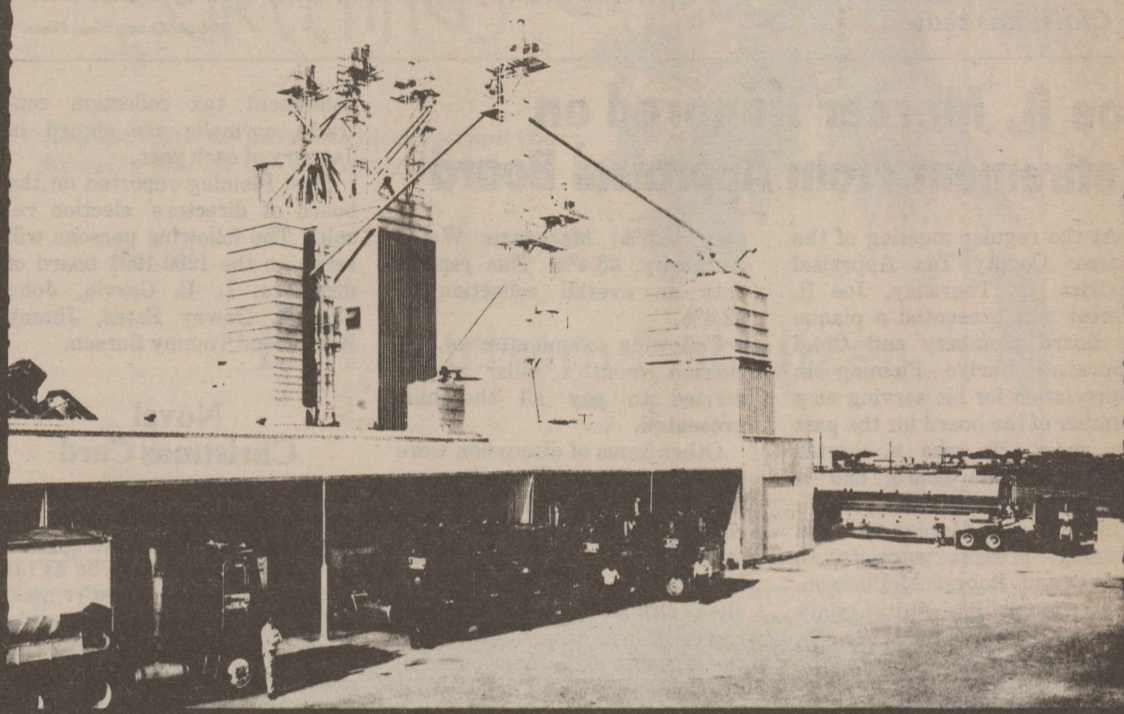
Some legends, like one from Syria, hold that wild animals remain in their caves on Epiphany Eve, that trees kneel in adoration at midnight.

Latin people consider Epiphany a solemn religious festival and the beginning of the pre-Lenten carnival season. In Mexico, Epiphany marks a pilgrimage of the devout to the shrine of the miraculous Lord of Chalma near Mexico City.

For many Christians, Epiphany has a threefold meaning: the visit of the Three Wise Men to Jesus; his baptism; and Jesus's changing of water to wine, the first miracle at Cana. Supposedly, the events occurred on the same date, though in different years.

The Greek meaning of Epiphany is "appearance."

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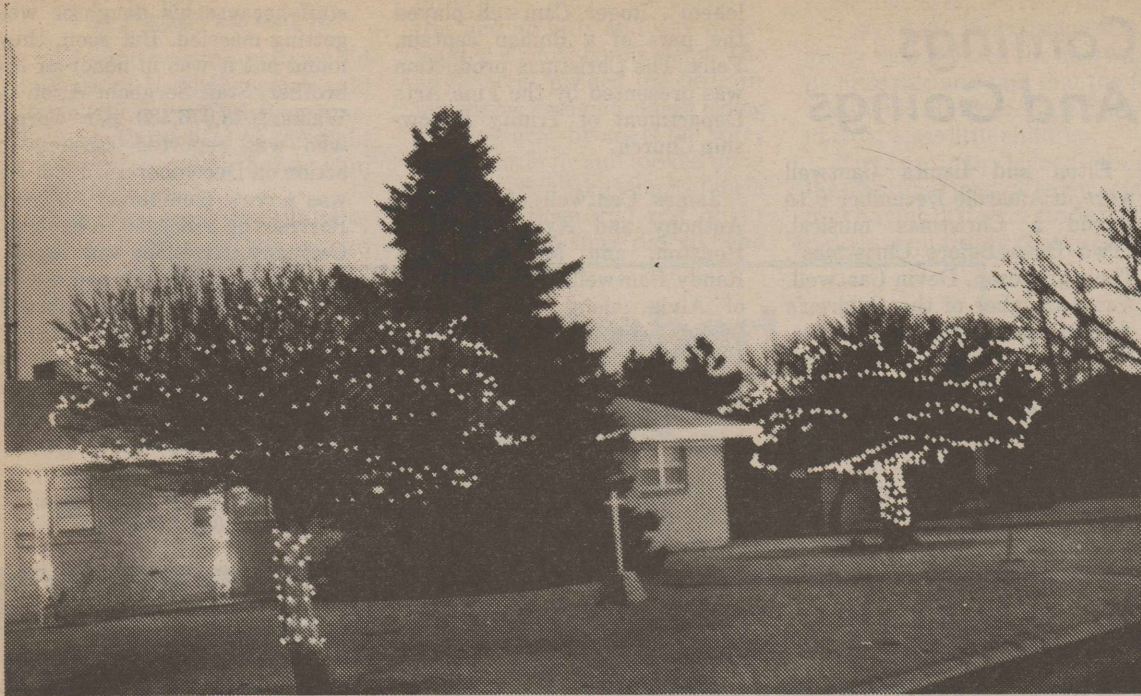
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Joe B. Mercer Honored on Retirement From Appraisal Board

At the regular meeting of the Briscoe County Tax Appraisal District last Thursday, Joe B. Mercer was presented a plaque by board members and Chief Appraiser Carlye Fleming in appreciation for his serving as a member of the board for the past ten years. He was a charter member of the board, and is retiring from service this year.

In addition to Mercer and Mrs. Fleming, present were L. B. Garvin and Robert McPherson, board members, and County Judge Jimmy Burson.

The 1989 tax collections through the month of November were Briscoe County, 47.3%; Silverton ISD, 58.9%; City of Silverton, 43.4%; City of Quita-

que, 45.6%; Mackenzie Water Authority, 43.4%. This represents an overall collection of 52.4%.

Following examination of the current month's bills, motion carried to pay all the bills presented.

Other items of discussion were insurance company retirement plans and the possibility of contracting with the county attorney to collect delinquent taxes. The taxing entities are the ones ultimately to make this choice. It was the suggestion of the board that the new board of directors schedule a joint meeting with the taxing entities and Mrs. Pigg as soon as possible after their first meeting, since

delinquent tax collection contracts normally are signed in January of each year.

Mrs. Fleming reported on the board of directors' election results. The following persons will serve on the 1990-1991 board of directors: L. B. Garvin, John Francis, Dewey Estes, Jimmy Burson and Tommy Burson.

Novel Christmas Card

A novel Christmas card idea from the family to another special family is to make a giant gingerbread man, maybe as tall as the cookie tin. If you're making several gingerbread men, the family could form an assembly line—one putting on the eyes, another his buttons, etc., and then each member of the family signing his own name with icing!

Santa Was Too Skinny

by Isabel Patino

It was almost Christmas, and Santa had a lot of work to do. He still needed a million toys for kids all over the world. He put all the elves he had to work on toys. He had some painting, some hammering and some doing odd jobs. He told Mrs. Santa that he was behind in making the toys. He didn't think they were going to finish by Christmas. Santa asked Mrs. Santa if she had any good ideas. Mrs. Santa said she didn't have any real good ideas, but there was one she had in mind. She told him it might help if he worked on some of the toys. Mrs. Santa said, "Anyway you need to lose some weight." She didn't think he was going to fit in his red suit. So he said, "Okay," and went to work on some toys. With the help of Santa, they finished in time for Christmas. But there was one slight problem. Santa was too skinny. His red suit didn't fit him. Mrs. Santa felt terribly angry at herself for thinking his suit wasn't going to fit him. Now the only way he was to get fat again was for him to eat a lot in the one day he had left. So Mrs. Santa cooked lots and lots of food for Santa. And Santa ate and ate until he couldn't eat any more. The day passed very fast and it was Christmas Eve night. Mrs. Santa told him to try on his suit, and he did. And when he came out, they were all very surprised that the suit fit Santa! They all shouted out with glee. And that's one Christmas Santa wouldn't forget in his whole life!

The Worst Christmas Santa Had

by Billy Edwards

It was nearly Christmas Day and Santa was getting ready to deliver toys. He was putting on his suit. About that time, an elf came in and said, "Santa, Santa, the toy machine broke down." So Santa got up and went down to the toy machine and looked it over. He found out that it couldn't be fixed right then. He had to have a gear to fix it. Santa got really worried that he wouldn't have enough toys to give out this Christmas. Santa and the elves counted the toys. Sure enough, they had to have one hundred more toys. Santa didn't know what to do. He was about to call off Christmas when it came to him. He would go and get the part. The closest place was New York City. So Santa climbed in his sled and took off. While Santa was on his way, he wondered what the people would think when they saw him. So when he got there, he hid his sled and put on some different clothes. Santa was on his way and forgot he didn't have any money. Then he remembered he had some in his boot so he checked it out. Sure enough he did. He then found a city map and saw that the closest hardware store was about a mile away. It would take him days to walk there. Then he saw a subway station. So Santa ran there and went down the stairs. He bought a ticket and got on. Before he knew it, he was on the subway. Santa rode a ways, then he got off, but he didn't know he got off too soon. When he got above ground he realized, but he couldn't get back because the money he had had to go on the gear. So he walked. When he got there his feet were so sore. He got inside the store and was getting the gear when they closed the store. Luckily the man saw him and let him out. After he paid for the gear, the man was so nice he gave him a ride to the sled. It took a while because the car wasn't in good shape. When Santa got to the sled, the man led him out. He got in and left. He got back to the North Pole and made the rest of the toys. That Christmas, the man who was so nice to Santa Claus got a new car!

How Santa Got The Elves

by Jon Ivory

This is how Santa got the elves. Once there was a man named Santa. Every Christmas he and his wife would go down to earth and go to the mall. Then they would buy a lot of toys and go home. One day Santa said, "I am tired of going down to earth and buying toys for girls and boys." Mrs. Claus replied, "I know dear, but that's the only way we know how." "I have an idea," said Prancer, as he wiped his hoofs on the rug. "You know that old book? Do you remember the words for helpers?" "Oh yes!" said Santa, "I remember," and then they found it. It said to scratch your head, rub your nose, and bite your tongue and say "Walla Walla, Washington, and then to let people appear." They said the magic words and they kept repeating them. Soon there were a million little helpers. Then Santa said, "Make toys for boys and girls and parents." And the little people made the toys. That's how Santa got the elves.

The Elf That Saved Christmas

by Rico Cordes

One Christmas long ago, Santa and his elves were way behind in their work and they didn't know what to do. Santa was very angry and grumpy. He did not talk or eat. Mrs. Claus was getting worried and scared. She didn't know what to do. The reindeer were upset, too. One day a very special elf came to Santa's workshop, looking for work. "Yes, yes, I need some more help." He told the elf the problem and the elf said, "Oh, Mr. Claus, you do need help, don't you?" "Yes, I do; will you work for me?" "Of course, Mr. Claus. I surely will work for you." Santa and the elf went into the workroom. More than 300 elves were hard at work. That night the elf went into the workroom, used his magic and made toys galore; toys for Billy, Anthony, Jon, Brandon, Terry, Lupe, Arnold, Jesse and Joshua. In the morning, when Santa and the elves came in, they were astonished. The elf was asleep on the table and Santa Claus and the other elves were so happy they jumped for joy. Now they could have Christmas on time. That is how the elf saved Christmas!



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Adapting a hackneyed phrase from political oratory of the past, Donald Johnson says cotton people can "point with pride" to the consumption record compiled by their fiber in 1988.

Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock, made the observation after reviewing figures from the 1989 issue of "Cotton Counts Its Customers," an annual market research report published by the National Cotton Council.

The report shows cotton continuing in 1988 to hold a healthy share of U. S.-produced apparel and home furnishings, the two largest market categories, accounting for 83 percent of all fiber usage. The remaining 17.2 percent of fibers goes into industrial uses.

Cotton held the 53 percent share of the clothing market achieved in 1987, confirming that the four percent increase from 49 percent in 1986 was no fluke. Apparel continued to be cotton's strongest end-use sector, accounting for almost five million bales and over 60 percent of the year's total domestic cotton consumption.

Consumer preference for 100 percent cotton and cotton-rich blends was also evidenced by an increased use of cotton in knits such as sport shirts, sweatshirts, underwear, non-sheer hosiery and sweaters. Knit items used almost 2.3 million bales, 47 percent of the cotton that went into apparel. Comparable numbers for 1987 were 2.2 million bales and only 44 percent of the total.

Woven fabrics however continue to dominate cotton in apparel constructions, consuming over 2.5 million bales or 53 percent of total clothing use. Denim and twill cotton constructions proved the most popular end-uses.

Home furnishings, cotton's second strongest market sector, also consumed 2.5 million bales, about 32 percent of the total for 1988. That equals the 2.5 million consumed in home furnishings in 1987 and is a significant gain from the 2.3 million used in 1986.

A more detailed breakdown reveals that cotton's top five end-uses accounted for almost four million bales, about half the eight million consumed in all end-uses. Men's and boys' shirts, with 1,033 million bales used, topped the list.

They were joined in the top five by men's and boys' trousers and shorts, 976,000 bales; towels and washcloths, 895,000; drapery, upholstery and slipcover fabrics, 541,000, and women's slacks and jeans with 522,000 bales consumed.

The number one factor contributing to the increases in cotton consumption in 1988 and in the steady trend of gains in cotton's market share since the 1960's, Johnson believes, is producer support for the research and market development work of Cotton Incorporated.

"Producers themselves have made the difference," he states,

"and it's something they have every right to be proud of."

Staple length and strength are probably attributable more to the grower's choice of variety and farm management practices, whereas micronaire and grade are factors that depend mostly

on favorable climatic conditions allowing the plant to reach maturity. Cotton quality reports for the classing season so far show that strength and length are as good as the 1988 crop but the mike and grades this year reflect the year's far from perfect growing conditions.

The size of the crop has been guessed at many times during the year. Final figures are still not available but, working on classing office estimates based on bales classed to date, a spread from 1.3 to 1.4 million bales seems realistic.

Markets do not show much movement of the new crop as yet. Although producers own

little of the 1988 crop, many may be waiting for the new tax year to sell their equities in this year's production. Prices do not seem to be holding up to the expectations that many have, but supply and demand should determine over time what the 1989 production will eventually bring.

'With this crop out of the field and moving to the compresses we are now looking again to the future,' concludes Johnson. 'We may never be able to control the climate, but we must continue to put our best efforts into improving the cotton plant itself and the methods we use to produce it.'



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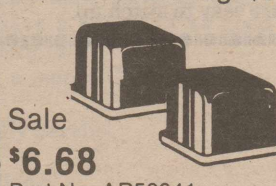


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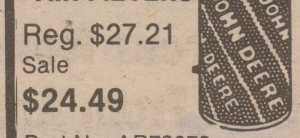


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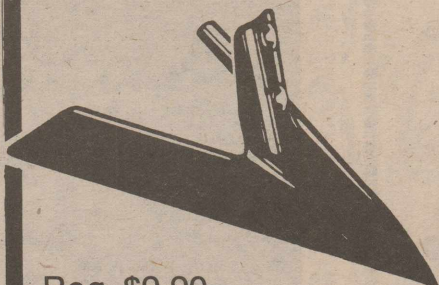


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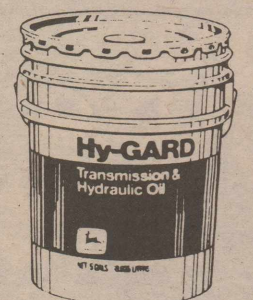
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Has the last-minute holiday gift buying frenzy got you down? Are you looking for a special gift that is more personal and thoughtful than the mass-produced items piled high on store shelves?

If you have just one free evening, you can stitch up marvelous gifts for everyone on your list, including that special something for your favorite person.

A world of creativity and inspiration awaits you at your fabric and trim shops. The Sewing Fashion Council suggests looking through pattern books for fashions, accessories and even toys—highlighted with words like "Quick", "Easy," "Simple" and "Fast"—to make as gifts this

year.

For the newest, luxurious lounge-at-home wear, sew easy, wide-legged, elastic-waist pants, a simple top and an unconstructed jacket in glamorous satiny fabric: simply stunning!

Or, you can chase off winter's chills, and save money in the process, by sewing a snugly style bathrobe in a traditional plaid flannel. Pick a quick wrap-style and you'll be wrapping it up in no time!

In a week, you can sew a robe for everyone on your list, including some fancy appliqued or iron-on monograms for that designer touch.

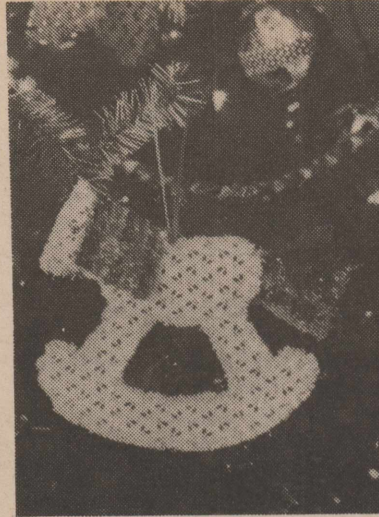
If something edged with lace is more your style, there are simple

patterns, luscious lace trims and baby soft fabrics to make beautiful babydoll PJs.

Fleece sweatshirt tops can be made quickly and fashionably for the trend-setters on your holiday list. Trims and laces, rhinestones, ribbons, puff pants, unique buttons, or your own individual designs can turn the otherwise plain into beautifully boutique.

Or, try the "buy it and better it" method by adding fun and fancy trims to purchased sweats. Don't forget to add sew-in shoulder pads to give the shirt new shape.

If holiday spells out romance, then nostalgic lace collars, flowery hair bows and ruffled, country garden potpourri sachets and pillows are sure bets that are easy to stitch up.



Personal, thoughtful gifts and holiday decorations can be "sew easy" to make, says The Sewing Fashion Council. A world of creativity and inspiration awaits you at your fabric and trim store.

Finally, if you'd like to spread some cheer by giving little gifts to neighbors and guests, sew simple country-style ornaments quickly, by the dozens. Make enough to fill a bowl for display, and hand them out as guests leave your home.

To make the memories linger, sign and date each one. This could

be the start of a lovely new holiday tradition.



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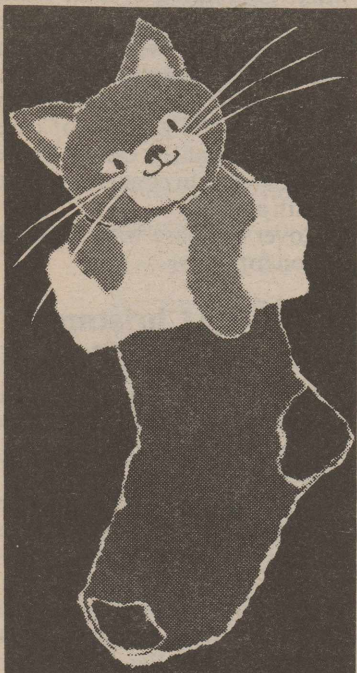


'This crop shows that we are doing a better job doing the things we can control, but we haven't learned how to control the weather,' say Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

The weather has probably been, yet again, the major factor in the size of the crop. 'Almost ideal conditions gave us two bumper years back-to-back,' says Johnson, 'and this season's cotton crop looks disappointingly small by comparison.'

Drought conditions through May over most of PCG's 25-county area meant that much of the 2.8 million planted acres never got out of the ground. Then hailstorms and washing rains in July took their toll, especially in Hale County, reducing total harvestable acres to maybe less than 2 million. The early, October freeze drastically reduced yields on what remained of the crop, especially the large percentage of late-planted June cotton.

'But this is not the worst year in ten years,' Johnson stresses. 'In 1982, 1983, and 1986 we had less bales ginned and lower yields per harvested acre than it looks like we'll have from this crop.' This indicates to Johnson that many growers are effectively and efficiently utilizing the technology and techniques available to them for optimum production. He feels this is confirmed by reports being received from the USDA classing offices in Lubbock and Jemesa, where 95 percent of the area cotton is classed.



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Amanda Estes gives Santa her order for Barbie and Barbie Car. Amanda is the daughter of Jim and Donna Estes.

Parents Beware Of Unsafe Toys

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

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

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

Other toys are poorly designed, with small parts that can be

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

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

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

Forrest Burnham, chief of the TDH Hazardous Substances Branch, said, "The majority of toys recalled as safety hazards each year are imported. American manufacturers adhere more closely to safety regulations

than some overseas toy makers. Some foreign manufacturers are known for making toys that have had to be recalled, and the U. S. Customs Service has begun alerting CPSC to the arrival of those products.

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

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

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

One Solitary Life

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 had a family or owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never wrote a book, or held an office. He never went to college. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends deserted him. 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 the only piece of property he had — his coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as this "One Solitary Life."



Although this poem has become popular in recent years, it is not a contemporary piece. The poem actually has tracings back to medieval times, and the poet to this day remains anonymous.

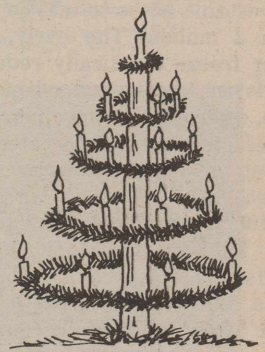
We pause to reflect on his life during the Christmas Season, and celebrate his birthday on Christmas Day.

Merry

CHRISTMAS

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Christmas Wreath Pyramid

This Christmas tree is based on an 1843 engraving. Use a straight piece of branch from an evergreen tree. Bore a hole through the branch where each wreath will be. Bore another hole just under the first holes you made so that you may form a doweling cross brace for each wreath. Nail the branch to a wooden base. Make graduating wreaths from wire and evergreen. Lay the wreaths on their wooden crosses and secure to doweling with wire. As you securely wire candles in place, take the greatest of care to be sure that the candle flame will not come in contact with the wreath above it.

Cover the base with moss or cotton for snow.

Private Christmas Trees Become Public

Although the Christmas tree once was only used in homes, it has become increasingly public, especially in America.

Norwegian sailors throughout the whole world strap lighted trees to their masts during the Christmas season.

Probably the best-known giant Christmas trees are those of New York's Rockefeller Plaza, and London's Trafalgar Square.

Christmas Chef's Cooking Gift

All year you can be collecting free recipes that are offered with various food items. Group them together into desserts, entrees, etc., and put them in an inexpensive photo album for the special person on your gift list who loves trying new recipes.



Because you're so busy this time of year, you'll appreciate the simplicity of this delicious recipe for Imperial Christmas Sugar Cookies. When company comes knocking, you'll be prepared with sugary morsels that will melt in their mouths. Children will love to help with the mixing and the frosting, and friends far away will be thrilled to receive these delicious surprises by mail. Recipe and instructions for making Imperial Christmas Sugar Cookies are in the accompanying story. Information about other Imperial Sugar recipes is available from Imperial Holly Corporation, P. O. Box 500, Sugar Land, Texas 77478.

Just In Time For St. Nick. Christmas Sugar Cookies

What would Christmas be without a glowing fireplace, mysteriously shaped packages under a fir tree, and sugary Christmas cookies baking in the oven for old St. Nick and anyone else who might drop in.

In shapes of bells and trees, angels and stars, candy canes and wreaths, fresh baked sugar cookies in jars, on Christmas platters and in colorful cookie tins throughout the house can be as decorative as the ornaments and angel that grace the tree.

Since nearly everyone loves sugar cookies, why not bake plenty and frost them in colorful red and green icings that will delight the little ones in your family. It is a wonderful way to spend the afternoon, as you show eager young hands how to frost that cookie just right. It is also a perfect time to slip away, grab the camera and preserve a Christmas memory for years to come amid the sugar, the dough and the food coloring.

And to delight friends and relatives, plan to give them a box of your homemade sugar cookie treats as a gift. Grandparents and relatives unable to join you for Christmas will cherish your cookies arriving in the mail. And don't forget your postman, hairdresser, the kids' teachers, the pastor and your next-door neighbor. The fun and sparkle of festive cookies is a wonderful way to share the Christmas spirit and what a wonderful surprise to receive!

Only a few basic ingredients are needed for these special holiday cookies and cooking times are short so you may want to make several batches keeping one ready to bake when visitors

drop in.

IMPERIAL CHRISTMAS SUGAR COOKIES

2 cups sifted all purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup shortening

1 cup Imperial Granulated Sugar
1 egg
1/4 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon lemon extract

Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. Blend the shortening and Imperial Granulated Sugar and mix in the egg. Add dry ingredients alternatively with milk and lemon extract and blend thoroughly. Chill dough overnight. Pre-heat oven to 400° F. Roll dough to 1/4" thickness on floured pastry cloth. Cut out shapes with knife or cookie cutters. Transfer to greased cookie sheet and bake 7 to 10 minutes. Yields about 4 dozen cookies.

DECORATING AND ICING

3 3/4 cups Imperial 10X Powdered Sugar (1 lb. carton)
4 tablespoons milk (approx.)
Food colorings

Combine Imperial 10X Powdered Sugar with milk; stir until smooth. Add more milk, 1 teaspoon at a time, to achieve desired spreading consistency. Divide icing into several small bowls and tint with several drops of food coloring. Trim with colored decorator sprinkles, cinnamon red hots and candies.

Christmas Sugar Cookies is one of Imperial's all-time favorite recipes. Additional copies of the recipe and information about other recipes are available from Imperial Holly Corporation, P. O. Box 500, Sugar Land, Texas 77478.

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Fertility For A Song

St. Lucia's Day is a feast day for some countries in December in memory of a Sicilian maiden who became a martyr in 304 and who was noted for giving food and drink to the poor. In Hungary

on this day boys sing chants that supposedly cause the geese and hens to be fertile. Then these boys receive small tokens from the lady of the house. In Albania the gifts received for caroling are carried on gaily decorated sticks.

A German Surprise

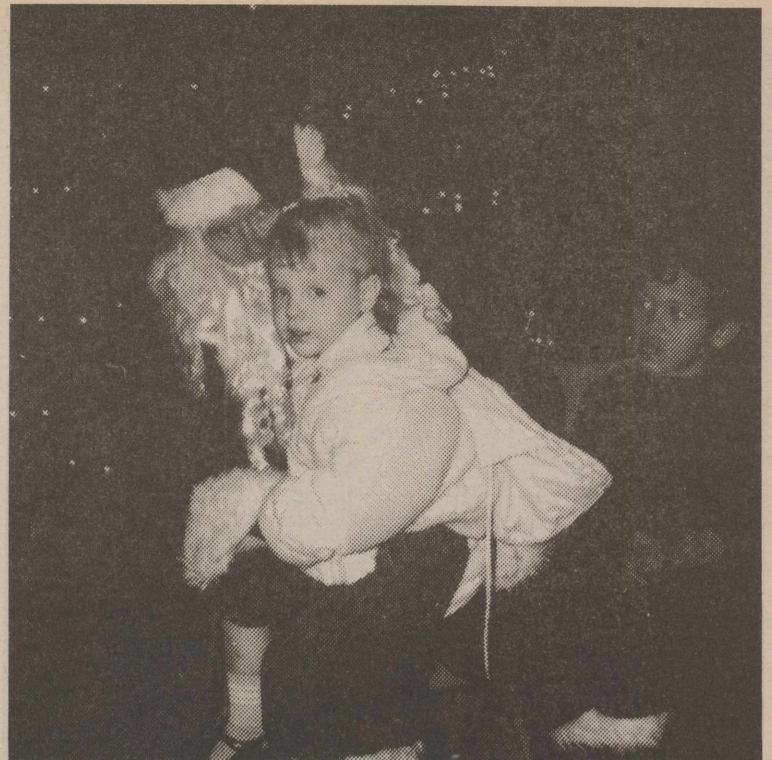
Germans have long been noted for their generous Christmas giving. Many presents are bought but many others are hand made. All the presents are arranged on

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Kelsie Estes, daughter of Jim and Donna Estes, reluctantly gave Santa her Christmas wishes.

a large table near the tree. Plates of candies, apples, and nuts are also placed there. As all eagerly wait for the gifts to be distributed, suddenly the door flies open and with a cry of, "Julklapp!" a large package is thrown in. These presents usually have many wrappings--finally a small, precious gift is at the core.

busy sweeping her porch, three strangers came by asking where Baby Jesus was. She begged them to wait until she finished her work so she could go with them, but they continued on their way. Befana tried to catch up with them but she couldn't. Now the children of Italy believe that on the Feast of the Three Kings, January 6, Befana rides on a broomstick through the air and goes down all the chimneys leaving gifts near the manger scenes, hoping that one of the babies may be Infant Jesus.



Woman Santa Claus

There is a woman Santa Claus, only her name is Befana. The legend of Befana says as she was

Christmas For Columbus

It is interesting to note how the New World's explorer, Christopher Columbus, spent Christmas. Vincent Edwards tells us that Columbus had planned to spend Christmas in 1492 with the ruler of the island of Haiti, an Indian chief. On Christmas Eve the flagship Santa Maria wrecked on a coral reef so Columbus and his men had to go aboard the Nina.

The Indian Chief sent his men to remove all the valuables from the wreck, then Columbus and his crew dined on Christmas Day with the Indian ruler. Columbus had wanted to start the first Spanish colony at this place so he had a small fortress built on the island, calling it La Navidad (The Nativity) since they had been wrecked here at that season.



Wassailing The Orchard

An old English custom in some districts was to "wassail" the orchard trees on Christmas Eve. If the farmers failed to do this, they believed their trees wouldn't bear much fruit. A great pitcher of cider was carried to the orchard; the farmer and his helpers encircled a tree and drank a toast to it two or three times. "Here's to thee, old apple tree," went one chant, begging the tree to be fruitful. Of course by the time all the trees in the orchard were circled, the men must have been full of cider!



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Dear Santa,
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Lisa

Dear Santa,
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Fowrweeler and then you can
brenge me inetheng you wunt too.
Aaron Wederski

Dear Santa,
I rilly love you. and I rilly wont
a trablen from you. I do not wot
wot my Sistar wants. I wont to
Make you somthag to for Crhsmas
Santa.
Taylor

Dear Santa,
I wote a ten spede and a cpudr
and a twin CaBiPch Pach.
Love
Katy

Dear Santa, Ho Ho Ho
For Chissmos I wan't a little
mrs. makeup and maybe the doll I
wrote for.
Brooke

Dear Santa,
I wot litt mes make. And that is
ol.
Catherine Reyna

Dear Santa I whot skaes I will
Give You frot it is god for You
Pleas eit!
Kendra

Dear Santa
Wate hav you bin dueg. I hope
you brega me sumtheg.
Isaiah Ivory

Dear Sata
I Weta Bbn
Jason G.

Dear Santa.
I wut
Junior

Dear santa
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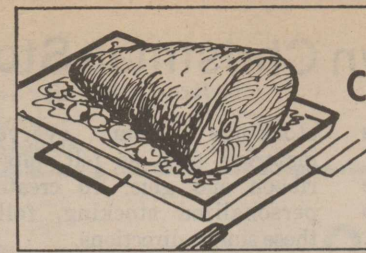
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Dear Santa,
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Dear Santa,
Wut a cats AND A dogs AND a
rabbir.
Cindy

Dear Santa.
I wut a hest and a boll. and I
wut Brbe and a cat and a dog and
a dog house for my dog. and a
Rabbit and a Brbe rokr.
Crystal



CRACKER CRUSTED HAM

If you are having company over for the New Year observance, one thing is fairly certain. Through the Christmas holiday period, they have likely been served ham on more than one occasion. For a change of pace, prepare your ham differently.

Cracker Crusted Ham

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 3/4 cup finely crushed crackers | 1 fully cooked ham, about 12-15 pounds |
| 2 tbsp. dark brown sugar | 1/4 cup corn syrup |
| 1 tsp. dry mustard | whole cloves |
| 1 tsp. grated orange rind | |

With rolling pin, crush crackers between waxed paper into very fine crumbs. Sprinkle with sugar, mustard and orange rind, tossing well to mix; set aside. Heat ham, uncovered on rack in shallow pan, about 10 minutes to the pound in slow oven (325°F.) or until meat thermometer registers 130°F. About 40 minutes before ham is finished, remove from oven; trim any remaining skin and discard. With sharp knife, score ham about 1/8 inch deep into diamond shapes measuring 1 1/2" x 1". Brush ham with corn syrup. Sprinkle and pat crumb mixture all over ham. Stud diamond pattern with whole cloves. Return to oven and continue heating. Let stand about 15 to 20 minutes at room temperature before carving.

Yield: Party of 12 with plenty of leftovers.

For desert, serve a new version of an old favorite. Pineapple upside-down cake in the form of a Christmas wreath will garner your guests' attention and praise.

DPS in Traffic Safety Program During Special Week

Highway Patrol Troopers in Texas and across the nation are cooperating in a traffic safety program during the National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week, which began Friday, December 8, 1989.

Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) has designated the first thirteen hours of the week as National D-Day, a special effort to enforce the DWI laws. The period began at 6:00 p.m. Friday and ran through 7:00 a.m. Saturday.

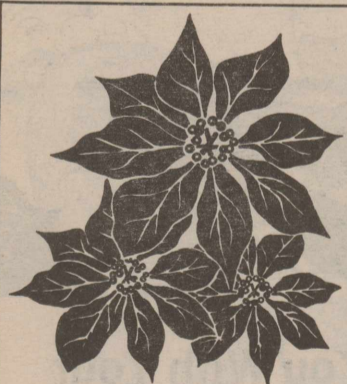
DPS Regional Commander Major V. J. Cawthon instructed the troopers in the sixty counties encompassing Region 5 to provide the maximum DWI enforcement effort possible.

"We're hoping that this emphasis program will help bring down the number and severity of DWI-related accidents," said Major Cawthon of Lubbock.

As holiday celebrations increase, there is a greater chance of DWI offenses on the roadways.

"The hosts of these get-togethers want visitors to enjoy themselves, but they should also make arrangements to minimize the DWI risks, such as providing non-alcohol beverages and discouraging driving after drinking," Major Cawthon added.

He also encouraged seat belt use and observance of the speed limits.



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Create Your Own Christmas Stocking

Who hung the first Christmas stocking, and why?

According to legend, the Christmas stocking dates back to the times of Bishop Nicholas. After hearing about the plight of a local nobleman with three daughters and no money for dowries, St. Nicholas secretly threw a bag of gold into the window as each girl became of marriageable age. One of the bags fell into a stocking hung near the chimney to dry. Thus, this gift-giving tradition was born.

This Christmas, parents and children can make their own

stockings from everyday materials such as felt, bits of ribbon and glue. To create a personalized stocking, follow these simple directions.

For each stocking, either purchase a stocking or cut one out from cloth or felt, and glue front to back with Elmer's Stix-All. Clamp with clothespins or paper clips until set.

Cut circles, triangles, rectangles, squares, ovals and other shapes from felt and glue to stocking with Elmer's Tacky Glue to form figures. Glue pom-poms, rhinestones and sparkles to add

dimension and glitz.

An interesting stocking cuff can be formed by flueing eyelet lace and ribbon to stocking top. Also, a strip of contrasting fabric can be glued around top of stocking to form cuff.

In Edinburg

Enormous crowds gather outside the Tron Church, in Edinburg, on New Year's Eve, to wait for midnight. As soon as the clock strikes twelve there is an outburst of shouted good wishes, handshakes, toasts, and reels

Ask Ann Richards

What are country funds?

Editors Note: State Treasurer Ann W. Richards each week answers questions about personal finance and state government. These questions are compiled from various letters to the State Treasury. Answers are not intended to take the place of advice of reputable financial advisers or other professional counselors.



All country funds are currently closed-end funds, meaning there are a limited number of shares.

Typically, these funds are designed for institutional investors or individuals with a lot of money to invest. Most

of the country funds run \$10 to \$12 a share with a minimum initial investment of 100 shares.

To find out more, contact a stock broker or an investment firm in your area. Be sure to ask for a prospectus on the fund and weigh the possible risks against the possible gains before you invest.

Recently you discussed investing in Series EE bonds when planning for a child's college education. I am interested in learning more about these bonds.

For further information on possible tax breaks and restrictions concerning the use of these bonds, I would suggest you write for a free brochure from the U.S. Savings Bond Division in Washington. This is a new booklet with the most up-to-date information available.

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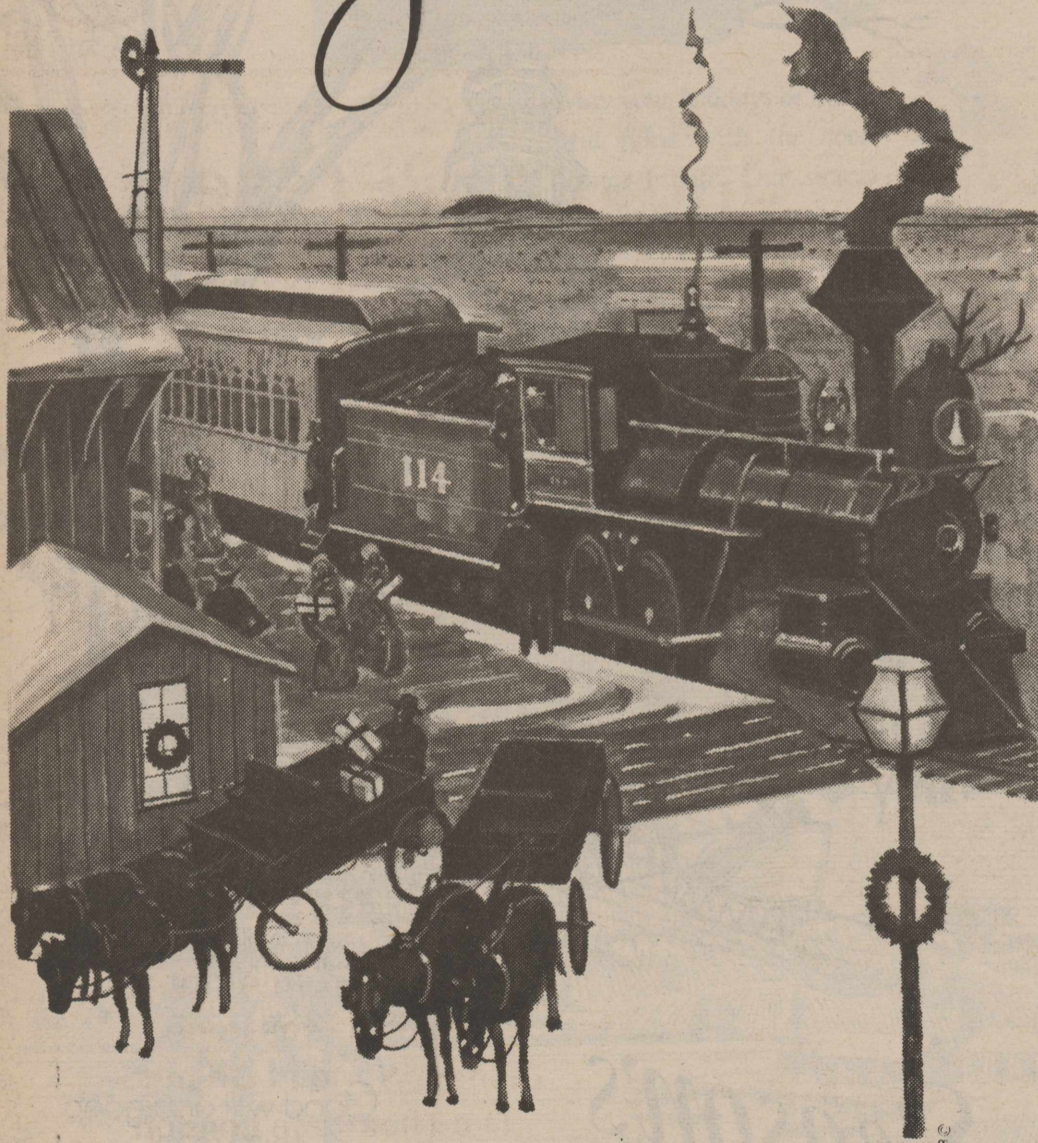
What are country funds?

Country funds are closed-end mutual funds with portfolios made up of securities from foreign countries.

This year alone, 25 different countries have offered funds for U.S. investors, according to Elizabeth Johns, editor of *Mutual Fund Monthly* at Charles E. Simon & Co. In the past, only a handful of countries offered portfolios for foreign investors.

Although investing in foreign stocks and bonds can be exciting, it is not without risk. Ms. Jones points out many foreign countries do not have the same disclosure rules as the United States. Also, the unstable economies in some countries and fluctuations in their currency add to the risk.

Merry Christmas



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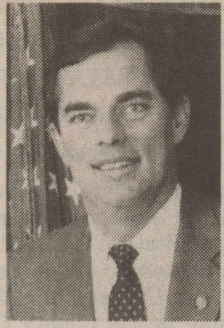
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Reports to the
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NEXT YEAR WILL BE CHALLENGING

WASHINGTON — For two weeks now, we've been looking at the First Session of the 101st Congress and how its actions reflect and will help shape the truly historic times in which we live.

Congress accomplished much last year, but 1989 may prove only an appetizer for 1990 and beyond. Actions at home and abroad are going to force fundamental decisions about our national priorities. Each step made must be calculated carefully for the challenges are huge and the opportunities limitless.

Make the right moves and our country could enter the next century strong and vibrant. If we make the wrong move — or if we let timidity keep us from moving at all — we could lose much that we have gained in a century worth of hard work.

That said, let's look at the major issues we will confront next year.

- Eastern Europe — The weakening of communism will shape the rest of our national agenda to one degree or another. In a best-case scenario, the democratic reforms become permanent, we and the Soviets reduce our military presence in Europe and the resulting budget savings make a big dent in the deficit.

Reality may not be quite as kind. The reforms have a long way to go before they can be considered irreversible. If Gorbachev is ousted in the Soviet Union or if internal pressure forces him to rein in the changes, then the Cold War will be frigid again and we will need a strong NATO presence to protect Western Europe. All of which leads us to . . .

- Defense Spending — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney believes the Soviet threat has diminished to the point where we can make some big cuts in the Pentagon's budget. He is considering recommending up to \$180 billion in cuts, spread across five years. He hasn't been too specific yet, but the reductions could lead to the scrapping of five Air Force fighter groups and several Army infantry divisions and to holding the Navy to roughly 500 ships.

Cheney reasons that these cuts are affordable in the new international climate and that the savings can help us reduce the budget deficit and channel some research and development money away from military hardware and into products that make us more competitive in international trade. Could be, but we cannot make cuts that weaken the basic integrity of our defense system. This could be the single trickiest problem we face next year.

- Deficit Reduction — This, of course, is tied to a large extent to the first items, but military cuts alone don't wipe out a \$150 billion-per-year deficit. Many other programs are going to be scrutinized closely, especially those that have a proven track record of waste and inefficiency. We'll have more on that in future columns.

- Child Care — The House and Senate both passed major child care bills last year, but the package died in conference committee. Efforts to improve the level of U.S. child care will resume next year with an emphasis on providing a head start to children of low-income families.

- Disability Act — Legislation prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability appears on the fast track to becoming law. It passed the Senate overwhelmingly last year (Senators Lloyd Bentsen and Phil Gramm supported it) and 239 of the 435 House members are co-sponsoring the bill. Congress' trick will be to balance the legitimate needs of the disabled with those of small business owners.

- 1990 Farm Bill — Congress will spend much of next year writing the legislation that determines farm policy for much of the next decade. The importance of this to the 13th District economy is self-evident.

If you have questions about the above mentioned legislation, or any other issues, please contact us at 1223 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.



According to a survey by the United Nations, proportionately fewer dogs bite mailmen in England than in any other country on earth.

Christmas Customs Bring Joy

Christmas is the most nostalgic of all festive occasions and its ancient joy is truly reflected in the world-wide customs of this very special holiday.

The singing of old-time Christmas carols is a celebrated British festivity. This charming custom is still a favorite in both England and America today, where enchanting voices carry the musical message of Christmas.

In certain parts of Italy, children hang stockings near the head of their beds. An old fairy is supposed to visit each child and leave either sweetmeats or stones in the stocking, depending upon whether the child has been good or naughty throughout the year.

In Spain, everyone must be able to claim at least one good deed for the year before Christmas day arrives. Many Apaniards stay awake on Christmas Eve until midnight, when church bells announce the birth of the Holy Child.

The pinata breaking is a well-known custom of Mexico. On

Christmas Eve, a papier-mache figure filled with toys and candy is suspended from the ceiling; children are blindfolded and then allowed to break the pinata with a stick to release the goodies.

In Portugal, children leave their shoes in front of the fireplace so that Santa can fill them with gifts on Christmas Eve.

Decking The Halls

Where did we get the idea for decking our halls with "boughs of holly" and other greenery?

There are many ancient customs and beliefs that may contribute

to this. Each autumn centuries ago, Jews adorned their booths at the "Feast of Tabernacles" with boughs from trees. Palm branches were strewn along the path where Jesus rode the donkey that particular day into Jerusalem.

Romans exchanged green branches with their friends for good fortune. And even now an olive branch stands for peace.

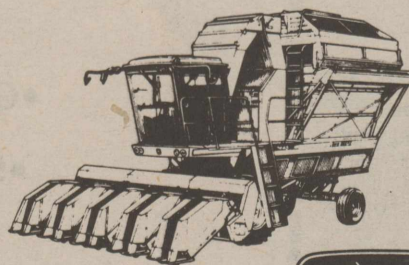
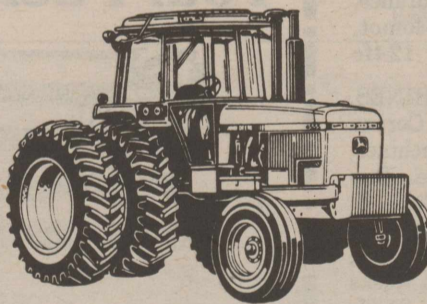
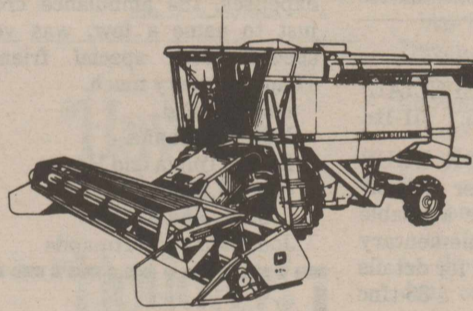
Evergreens were used as an emblem of eternal life. Besides the many traditions and special significance—the evergreen is just a pretty part of nature to bring inside and make the Christmas spirit live.

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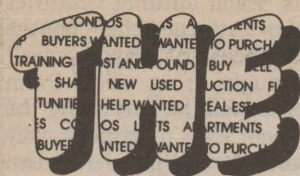
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Cards of Thanks

Our thanks to all our friends and neighbors for their generous gifts of fresh vegetables and fruit this past summer and for your visits, phone calls and prayers during our last mishap. Your

loving concern helped us through those long days and nights. A merry Christmas and a most prosperous and happy and healthy new year to all of you.

Love,
Berna and Bonnie May

We want to express our thanks and appreciation to all the many kind friends and neighbors who assisted us in any way at the passing of our loved one, Weta, and for all the food, cards, flowers and phone calls.

We cherish your friendship.
Bob Hill
Robert and Elvira Hill
Greg, Karen and Cortney Hill
Michael and Monroe Hill
Dick, Susie, Richard
and Amy Reid
Glenna and Carroll Garrison
Lucille Davis

We would like to take this means to say thank you to everyone for helping when Virgil has been sick: Glenn and Ethyl for taking us to the hospital, the Baptist Church for their prayers and concern, Roy Mack and Duane for bringing the fruit, the calls while he was in the hospital and since he has been home.

Virgil and Gladys

Dear friends,

We would like to thank each and every one of you for all the loving concern and kind acts shown to us all. The flowers, food, cards, calls, help with the expenses, the ambulance crew, just to name a few, was very special from special friends. Thank you very much.

Lessie Baird
Mike and Janna
Linda, Tonya and Hanna
Russell, Kathy,
Molly and Katie
Joe, Laura and Amanda

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GRACIE P. O'NEAL, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Gracie P. O'Neal were issued on December 13th, 1989, in Cause No. 1239 now pending in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas, to:

Joe E. O'Neal

The post office address of such Executor is: Route 1, Box 48,

Silverton, Texas 79257.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 13th day of December, 1989.

/s/ Joe E. O'Neal
Executor of the Estate of
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