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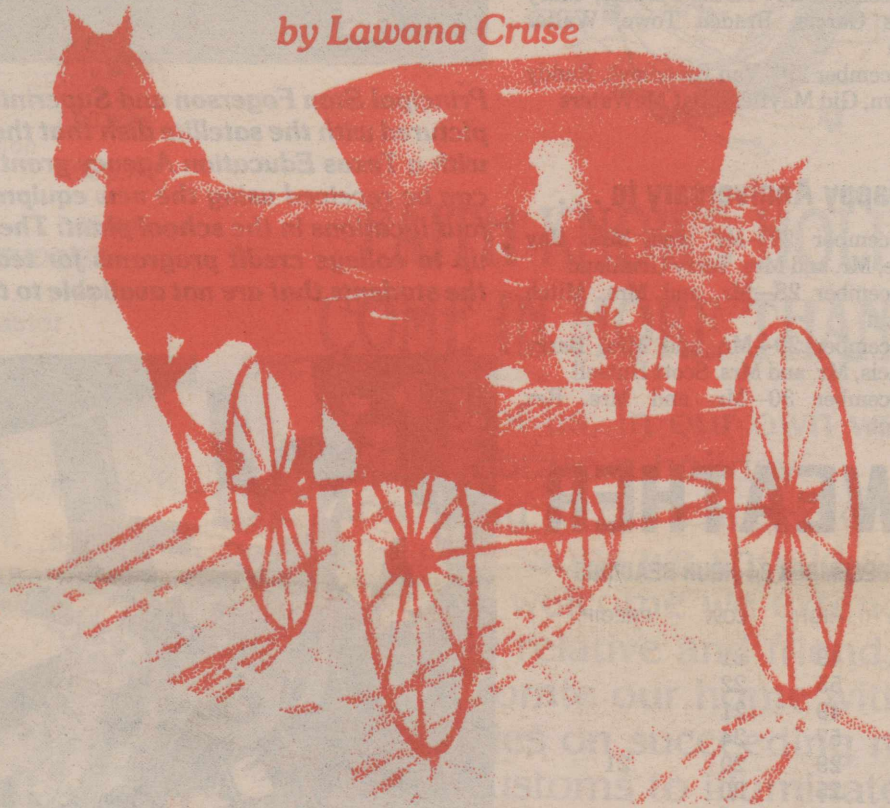
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An Old-Fashioned Christmas

by Lawana Cruse



We dream of an old-fashioned Christmas

As the holiday season draws near;

Of times when life was much simpler

And the meaning of Christmas was clear.

When the hustle and bustle was pleasure

And not just a mad, frenzied run;

When we really took time for each other

And all that we did was pure fun.

May we all have the spirit of Christmas

Which is surely peace and goodwill.

May the gladness of Christmas always give us hope

And sustain us when nothing else will.

And the very heart of Christmas is love;

All mankind, not just family and friend.

So let's all keep Christ in Christmas

And things will work out in the end.

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County Attorney Has Article Published

Sharon Sutton Pigg, Briscoe County Attorney, had a book review she wrote published in the December 1992 issue of the *Texas Bar Journal*. The article she wrote reviewed *Everybody's Guide To Small Claims Court* by Ralph Warner.

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Happy Birthday to . . .

- December 24—Jack Robertson, jr., Berle Fisch, Sally Grimland
- December 25—Dorothy Bomar, Donna Estes, Joe Grabbe, Peggy Strange, Merlene Stephens
- December 26—Molly Brooks, Ed Baker, Lindsey Jennings, Abigail Reyna, Sloan Grabbe
- December 27—Lydia Hutsell, Ellen Edwards, Holly Glenn, Denny Hill, Dara Ramsey, Fern Parker
- December 28—Kathi Perkins, Mary Chris Garcia, Braden Towe, Walter Bean
- December 29—Van Breedlove, Buddy Brown, Gid Mayfield, Pat McWaters

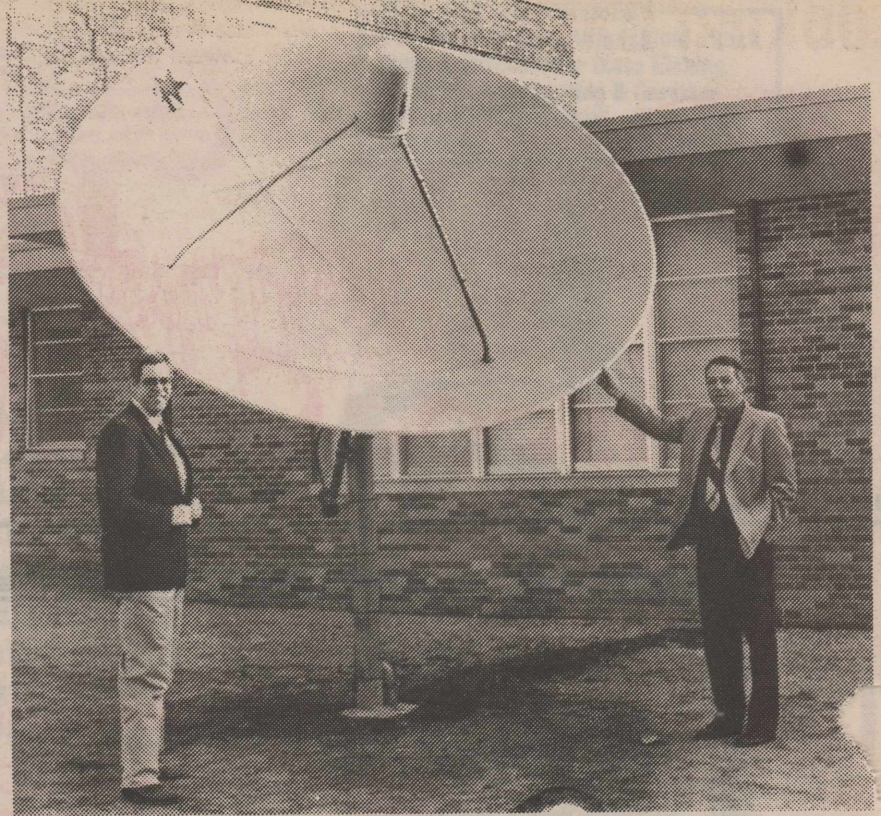
Happy Anniversary to . . .

- December 27—Mr. and Mrs. Jay Towe, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Grimland
- December 28—Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Martin
- December 29—Mr. and Mrs. Barry Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hutsell
- December 30—Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fuston

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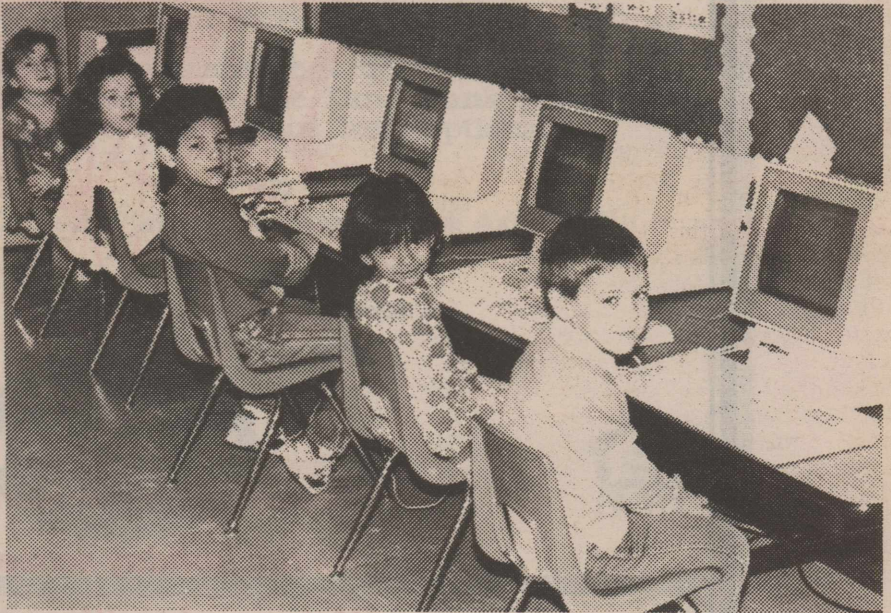
DECEMBER 24-HOUR READINGS

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6	25	20	
7	42	18	
8	48	17	
9	53	27	.21
10	59	34	
11	55	33	
12	62	33	
13	67	33	
14	35	23	.31
15	27	7	.08
16	36	18	
17	35	12	.01
18	41	13	
19	55	32	
20	35	24	
21	43	24	
Total Precip. in December			.82
Normal Precip. in December			.68
Total Precip. Year to Date			22.68
Normal Precip. Year to Date			21.22



Principal Stan Fogerson and Superintendent Frank Kirchoffner are pictured with the satellite dish that the Silverton School purchased with a Texas Education Agency grant. Many educational channels can be received using the new equipment, which can be viewed at four locations in the school plant. The educational programs range up to college credit programs for teachers. This offers things for the students that are not available to them in any other way.

Briscoe County News Photo



Brittany Perkins, Janet Gonzales, Chris Garcia, Danielle Ramirez and Max Comer are the kindergarten students shown seated at their classroom computers. The computers are part of an enrichment program that the school trustees felt the Silverton students need to equip them for life in this high-tech world. The program is being monitored by other schools who also are hoping to be able to incorporate this into their systems.

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Looking Back

through the files of the
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December 30, 1982—Anthony Kingery, president of the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service, accepted delivery of a brand-new 1982-model ambulance last week . . . Graveside services conducted for Arthur Raymond Bingham . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Crass to observe fiftieth anniversary . . . Tandy Yvonne McJimsey weds Victor Glen Hastey in Plainview ceremony . . . Marie Boling had as her guests for Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. John Boling of Amarillo, Brenda Boling, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Weeks, Jeff and Misti, all of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boling and Donna, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Minyard and Ryan . . . Mr. and Mrs. Perry Brunson, Brandi, Bradley and Lacy were guests of his parents, the James Brunsons, in Quitaque Sunday . . .

December 21, 1972—Owls win Hale Center Tournament. Team members are Clarence Ivory, Mark Hutsell, Stan Martin, Craig Culwell, Ken Wood, Barry Bullock, Terry Culwell, John Minyard, Harland Vaughn and Barry Francis . . . Pre-Christmas dinner held in M. B. Self home . . . Bud Couch has been a patient at Hall County Hospital since Saturday morning . . . Mrs. Noel Deavenport has been a patient at Northwest Texas Hospital this week . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a little table and chairs and a high chair and five presents. Please bring my little sister a toy TV that plays "School Days". Thank you, Santa. I love you, Kimberly Burson . . . Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Barbie doll, a baby doll, ironing board, watch and a surprise. Love, Kori Baird . . . Dear Santa, I am glad of this year. I do not have very much to talk about but I want to say hi. I like the toys you gave me but Christmas is giving—not getting. I want two walky-talkies. Your friend, Don Perkins . . . Dear Santa, Come to my house to see me. Get me a football suit and football. I would like more but my mother will not let me. I was pretty nice this year. Don't forget to fill my stocking, please. Love, Gary D. Juarez . . .

December 13, 1962—Silverton Tournament begins this morning . . . Mrs. H. P. Rampley visited relatives in Lubbock and Stephenville several days last week . . . Raye and Max Garrison attended a District 2 4-H Council meeting at the Co-op Cottonoil Mill in Lubbock Saturday . . . Family Christmas program to be held at Methodist Church . . . Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Watkins and daughters spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn . . . The Haylake Club met in the home of Mrs. Shorty Bingham December 6 . . . March of Time Study Club hosts silver tea and book shower for public library . . .

December 25, 1952—Sunday Mrs. N. H. Smithee and her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Hancock, were hostesses at a dinner honoring the brothers and sisters of the late J. N. Smithee . . . Mrs. Avis Cowart is hostess to 1925 Study Club . . . Glendeen Oliver becomes bride of Richard Turner . . . Dear Santa Claus, I saw you Friday in Lubbock and told you what I wanted, but you might forget it. Please bring me a steam shovel, tool set and a blackboard. A few nuts and some candy also. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. Good-by, Garner Garrison . . . Joe T. Chandler is serving at Fort Richardson, Alaska . . . Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ledbetter host Christmas party . . .

December 24, 1942—Ice coat does damage to trees . . . Miss Mary Nell Hodges of Kress and Doc Brown were united in marriage Saturday, December 19, at the Methodist parsonage in Tulia

. . . Mrs. Jonnie Weaver of Spur visited the Welfare Office last Wednesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Howard were called to Wichita Falls Sunday by the serious illness of a nephew . . . Coleman and Charlene Garrison went to Plainview Friday to bring the girls home from school . . . Mr. and Mrs. Odell Walls of Las Vegas, New Mexico are here on a ten-day furlough . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Havran and Norland spent Monday in Lubbock with Bernard . . . The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Salmon of Brice is seriously ill . . . Mr. Henry Edens is ill with the mumps . . .

December 26, 1929—Young J. T. May, seven, was laid to rest Thursday afternoon. The youth lived with his parents four miles southwest of Silverton on the Dan Montague farm. Deceased died from an acute attack of appendicitis . . . Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Olive and family were in town Saturday to finish their Christmas shopping . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Mayfield visited their grandmother, Mrs. Willis Malone, at Vigo Park Saturday and Sunday . . . Charles Cowart and Powell Miller were Lockney visitors Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stodghill left Saturday to spend the holidays in Munday with their parents and friends . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Shaw, their daughter, Myrtle, and other children were in Plainview shopping Wednesday . . .

March 4, 1926—New light plant will soon be in operation . . . John Haynes goes into turkey business on big scale near here . . . Carpenters started the foundation yesterday for the new residence which Pete Blakney is putting up to take the place of the nice home which Mr. Blakney recently lost by fire . . . Miss Zelda Brown, who had a severe attack of appendicitis, is rapidly improving . . . Ed Vaughan was a trader in town the first of the week . . . F. M. Autry attended the G. C. Holt public sale and reports that things sold high, especially the hogs . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Merrell were Quitaque visitors Sunday afternoon . . . Among those from the third grade that are trying out in spelling for the contest are Willie Snapka, Roy Bomar, Mildred Bean, Lottie Vaughan, Pansy Dillard,

Katherine Norrid and Mildred Graves . . . The first graders on the honor roll were Imogene Pitts, Capper Dillard and Mildred Formby . . .


Santa,
Please make my Grand Tommy all well and help all of the children that are hungry.

And dear Santa I want Baby Feels So Real and I want a doll house.

Love,
Tara Shane Smith
P. S. Don't forget Wynter!!

Dear Santa,
I am a 7½ month old little boy. Even though I have kept mom and dad up a few nights, I have been pretty good the past 7½ months. For my first Christmas I would like a Touch 'n Sound train, a Muppet Babies Come Back Wheel, and a Weebles Ride-on Fire Truck. Don't forget to take some toys to my cousin Matthew in Denver. Milk and cookies will be waiting on the kitchen table for you.

Love,
CoDee Grabbe



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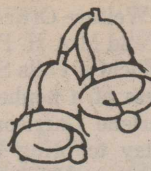


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What The Holiday Season Means to Me



What the holiday means to me is being with your family, and sharing good times with them. Remembering Christ to know he was born on that day so we can be happy. Being thankful for even being alive. Being able to be with your friends.

One of the highlights in my holiday is decorating the Christmas tree with my family. Every year since Rob, Leslee and I were born, Nena, my grandmother, has given an ornament to add to our collection. We have fun looking at the ornaments, and remembering when we got them. Our tree is filling with very special

ornaments that hold wonderful memories.

Christmas is a very special season for me.

Lindsey Weaks, 6th Grade

To me, the Christmas season is about being with family and friends, having fun visiting and celebrating the birth of Christ. We usually go hunting a Christmas tree in the canyons near my house. It takes a while to find one that we all can agree on. Then comes the hard part—cutting it down and dragging it out of the canyon. On Christmas Eve, my family gives and

receives gifts. We draw names to see who buys presents for who. This is what the Christmas season means to me.

Matt Martin, 6th Grade

To me the holidays are a time of happiness and love. To some people it is presents and playing, but that's not the real reason. Christmas and all the other holidays are a symbol of a very special day in the past. Like the birth of Christ. Now since it's very close to Christmas, I'm thinking of presents. Some holidays are for special occurrences. My favorite holidays are Christmas and Easter. I seem to like those because you get

things during those days. That's what the holiday season means to me.

Jay Arnold, 6th Grade

Christmas is a time for family and friends from far and near coming together to enjoy the holiday festivities in a warm and wonderful atmosphere full of joy, love and peace. It's the season for buying special gifts for those we hold so dear. It's the time of year when people are sincere and you take the time to be kind to one and all. It's caring for those in need. Christmas is a time to rejoice with family and friends. Christmas is not just presents from a store; it's sharing the greatest gift of all, love.

Destiny Ivory, 6th Grade

I know everyone likes receiving presents. But that's now what Christmas really means. What Christmas means to me is people's families being together, celebrating Christ's birth, wanting to give more than to receive. It means a time to be happy and express your love through giving (things), for example, helping elderly or poor people. Christmas is a time for love, joy and happiness. And in those words, that is what the holiday season means to me.

David Donahoo, 6th Grade

The season means caring, sharing, a time of joy and happiness. The season means birth to a newborn king, Jesus Christ our Savior. It's a time of families together sharing happy moments. Christmas is a time of giving. It means a time of decoration and caroling and songs of the season. The season is a time of tradition. There are wreaths and trees with lights and ornaments. It is a time of sayings and blessings. It's a time of hope and faith. That is what the season means to me.

Jeremy Holt, 6th Grade

Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I like Christmas because you have time to spend with all your family and friends. It's a time of the year to share presents and love with people, to be with friends and show them how you love them with gifts. It's a time to share love with people you love and play games with brothers or sisters. You get to share a blessed meal and think of people who can't be with family and the homeless. But the main reason is to remember what Christmas is for. We remember Christ was born on this day.

Dara Ramsey, 6th Grade

To me the holiday season means a time of togetherness, a time your family comes to visit, and a time of having fun.

It also means a time of giving a gift to your loved ones, and the homeless people.

Holiday times are for showing how much you love and care for your family and friends.

Best of all, it is the day Christ was born. We should thank Him for giving us life. That is what the holiday means to me.

Junior Castillo, 6th Grade

The holidays mean a time of love, caring and decorations for houses and trees. Another thing that it means is Santa stockings and pretty red, blue, green, white, purple and orange lights. It also means having turkey, fudge and peanut brittle. Plus we also read the Bible and at church we sing Christmas carols. We play in the snow and just try to have fun and joy. Most of the time Mom puts a decoration for us on the tree and when we grow up and have our own tree, we can remember the Christmas that we got it.

Jared Holt, 6th Grade

Merry Christmas

Holiday pleasures and little treasures are what make this a time of joy. Thanks for the pleasure of your friendship.

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Santa's Coming...



Dear Santa,
I want a car. And I want a baby puppy. I want a new decoration. Can I have a live rabbit? We will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Gid Mayfield

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Kody. I want a toy airplane. You can bring me whichever kind you

want.
I'll leave something under the tree for you.

Love,
Kody Rhoderick

Dear Santa Claus,
I believe in you.
Santa, can Charla have a little bitty play tractor for Christmas.

I hope Christmas comes soon. I'd like a new tractor like Daddy's, a front

wheel cyst with two wheels on the front and two wheels on the back, a red one. If you don't have a red one you can send me a green one. I'll leave you something under the tree.

Loved,
Chance R.

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa Claus, can I please have a baby for Christmas.

I love you,
Charla R.

Dear Santa,
Are you ready for Christmas? I am. This year I want ten trolls or something special.

Will you get Charla something

special, too.

Love,
Kendra Rhoderick



EXTENSION TOPICS FOR TODAY

by Ronda Alexander
Briscoe County Extension Agent
Home Economics

'Tis The Season

'Tis the season to be jolly and to participate in covered dish dinners. This is the time though that we should be most careful in our food preparations. When preparing any foods, you need to keep everything as clean as possible. This includes washing hands in hot, soapy water before starting food preparation. Hands, utensils and cutting boards should also be washed between raw meat and fish preparation, and when preparing other foods.

Perishables should be kept refrigerated until serving time. Normally, they are only safe out of refrigeration for up to two hours. After use, leftovers should be placed in small containers and kept only a few days.

When cooking meat, a meat thermometer should be used if possible. Red meat should reach 160 degrees F. and poultry 180 degrees F. If a meat thermometer is unavailable, red meat should be cooked thoroughly, poultry juices should run clear and fish should flake to the fork.

Following these simple suggestions should enable you to have a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.



The Carolers

1. Paint facial features on styrofoam balls.
2. Use angel hair or glue on yarn for hair.
3. Make the bodies from paper cones.
4. Cut out arms that can be glued at the back and wrapped around the front.
5. Make pretty paper or ribbon bows.
6. Cut out paper song books and glue to the hands.

Christmas Noise

In the South for some people, Christmas is a time to shoot off firecrackers and firearms. It is thought by some that this custom originated in earlier days as families wished to send greetings to distant neighbors. Another belief is that this goes back to the ancient habit of scaring away evil spirits by making big noises.

We trim our trees with colors bright

In honor of that blessed night

When in a manger He was born

And with His love our world adorned

Sincere thanks and good wishes to all our cherished friends and neighbors. May your holiday season be a time of peace and happiness.

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Hear the joyous songs of people
Gathered in His name to pray
And celebrate His birth this day*



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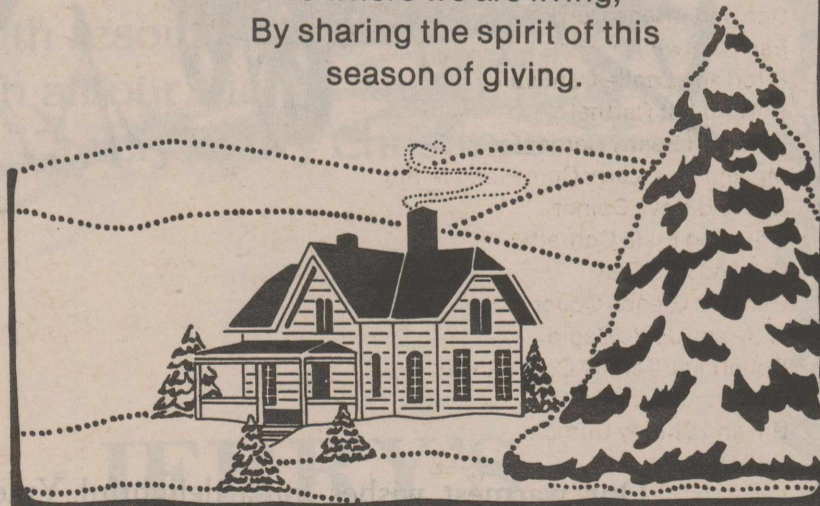
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May Your Home Be Blessed This Holiday Season



Here's to a future that
 knows no ill,
 A world filled with
 brotherhood, peace and good will.
 Where every child has
 a place to call home,
 And a person is judged
 on his merit alone.
 While this may seem like a
 pipe dream to some,
 We admit there's a lot of
 hard work to be done,
 And the best place to start
 is where we are living,
 By sharing the spirit of this
 season of giving.



Those whose names appear on these pages extend to you their personal wishes for your happy holiday season. They have donated to the L. O. A. Study Club Christmas Fund to buy books for the Silverton Public Library instead of sending greeting cards locally.

What The Holiday Season Means to Me



Southwest Airlines and LaQuinta Inns want to know what the holiday season means to students in grades one through nine. Their teacher, Jane Self, directed them in putting their thoughts and feelings about the holiday season in written essays. The essays were submitted to the Amarillo Globe-News, and prizes will be awarded in two categories.

Winners will receive two round-trip tickets to any Southwest Airlines published destination and accommodations for three days and two nights at a LaQuinta Inn in that same city. The trips are good for each winner and an accompanying adult.

Essays will be judged on the basis of content, sincerity, originality, creativity and writing ability.

I could write on and on about candy and gifts. It just wouldn't seem right because you'd really miss the true meaning of the season. I'd write the same as I did last year about giving instead of getting. Who am I kidding? You hear that every year. What the season means is warmth and care, spreading holiday joy everywhere. There's no limit to what YOU can do for all others and also you. Making others happy will fill you with cheer. This can help make a better year for all those you

are around with all your holiday season cheer.

Shauna Kingery, 7th Grade

Christmas is a very special time of the year to me. It was when Jesus was born. Sometimes I think we forget and leave Christ out of Christmas.

Christmas should be giving a lot and getting a little. It is a time when everyone should be happy and jolly.

Being with family that you haven't seen for a long time, eating good food, opening presents, singing Christmas carols and celebrating Jesus' birthday are some of the things that make Christmas special to me.

I wish everyone could keep the joy that comes at Christmas every other day of the year.

Trey Wyatt, 7th Grade

The holidays mean that you get to see all your long-lost relatives for Christmas.

It means the birth of Jesus Christ the son of God.

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What A World We Live In!

Miles Comer, 7th Grade

The holidays are a special time of year. There's snow on the ground and lots of places to go sledding. All your family comes home for the holidays and of course the minute ole Aunt Margaret walks in the door she grabs your cheeks and kisses you and says, "Oh, my little baby, growing up so fast." Then you walk around all day with red cheeks.

The holidays are a special time of year and are fun. But, while we're all laughing and playing, let's remember those who aren't so fortunate: the ones with nothing but a cardboard box for a house and no table to put what food they can get on.

So give praise to God and thank Him for what He's done.

Wynter Smith, 7th Grade

The holidays mean more than presents, eggnog and trees. We celebrate the birth of Christ. We can be with our families and enjoy life. Those people who think getting presents and candy is all Christmas is about are wrong. It's about more than that.

We often take advantage of the holidays and get greedy. Remember "tis better to give than to receive." Keep in mind God sent His only Son to save us, not to make a holiday where we give and receive gifts.

So now I hope you understand Christmas isn't about getting gifts; it's about life.

Michael Reagan, 7th Grade

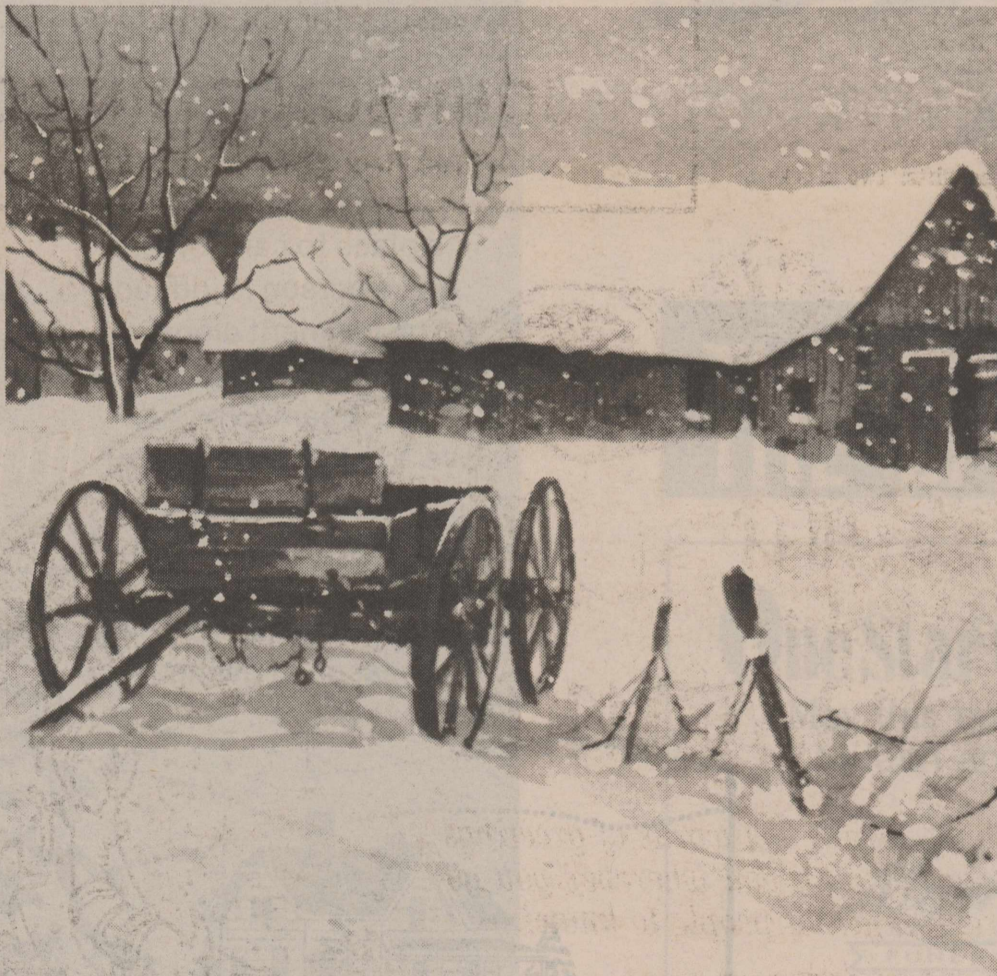
What the holidays mean to me is to be with my family and friends. It means having days off from school or work. The holidays mean celebrating traditions. At our house we get a Christmas tree out of the canyons and the whole family helps decorate it. If it snows, we go sledding. It means remembering people with cards or gifts. The holidays are when little kids get excited over Santa Claus. The most important thing about the holidays is celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

Kenzie Burson, 7th Grade

Christmas means a lot to me. First of all, Christmas is my favorite holiday. To me it's a holiday of happiness and caring. It's also fun getting gifts to show how much you care about a person and they will give you happiness in return. It also means the family is coming to my grandmother's house for turkey and dressing. We're also happy because it's the day Jesus was born and a lot of people love to celebrate this day because they love the Lord. Christmas is fun and has a lot of meaning.

Terry Davis, 7th Grade

Season's Greetings

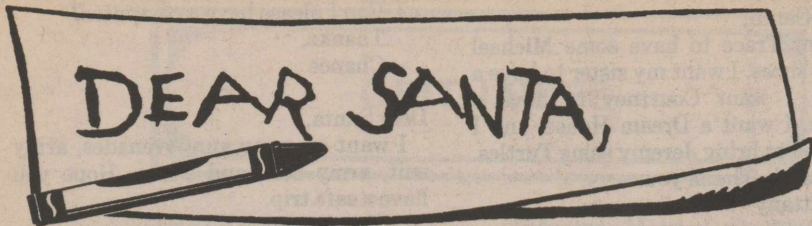


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Love,
Kassie

Dear Santa,
Please get me some cleats and some football pads and buy some things for my sisters and brother, dad and mom.
Red

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a Barbie and a Michelle doll and a California Roller Baby and a sing-a-long tape recorder and a watch and roller skates.
Love,
Pamela

Dear Santa Claus, please bring me a California Roller Baby and do you really have Rudolph? Circle yes or no. And please write back to me if you really have Rudolph. And send me a really Rudolph picture.
Love,
Daisy

Dear Santa,
I want an air pro hockey and I want a pair of rollerblades and I want a coat and a hot shot game, a pair of spurs and some sweaters and a remote control car and I want a fast and a game boy game, Bo Jackson hit a run.
Love,
Monty

Dear Santa,
I want these things: nurf football, gameboy, roller blades and I want a ten speed remote control motorcycle.
Adam

Dear Santa,
I want a Gameboy and two tapes to go in it. And some roller blades and a real puppy.
John

Dear Santa,
I want a remote-control car.
Chase

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some Roller Blades and a Bean Bag and the doll, Starla, and a pink halter and a Garth Brooks tape.
Love,
Tarran Forbes

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a fast truck and a game boy, too, and a super van city and a space police lego, too.
To Santa Claus,
from Felipe

Dear Santa,
I do not know what I want. Just bring me a surprise or a bean bag. How are you? How are your reindeer?
Your friend,
Bryn

Dear Santa,
Please give these gifts: two trucks

and some cars, and a slinky. Also, a helicopter. Thank you.
Chris

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control and gameboy and racing cars.
Adrian

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until you come on Christmas Eve. And since you don't know what I want, I'm going to tell you. I want a rock polisher, a jam box and a bean bag. And also I want a wind sock, and a Madam Alexander, roller blades and dream bride. And some charms for my charm bracelet and some doll house furniture, Little Miss Magic Jewel.
Jenny



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May all the things that inspire and invite a festive Yuletide season and a cheer-filled Christmas be yours to share with friends and loved ones. Please accept our sincere thanks for your patronage, and our best wishes for the holidays.

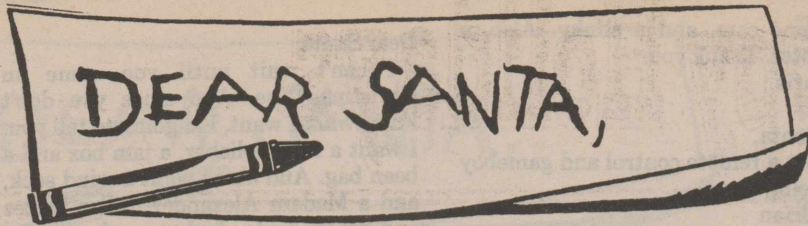
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I want a pistol and for my baby brother I want a telephone that you push and Mickey Mouse talks. Thank you.
I love you,
Jeronimo

Dear Santa,
I want Trace to have some Michael Jordan shoes. I want my sister to have a Barbie. I want Courtney to have a tricycle. I want a Dream House, and I want you to bring Jeremy some Turtles. Hi Rudolph. Thank you.
Brittany

Dear Santa Claus,
I believe in you. Bring Kody a flying airplane. Give your reindeer a hug for

me. Can I please have a computer?
Thanks,
Chance

Dear Santa,
I want an army gun, grenades, army suit, army belt, and snake. Hope you have a safe trip.
Thank you,
Zack

Dear Santa,
I want some pump-up shoes and they're black. I want a belt with a saddle on it and it's black. I want a Cabbage Patch, and I want some boots like Zack's. I want some pump-up shoes for my baby brother. Can I see your reindeer, and I want to see Rudolph the "Red-Nosed" Reindeer.
Thank you,
Chris

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Teddy Bear. I'll leave you something to eat. We have had lots of snow.
I love you,
Janet

Dear Santa,
I want a pink car that I can ride in, a Little Mermaid that sings underwater, and a new bike. I want to see your reindeer.
Thank you,
Kelsie

Dear Santa,
I want a robot that talks, and I want a camouflage car, and I want a machine gun that shakes when you pull the trigger. How are the reindeer doing? Have a safe trip. Thanks. Bye Santa.
Max

Dear Santa,
Buy me play dishes, and buy my uncle a tractor. Buy my cousin a plane. Buy my little sister a Barbie.
I love you,
Danielle



'The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord'
(Psalms 33:5)

Christmastime offers us time to reflect on the beauty of creation as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. We're pleased to join with you in prayer, and to offer you our thanks.

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Mary and Carol Davis and Family

Elton and Lanita Cantwell were in Amarillo Thursday evening to attend the Christmas Festival at Trinity Fellowship Christian School. Their grandson, Devin Cantwell, performed with his second grade class. In addition to singing "Little Drummer Boy" and "The Twelve Days of Christmas," the entire class quoted Luke 2:1-20, using appropriate hand gestures for emphasis. They were led by their teachers, Mrs. Stockard and Mrs. Slagle. The entire program was very impressive.



News Notes

Items of Interest About
SHS Ex-Students
Contributed by Former Students

Jerry Frizzell, Class of 1958, and Sandra Kitchens Frizzell, Class of 1964, recently have moved from Childress to Silverton and are living in the former home of Miss Anna Lee Anderson. Jerry works for the Texas Prison System and has been transferred from Childress to the Tulia compound.

Dear Santa,
My name is Ami. I am four years old. I have tried to be a good girl. Please bring me a kitchen set, a Barbie motorhome, and some surprises. Please bring my big brother, Danny, something, too.
Love,
Ami Dunn

JOYOUS NOEL

4-H'er Asks That You Save Christmas Cards

As a 4-H project, Ashleigh Wyatt is collecting Christmas cards for charitable organizations that use the artwork in their projects.

When you are finished with your Christmas cards, don't throw them away. Call Ashleigh, and she will come pick them up or you may leave them for her at the Extension Service office in the basement of the courthouse.

No BB Games on Schedule until December 29

The high school teams won't have any more basketball games through the holidays until December 29, when the boys varsity and junior varsity teams will go to McLean for a pair of games.

Following is a resume of the game played during the past week.

Owlettes 6 15 33 44
Kress 4 8 11 29

Scoring were Aimee Francis, 27; Brandi Brunson, Christa Tucker, Dedra Johnston, four points each; Kami Martin, three; Shannon Weaver, one point.

Owl JV 9 25 40 57
Kress 14 32 46 55

Scorers were Stoney Hubbard, 18; Braden Towe, 12; Robert Leal and Phil Patino, nine points each; Zane Henderson, six; Trent Smith, three points.

Owlettes 9 17 25 37
Amherst 18 28 42 54

Scoring were Brandi Brunson, 10; Aimee Francis, nine; Christa Tucker, six; Molly Bomar and Leslee Weak, four points each; Kami Martin and Dedra Johnston, two points each.

Owls 28 47 57 67
Amherst 8 30 50 65

Scorers were Frank Ramirez, jr., 21; Casey Frizzell, 17; Michael Hill, 12; Lance Holt, nine; Matt Francis, six; Robert Leal, two points.

Owlette JV 8 11 15 18
Trinity Christian 19 28 36 42

Scoring were Kayla Ramsey, seven; Brandi Breedlove, six; Kara Kingery and Christina Stephens, two points each; Holly Nance, one point.

Owl JV 9 14 20 38
Trinity Christian 14 28 52 68

Scorers were Phil Patino, 17; Russ Baird, seven; Braden Towe, six; Dewayne Juarez and Zeb Holt, four points each.

Owlette JV 1 3 8 14
Trinity Christian 16 22 39 45

Scoring were Holly Nance, 10; Christina Stephens, two; Jo Ann Ramirez and Brandi Breedlove, one point each.

Owl JV 9 25 34 44
Alamo Catholic 25 38 64 80

Scorers were Phil Patino, 16; Braden Towe, 14; Jeremiah Brooks, five; Russ Baird, four; Zeb Holt, three; Dewayne Juarez, two points.

The varsity teams travel to Hedley January 5 for a pair of games beginning at 6:30 p.m. The following weekend, they will be playing in the Silverton Hoot-Out.

Children's Christmas Village

A Christmas village is erected for children in Torrington, Connecticut where Santa chats with the children as he and his elves work on toys. Santa's sleigh and his reindeer also are an attraction as well as the Nativity scene lit by a Star of Bethlehem.

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**Lo, the star, which they saw in the east,
went before them, till it came and stood
over where the young child was.**

—Matthew 2:10

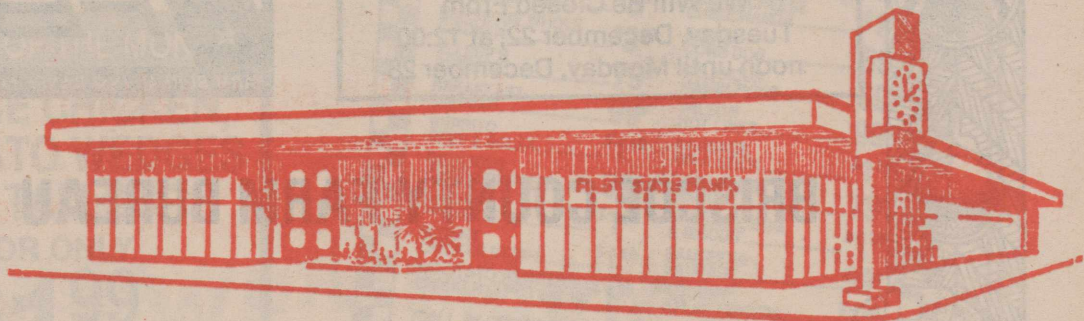
Season's Greetings

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

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Patricia McJimsey
Lura Brown
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Grass windstrips are an addition that farmers can make to bring their farms into compliance with the Food Security Act of 1985.

Grass Windstrips Help Make Law Compliance Easier

One of the easiest ways to stay in compliance with the 1985 Food Security Act is to use grass windstrips, says Matthew Kast, District Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service in Silverton.

This alternative allows farmers to farm the land between the windstrips pretty much as they please.

Another advantage to grass windstrips is the low maintenance required. Once grass is established there is almost nothing the farmer has to do.

Windstrips planted along terraces have another advantage. They reduce terrace maintenance and increase the

life of the terrace. In the long run, this can save money.

If you would like to change to grass windstrips, you will need to contact the Soil Conservation Service in Silverton. It will be necessary to change your FSA plan to include windstrips. Grass windstrips can be planted from now through May.

For more information, contact the Soil Conservation Service in Silverton.

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Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Hanna Shaleen. I'm five years old. How did you like all the snow? I liked it.

For Christmas I wish you would bring me a Roller Skate Baby, a Barbie that skates, some new clothes, a new head band for my hair, a little black baby with a baby bottle. Thank you Santa.

I hope you have a very nice Christmas too. I will leave some cookies and milk for you.

Merry Christmas,
Hanna

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good little girl this year.

I would like for you to bring me a Cabbage Patch Doll, a Monkey Loves, a Little Mermaid tent and sleeping bag, some clothes and anything else you would like to bring.

Also my big brother, Brandon, would like for you to bring him a car if it will fit in your sleigh.

Milk and fudge will be on our counter for you.

Love always,
Nikki Pat Lavy

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a new Bubble-mower, a new gun and some new boots size 8. Please don't forget my brother and my cousins. We will leave cookies and chocolate milk for you.

Shane Estes

Dear Santa,

I've been a real good boy this year! Will you bring me a tape player that has a belt so you can wear it, a talking robot, a laundry center, a big G.I. Joe man, some candy and some books please and a brand new Busy Balls.

I love you,
Clay

OBITUARIES

TRECIA SHIVES

Funeral services for Trecia Shives, 87, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Tulia, with the pastor, Rev. Charles Davenport, officiating.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery by Wallace Funeral Home.

Mrs. Shives died at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 18, at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo following extensive surgery the previous Friday.

She was born Trecia Elizabeth Bomar on September 10, 1905, in Silverton. Her father, Virgil Bomar, helped organize the county and town. He and his wife, Mary, were parents of Pearl, Emmet, Wylie, Tom, Oran and Lee D. Bomar, all of whom preceded Mrs. Shives in death.

She was reared in Silverton and married William George (Bill) Shives in Silverton on October 7, 1933. They moved to Tulia following their marriage, and continued their residence there until their deaths. He preceded her on January 11, 1984.

She was a retired beauty operator and a member of First Baptist Church and the Unity Study Club.

Survivors include a son, William Bomar (Billy) Shives, who now resides at the Audie Murphy Memorial Veterans Administration Hospital in San Antonio; four grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Rae Thornton, Doyle Hooten, R. B. Dawson, jr., Dr. Fred V. Richards, Jim Hill and Dub Amburn.

LEAVIE CHERRY

Funeral services for Leavie Cherry, 89, a former Silverton resident, were

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by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

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If so, there's a good chance that you were one of the more than 12,000 people who got a letter from Social Security in November. It reminded potential beneficiaries that when they are 70 years old, they can work, earn any amount of money, and still receive full Social Security benefits. After age 70, there's no limit on your earnings for Social Security purposes. Nothing is deducted from your monthly check even though you continue to work.

Social Security has launched a major effort to contact people three months before their 70th birthday. Letters will be mailed each month to potential beneficiaries reminding them that no matter how much they're earning now, they should get in touch with Social Security if they want to begin collecting benefits.

If you think you're eligible, you can arrange for an appointment by calling Social Security's toll-free telephone number, 1-800-772-1213, any business day between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m..

conducted Monday at 3:30 p.m. at Mount Olivet Chapel in Haltom City.

Graveside rites will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 23, in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Mount Olivet Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cherry died Friday at Bedford Hospital in Haltom City.

She was born in Eastland County, Texas, and had resided in Silverton before moving to Haltom City to be near her daughter.

She was a retired salesperson and a member of Chapter 31, Order of the

Eastern Star.

Among those preceding her in death were a son, Glen R. Lindsey, and his wife, Lillian Brooks Lindsey.

She is survived by a daughter, Sue Blocker of Haltom City; five grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

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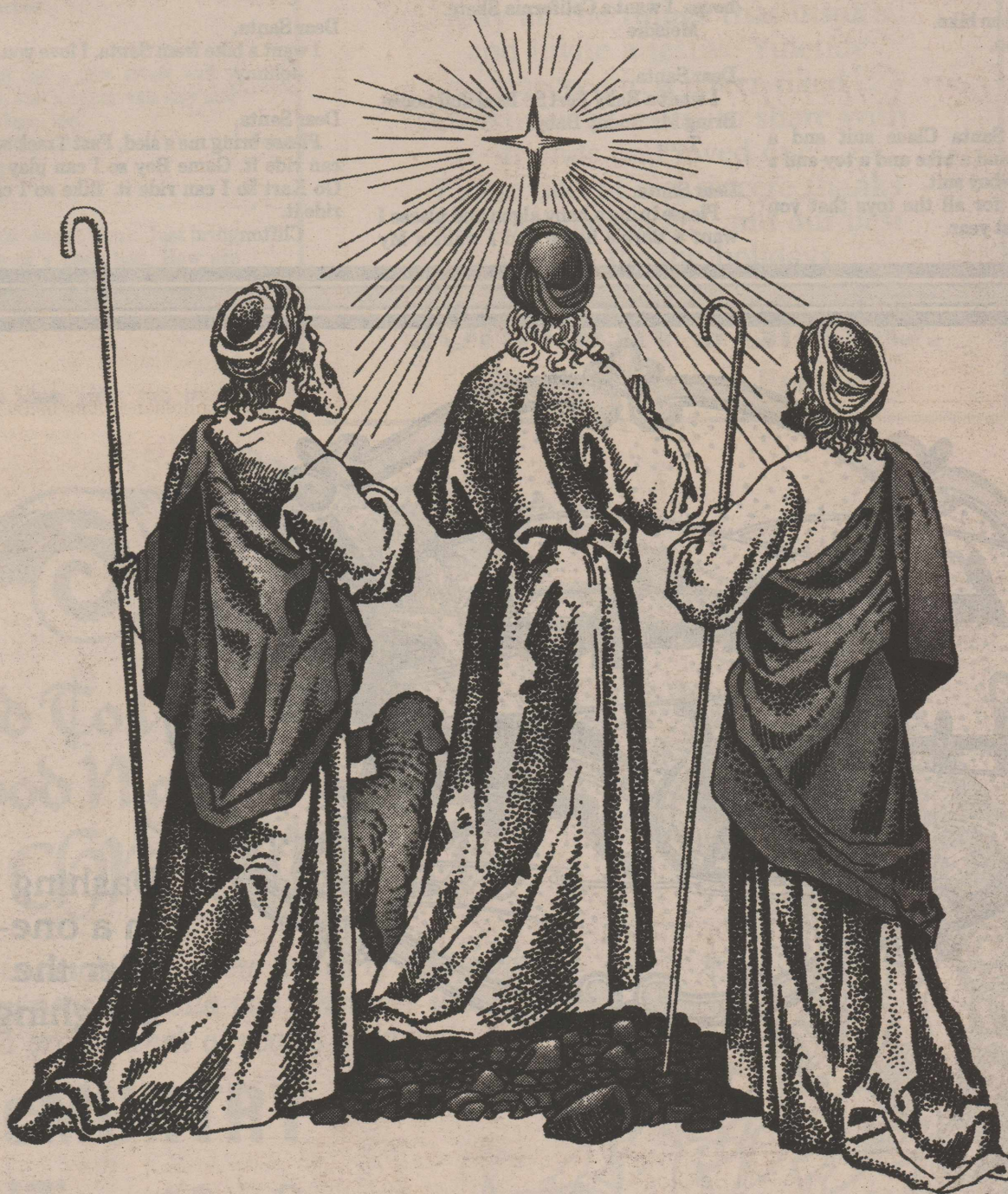
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Monica

Dear Santa,
I want a train track and a race remote control car, please.
Brandon

Dear Santa,
I want a Fast Trak and a Zeld Monopoly Game boy and if you have time a set of dras.
Trace

Dear Santa,
I like you sled, and I like you. I want a wagon. I love you.
Thank you,
Theresa

Dear Santa,
I want a green bike.
Thank you,
Marcos

Dear Santa,
I want a Santa Claus suit and a fireman suit and a bike and a toy and a kite and a cowboy suit.
Thank you for all the toys that you gave to me last year.
Caleb

Dear Santa,
I want a watch and wallet and a compass. Tell the reindeer not to be jealous of Rudolph. I love you and the reindeer and the elves.

Dear Santa,
I want a billfold and new boots size 13 and hat band and hat and some toys and a new watch. Thank you for the things you gave us last year.
Payton

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Shines and I want a Barbie and I want a stroller and I want a Cabbage Patch. Thank you for the toys last year.
Stormy

Dear Santa,
I want a troll. I want a troll tree house. I want a California Skate.
Meladie

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Feel So Real doll house. Bring My Buddy Baby.
Tara

Dear Santa,
Please bring a baby algon and please I want a Barbie house and I want a My

Buddy Baby.
Ashley

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and bean bag trasha yewood tape. Bring clothes and a Ken and some Ken clothes and a doll Baby Feel So Real. Thank you for what you have brought me last year. I wish I could see you, Santa.
Lori

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Feels So Real, a Barbie, Barbie clothes, Baby clothes and Beauty sheets.
Thank you for the toys last year.
Daryl-Ann

Dear Santa,
Thank you, Santa. I would like a swing set for Christmas. Santa, I want a toy baby for Christmas, and I hope you can get here.
Kelsy

Dear Santa,
I want a sled from you. Santa, I like you. I want something else from you. What I want is a fast track.
Joseph

Dear Santa,
I want a bike from Santa. I love you.
Johnny

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a sled, Fast Track so I can ride it. Game Boy so I can play it. Go Kart so I can ride it. Bike so I can ride it.
Clifton

Dear Santa,
I want a Fast Track and a Game Boy and I think that you are a very good person and a mototrl car.
Ty

Dear Santa,
I want a Fast Track and a Game Boy and a race car track and a dog brush.
Eric

Dear Santa,
Thank you. I am Kody. I want a toy airplane. I will leave something by the tree.
Mrs. Claus, I like the candy.
Kody

"I Care For You"

Practically anytime you go shopping you'll hear someone muttering about how Christmas has become "too commercial," but, of course, the minute you turn your back and start down the aisle, guess who is busy looking at cute things they want to buy! Christmas gift-giving, itself, is not a commercial creation for it began with the Wise Men's gift to Baby Jesus long ago. The real value to gifts is the thought behind it—the heart that says, "It may seem, so often, that I take you for granted, but I really think of you and care for you. I'd just like to pass on this little gift from my heart."



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In a one-horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way...

Here's wishing all our valued friends and neighbors the best holiday season ever!

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What The Holiday Season Means to Me



The holidays are special in many ways. It is about looking at the memories book. The season is about hanging up lights with Mom and going to get the tree with Dad. It's about getting an extra long vacation from school. The holidays are about eating Christmas dinner with the whole family. It's about listening to my granddads argue about who will play in the Super Bowl and grandmas exchanging recipes. It's not about receiving presents—it's about giving love. The holidays are a special time to me and my family in various ways.

Lacy Brunson, 7th Grade

Christmas is a very special holiday to me. Families, relatives and friends come together to celebrate Jesus Christ's birthday. Some people forget the real meaning of Christmas. Giving gifts and receiving a few is always fun. Also, Santa Claus becomes very popular in December. Kids of all sizes and ages write letters to him. They also sit in Santa Claus' lap. The Christmas tree is always a tradition in our home. We all decorate it together. As you can see, Christmas is a very special holiday to me. I hope it is just as special for you.

Molly Brooks, 7th Grade

The holidays mean more than just presents. It means families get together even if you don't like some of your friends or relatives. The next holiday is Christmas day. Christmas is one of the most popular holidays around the world. Christmas Day, you show love and care, and it makes you feel better. If you only say you care once a year, it's better if you say it during a holiday. Holidays are not just for presents or to gain weight. The purpose is to say thank you and to tell your friends and family you love them.

That's what the holidays mean to me.
Irene Gonzales, 7th Grade

The holidays mean having loving families getting together to celebrate a holiday. Family members give out presents or just eat a dinner, but everyone gets together to celebrate. You can invite people you haven't seen in a long time or that you don't know very well and get to know them. At Christmas time, you can receive and give gifts to other people, and on Easter you can hunt Easter eggs, but it's not just the presents and the eggs. It's having fun and being with your family. That's what the holidays mean to me.

Will Hester, 7th Grade

Holidays—be glad we have them. If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't be in the position we are now. All holidays have shown us to love and care. For example, Thanksgiving is a time when we gather around the table to peacefully eat what the Lord has given us and share it with our friends and family.

Every holiday people travel or throw a party. If you're lonely on Christmas, call someone and invite them over. Some people who are less fortunate than us can't do this, so help them out.

Bert Garza, 6th Grade

I think that all the holidays are special, especially Christmas because it is when Santa Claus comes to town and gives us presents. Of all the holidays, my favorite one is Christmas because it is when Jesus was born. I like whenever it snows and my parents give me things like Nintendos and other gifts. I like Christmas because every year I get to go to Mexico to see my grandma and

grandad. But this time, my grandma is coming to visit us, and I won't get to go.

For me every holiday means a very special day because we celebrate something very special.

Juan Garcia, 6th Grade

The Christmas holidays are a time for sharing with your family and friends and animals. It is not receiving gifts or giving gifts. It is the thought that matters, the thought of love. It doesn't matter if you get an empty box. That box is full, full of love and caring for others. Give to people not only presents but love.

Anthony Gamble, 8th Grade

The holidays are times for joy and laughter, times to be patient and kind to everyone, times to be caring and sharing, times to live life the way that it should be lived and enjoyed. Holidays are what should bring out the angel in

everyone. Everyone should be friendly at all times, especially on holidays. The movie, *A Christmas Carol*, was made to prove a point about cruelty and greediness. Three spirits showed Scrooge how life was and would be if he didn't change. He didn't like the outcome so he changed. Let's try not to be the way Scrooge was.

Arnold Garza, 8th Grade

The holiday season means a lot to me. For me, the season portrays the togetherness of family. The family comes together to exchange presents, but the true meaning is to get together and share your feelings about one another. Since I have two families, I have double fun with the family. For the holiday season, I like to get together with my brothers and sisters to buy each set of parents a special present to show appreciation for their time and their love. The holiday season is all just

a time to get together and say "I love you" to the family.

Kimmie Blazier, 8th Grade

Are holidays special times? Well, a question like that can only be answered by asking opinions. Because, in fact, it is a matter of opinion.

My personal preference of opinion of the holidays is usually a good one. Holidays are times to rejoice as in Christmas, celebrating Christ's resurrection at Easter, or counting your blessings at Thanksgiving. At these certain special times of the year, I think most people take for granted what they have. In these hard times, people fail to realize just how lucky they are. So, as for myself, holidays represent the joy and pureness life can bring.

Brandon Sarchet, 8th Grade

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I love you, Santa.

Love,
Melonie

Dear Mr. Claus,

My name is Keifer Dutton. I am four years old and live in Silvertown, Texas. I hve been a pretty good boy this year but 365 days is a lot of days.

I would like you to bring me a dump truck to play with this summer in my sandbox, a radio remote control car, some games, a Beauty and The Beast movie, cowboy jeans and some shirts. I also have a little sister, Kelsie, who is 16 months old. She would like some new clothes and a baby stroller and

baby doll.

My daddy is the boys basketball coach and he would like a new whistle and watch because I have misplaced them. He would also like a cordless drill. Mom would like some new red Justin Lacers and a matching belt.

Please remember all the other boys and girls. Thank you and have a safe trip.

Love,
Kiefer Dean Dutton

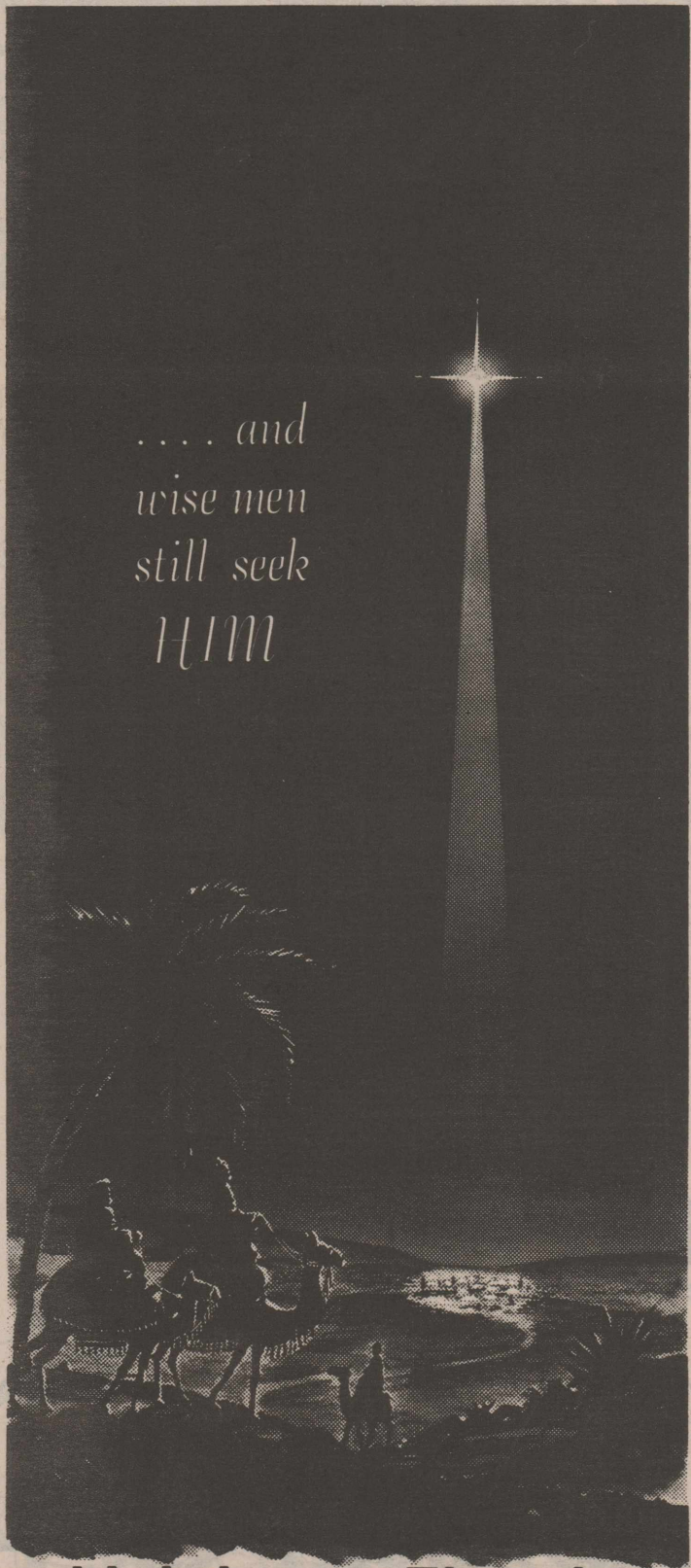
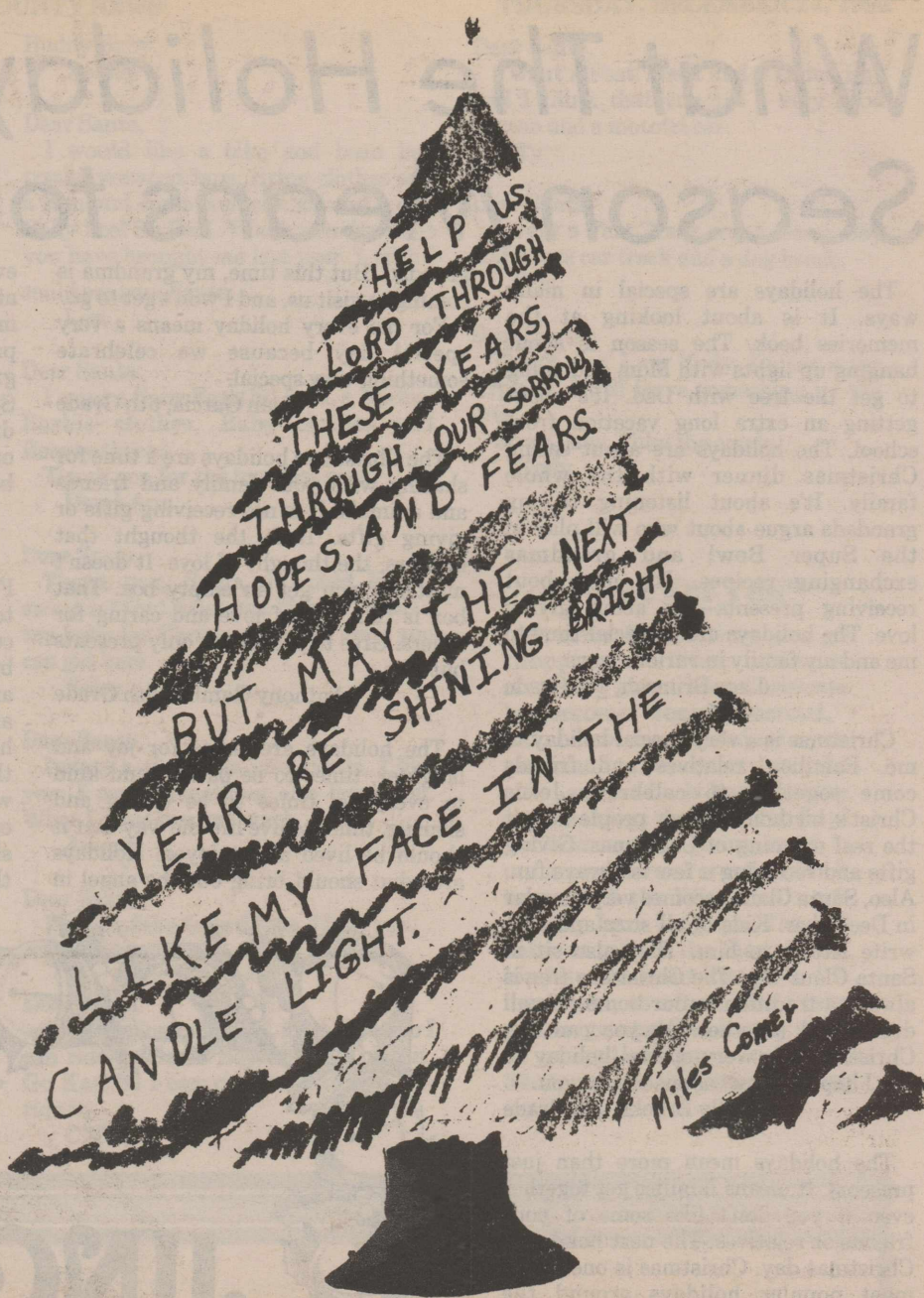
Dear Santa,

My brother is Daniel. He wants a tractor. I want a Little Miss Magic Jewelz.

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Love,
Holly Beth

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What The Holiday Season Means to Me



Christmas is my favorite holiday. To me it means getting and giving presents and celebrating the birth of Jesus. When I receive a gift, it means receiving something new as Mary and Joseph did on the night of Christmas. Jesus was a new symbol in life for them. The star on top of a Christmas tree is like the star that brought the three wisemen to Jesus. The bright shiny star stood out above the stable. It also means that you get to spend time with your family.

Andy Bullock, 7th Grade

Christmas means celebrating the birth of Jesus. It also means giving to each other. Sometimes there is snow on the ground, that the kids can play in. Also, we borrow my dad's game Taboo and the whole family plays. This year one of my friends is coming down, and I hope to get to see her. I also get a long vacation away from school to spend time with my family. That's what Christmas means to me.

Trista Davis, 7th Grade

The holidays mean peace and great memories. Christmas is my favorite holiday. It means that you should give of yourself and celebrate Jesus' birthday. That is what Christmas means to me. Thanksgiving is my second favorite holiday. We get to celebrate the United States of America. It was discovered and some Englishmen landed here. The rest have much in common. They celebrate people and discoveries. All though they are usually one day long, they are still special. I think the saddest holiday is Memorial Day. This is what the different holidays mean to me.

Leland Wood, 7th Grade

Holidays are very special days. It's a day everyone celebrates. Holidays are celebrated around the world. That's why we should celebrate these events to keep them remembered throughout many centuries. So when your children grow up, they can have the same feelings about it as you did. And so they can look back and remember the joy they had eating, singing and laughing together. Inviting children and grandchildren over for supper. Opening gifts and playing games. Children running around. That's what the holiday means to me.

Amanda Cruz, 7th Grade

What is Christmas about? Do you know? Well I do. It is about loving and caring, not just giving and receiving. And it's about the birth of Jesus. And of course, I like to get presents, but that's not what it's all about. I think it is better to give than it is to receive. I also think Christmas is about eating. NOT! Christmas is also about getting together with friends and family. Christmas is also fun and I really like it. That's how I feel about Christmas.

Trey Ziegler, 7th Grade

The holiday season means being with family and friends, the ones you love and even the ones you dislike. It means being happy and full of joy. It is very important to show what you feel. Be full of happiness and joy and others around you will be happier. Showing people around you that you really do care is very important. It doesn't mean receiving gifts but giving gifts to others.

Amber Aulbach, 7th Grade

The holidays mean so much to me

because I get to see my cousins, grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts and uncles. Holidays like Christmas and Thanksgiving are the best of mine because I get to see more of my relatives. I like the Christmas holidays because you get to see people happy, and you give presents to people. It feels good when you give someone a present and they like it. That is what the holiday season means to me.

Jared Francis, 7th Grade

What the holiday season means to me is to celebrate something special. It means when people did something special or when a person died in war. People celebrate mostly Christmas, New Year's Day and Easter. People who celebrate many holidays go visit their families and friends. They have parties, cookouts, and a feast. The holidays mean that people like to have fun and have some spirit. People like to put lights and decorations on doors and

their windows. Also holidays are days that people do what they enjoy and remember the rest of their lives. That's what the holiday seasons mean to me.

Melissa Barraza, 7th Grade

What the holidays mean to me is that I get to be with my family and friends. I am so glad that we get to rejoice about Christ's birth and that He died for our sins and was willing to make us free. Christ's birth is something very special to me and getting to go to my grandparents for Christmas. I love getting together and watching football games and cheering for my team and all the delicious food my family has prepared. I am so grateful that Christ's birthday is a holiday and that we get to rejoice. That's what the holidays mean to me.

Donny Burson, 6th Grade

The holiday season has a special meaning to me. This is a time for

celebrating Christ's birthday and also my birthday! It is a very special time to be with all of your family.

I think that many people forget the real meaning of Christmas time and the holidays. I think that most children think that's all it is, a time for opening presents and Santa Claus coming. More families should teach their children the real meaning of Christmas. Maybe if more people would remember the reason then they would look forward to this special holiday. That is what the holiday seasons mean to me.

Lindsey Jennings, 6th Grade

Christmas is a time to visit and enjoy having friends and family. It's not a time just to receive presents or decorate. The decorations stand for symbols of love from us to Jesus. He died for us on the cross. We need to take a moment on Christmas to really think what the holiday is about. It's a time to show Jesus our love. Receiving presents is just a way to show our love towards our family. The season is a time of hope. We should rejoice on the holidays. That's what the holidays mean to me.

Misty Wilkerson, 6th Grade

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The holidays mean joy, love and very happy times to me because I get to see my whole family, all my brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces. I also see my cousins, aunts, uncles and my grandma.

Christmas is my favorite holiday because we exchange gifts, and sing Christmas carols and have lots of good things to eat. We also go to church to give thanks to God for everything we have and to celebrate the birth of Jesus, and hope for a very happy New Year!

Sometimes the holidays don't turn out the way we planned them, but we still have fun and good times. Holidays to me mean happy times.

Mary Ann Maciel, 8th Grade

There are many different holidays, but I think there is just one that is really special. That is Christmas. When I say the word Christmas, I get all warm inside. I think of families getting together, loving and caring for each other. It is a day filled full of joy. Some people love Christmas so much because of the presents. Yes I admit I like presents too, but that is not all that Christmas means to me. It is also a time to see your Uncle Lynn or Cousin Dan. So what I'm saying is there are many different special things about Christmas.

Billy Edwards, 8th Grade

The holidays are a time for families to

get together and remember happy times. It is also the time to see old friends you don't see any other time of the year. It is also a happy time of talking and singing and laughing. It is also the time of getting gifts. It is also a time to remember Jesus who was born on this day. It is a time to remember your family, friends, and the less fortunate. It is a time of joy and happiness.

Jim Myers, 8th Grade

The holidays are a very special time for my family and me. I am not sure what makes it so special. Maybe it's because the house is full of people laughing and everyone having a great

time. Also the holiday is a time when everyone shows their love and care for one another by giving each other special gifts; it is not so much the gifts. It is the thought and the time they put in that counts. And if you are depressed the holidays always have a way to cheer you up. And that makes the holidays all the more special.

Isabel Patino, 8th Grade

The holiday that means the most to me is Christmas.

Christmas is a holiday that is full of joy and happiness. It reminds me of Jesus being born. If He had not been born, we wouldn't be here. The star on the Christmas tree is also something that symbolizes Jesus' being born. It is not only about getting presents.

You shouldn't only think about presents. You should think why there is even a Christmas holiday.

Minerva Patino, 8th Grade

Christmas doesn't mean a lot to me for instance the presents we open is not all it is about. All I like about the holiday is the people that come to our house on Christmas, like my uncles, aunts, cousins and friends. Sometimes after Christmas we go to Mexico to a town called Aquenia which is right beside the border near Del Rio. The reason we go to Mexico is because my grandparents live there. We have a lot of fun because we cook for them and they cook for us. At night, we go to the town square where there's a lot of lights and little markets. That's what Christmas means to me.

Lupe Vargas, 8th Grade

The holiday is to relax and spend time with family. Sometimes we go on a trip during the vacation time. My family and I think going camping is fun. It is also a time to rejoice and feel free. It gives me a time to recover from the hardship of school work.

Coty Braddock, 8th Grade

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.

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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.

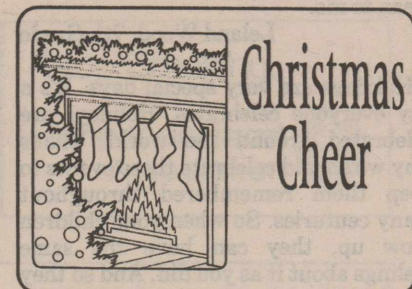
We pause to reflect on his life during the Christmas Season, and celebrate his birthday on Christmas Day.

Merry

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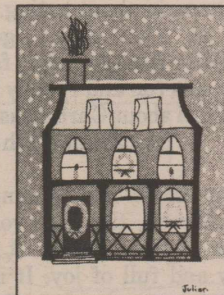
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Dear Santa,
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Love,
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Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a doll and a bike. I hope you have a good Christmas, Santa Claus and a little presents.
Love,
Carmen

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you bring me a dirt bike. Please bring me some Legos. Bring me a big Tonka truck. Maybe a few cars. Would you bring me a Super Nintendo and a few tapes.
Love,
Jason

Dear Santa,
I would like magic jewels and I would like a puppy. And I want you to bring Kina some diamond earrings. And something for my puppy.
Love,
Karlie

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you bring me a knife. Would you bring Jared a twelve-gage shotgun. Please would you bring Caleb a Santa Claus suit. Could you bring Nathan a Super Nintendo. Could you please bring Jacob a big toy tractor.
Your friend,
Andrew

Dear Santa,
I want a camera. My dad might give me a CD player, but he might not. My brother wants a waterbed. My other brother wants a punching bag. I want a fish too. I want a Totally Hair Barbie.
Love,
Molly

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a game called Mall Madness and a basketball. Also bring a Barbie named Kevin. Please bring my

brother a football set and super van city. Also bring him a monster truck.
Love,
Amy

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like Baby Roller Blades and a game Giggle Wiggle and Kerplunk. Thank you. Merry Christmas.
From Kylie

Dear Santa Claus,
What I want is a Sega Genesis and a new bike. And a bow and arrow. Give Gabriel a car set and a new jacket. Something for Lupe, maybe a model, and a remote control car.

Dear Santa,
I would like Little Miss Magic Jewels. I also want an ice skating berg with ice skates. I would also like Baby Roller Blades and the game Crocodile Denist.
Love,
Kina

Dear Santa Claus,
Get me a bike, a Holly, a little necklace and new clothes too and a lot of toys but maybe a pretty doll and that's all. And maybe a puppy for Christmas and I would like a new Barbie too. I would like it very much. That is all I want.

Dear Santa,
I want a set of football pads plus the Dallas Cowboys suit. Can you get me a Sega Genesis. And can you get my brother a Ninya Turtle.
Sincerely,
Refugio

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a Sega Genesis, Sonic the Hedgehog and Million. The next thing is a remote control car, a B-B gun and some B-Bs.
Love,
Kevin

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been a pretty good boy. All I want is a Super Van City, Ninja Turtles that

mutate from pet turtles into mutant turtles, plastic rubber snake, boy size leather bullwhip.
I don't know what my sister wants.
Love,
Duncan

Dear Santa,
I want a Thin Ice game, a new pair of house shoes, a baby doll, and a winter dress please. My sister wants Sparkle Eyes Barbie, a baby doll and a porcelain doll. My mome wants a new Sunday coat.
Love,
Kurby

Dear Santa Claus,
Please, Santa Claus, will you get me a Game Boy, bike, some new clothes and some Legos. Will you please get my sister, Irene, a VCR with a TV. Also will you bring Janet and Martina a big Barbie with a lot of clothes. Please get my mom and dad a new car. Santa Claus, have a nice Christmas.
Love,
Junior

Dear Santa,
I want some rollerblades. Please bring me Roller Blade Baby. My little sister has been asking for a Power Wheel Barbie Jeep for three years now. She also wants Baby Alive.
Thanks,
Amanda

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Barbie Magical Motorhome and My Bundle Baby. Please bring my brother a little truck and please bring my baby sister a teddy bear.
Love,
Nicole

Dear Santa,
I want a Game Boy with the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Road Runners, Valley Rally and Super Mario 1 with it. If this Game Boy is the only thing I get, I want it. I want a new truck stop like I had.
Also bring my mom and dad a vacuum that goes in the cigarette lighter. Please bring Kassie and Clay a Barbie. Please bring Blake some Hot Wheels cars.
Thanks, santa.
Your friend,
Matt Strange

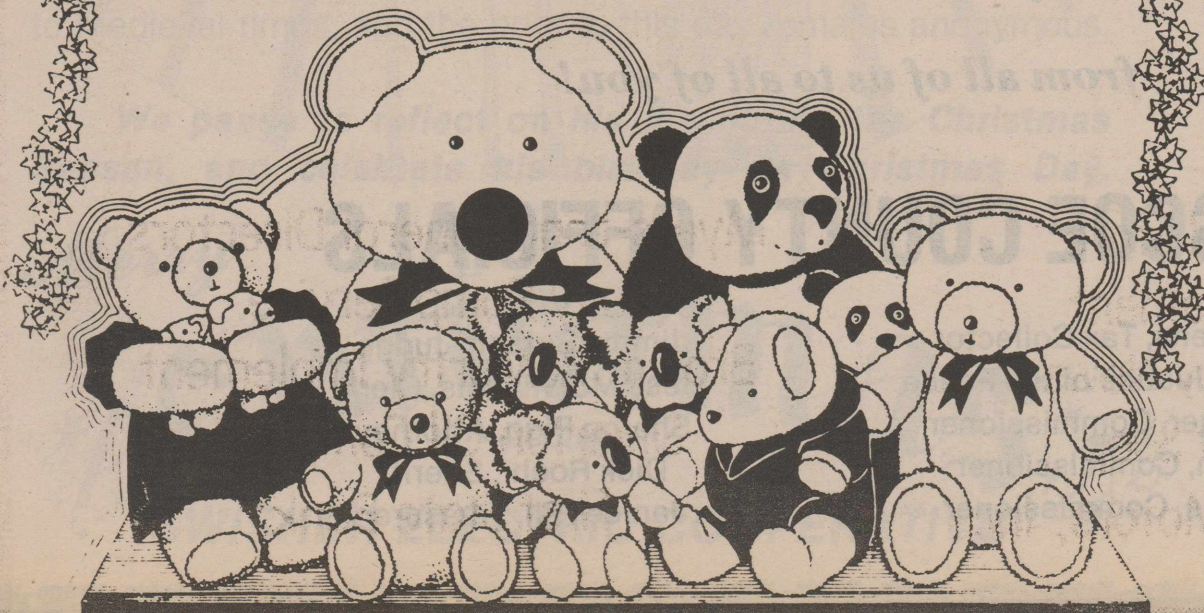
Dear Santa,
I want a surprise puppy. Please, can I have a Bambi movie and a Mermaid Barbie. And for Ruby a toy bear and Baby Shivers.
Love,
Erika Andre Ham

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Ninja Turtles hand-held game. Also a Nintendo and a few surprises. And please bring my baby sister a few things, too. And please bring my cat some catnip.
Your friend,
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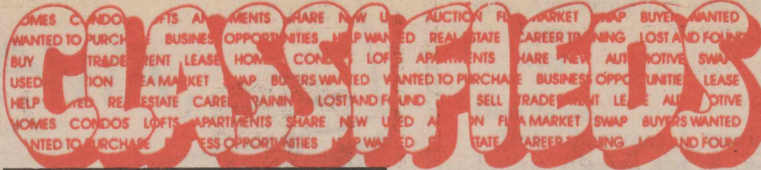
FAITH KNOWS HOLIDAYS CAN COME IN MORE THAN ONE FORM

Now all of us, in our own way,
Will celebrate a holiday
According to our chosen creed,
Whose lessons we should always heed.
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We would like to say thanks to all the wonderful people who called and brought food, and for all the visits and cards at the passing of our step-mother and sister, Ova McPherson. We were touched to see all the people who braved the weather to come to the graveside—it meant a lot to us.

- Mr. and Mrs. Gale McPherson and family
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We appreciate all the love and concern shown us while Mule was in the hospital and since he has been home. Thanks so much for the prayers, phone calls, cards and visits. God bless each of you.

Love,
Mary and Mule

Thanks for the phone calls and to the people who drove me to Amarillo during the time of my eye surgery.
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A special thank you for all your prayers, visits, food, cards, phone calls and all the other help extended to us at this time.

God bless each of you.
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Dearest Sisters,

Thank you for remembering me on a most stressful day. I will cherish the thoughts always. P. S. the old yellow canary had to clean it up! Always, T.B.

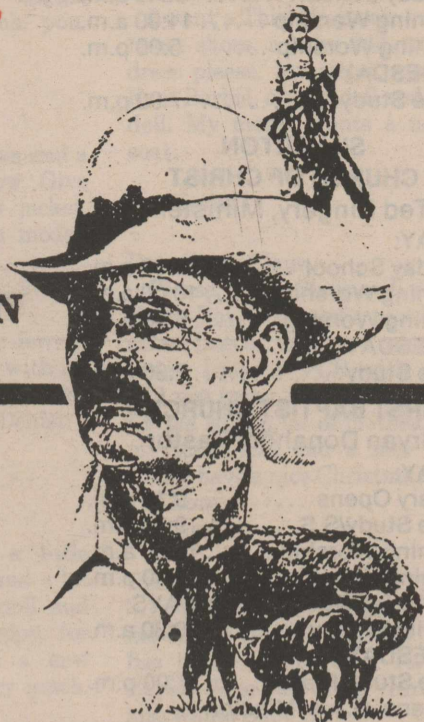
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I want a Murray bike, a monster face, a 2-XL, my pal too, Bruno, the bad dog and snow boots for Papa. Papa would like a pocket knife to replace the one he lost. For Emily—the prettiest dress you can find—and some toys she can't swallow. I would also like some fish sticks for Mama—any wish she would like to come true. A turkey breast for Papa. A new chair that has wheels on it for Mamaw and Papaw.

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