



DISPLAYING THE DAR CERTIFICATE AWARD received Saturday in Abilene is Tamie Grindstaff, Knox City High School senior. Responsible for extending the program to the KC Schools is Mrs. Jewell Lea, at right, DAR member of the Abigail Ann Berry Chesley Chapter, NSDAR of Abilene. Principal Bill Holcomb, at left, has assisted Mrs. Lea and Tamie in carrying out the program.

## KC Senior Named DAR Recipient

Tamie Grindstaff, Knox City High School senior, was the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award, sponsored by the Abigail Ann Berry Chesley Chapter, NSDAR of Abilene.

Mrs. C.E. Botkin, chapter chairman of the Good Citizen Committee, made the presentation at the chapter's Christmas Luncheon, Saturday, December 18, at the home of Mrs. A.D. Tarrent and Mrs. E.L. Harwell, 5 Pyracantha Circle, in Abilene.

Mrs. Botkin presented Tamie with the Good Citizen pin and a certificate of award.

Tamie and her mother, Mrs. John L. Grindstaff Jr., were guests of Mrs. Jewell Lea, DAR member for the luncheon and program.

Chapter Regent Mrs. Kenneth Whisenant presented Tamie with an edition of "Washington Landmark - A View of the NSDAR - The Headquarters, History, and Activities."

The aim of the Good Citizen Committee is to stress the qualities of good citizenship among high school students. Emphasis is placed on leadership-including personality, self-control and ability to assume responsibility; dependability-trustfulness; loyalty and punctuality; service-cooperation, courtesy

## Truscott Man Receives Doctorate

College Station - Clyde A. Bullion of Truscott is a centennial graduate of Texas A&M University.

Bullion, son of C.A. Bullion, received his doctorate degree in sociology from Texas A&M.

Texas A&M had a total of 1,418 fall graduates, a mid-term record.

and consideration of others; patriotism--unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation.

"Tamie has certainly excelled in these qualities as she has shown through her many activities during her four years in high school," Mrs. Botkin said. "She is now serving as president of FTA, Beta Club, and 4-H Club, as well as holding offices in many other high school, church, and community organizations. Miss Grindstaff is head twirler in the Grey-

## Nettie Wilcox Is Improving

Mrs. Nettie Wilcox of Knox City, a patient in Bethania Hospital in Wichita Falls, was reported Tuesday morning to be improving after suffering a heart attack, according to her daughter, Mrs. Pansy Russell.

Mrs. Wilcox became ill Sunday, December 5, during services at the Foursquare Church. She was a patient in the Knox County Hospital for a week before being transferred to the coronary care unit at Bethania.

Pansy and her daughter, Debbie of Denton, are staying with Mrs. Wilcox.

Correspondence may be addressed to Mrs. Wilcox, Room 809, in care of Bethania Hospital.

## Jean Thomas Is Doing Better

Mrs. Vic Thomas is up and about after becoming ill Wednesday night of last week during church services at the Church of Christ.

Jean was hospitalized for several days in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

## Future Farmers Win District Honors

The Knox City Future Farmers of America chapter was the recipient of the "Building Our American Communities" award at the Oilbelt District FFA Banquet Monday night, on the campus of Ranger Junior College.

Named as District FFA Sweetheart was sixteen-year-old Anita Rucker, who represented the Santo FFA. She will represent the Oilbelt at the Area IV competition May 13 in Stephenville.

The remaining two finalists were Terry Simmons, 16, of Breckenridge and Kari Gray of Seymour, who is also 16.

Representing the Knox City FFA chapter in the sweetheart contest was Rhonda Skiles, sophomore daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Skiles, who was among 21 chapter sweethearts competing for the district title.

Perrin's FFA talent team will represent the Oilbelt in the Area IV talent contest. Lance Whaley, guitarist, and Glen Mitchell, on the mandolin won top honors in the competition. Runner-up in the contest was the Olney FFA with a brother-sister duo of Robert and Tina Daws.

Breckenridge and Ranger FFA chapters were honored as winners in the state range and pasture judging as well as national judging winners.

KC won several honors in the district judging class including first in dairy cattle, second in dairy products, and third in both livestock and poultry. The local FFA also took second in radio broadcasting in district leadership and advanced to area placing fifth.

Among state winners were 1976 KCHS graduates, Mike Burkhaw winning in area public speaking and Sarah McGaughy in ornamental horticulture. Burkhaw attends

Lubbock Christian College while Miss McGaughy is a student at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

The KC FFA chapter was also among four chapters receiving superior chapter rating awards. Others were Breckenridge, Seymour and Throckmorton.



## Season's Greetings To Everyone

This week's Knox County News is a special Christmas edition with greetings from both merchants and individuals to friends and customers.

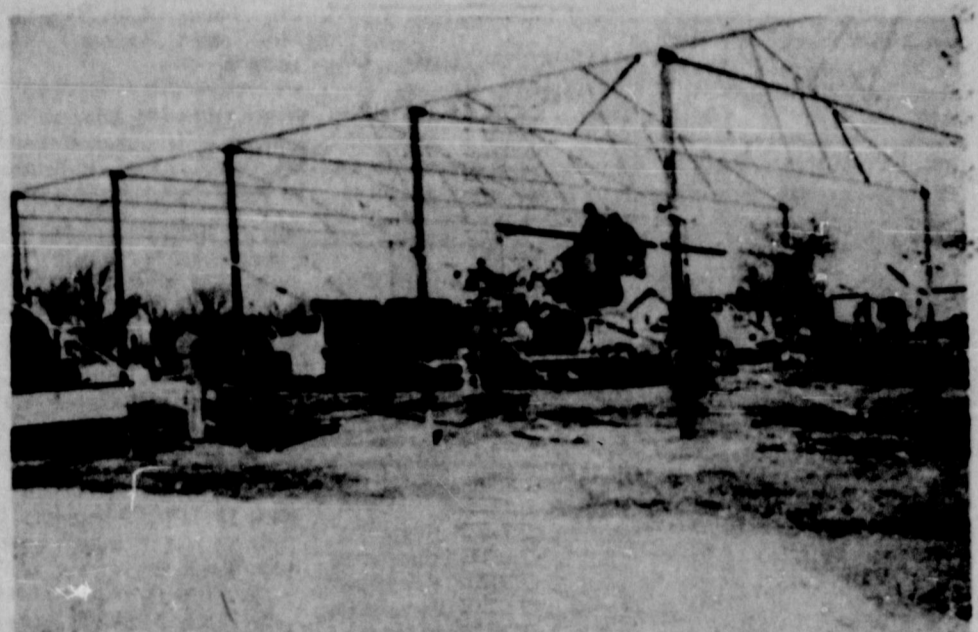
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Looking forward to serving you in the future, they send you one and all best wishes for the Merriest Christmas ever.

## Weather

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date	low	high	rain
12-15	30	60	
12-16	28	65	
12-17	30	67	
12-18	37	66	
12-19	46	63	
12-20	28	42	
12-21	16	47	



CONTINUING THEIR WORK IN COMMUNITY PROJECTS are these Knox City FFA members and their advisor, Leon Burkhaw, assisted by Jim Dillon, as they begin construction on the vocational ag department's show barn. Mr. Burkhaw and Mr. Dillon are pictured on the left as they raise a steel beam.

## Show Barn Becoming Reality

A livestock show barn for Knox City is becoming a reality! For years, the need of this facility has been pressing, and finally the Knox City vocational ag department, along with proceeds derived from the sale of the old Paymaster Gin property which was donated to the school more than two years ago, is making this dream come true for many. Leon Burkhaw, vocational ag teacher and FFA advisor, with the help of vo ag teachers Jim Dillon and Buddy Hale, has spent much time in the planning and actual labor of this show barn which is being constructed on the north side of the KC School campus just west of the high school gymnasium. Construction on the 60 by 100 foot barn began last week and weather permitting, plans call for it to be completed by the first week in January in order that the Knox County Livestock Show, scheduled for January 7-8 in Knox City, may be held in the

new facility.

According to Burkhaw, the project could have never 'gotten off the ground' without the interest of many citizens who contributed money, time, material, and labor. Burkhaw said on behalf of the Knox City FFA and the school administration, he would express special thanks to Amoco for their interest in seeing this building become a reality, as well as Bud Carver and his employees and also Hester Irrigation.

In addition to providing a place for the livestock shows, the facility will also house the school buses during bad weather as well as during the

summer months. Burkhaw said the building would also be available for other community activities.

The FFA chapter, who entered competition for the first time this year in the "Build Our American Community" contest, walked away with first place, both in district and area competition and chapter members received their award Monday night at the Oilbelt District FFA banquet at Ranger. Mr. Burkhaw explained that after accumulating ideas from chapter members and interested groups in the community, the chapter

See BARN Pg. 6

## Holiday Hours Listed

Most Knox City businesses will be closed Saturday, December 25, for Christmas, and again on Saturday, January 1, for New Year's Day. It is traditional for KC

businesses to close on Christmas Day and the day following. However, this year as the day after Christmas is Sunday, Saturday will be the only day the stores will observe as a holiday, opening again for business on Monday morning.

There are several exceptions, however, to the official holidays approved by the Chamber of Commerce membership.

The Citizens State Bank will also be closed Friday, December 24.

The Post Office plans to be open all day Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, December 24 and December 31, but there will be no mail on Saturday or Sunday either weekend, according to Postmaster Jeff Graham.

State offices will be observing Christmas and New Year's holidays by closing both Fridays, December 24 and December 31.

The offices of Dr. W.F. Thompson will be closed from Friday, December 24, at 10:00 a.m. until Monday morning, December 27.

The Knox County News office will close early on Friday, December 24, at 10:00 a.m. and will be closed until Monday morning.

## Winners Named At Hobby Show

Rance Hacker and Steven Lynn of O'Brien Junior High School took Best of Show and first place ribbons Monday at the school's first Hobby Show.

Other students winning ribbons included Mike Oliver second, Chad Whitley third, and Todd Lewis fourth.

The Hobby Show was the first ever held by the Hobby Club of the school and according to Steve Lang, sponsor, represents a good start for a group which is expected to grow as students join to share their hobby interests.

Models were judged on the basis of skill of assembly, detail included, difficulty level, and general appearance.

Best of Show model was an armored half track. First place ribbon was awarded for a

model steam locomotive. Second place was a model of Columbus' flagship, the Santa Maria. Third place went to a model windmill with fourth awarded for a modern diesel locomotive. Lang, who is a model enthusiast, showed several of his own models.

Students of the Junior High view the fifteen entries arranged in front of the school's Christmas Tree during the last two class periods. A second show is planned for March 1977.

## Did You Know...

that Bill England, Rt. 3, Box 3528, Seanyaside, Washington 98944 subscribes to The Knox County News.



WINNERS IN THE FIRST HOBBY SHOW held in the O'Brien Junior High included, from left, Rance Hacker, Steven Lynn, Mike Oliver, Chad Whitley, and Todd Lewis. Sponsor of the show was Steve Lang.



Santa Claus and Gay say "Merry Christmas!"

# A very Merry Christmas

We hope the holidays ring in the best of everything for you! At this joyous time, we'd like to take the opportunity to thank you for your loyal patronage throughout the past year—we look forward to serving you again in the years to come.

## The Knox County News

Buddy - Billye - Stacy  
Susan - Marti - Florene - Bea



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## CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express our appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown us during our sorrow. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, telephone calls, and visits.

A special thanks to our friends and relatives for their contributions to the Lubbock State School in memorium of Katy, for her son, our precious grandson, and all the other little people.

God bless each and everyone of you dear people.  
George, Lucy and Merry Mitchell  
The Gentry Family  
of Levelland  
12-23 ttp

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We would like to express our appreciation to all the nurses and Dr. Thompson for the wonderful care that was given to Grady during his stay in the hospital.

Also, thanks to all our friends for their concern and help.  
Itp Bea and Grady Ellis

**CARD OF THANKS**  
Thank you to all of our friends for the food, flowers, prayers, and sympathy extended to us during the loss of our loved one.

Also thank you to everyone who attended the services.  
The Rocha Family,  
The Ledesma Family,  
and The Avina Family  
Itp

**CARD OF THANKS**  
Thank you to everyone for the cards, flowers, visits, and prayers for me during my recent stay in the hospital.  
May God bless each of you.  
12-23 ttc Bertha Rogers

## LEGAL NOTICE

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KILLEN M. MOORE  
3-11 ttc TRUSTEE

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### ADMISSIONS

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Munday: Miquel Yruegas, R.H. Herring, Mamye Brazzell, Florine Wilde

O'Brien: Elias Bernal, Annah Johnston

Benjamin: John Burton, Fayette Moorhouse

Rochester: Billy Frausto

Rule: Frieda Quade

### DISMISSALS

Knox City: Nettie Wilcox, Betty Aldridge, Jose Ramirez, H.L. McNulty

Munday: Suzette Hill, Beatrice Ressel

O'Brien: Leta Sellers, Grady Ellis

Benjamin: Leola Isbell

Goree: Danny Dixon

Rochester: Ann Williams

Weinert: Don Bowman

Seymour: Christye McCord

## Streams in Desert Places

By OZELLE STEPHENS

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

This means all who live regardless of who you are, or what you have done you have a chance to come unto Him for His love and mercy. How do you measure up to His commands? This is a good way and time to check up on ourselves to see if we deserve His Great Love. We must not be deceived, we must know for the Word says: "for the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23. For the greatest Christmas you have ever had let this love gift of our Heavenly Father love all mankind through you. Let this Love gift possess you and love your fellowman and your neighbor as yourself. This means without covetousness, criticism, hatred and jealousy -- to be filled with God's love that your heart will be like a living fountain flowing with joy, peace and happiness reaching out to every soul bringing them peace and joy as Christ did the first Christmas Day. Thank be unto God for His unspeakable gift. II Corinthians 9:15.

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Lone Star Gas Company, in accordance with Section 43(a) of Article 1446c V.A.T.C.S., hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to the residential and commercial consumers in the City of Benjamin, Tx. effective December 30, 1976.  
The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 18.22 percent increase in the Company's gross revenues in the City of Benjamin.  
A Statement of Intent has been filed with the City of Benjamin and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 222 N Washington, Seymour, Tx.  
Lone Star Gas Company

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The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 21.31 percent increase in the Company's gross revenues in the City of O'Brien.  
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Please don't forget my best friend, Russell.  
Love,  
Clay Hewitt

160 Briggs  
Beaumont, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
We are both ready for Christmas and would like for you to bring us a few things. We have both been very good.  
Please bring Annica a guitar and Ed a train.  
Thanks Santa.  
Love,  
Annica and Edward Muller

903 Thomas St.  
Denton, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
Would you please leave me a tike wagon at my Mimi and Pa-pa's in Knox City. I've been a good little boy.  
Love,  
Braaton Shaver

Murray Route  
Graham, Texas 76046  
Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a Porta-Communicator and a Transport Repair Station for the Six Million Dollar Man. I would also like a paint set, a football with a kick stand, an Evil Knievil Van and a tool chest so that I can help Daddy in the shop. I am six years old and in the first grade. I have been getting good report cards; and I think I have been a pretty good boy.  
Also I have a little sister named Traci who has been pretty good, too. She would like a jumping horse, a Dressy Bessy, a toy clock radio, some dishes, and a table and chairs.  
Please don't forget all the other boys and girls. Also, we will be at Nanny's and PaPa's this year so please come to see us there.  
Love,  
Tony and Traci Hester

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I want a Barbie and I want a Big Wheel, and a electrana and I want a colored T.V. and I want a TellaPhone and I want a Doll Haws and this is all I want.  
From Sharon  
To Santa and his elves

Dear Santa Claus,  
I've tried to be a good girl this year, would you bring me a Baby-That-A-Way? Also I'd like a new bike and Grandmothers Stove, Pizza Hut, Lite Britte, Mr. Mouth, and Jaws. I'd also like a Barbie doll and Barbie Bath and the Pool Set and The Fashion Plaza. I could also use a new pencil sharpener as mine broke.  
I'll leave you some candy cookies and milk. Don't forget the other boys and girls.  
Merry Christmas!  
Love,  
Kim Moore

December 10, 1976  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I think I've been a good boy. Please bring me a Stretch Armstrong, a Bullet Man, a Batman Exploding Bridge, an Eagle Eye G.I. Joe, a Signal Eye Big Jim and a Rescue Dog.  
My brother, Brady, is being good, too. He wants you to bring him a Hush Lil' Baby, a Six Million Dollar Man and a Bullet Man.  
We love you, Santa.  
Love,  
Burette and Brady

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a present. Bring me dishes and a Baby doll. Bring Sheila dishes and a doll. Bring Lisa something --like a doll. Bring Donna a little doll. Bring me a purse.  
Mary Jean Ellis

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll -- a Big doll. I want a table. I want Santa Claus to bring some presents to my home.  
Paula Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I want that little boy that can bounce the ball and throw it up to the basket.  
Freddie Ledesma

Dear Santa,  
I would like a rookie set, welding helmet, welder, play B-B gun and Big Dr. Kit.  
I tried to be good Santa, but David and I like to play karate.  
Oh, yes, I want a racing helmet.  
I love you,  
Dusty Bradley  
P.S. Please bring Bea, a Indian dress.  
Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle and a car.  
Mauro Montova

Dear Santa,  
I want Maskatron, Klingon, Big Doctor Kit, Bones, a B-B gun, and that's all.  
Love,  
David  
P.S. I forgot, I want a Star Trek Enterprise.  
December 9, 1976  
Dear Santa,  
I would like an electric trane, a S.W.A.T. Team, a new bike.  
Your friend  
Jo Paul Archer

Amarillo, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me some toys for Christmas?  
I have been a good boy most of the time.  
Love,  
Bryant Cornett

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a rocking chair, some equipment for my tractor, and a pick-up and horse trailer.  
Thank you.  
Love,  
Matt Etheredge

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a green machine, an airplane, an evil Kenevel jump set, and I tried to obey my mother and father. I tried not to fight with my sisters and brothers. I am eight years old. I tried to do my best in school. I love you Santa.  
Goodbye till next year.  
Love you,  
Yours truly,  
Ricky Garcia  
Roses are Red and Vilets are blue and I love you.

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Lubbock, Texas 79410  
Dear Santa,  
Please fogive me for the way I acted out at South Plains Mall the other day when I saw you. My mom had showed me pictures of you before, but when I saw you in real, it sorta scared me...that big white fluffy beard and all. Anyway, if you'll fogive me, I'd like to aks for a few things for Christmas. A big baby doll, a doll buggy, and a big slide to play on in the house. My Mom says I've been good all year. ...But she warned me that if I didn't stop climbing up and crawling around on her dinner table, you wouldn't leave me any candy or goodies in my stocking on Christmas Eve.  
So, Santa, if you'll just do me these little favors -- I'll be good again next year.  
Thanks.  
Love,  
Amy Elaine Deering  
Age 16 months

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a real train, a stuffed dog, a model car, a pair of P.J.'s, a truck, and a cap. If you come to my house, you'll get some cookies or something of that sort.  
Don't forget my stocking.  
Your Pal,  
Wayne Hester



## Peace on Earth

This is the message of the holiday season now and for always to everyone everywhere. It is our hope that people can learn to live together in harmony, enjoying life to the fullest this holiday season and forever.

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Knox City, Texas



# BENJAMIN NEWS

by Mrs. Van Green

Sorry I failed to get any news in last week. There's no good excuse, I just didn't do it. So I'll attempt to get last week's news in this time.

### BALL NEWS

We've had lots of basketball the past two weeks, including two tournaments. In the Munday tourney the teams each faced Crowell in the first games. The local girls lost 46-34. Kelly Milson scored 18 points, Tammy Carver, 12 and Lynda Brooke Hudson, 4. The boys also lost by a much more decisive score, 87-30. However, nearly every Mustang got in on the scoring. Dickie McCantles scored high with 7 points. Johnny Pierce, Mark Collins, Joey Pierce, Louis Baty and Jimmy Robinson had 4 each. Keith Pierce had 2 and Tracy Cartwright, 1.

In the second games, both teams played Guthrie. The girls won 40-25. Kelly Milson had 20 points, Rhonda Heard, 17; Lynda Brooke 2, and Tammy, 1. The boys also won 34-26. Johnny Pierce scored 14 points, Mark Collins, 8; Joey Pierce, 5; Louis Baty, 2; and Jimmy Robinson, 1.

Playing for consolation the girls met Goree and were handed defeat by a score of 48-32. Tammy had 18 points, Kelly scored 12, and Lynda Brooke, 2.

The boys played Throckmorton. They lost 40-27. Johnny had 9, Keith 8, Louis and Mark, 4 each and Dickie, 2.

Their next games were on Tuesday night with Weiner. The girls lost 37-36. Scoring went like this - Kelly, 27; Tammy, 8; and Lynda Brooke, 1. The boys won 39-37. Johnny had 16 points; Keith, 11; Mark, 6; Jimmy, 3; and Dickie, 2.

Then on Thursday night, we traveled to Knoxville. Playing KC varsity girls team, we lost 66-40. Kelly had 22 points, Tammy, 10; Lynda Brooke, 6; and Rhonda, 2. The boys, also playing KC Varsity team lost by a 61-17 score. Johnny had 8 points, Mark, 3; Keith and Jimmy, 2 each; and Dickie and Joey, 1 each.

This brought them up to the Newcastle tournament. Both teams had to play the host teams in the first games. The girls lost 53-36. Kelly had 18, Tammy, 16; Lynda Brooke, 2.

The boys score was Newcastle 40, Benjamin 36. Johnny had 18, Keith, 9; Mark, 6; Joey, 2; and Pedro Estrada, 1.

Playing Woodson on Saturday night the girls lost 48-35. It was Tammy, 21; Kelly, 10; and Lynda Brooke, 4.

I don't have the boys scores, however both teams brought home a consolation trophy. That tournament finished the playing until after the holidays and district play begins.

### JR. HIGH BALL

The Junior High teams played Munday last week. Monday won 18-14. Becky Welch and Kim Conner had 6 each and Wendy Pollock had 2. The boys lost 34-20. Stacy Groves and Eric Redder had 6 each and Michael Golden and

Gregg Collins had 4 each.

### ALL DISTRICT TEAMS SELECTED

The District 27-B all-district football team was announced sometime back, but I don't think mention has been made of it so we would like to recognize these boys of ours who did earn a place on the team.

On the first team, both offense and defense was Keith Pierce as running back on offense and lineman on defense. Joey Pierce made the first team defense as a back. Receiving honorable mention was end Ricky Carver and back Johnny Pierce. We congratulate all these boys and remind you, they are sophomores and juniors, so we should hear good things from them again next year.

### HERE 'N THERE

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carver and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Carver of Knox City attended the National Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City recently. They

were also guests in the Budi Pedigo home.

Stacy Carver spent the weekend recently with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vaneck and Dannelte in Iowa Park.

### BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mrs. Bill Vaneck, assisted by Mrs. Fred Carver, honored the Vaneck's daughter, Dannelte, with a dinner last Saturday at their home. After the meal, birthday cake and punch were served to Tammy and Stacia Carver, Rhonda Heard, Betty Clower, Sheila Benson, Shannon Ryder, Lynda Brooke Hudson, Debbie Lindsey, Lisa Carlyle and Dannelte. All reported a good time.

Visiting in the home of the Van Greens during last week were Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kirklen of Farmington, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Yeager of Fort Worth, James Hall of Glenallen, Alaska, Gene Hall, Mike and Eddie of Kerrville, Mrs. Virgil Kirklen and Mrs. Ruby Wynn of Munday.

## Your Social Security

The Medicare hospital insurance deductible will be \$124 starting January 1, 1977, according to Carl R. Beisner, Social Security claims representative in Vernon.

A Medicare patient who goes into a hospital and starts a benefit period after December 31 will be responsible for the first \$124 of covered hospital expenses.

The 1976 deductible was \$104. Under the Medicare law, the amount of the deductible is tied to the average cost of one day's stay in a hospital.

"The increase to \$124 for 1977 is a result of a review of hospital costs during 1975," Beisner said. "However, the present \$104 deductible remains in effect throughout any benefit period that started in 1976 even if the period of hospitalization goes into 1977."

Under the law, the increase in the deductible means there also will be increases starting January 1 in three other amounts Medicare patients pay for covered care.

For a hospital stay of over 60 days, the patient will pay \$31 a day (up from \$26) for covered services furnished on the 61st through the 90th day.

For a post-hospital stay of over 20 days in a skilled nursing facility, the patient will pay \$15.50 a day (up from \$13) for the 21st through the 100th day.

For reserve days used—after 90 days of hospital care in a benefit period—Medicare pays for all covered expenses except for \$62 a day (up from \$52).

Medicare hospital insurance helps pay for hospital stays and certain post-hospital care of people 65 and over, disabled people under 65 who have been entitled to social security disability benefits for 24 consecutive months or

more, and many people who have permanent kidney failure.

Medicare is administered by the Social Security Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The Vernon Social Security Office is located at 1701 Cumberland Street. The phone number is 817-552-9346.

### FROM LUBBOCK

Max Spencer of Lubbock and Susan Prescott, a student at Texas Tech University, were visitors over the weekend in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie G. Spencer.

## Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
I am three years old and this is the first time I'm writing to you. First of all I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas. Next, I was wondering if you could bring me a "Kitchen", some pots and pans, and some "groceries" I love to fix supper! Also, maybe another doll and some other things.

But probably what I wish for the most is that Grandpa and Grannie would be with me for Christmas -- I sure miss them. Be sure they have a good Christmas and tell them I love them.

Thanks so much, Santa.  
I like you.  
Sherice Lanette Parks  
234 Elm  
Akron, CO 80720

Dear Santa Clause,  
Please will you bring me some clothes and will you bring a football?

Your friend,  
Timothy Wilson  
From: Lisa Averitt  
To: Santa Claus

Please bring me: 1. a Ballinera Barbie; 2. and Boots; 3. and Skates; 4. and a pair of house shoes; 5. Happy Birthday Tender Love; 6 and a Housecoat; 7. a set of dishes; 8. and a set of kitchen cabinets.

Love,  
Lisa Averitt

Dear Santa,  
I want a Thumbelina Doll. I have been a good girl.

I love you,  
Beth

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year and I want a three store Barbie house and please fill my stocking and bring my father and mother a surprise.

Love,  
Barbie

Dear Santa,  
I want Thumbelina for Christmas, Ice Cream People, and I want the Six Million Dollar Man and the Bionic Woman.

Kelly Garcia

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a dolly, some playdough, and coloring books. Also, please bring some wooden blocks for my baby brother and some snow from the North Pole for my mom and daddy.

Love,  
Sara Lorenz

Dear Santa,  
I want some toys and I'm going to be nice.

Billy Jack Reynolds

Dear Santa,  
I want a Golf Ballgame and Weeble Hunted House and a watch.

Luci McIlhaney

Dear Santa,  
Could you please bring me the Thundership 500 and that's all.

Dennis Vasquez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Stretch Armstrong and a Bullet Man, an Eagle Eye G.I. Joe, and a Batman and Robin Exploding Bridge and a Signal Eye Big Jim.

Burette Douglas

Dear Santa,  
I want a Sit-to-Spin, a monkey that talks -- it has strings on it and you pull the strings. I want a truck like in our room, a telephone.

Love,  
Danny Grindstaff

Dear Santa,  
My name is Deuayne Robertson. I am 7 year old. I am in the first grade.

Would you please bring me Sizler T., Spider Man Racer, and truck.

Think you.  
P.S. I been nice to my sister and Brother this year. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa Clause,  
(Is that the way to spell your name?) I was sick so I didn't write my letter in school. I am writing for my little sister cause she doesn't know how to write. Please bring us both a DMI. He is very cute and loveable and we like him a lot. He is G-I Joe's friend. We will take reel good care of him.

Love you Santa,  
The DMI Lovers,  
P.S. I don't want nobody to know I play dolls still. Bye.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Streach Armstrong, a machine gun, a horn and that is all.

I'm a good boy and my name is Jim White.

Dear Santa,  
I want an electric train, an Evil Knievel set, a record player, a Walkie Talkie, and that's all.

Love,  
Don Byrd

December 9, 1976  
Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like to have a organ, a doll that you squeeze, a doll stroller, and pong game.

I love you,  
Rhonda Albus

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*Glad Tidings*

Our best wishes for a happy holiday season to our friends, old and new. We hope to continue to enjoy your patronage.

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KNOX CITY

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AND

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Mr. & Mrs. Shelton Boyd  
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Mr. & Mrs. Chester Watson  
Jimmy Don Moore  
Johnny Brannan  
Jr. Gonzales  
David Anderson  
Kelly Robinson

So tiny, soft and crying  
He hardly looked the part  
Of one sent by God Almighty  
To change the human heart.

SEASONS GREETINGS to all of our friends. We thank you for your patronage.

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**We wish you health and happiness during the New Year.**

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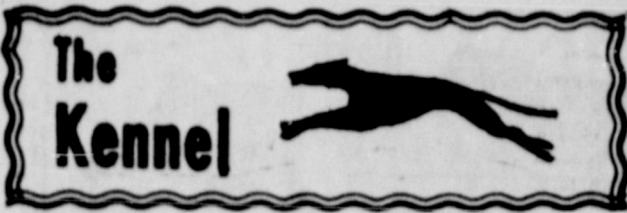
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**A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!**

We're delighted to have this opportunity to thank you for your patronage. We sincerely hope that the Yuletide season abounds in happiness for you!

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Knox City, Texas





**SOPHOMORE NEWS**  
By Doug Ray

Many men in the Sophomore Class have been busy this past week getting ready for the local livestock show which was held Wednesday. They have also been helping erect the new bus barn - show barn which is located beside the gym.

The JV Basketball team got second in the Knox City Tournament.

We're all looking forward to the days we'll be out for during the Christmas holidays. We have one little boy in our class that is just about through with his list for Santa. EH, Mark!!!

**FFA GREENHAND NEWS**  
By Junior Figueroa

The Showbarn that is under construction by all the FFA members is scheduled to be completed for the county livestock show next year. The barn which is on the west side of the new gym will be used as a shelter for school buses when it is not used for stock shows.

The winners of the local stock show held Wednesday (December 22) will be announced in next week's edition.

**Friends Honor Laura Clonts**

A small gathering of friends honored Laura Clonts Thursday evening, December 16, in the home of Mrs. R.G. Howell.

Refreshments of punch, coffee, and Christmas cake were served and room decorations followed the Christmas motif.

Assisting Mrs. Howell with hostess duties were Mmes. Henry L. White and W.R. Baker.

Mrs. Clonts and her daughter Jami will be joining their husband and father, Sam, in Austin the latter part of this month. Sam has accepted the position of executive director for the Texas Association of Counties. Their son, Greg, will remain here.

**RTA Members Host Christmas Dinner**

The Knox County Retired Teachers celebrated Christmas, Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center with a dinner for members and their husbands.

Some 25 RTA members and guests enjoyed the exchanging of Christmas gifts and the singing of carols.

Program leader Mrs. Virginia Casey, introduced Ellen Neely who presented a rendition of Hayden's "Trumpet Concerto, I and II." She was accompanied at the piano by Brenda Stone. Both are from Rochester.

In addition to Ellen and Brenda, other guests included Ellen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Neely. Members present included Messrs. and Mmes. Ulric Lea, Curtis Casey, Hob Smith, Lewis Kay, Ottis Cash, L.E. Groves, Neal Logan, Hurschel Cowan and Mmes. Margaret Todd, Mabel Pyeatt, Erlene Hooker, Vivian Brown, and Idoma Chowning.

The next meeting for the organization will be January 25, 1977, with Mrs. Sudia Cash as leader. Mrs. Mabel Chaney will present the program on health education and Mrs. Mabel Pyeatt will be in charge of the music. Hostesses will be Mmes. Mary F. Shannon, Thelma Jamison, and Ruth McGaughey.

**Letters To Santa Claus**

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am three years old and would like to have a Super Toe, a Mattel Toy Calculator, a real basketball, and a football helmet.  
I will leave you cereal, milk, and cookies.  
I love you,  
Kandon Wilson DalShae Sloan

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like a Super Toe, and an Evil Kneivel, a monopoly game, Six Million Dollar Man, and a football suit and baseball suit, and kickball and a color TV for my mother.  
I love  
Jessie Ledesma

December 9, 1976  
Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl.  
I would like a Puppy, and a Barbie set, and a Teddy Bear for Christmas, and a candy cane.  
Love  
Denise Diaz  
Merry Christmas To You!

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am four years old and would like to have a Baby Alive with a nursery center, a cash register that gives a ticket, and a real basketball.  
I will leave you an orange, a cookie, and a glass of milk.  
I love you,  
Karomy NaShae Sloan

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll for Christmas and that's all.  
Yolanda Wright

**Jamboree 'Big Success'**

This month's Christmas Jamboree proved to be a great success Saturday night in the school auditorium as a large number of spectators as well as musicians turned out for the affair. Kicking off the action was the KC Jamboree Band, composed of Tommy Kent, Alton and LaUna Hester, Brian Williams, Gene Hester, Brownie Tackitt, Stacy Angle, and Billye Angle, who provided both Christmas carols and country-western tunes for the crowd.

Other entertainers performing were Shane Johnston, Anton Teichelman of Sageron, Steve Hubbard, Randal Gore and Rudy Gore, all of Arlington, Palo Diaz, Jesse Sanchez of Stamford, Mrs. Olan Bartley and Linda of Haskell, Skeeter Feemster, and Spurgeon and Ellen Neely and Eugene Bittick, all of Rochester.

Several of the KC merchants graciously donated door prizes for the Christmas Jamboree and winners and prizes included Bill Smith, cologne from Delma's Beauty Salon; Johnnie Pearl Smith, salad bowl set from Perry's; Mrs. Anton Teichelman, a gift from Jean's; Mabel Smith, \$5.00 gift certificate from Jones Pharmacy; Oather Poe, doll from White's Auto Store; Buddy Angle, macramé hanging basket courtesy of Hester Irrigation; Walter Coody, \$5.00 gift certificate from Boutique; Bea Benedict, a can of cocktail peanuts from Margaret's Home Grocery; and A.P. Denton, a Parker Bicentennial Pen from The Knox County News.

**VISIT PARENTS**  
Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Goodson for an early Christmas were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Irel Ferguson of Tulia, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Earp, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Cypert, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Myers, all of Knox City.



PICTURED BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS TREE Sunday evening prior to the Sunday night service are these little ones who participated in the program. From left, back row, Tracy Carter, Sharon Rumley, Barbie McGaughey, Shelly Rumley, and Leah Boone. Front row, left, Chad Carter and James Henderson of Snyder who was visiting the Joe Boones.

**Basketball Results**

Tuesday, December 21		Scores:	
Varsity Girls		Gayle Ware	14
Crowell	46	Sheryll Guinn	12
KC	40	Marylon Burt	9
Overtime game		Rhonda Skiles	5

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

To Our Friends and Neighbors

**Penman Oil and Butane**

O'Brien - Rochester

*Merry Christmas*

To the People of the 101st Legislative District

Once again I take advantage of a Special Anniversary to express appreciation for your kindness and the privilege of representing you in State affairs.

Call on me when I can be of service and when you think I need advice!

*W.S. "Bill" Healy*

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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

**FROM YOUR COUNTY OFFICIALS**

COUNTY JUDGE <b>H.T. Melton</b>	TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR <b>John A. Smith</b>
COUNTY CLERK <b>Zena Waldron</b>	COUNTY SHERIFF <b>H.C. Stone</b>
COUNTY TREASURER <b>J.T. Cypert</b>	COUNTY ATTORNEY <b>Bobby D. Burnett</b>
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	
<b>Lee Patterson</b>	<b>R.C. Daniel</b>
<b>J.V. Carver</b>	<b>Bobby Roberson</b>

**the Gift of Love..**

We share the joys of this Holy Day, as the bells of Christmas summon us to worship and to pray. May you find new happiness and new faith in God above, as the Season's Brightest Blessings come to you and those you love.

**The Knox County Hospital Staff**



**LIVESTOCK SHOW BARN**  
From Page One

members decided that the number one priority for community improvement was improving recreational facilities in the City Park.

The General Ag Mechanic class drew up plans and built the playground equipment which has been in use in the City Park since last spring. Many a small child has derived much pleasure from this equipment.

Other projects for which the chapter has been responsible

include the portable barbecue pit and two sets of bleachers now being used at the Little League baseball field and the new concession stand at Greyhound Stadium.

The community owes the local Future Farmers of America, Mr. Burkham, and Mr. Dillon much gratitude for these projects, which were needed so badly by our community. The chapter and advisor should be commended publicly for their service to our community.

**Public Requested To Observe Traffic Laws**

Captain Billy W. Melton, Texas Highway Patrol District Commander, said today, "In line with Colonel Wilson E. Speir's prediction that 94 persons will lose their lives on Texas streets and highways this Christmas and New Year's holidays, it is my wish to request the motoring public's help and support in reducing this needless waste of human life by observing all traffic laws especially those regarding speed and alcohol."

All available DPS troopers

will be on patrol throughout the holiday period in an effort to reduce, by both their presence and actions, violations that could lead to accidents. But it is only through the help and cooperation of the motoring public

through their self-compliance that the needed reduction can be realized.

Captain Melton stated, "Possibly the most prevalent accidents occurring this period will be the one car run-off-the-roadway type

accident which is directly attributable to driver inattention."

The captain suggested the adequate travel time be budgeted in holiday plans, stop frequently and rest, reduce speed for road conditions and above all, don't mix alcohol and driving.

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

**Christmas Customs From Other Lands**

In Italy, the Christmas tree gives way to the *Presepio*. This is a nativity scene, created with love and devotion by Italians in their homes and in their churches. It is usually constructed from wood, cork, plaster, and papier mache, among other materials. A colorful tableau depicting the Infant Jesus with His mother, Mary, surrounded by Joseph, the Wise Men, shepherds, angels and even animals, is set in a place of honor during the holidays.

To the north, in Norway, a very charming custom remembers some of God's little creatures. The birds' Christmas tree is a specially gleaned sheaf of grain from the fall harvest, bound to the top of a pole in Norwegian front yards. The cattle are also remembered at this time, with extra fodder, in honor of their presence at the birth of Jesus.

In Sweden, another charming custom opens the Christmas season on December 13th. This is the feast day of St. Lucy, who ushers in the holiday spirit. A young girl, dressed in white, with a bright red sash about her waist and a crown of candles upon her head, appears at this time. "St. Lucy," as she is called, carries a tray with coffee and a small cake (baked in honor of the occasion)

for the occupants of the house. This festive breakfast signals the start of the Christmas season for Norwegians.

Another repast plays an important part in Christmas celebrations for the Polish. They observe December 24th as a fast day until the first star appears in the evening sky. It is then that the *Wilia*, or Christmas Supper, begins. Straw is scattered under the table, the dishes, and tablecloth, probably as a reminder of the birth in a manger. A vacant chair is reserved for the Infant Jesus.

The head of the family takes a thin wafer that has been blessed, and that features Christmas characters upon it. He prays for the welfare of his family and then distributes pieces of the wafer to each person at the table. A traditional supper is then enjoyed by the family, after which yet another custom is observed: boys and girls go about the streets singing carols and others go about dressed as strange beasts and other characters.

**FROM MUNDAY**  
Visiting with Mrs. Charles Reese Tuesday was Mrs. Erin McGraw of Munday. Mrs. McGraw also visited several friends in the Brazos Valley Care Home.

**Eighth Graders Study Newspapers**

An interesting seminar was conducted recently by Mrs. Maxine Hamilton, County School Librarian, who was assisted by Ronnie Verhalen during his social studies class.

The eighth grade of the O'Brien Junior High had a two-hour newspaper seminar to study newspaper arrangement, terminology, and influence on public opinion. November 3 was the selected target date and newspapers from 24 different states and 10 foreign countries were ordered including papers from the hometown of the presidential candidates. Plains, Georgia, did not have a newspaper, but they mailed the request to the nearest town, Americus, which is ten miles away.

The students compared the amount of news coverage given to the candidates by different states. They also compared the price of groceries, rent, cars, appliances, and employment ads. Some students really enjoyed different comic strips found in the Canadian newspapers.

Some of the more interesting papers came from Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, Japan, Jerusalem, and Australia. Topics studied included syndicated columns, types of editorials, sources of news and photographs, and journalistic writing styles.

**ATTEND EXERCISES**

Mrs. A. P. Denton and her daughter, Mrs. Lois Bruton of Olney, were in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Thursday, December 16, to attend commencement exercises of Oklahoma Christian College where her grandson, Tim Denton, received his Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Bible.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Denton Jr. of Aurora, Colorado, also attended the commencement.

Tim's sister, Patty, is a junior student at OCC where she is majoring in elementary education.

**EARLY CHRISTMAS**

Getting together for an early Christmas last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Odell Carver, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carver and family of Benjamin, Mr. and Mrs. John Carver of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Carver, and Madge and Tom Edd Orsborn. Also joining the group were Shannon Ryder of Benjamin and Darnette Vaneck of Iowa Park.


**IN ABILENE**

Mrs. Lois Buckley spent two days last week with her children, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Buckley and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reynolds, in Abilene.



**We take great joy at this time to express our sincere thanks to our many friends!**

**John Egenbacher Impl.**



*Merry Christmas*

Our very best wishes for a warm, happy holiday season.

**Sweetwater Pump and Supply**  
Knox City



**A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!**

It's such a pleasure to say thank you to our many friends and customers at Christmas.

**City Hardware**  
Knox City

*Go to the World*



When we think of good times and happy holidays, we think of our dear patrons who have visited us throughout the year. Have the happiest of holidays.

**Smith Liquid Gas**  
Lupe Figueroa

*Peace on Earth*



We're wishing you a wonderful holiday season loaded with sincere thanks for your patronage.

We'll close Friday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m.  
Will be open Sunday, Dec. 26

**Dairy Queen**  
Jimmy, Rachael, and Randy



**Greetings**


Christmas is a merry time of year and we hope that yours will be filled with happiness.

**TEXACO, INC.**  
Doris and Ken Crownover

**NOEL**

Our best wishes for a wonderful Christmas season.

**Penman Conoco**  
Knox City, Texas



**NOEL**

Wonderful wishes to our wonderful customers.

**Mozelle & George Hodges**  
Bringing you your Abilene Reporter News each day.

**GREETINGS OF THE SEASON**



Bright Christmas greetings to all of you from all of us

**Bridges Oil Co.**  
Vernon Bridges



**NOEL**

Greetings and best wishes for a wonderful Christmas.

*Paul & Ann  
P. J. Babal*



**A Christmastime greeting to all our good friends!**

**A. P. Denton Gro. & Sta.**  
A. P. Ruth Earl



The message for the New Year and always

*Carrie Belle Benedict*

**A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS**

Have a happy holiday season and remember us for the best in service.

**City Cleaners**  
Ken & Lorene Bradford Knox City, Texas

**I. PAINT SANTA'S FACE ON AN UPSIDE-DOWN BUCKET!**

**II. USE A LARGE PIECE OF RED CONSTRUCTION PAPER FOR SANTA'S HAT! ROLL IT INTO A CONE, TRIM THE BOTTOM EDGES AND PASTE ON TAPE TO SECURE IT TO BUCKET!**

**III. PASTE COTTON BALLS ALL AROUND SANTA'S FACE AND OVER THE ENTIRE BUCKET TO MAKE HIS HAIR AND BEARD!**

**IV. ADD MORE COTTON BALLS FOR SANTA'S MUSTACHE AND THE POMPOMS ON HIS HAT!**

**ATTEND WEDDING**  
Mr. and Mrs. Alton Fitzgerald were in Fort Worth over the weekend to attend the wedding of their daughter, Donna, to Dr. Claud Lee Ricks Jr. at the John T. White Baptist Church.

Ricks is on the dental staff at Veterans Hospital in Dallas and they will live in Garland.

Also attending the wedding was Donna's brother, Leslie Fitzgerald, of Tarleton State University.

Alton and Wretha also visited with her brother and his wife the Wayne Walters and other relatives.



**Good Tidings**

We hope that all of our patrons will have a Christmas filled with hope and love. It is our pleasure to do business with you.

**HESTER IRRIGATION**  
LA UNA and ALTON



# California Arabians Locate In KC Area

Marti and Merle Tackitt, recent newcomers to the Sunset community, have added "something new" to this area. In addition to the family, the Tackitts also brought five beautiful Purebred and Pinto Arabian show horses with them from California (with a sixth still to come) ... and the horses are beloved friends as well as prized breeding stock.

Horses have long been a way of life for Marti; she started riding when she was five and has been "stuck on horses" all her life. A versatile horsewoman, Marti has given riding lessons, training clinics, trained, shown and judged horses in Michigan, Georgia and California for the past fourteen years, and has owned Arabians, Quarter Horses, Palomino and Pinto horses. She held several offices in horse clubs around the Country, and the Tackitts are current members of the International Arabian Horse Association and the Pinto Horse Association of America.

Merle, son of A.C. (Brownie) and Lena Tackitt, was born and raised in the local area, and was actively involved in 4-H with cattle, sheep and swine projects. Although the "horse show routine" is fairly new to Merle, livestock is certainly not.

Merle's two sons, Neal 16, and Brett, 15, help care for the horses too and have had some success in the showing themselves. The boys attend Knox City High School.

When asked to describe an Arabian horse, Marti explained, "The Arabian is the oldest pure breed of horse in the world today. All modern light horse breeds trace their heritage to the Arabian. The English and American Thoroughbred trace directly to three ancient desert horses: The Darley Arabian, the Godolphin Barb and the Byerly Turk. The Spanish Barbs brought over to the North American continent by the Conquistadors, forerunners of the Mustang and the Narragansett Pacer, were of Arabian heritage. These two foundation types were cross-bred and refined in the different parts of our Nation according to the desired conformation for each intended use; the Narragansett Pacer crossed with imported English Thoroughbreds, first enjoyed in the Colonies for short, exciting races over a quarter of a mile, refined into such breeds as American Saddlebred, Tennessee Walker, and Morgan. Out west, the Mustang became a cowpony, and the fastest, quickest-turning horses were the most admired and thus bred on to further those qualities, producing today's Quarter Horses."

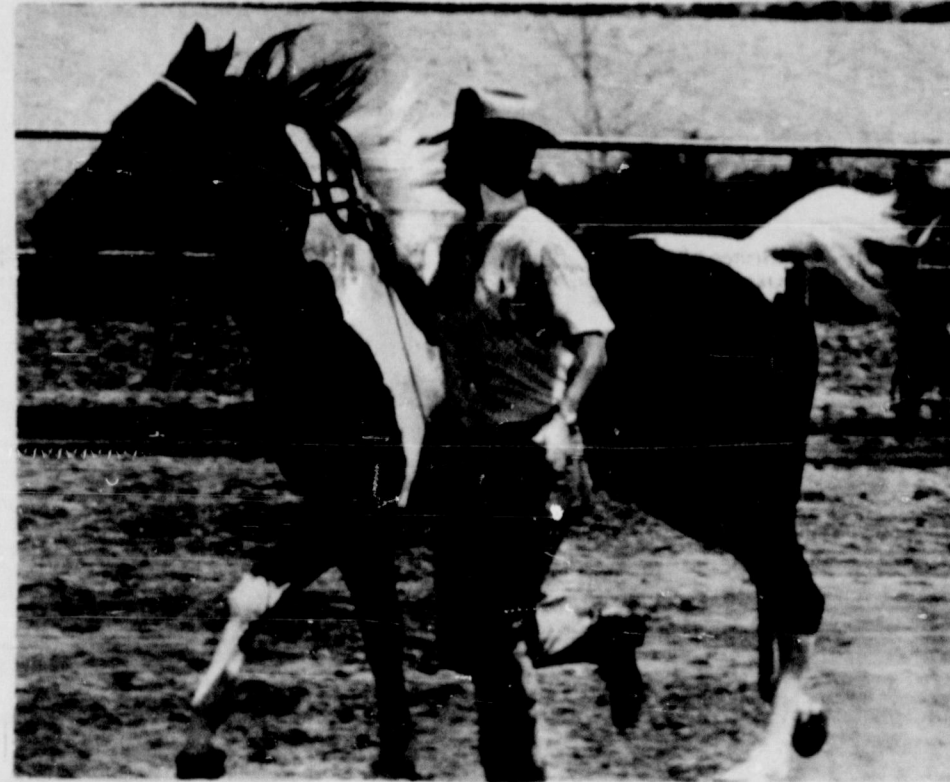
"The Arabian is noted for his classic beauty; large eye, dished face, long, clean neck, high tail and overall proud carriage and gay step. Because his influence is so dominant on any other type of horse to which he is bred, the International Arabian Horse Association was created in the 1940's to register horses of part Arabian blood-sired by a Purebred Arabian, and the association actively encourages and promotes the resulting versatile part-breeds. The Part Arabian (also called Half Arabian for show purposes, regardless of the percentage of actual Arabian blood in the individual) can perform any task, as well as excel in disposition and beauty. The Arabians and Half Arabians are noted especially for their intelligence, kind and friendly dispositions and being truly a "people horse"."

Then we asked Marti to define a modern-day Pinto, and she responded, "The painted Indian Pony has come a long way from: four legs, a head and a tail and a colorful coat. Two outstanding and energetic breed associations, the Paint Horse Association (formed in 1962) and the Pinto Horse Association of America (formed in 1956) have encouraged breeding horses with excellent conformation beneath that colorful coat. In bygone days, a horse with large spots of different coloring was variously called "pinto", "paint", "skewbald" or "piebald", denoting different color combinations. Today the Paint Horse Association, with National headquarters in Fort Worth, has over 30,000 registered horses, limited to Quarter Horse, Thoroughbred and registered Paint ancestry. The Pinto Horse Association of America, headquartered in San Diego, California, has over 26,000 registered horses, classified in four divisions: Stock (Quarter Horse type), Saddlebred, Pleasure (Arabian, Morgan and Tennessee Walker), and Hunter (Thoroughbred type). The Pinto Association also has a separate registry for ponies.

Both the Paint and Pinto Associations recognize two distinct color patterns: Tobiano and Overo. The Overo pattern often has jagged or lacy-edged white markings, mostly on the midsection of the body and neck area. The white rarely crosses the backline; legs are usually a color rather than white. Tobianos have color on the head, chest, flanks and some in the tail. The legs are nearly always white, and white markings extend over the back. The edges of the markings are



MARTI TACKITT, who recently moved to the Sunset area from California, is shown on Kubaishan of Pico, a purebred Arabian gelding. This picture was taken when Marti was a feature rider in the Grand Entry of dedication ceremonies of the Los Vallecitos Riders' showgrounds in San Marcos, Calif. The elegant costume was completely designed and handmade by Marti. Colors are burgundy and pink with gold and pearl sequin accents. The long flowing robe, called an aba, took a year to make and is valued at approximately \$2500. This horse was the 1975 Year End High Point English Pleasure Horse and Reserve High Point Western Pleasure Horse for the Los Vallecitos Riders.



MERLE TACKITT, pictured here with Miss Silva, a three-quarter Arabian Pinto Mare entering the arena for a halter class in El Monte, Calif. This mare is a many times champion and Merle has shown her to many wins. The whip carried by Merle is not used for discipline, but rather as an extension of the arm, as Arabians are shown on a long lead line, erect with head up and neck stretched in a graceful curve.

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usually fairly smooth and rounded."

We then asked Marti why they are cross-breeding Pintos with Arabians. She replied, "Several years ago, after having worked with almost every breed of riding horse, I decided to own and raise my two favorites; Quarter Horses and Arabians. However, three years ago the "old-style" Pinto was really See ARABIANS pg 11

## Dance at Rhineland

TWO DANCES

Bob Burks

and his West Texas Wranglers

## Christmas Dance

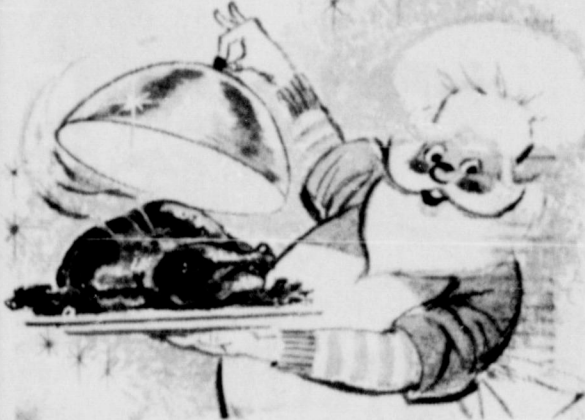
Sat. night, Dec. 25

\$3.00 per person

## New Year's Eve Dance

Fri. night, Dec. 31

\$5.00 per person



Serving up Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!

## Callaways City Cafe

WE WILL CLOSE DEC. 24 & 25



Peace be with you during this holy season

## Cablevision of Knox City

C.E. Williams



JOY TO ALL  
What fun it is to share holiday cheer with all of our wonderful friends.

Jo. Charlene Craig

## Merry Christmas



A sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and thank you for letting us serve you.

## Marion's Mobil Station

Knox City, Texas



Christmas Joy

Bringing you the warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season with the rich fabric of love.

## The Fabric Shop

Mrs. Wilma Whitford



Have a happy and safe holiday season

## Bud Connors Exxon

Bud, Von, & family

BENJAMIN

## Oh Silent Night



Christmas is a special time of year and we want to thank our very special friends and wish them a happy and holy holiday season.

## Charlie's Upholstery

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Plunkett

888-2987



A special greeting to all of our friends . . . we thank you for your patronage and hope that your holiday will be filled with happiness.

## JERRY'S PLUMBING

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Guinn  
Tim Jones Mary Thomas Felix Valdez



# O'Brien Happenings

BY CHARLENE BROTHERS

Well, I tried to get out of putting anything in the paper this week. We have been so busy here at the gin the past two days, this is Tuesday. I thought Monday was the second day of January, which is usually our busiest day of the season. Today was not much better as far as being busy. Billy Bess called and said that she would like for me to bring something over, as some of the readers always fuss if there is not something in the paper about O'Brien. I can not imagine why they like to read what I have to say, which usually amounts to about 1 on a scale of 10. I do not have much to say this week. No one has gone anywhere except Christmas shopping that I know anything about.

We are about caught up at the gin. We are going to get three days off for Christmas. This will be a good rest for the hands as they are all so tired and the gins themselves are about ready to blow up, in fact No. 3, the west gin, has just about had it for this season. Everything went wrong this past week with it. The busiest time of the season for the office crew is just now coming, that is when the farmers come in after January 1 to sell

their cotton. They will all come in the same day, probably, and that gets to be quite confusing.

We had a very cute and inspirational Christmas program at church Sunday night. The smaller classes had the Christmas story and then the young people did a puppet show about Christmas and Jesus, and this was very cute. The smaller ones really love Grover, the mean puppet, or rather mischievous one.

It seems that we are not the only ones that miss getting the Sunday Abilene paper, some in Knox City have told me they have the same problem. Do people realize that

picking up someone's paper is the same as stealing money or anything from anyone? We really miss the paper when we do not get it, not only that but it costs a mint these days to take the paper.

That is enough of this silly thinking for one time. So everyone have a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. If you travel be very careful and get home the same way you left, all together.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL.

## Lions Club News

The Lions were pleased to have five visitors at their noon meeting and two of these were proposed for membership. Lion Z.I. Smith proposed Mr. Gus Cowart and Lion Kenneth Lawson proposed Mr. Merle Tackitt for the Clubs approval. Mr. Cowart is manager for Bob's Super Save and Mr. Tackitt has recently retired from the Armed Services and moved here. The Lions quickly gave

them the "Unanimous opposition treatment" and a big welcome. President McGaughey presented a new member packet to Lion Cub A.P. Denton who was sponsored by Lion Hob Smith.

Mrs. Dottie Lowrey presented 15 members of the High School Choir and they sang several numbers appropriate for the Christmas season. The Lions especially enjoy this type of entertainment.

### ATTEND WEDDING

Mrs. Ozelle Stephens, accompanied by her daughter and her children, Mrs. Jerry Guinn and Dell and Mrs. Jan Quintanilla and Jason, returned home Sunday from Jal, New Mexico, where they attended the Saturday evening wedding of Mrs. Stephens' grandson, Randy Stephens to Belinda Mobbs.

### IN DENTON

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Shaver enjoyed an early Christmas with their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Brack Shaver and Braxton, in Denton last weekend.

# Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll. I want a necklace and a ring. I want a doll that crawls and walks. You need to put batteries in it. I want some perfume for little girls. That's all.  
Tina Espinosa

Dear Santa,  
I would like an Evil Knievel Stunt Cycle and a Stretch Armstrong. I want a G.I. Joe that has eyes that move, and a small dump truck and a fire truck that has men to come out and go in, and a ladder that goes up and down, and an airplane that has men that comes out and goes in, if you have it, and that has machine guns on it.  
Robbie Whitford

Dear Santa,  
I want a kickball. I want an Evil Knievel. I want a football, a football suit, a hot rod set, and the Six Million Dollar Man.  
Love,  
Robbie Large  
P.S. Merry Christmas

December 9, 1976  
Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I want an Evil Knievel and I want a football suit and I want a TV. I want a motorcycle. I want a pellet gun. I want a train set, a kickball, and a Six Million Dollar Man Supertoe.  
Love  
David Gonzales  
I Love Santa

December 9, 1976  
Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a That-A-Way doll, and dishes, a baby bed, a play house, baby doll clothes, a swing set and a stove, deep freeze and a table, also a play sink. I have been a good girl.  
Love,  
Sheila Ellis

Dear Santa,  
I want Evil Knievel and a little Hot Rod -- that's all.  
Harvey Rocha

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas please bring me a record player, a pool table, a dummy (puppet) and a race car set.  
Thank you and I hope to get to see you this year.  
Love,  
Stacy Wayne James

Dear Santa,  
I wish I could have something for Christmas. Do you like me? I've been very nice. I wish you would bring me a present so I can have a real good Christmas. I like you, dear Santa.  
Ann Diaz

Dear Santa,  
I want a football suit and a machine gun, and I want a Big Wheel.  
Chad Carter

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like to have a Baby Alive doll and a set of dishes. That's all I want.  
Thank you Santa,  
Sylvia Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I want one of those dolls that you tap it on the back and it turns over. I want a Sunshine Family and a Barbie doll.  
Kim Bateman

Dear Santa,  
I've been good. I want a Baby-That-Away, that doll that walks, the doll that has that mirror, a little T.V., and some dishes.  
Von Roberson

## JOYOUS NOEL

May faith be your guide this Christmas to the blessings of the season. Sincere greetings to all our friends.

### First Christian Church

Derrell Marion, Pastor



**Season's Best**  
Greetings to all our friends... we thank you for your patronage!

### Lewis Paint & Body Shop

Knox City, Texas



At this Yuletide season, we extend to you and yours, our thanks for your patronage, and very best wishes.

### Rushing Repair

Roy Marie Jimmy



## Greetings

Each passing year brings a deeper appreciation of the pleasant associations and loyal friendships acquired in the course of business. We express our thanks and convey warm Season's Greetings and extend our best wishes for Good Health, Happiness, and Prosperity to you and your loved ones.

### Guinn Sheet Metal & Plumbing

L.C. & Amaralio



**SILENT NIGHT**  
May the message of that first Christmas light our way to peace.  
Jessie League



**Holiday Greetings**  
Good friends, good times - all the bounty of the Season to you!  
Hazel's Cafe  
Hazel and Claud  
Benjamin



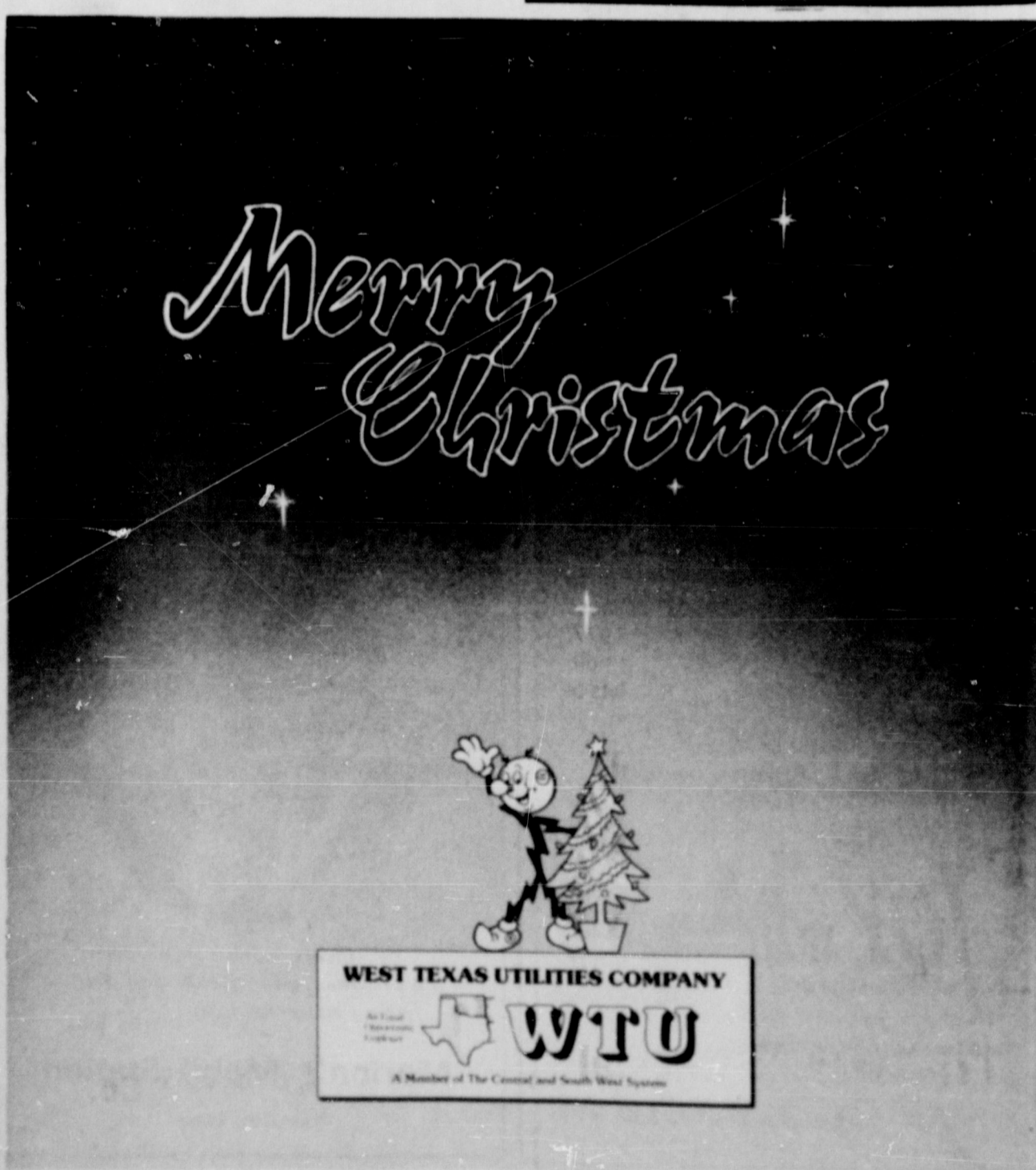
**JOY TO ALL**  
What fun it is to share holiday cheer with all of our wonderful friends & patrons.  
Margaret's Home Grocery  
E.J. - Margaret and  
Monnie Leonia Stella and Betty says, "Me, too."



**O Holy Night**  
May the Blessings of Christmas stay with you this Holy Season.  
Mabel Pyeatt



**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS**  
May the feeling of peace be with you throughout this holiday season and for all of the years to come. We give you our thanks and the best wishes for a great holiday!  
Knox County Fertilizer  
Herbert Bellinghausen



**Merry Christmas**  
WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY  
WTU  
A Member of The Central and South West Systems



# Findings of Joy



A warm and friendly wish of cheer for Christmas to all our wonderful friends.

*Clayd and Phyllis Walding*



**MAKING THEIR ANNUAL VISIT TO SANTA'S MAIL BOX** in front of The Knox County News was this group of kindergartners who arrived early enough to assure that those letters would reach the North Pole in time. Accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Margie Clonts and her assistant, Mrs. Lilly Del Hierro, the class included Kim Bateman, Bob Burkham, Chad Carter, Lucy Casillas, Tony Casillas, Ann Diaz, Burette Douglas, Mary Ellis, Ray Flye, Kelly Garcia, Paul Garcia, Paula Garcia, Paul Gaston, Danny Grindstaff, Tina Espinosa, Freddie Ledesma, Virgie Leija, Nancy Marin, Luci McIlhane, Mauro Montoya, Joey Rasco, Von Roberson, Harvey Rocha, Beth Underwood, Dennis Vasquez, Robbie Whitford, Yolanda Wright, Billy Reynolds, Connie Hernandez, Paul Garcia Jr., and Kelli Whitten.

## Letters To Santa Claus



Dear Santa  
I am seven years old. I have been a nice girl this year. I want a Thumbelina doll, a lite brite, and some Barbie clothes.

I have a baby sister this year, Santa, and she wants a music Box radio.

Love,  
Lawri

Dear Santa,  
My name is Boyce and I am five. I want a Lite-Brite, a machine gun, a nerf rocket and launcher.

My little sister, April, wants some new toys, too. We have tried to be nice this year.

Love,  
Boyce

# NOEL

A Seasonal Greeting to all of our wonderful friends. We want to wish you the very best.

## Oliver Flying Service

# Joyous Noel

Remembering you this season. Thanks for your patronage.

## Model Cleaners

C.W. and Dorothy Webber

# Noel

As hope is rekindled in hearts everywhere, may you and yours enjoy a happy holiday.

## Foursquare Church

Wink Shifflett, pastor

## Santa Letters

Dear Santa,  
I've been very good. I would like to have a Don't Cry Baby and a Baby swing and a Holly Hobby everything.

Love,  
Sundee Johnston  
Merry Christmas To You, Santa. I Love You.

Dear Santa,  
I'm a good little girl in the first grade. I love Dr. Pepper so please bring me some. Also I want a "Baby-That-A-Way", a doll buggy, a watch that ticks, and some dishes.

Love,  
Melissa Jones

Dear Santa,  
If you give me something I'd like to say Merry Christmas. I want a B.B. Gun so I can go hunt me some rabbits and birds. I want a dump truck, and a scraper and a Evil Knievil and that's all I want.

Ray Flye  
December 9, 1976

Dear Santa,  
I would like a magnifying glass, and a G.I. Joe with moving eyes, and The Invader, and a Blow Glass Thing, and a pencil sharpener that goes on the desk.

Love,  
Richard  
December 9, 1976

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Minibike, Col. Austin doll, a maskatron, a Tonka Truck, play car, mittens, a play Christmas tree, a coat, a play train, a cap, lunch box, a book satchel, magic markers, a play deer, a play sled, note book paper, a swing. I have been a good boy.

Love,  
Ricky Taylor

Dear Santa Claus,  
I think I have been a good girl.

This Christmas I want a Newborn Baby Tenderlove, a calculator, a Twizzle game, a Mickey Mouse Drawing Board, and a Jaws game.

I love you very much.

Love,  
D'Layna Douglas

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I want a Ten Can Alley and a motor cycle and a race car set. I want an Evil Knievil rocket, a kickball, and a pellet gun.

Love,  
Shane Lewis

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a football suit, a Fonzy doll, and a gas truck.

Please bring my little sister a baby doll and bathtub and bring my baby brother some toys. Thank you very much.

Love,  
Rance

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please send me a truck and I would like a B-B gun and a car, and a puzzle, and a trailer.

Tim Roach

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll, Baby-That-A-Way, a broom, a mop, dishes, a drum, a stove, freezer, and crayolas and a notebook.

Love,  
Christina Agraz  
December 9, 1976

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I would like a color T.V. to go in my room, and a hush little baby doll. And some doll clothes, and a doll swing.

Love,  
Shannan Tankersley  
Marry Christmas To You.

Dear Santa,  
I am just a little girl only two years old so my mommy is writing this letter for me. I have tried to be a good girl this year. I would like to have a Baby That-A-Way, a wonder horse and a swingset. And maybe a few other small toys if you have room for them in your bag. Remember my cousin, Misti, and my uncle Bruce and all the other little boys and girls.

I love you,  
Kandi Nicole Zeissel

Dear Santa,  
I just want three things for Christmas. A 10-speed, a drum, and a 30 shift 500. I've been good.

Love,  
Mike Reece

December 9, 1976  
Dear Santa,  
I want Steve Austin and a magic hat to put on Frosty the Snowman and I want flying aces.

I like you. I like you. I like you.

Love,  
Michael Morris

December 9, 1976  
Dear Santa,  
I've been good all year. I want a CB and a motorcross bike and Big Jim Kamper and an electric Train and a color TV and a tape recorder, and a stereo, and globe.

I hope you have a Mery Christmas, Santa.

Love,  
Charles Ray Casillas  
Merry Christmas to you and Rudolph!

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Town House, Barbie's Beauty Bath, a new Baby Alive, some red houseshoes too. Also, the dog that walks.

Kim Whitten  
December 9, 1976

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Town House, Barbie's Beauty Bath, a new Baby Alive, some red houseshoes too. Also, the dog that walks.

Love,  
Brian Keith Correll  
Merry Christmas To You!

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Hush Little Baby, and a Barbie Town House, and a color T.V. and a Barbie.

Love,  
Michelle Pierce  
Merry Christmas. I love you, Santay.

Dear Santa,  
Hi! I want a doll.

Virgie Leija

Dear Santa,  
I want a Trap and a Ten Can Alley and a race car Track and a train and an alligator and a football suit.

J.E.

December 9, 1976  
Dear Santa,  
I love you. I would like to have a Tamborine and a Baby Alive.

Love,  
Stacie Eddington

Dear Santa,  
I have not been a good boy all the time, but maybe I've been good enough for you to bring me a Streach Armstrong. I love Evil Knievil, could I have him, too? I want a racing car, a minibike, a toy truck. I like toy animals and I want a quarter for candy. One more thing, I want a Weeble tree house.

Love,  
Robert Earl Hunter

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle with training wheels and some cleats.

Paul Gaston

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Eric and I live in O'Brien, Texas. I surely would like to have a Streach Armstrong, a Six Million Dollar Man, a bicycle with training wheels and I guess that's all. I like chocolate candy, too.

Merry Christmas,  
Eric Lang

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am five years old and I go to school. I want a doll with a Baby Bottle and some doll clothes.

Yours turely,  
Paula Garcia  
P.S. I love you, Santa Claus.

December 9, 1976  
Dear Santa,  
I love you. I would like a Wake Up Thumbalina and a pair of clothes. And a color T.V., and a pir of doll clothes, and a Don't Cry Baby.

Love,  
Kristin Corder  
Merry Christmas to Rudolph. I am in the second grad.

December 9, 1976  
Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle, a record player, a family tree top house, and Evil Knievil.

Love,  
Bruce Skiles  
HO, HO, Ho!

## Christmas Greetings

Mabel W. McClelland

Again the Christmas season comes With gaiety and cheer, And joy and merriment abound As Christmas Day draws near.

Once more the Christmas spirit reigns Of "Peace, good will to men," If only it might with us stay Till Christmas comes again.

The flame of friendship brighter burns With every passing year, 'Tis fanned afresh at Christmastime And loved ones grow more dear.

A "Merry Christmas," friend, to you And all whom you hold dear, And may its joy remain with you Through all the coming year.

# Jean's

Vic & Jean Thomas and Karae

## BEST WISHES

We have enjoyed serving you during 1976 and we hope to be able to do business with you again in 1977. Have the warmest holiday possible with lots of fun and laughter.

## Tri-State Chemical

A.A. Cox, Mgr.  
Nick Johnston John Crownover

## Blessings to All

We would like to wish our patrons a Blessed Christmas holiday. Please come in and see us soon. We enjoy serving you.

## Knox City Grain Co.

Billy Mitchell, Mgr.

## Season's Greetings

How nice it is to be able to thank all of our wonderful customers and wish them a happy holiday season!

## C & C Electric

Willie Collins  
Knox City, Texas

## Merry Christmas!

We're never out of good wishes for you, our patrons, at this most joyous time! Happy holidays!

## Skiles Exxon Station

## BEST WISHES

Thinking about all of our loyal customers this holiday season and wishing them the best for the year to come.

## Lynn Electric Motor Co.

Knox City, Texas

## Peace on Earth

To everyone in all the nations of the world: A prayer for peace and goodwill

## First Baptist Church

Knox City



# A Child's Christmas

## Let's All Sing "Jingle Bells!"

Dashing thru the snow  
In a one-horse open sleigh,  
O'er the fields we go,  
Laughing all the way.  
Bells on bob-tail ring,  
Making spirits bright.  
What fun it is to ride  
and sing  
A sleighing song tonight!  
Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way!  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh!  
Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way!  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh!



A day or two ago  
I thought I'd take a ride  
And soon Miss Fannie  
Bright  
Was seated by my side  
The horse was lean and  
lank,  
Misfortune seem'd his lot,  
He got into a drifted bank,  
And we, we got up-sot.

Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way!  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh!  
Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way!  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh!



Now the ground is white  
Go it while you're young  
Take the girls tonight  
And sing this sleighing  
song.

Just get a bob-tailed bay  
Two-forty for his speed  
Then hitch him to an open  
sleigh.

And crack, you'll take  
the lead!

Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way!  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh!  
Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way!  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh!



### THRU A CHILD'S EYES . . .

" . . . For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas . . ."

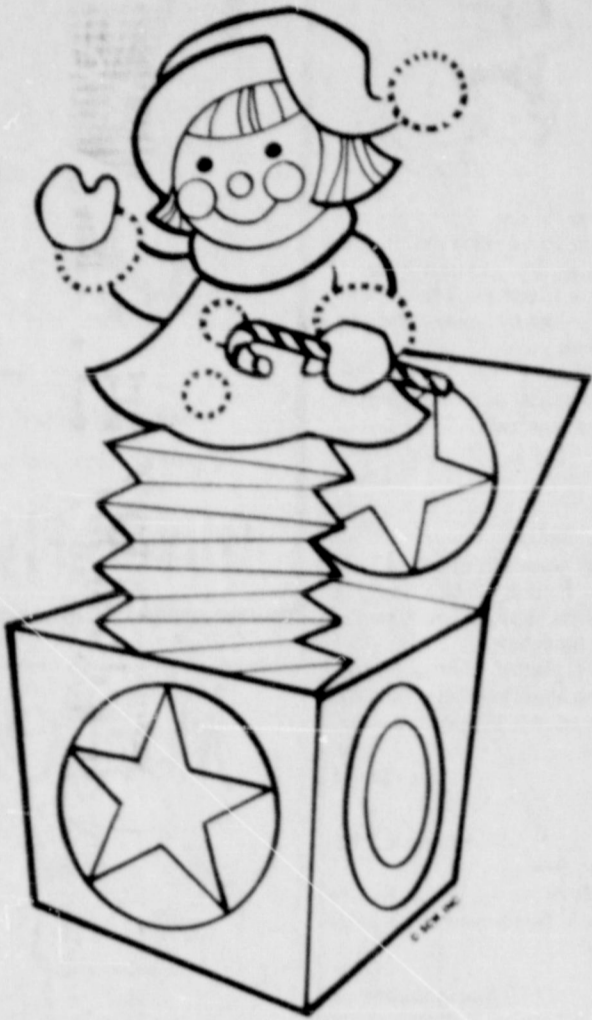
from *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens



## Good Tidings

May the beauty of the Christmas season give you love and renewed hope for the future.

Bea Benedick



**HI! I'M A JACK-IN-THE-BOX, READY FOR YOU TO COLOR... CUT ME OUT AND HANG ME UP FOR A HOLIDAY DECORATION!**



### Children's Holiday Project

Children can make an attractive wreath from tissue paper for a holiday project that is fun and easy. Tissue paper is available at most variety stores in many colors during the holiday season.

Cut strips of tissue paper that measure one inch wide by 7 1/2 inches long. Fold each strip in half. Wrap the center of each strip around a wire coat hanger that has been shaped into a circle, giving the center part of the paper strip an easy twist. The major part of each strip is left open. Keep strips close to each other on the wire frame for a full,

pom-pom effect.

The wreath can be decorated with gold or silver spray paint, glitter, ornaments, pine cones or anything else that strikes your fancy. The wreath can be made in any color of tissue paper — or try using two or more colors such as purple, lavender and white for an interesting effect. The hanger part of the wreath can be wrapped in ribbon, colorful tape or left plain.

Making the wreath is a fun project for children and adults and a great way to decorate your home during the holiday season.

## The Angels' New Song

A Story for the Holiday Season

Wink, Dink, and Blink were having a difference of opinion. As the three youngest and newest angels, they were expected to perform a special musical selection for all the other angels on Christmas Eve and they just couldn't agree on what to play.

They were all ready for their debut: Blink had tuned and re-tuned her little violin, Dink had polished his flute till it sparkled and Wink had practiced her scales backwards and forwards. But they couldn't agree on the music.

Wink, with what Blink considered very poor judgment, proposed that they do "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer."

"Really!" sniffed Blink. She thought nothing short of an excerpt from Handel's *Messiah* would do for such an important occasion but the others didn't like what they called "long-halo" music.

Dink, of course, wanted to play something rousing like the "Stars and Stripes Forever" but even Wink saw the folly of that.

So, when the great day arrived, they were still in a quandary about the whole thing. "We've simply got to make up our minds," said Blink in exasperation. The others agreed. "Let's sit and think and think and think until we come up with an idea," suggested Dink. So they did. They sat and thought and thought and thought but no one could come up with the right song! . . . Suddenly, Wink jumped up. "I'll be right back!" she called as she flew away. "Now isn't that just like Wink to fly off when we have work to do," said Blink crossly.

But soon Wink was back and with a surprise . . . she had learned a new song. They listened to her in amazement. "Why, that's lovely," said Blink. Dink liked it too, even if it wasn't a march.

They quickly learned the music, and without a min-

ute to spare, for the other angels were already beginning to assemble for the Christmas program.

Blink wanted to ask Wink where she had learned the lovely new song but there wasn't time. Finally, after they had performed for all the cherubim and seraphim and had been congratulat-

ed on their beautiful rendition, Blink took Wink aside.

"Where did you learn that song?" she asked. Wink smiled mysteriously and said, "I just happened to remember that nice soprano angel who had mentioned singing at a very special Christmas Eve performance. So I had her teach me the new song!" And off she flew.

Blink had to admit that had been very clever of Wink, as she curled up on her little cloud that night. And as she drifted off to sleep, the beautiful new song kept echoing in her ears . . . "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."



## Holiday Cheer

Served with our very best wishes for a festive Yuletide!

We will be Closed Christmas Day  
**DAIRY MART**

Mr. and Mrs. James Bolton and family

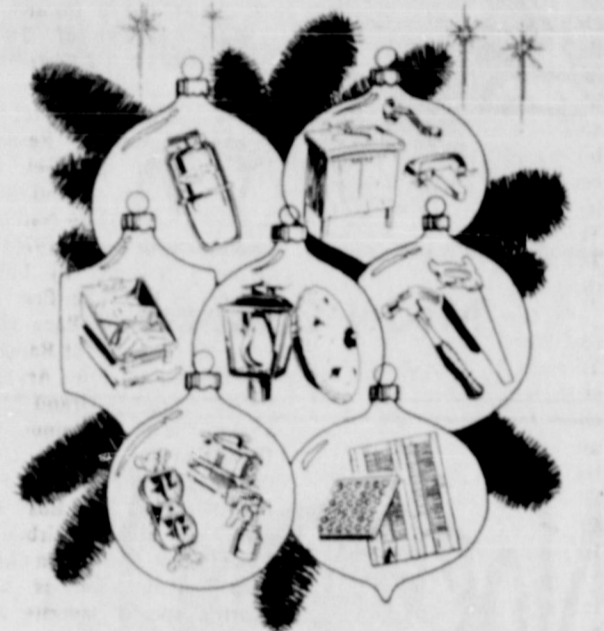
## Silent Night



We extend our warmest wishes for the Christmas Season and the coming year. May He fill your heart with joy.

*The Cartwrights*  
Dub. Jr., Terry + Tracy

## Greetings



Wishing everyone a happy holiday season. Thanks so much for your patronage. We look forward to doing business with you again.

**WHITE AUTO STORE**

Tommy and Frances Kent Lynn Tankersley

# Blessings to All



Christmas is the most Holy of holidays when we celebrate the birth of our Lord. We hope that all of our patrons enjoy a Holy and happy Christmas Season.

**Lowrey's**



May the sounds of Christmas . . . happy children's laughter, crackling lighted fires, melodious tolling bells . . . bring song to your hearts.

**SMITH FUNERAL HOME**

Knox City

Rochester



**ARABIANS**  
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undergoing some drastic changes and improvement by crossing the Pinto's colorful patterns with well-conformed "outcross" breeds (Quarter Horse, Arabian, Saddlebred, Thoroughbred, etc.) and the results were spectacular.

"It was the Pinto-Arabian cross that especially caught my eye, combining the legendary beauty of the Arabian conformation with the beautiful and unusual Pinto coloring. About that time I met Merle, and we purchased our first mare. That was the beginning of Tackitts' Pinto-Arabians.

"When we started breeding, we were only one of about 25 breeders of this cross in the United States. In California, we drew many a crowd at horse shows with our flashy horses, and were noted for using only the best possible bloodlines to improve our stock. We sold most of our horses in California, but recently sent two to show homes in the state of Washington. The horses we brought to Texas include two stallions, three mares, and a gelding.

Tackitts BeBask, a double-registered chestnut and white Tobiano Half Arabian Pinto stallion, is two years old, and sired by many times halter and performance champion Bask-Tez (by the International Champion and triple National Champion \*Bask, out of an International Champion \*Witez II mare), out of a racing Thoroughbred-sired registered Pinto mare. With limited showing, this colt was never out of the ribbons in California.

FLA Lord Barbizon, a registered bay nine-month-old Purebred Arabian colt, was sired by many times halter and performance champion Barbizon out of Crescent Jalla by champion Sir Iwonkatez. This colt won two close seconds in tough California All Arabian shows (he is unshown as yet in Texas) and looks and is bred to be a future champion stallion in his own right.

"Mr. Silva, a double-registered black and white Tobiano 3/4 Arabian Pinto mare, is eight years old and sired by endurance and show champion Yamason out of Reinita. Silva is a halter and performance champion herself, including 1975 Southwest Regional Top Ten Champion Pinto Mare at Halter; leading Pleasure-Type Pinto mare at Halter in the Nation at April, 1975; Grand Champion Pleasure-Type Pinto Mare, Del Mar, California; Grand Champion Half Arabian Mare, Lubbock; Reserve Champion Mare, Pinto Show Fair, California; Reserve Champion Pleasure Type Pinto Mare, Rancho California; over half her halter points toward both Half Arabian Legion of Merit and Pinto Championships; qualifying for the Half Arabian National Championships 1974-75-76-77; dam of Rayr Silver, double-registered bay and white 7/8 Arabian Pinto stallion and Tackitts Miss Shadow, bay and white Tobiano filly, registered bay and white To-

biano filly, is nine months old and was sired by Pinto Champion Mr. Shad-dow who was defeated only once (Reserve Grand Champion) in two years of showing at halter in California. Her dam is our Miss Silva. This filly is also unshown as yet in Texas.

"Tackitts MistyBee, a double-registered black Half Arabian yearling filly, was sired by champion Zar Hallany out of a registered Pinto mare named Miss Bee Haven. This filly is presently in California, but will soon be joining her stablemates in Texas.

"Kubaishan of Pico, a registered grey Purebred Arabian gelding, is eight years old and was sired by National Top Ten Champion Stallion Kubaishan out of the imported-bred mare Monigha. This horse, too, is a many times champion. He was over half his halter points toward an Arabian Legion of Merit award; was Grand Champion Gelding in Perris, California; Grand Champion Purebred Gelding, Lubbock; Reserve Champion Purebred Gelding, Rancho, California; and qualified for the Arabian National Championships in 1974-75. He was honored by being chosen to lead the first recognized Arabian Race Horses onto the track at Rancho, California in full Arabian native costume; Grand Marshal of the 1975 Walnut Day Parade in San Marcos, California; and invited to ride in the 1975 Pasadena Rose Parade by Eldon Fairbanks, Rose Parade equestrian chairman." Kubaishan is also Marti's special favorite and friend.

In addition to the horses, Marti is employed parttime by The Knox County News.

Merle has been awarded a dealership by Diagnostic Data, Inc., and is selling horse equipment, medicines, and DiagnosticData's principal product, DRIVE, a Nationally-known feed supplement.

The Tackitts reside on the farm owned by Irene Claburn of Munday located exactly half-way between Knox City and Munday. They said they would be delighted to have anyone visit them and their horses and for those who are interested, they may contact the Tackitts at 817-422-4959.

**News Notes from the Brazos Valley Care Home**

by MRS. EDNA EUBANK

Mr. Buchanon entertained his granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Cook of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. T.V. Jackson of Terral, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Warren of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Mrs. Gertrude Weatherly of Socorro, New Mexico surprised their Dad, Mr. Roberts, with a visit.

Mrs. Beasley was happy to see Pauline Brown of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Cagle of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Davis also called on her.

Eda Fay Pounds and her mother Florence Burleson went to Rochester for a short visit.

Mr. Waldrip entertained a

number of callers including Margaret Ann Hill and Cheryl of Munday, Herry Gribble and family of Dallas, Ruby Robinson, Ford Waldrip, Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. DABney and Pearl of Rochester called on Jim Burleson.

Mrs. Williams visited Mrs. Pray.

Arnelle Denton called on Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. Williamson.

The Knox City Garden Club was thoughtful enough to put a card of Christmas Cheer on each door at the home. They also brought a fresh supply of bibs for which we are all thankful.

The First Christian Church conducted the party for those whose birthday was in December. Everyone enjoyed the cupcakes and punch and the games that followed. They express thanks for a good party.

Mrs. Mary Rauch and her den of cub scouts came to the home and sang carols and entertained the old folks at the home. We are very grateful.

All the Ray children were here for an early Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Ray. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ray and Clifford, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ray. Mrs. King went out to dinner one day last week.

Mrs. Williamson bade "goodbye" to Mable Coates who will be gone about a month.

Mrs. Griffith had Laura Jones of Munday and Sipe and Donnie Griffith to see her.

Mr. Davis was happy to see his son Lee Roy and his wife.

The care home owes a debt of gratitude to the ladies of the W.M.U. of the First Baptist Church, the Garden Club, and the Study Club for generous donations of bibs. Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness, ladies.

Mr. Waldrip entertained a number of callers including Margaret Ann Hill and Cheryl of Munday, Jerry Gribble and family of Dallas, Ruby Robinson, and Ford Waldrip.

**Gala Gouda Trims The Tree**

Playing hostess around the holidays can be fun. It can also be a challenge, particularly if yours is the fifth or sixth party to come along this Christmas season. So if you're ready to deck the halls, but need an idea for something different to serve, this Gala Gouda may be just the answer. Trimmed with fresh parsley, it is easy to make and can be prepared well in advance and left to chill in the refrigerator.

**GOUDA HOLIDAY SPREAD**

- 1 (7 oz) gouda cheese
- 1/4 cup Hellmann's or Best Foods real mayonnaise
- 1 can (2 oz) deviled ham spread
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup finely chopped parsley
- 1 whole pimiento

Cut circle in the top of the cheese 1/2-inch from edge. Carefully remove all cheese leaving wax shell intact. Shred cheese. In medium bowl stir together cheese, real mayonnaise, ham and Worcestershire sauce. Pile back into shell, filling cavity and then mounding mixture over opening to form a cone shape. Sprinkle entire cone with parsley and decorate with pimiento shapes cut with aspic cutters. Secure pimiento cut-outs to parsley with a small dab of real mayonnaise. Chill. Makes 1-1/3 cups.

**GREETINGS**



Have a healthy and happy Christmas season. We want to thank all of our patrons for their support and we hope that we will be seeing you in the future. Take care of yourself during the holidays and remember that we are here to serve you.

**JONES PHARMACY INC.**  
PHONE 458-3215 KNOX CITY, TEXAS



**JOY TO ALL**

Here's Scotty with a package of good wishes for your joyous Holiday Season! We sincerely appreciate your patronage.

**The Lady Bug Shoppe**

Dessie Egenbacher  
MINI MALL

**Understanding Children**

**GIFTS FOR ALL AGES**

Getting Christmas presents for children is a matter of understanding what THEY really want and need—and not only what YOU think they enjoy.

For grandparents the problem sometimes seems extra tough. There has to be a different gift for each child, everyone has to get equal treatment and the presents Mom and Dad already bought should not be duplicated.

A lot of problems can be solved, however, by giving books, since knowledge is perhaps the most precious gift of all. There are two book collections that children find especially enjoyable. *Childcraft—The How and Why Library* is a unique collection of books designed to make learning fun for 3 to 10-year-olds. And parents enjoy it, too. *World Book*, the world's largest selling encyclopedia, gives the whole family an instant reference library. It's easy to use, timely, authoritative and filled with thousands of colorful illustrations.

For information on either collection or both, you can call a representative in your neighborhood. They're listed in the Yellow Pages under "Encyclopedias."

With a gift of knowledge you'll be giving a child something that will last a lifetime.

**KMA Holds Annual Christmas Party**

KMA Well Service celebrated its annual Christmas party Sunday evening with dinner at Luby's Cafeteria in Wichita Falls.

This is one of the two annual get-togethers the company sponsors each year and is always enjoyed by all.

Employees attending from the KC office were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pepper and family, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Carroll and family of Munday, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mowery and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Brown and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dinie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John Averitt and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Carver.

**ATTEND BANQUET**

Merle and Marti Tackitt attended the Annual Christmas Awards Banquet of the Plains Arabian Horse Association in Lubbock Monday night.

SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS with **FLOWERS**

Hope your holidays bloom brightly with good cheer!

Thank you for your patronage this past year.

*Knox City Florist*  
The Spurgeon Neelys

**KC Colored News-Events**

St. Paul had a full day Sunday. Sunday school had a large attendance. Supt. in charge. Lesson were taught by the teacher and reviewed by the pastor. For morning service the pastor preach from Isaiah 25:26. Sermon were "Bring Glad Tidings to the World We Live In."

In the afternoon St. Paul host the third Sunday musical. Three choirs present and in their places. Something extra were added. Rev. Thob of Mt. Zion Seymour preach and preach from Matthew 1:18 sermon were "The New Born Child." There were no night service.

It is time for St. Nick. All that haven't been good, it is too late now. But here is wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and all God's blessings for a Happy New Year.

Your Reporter  
Arlene Flye



**Joy to The World...** It is time to rejoice and honor the birth of our Savior and to reflect and to remember His teachings. A holy Christmas greeting to all of our fine patrons and friends.

*Edith's*  
Glen and Edith Dake

**Christmas Wishes**

Let there be love at Christmas when all the world is warm and bright with dreams. In the hushed landscape of this glorious season, we send tidings of comfort and joy and continuing thanks to all!

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**FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSN. OF STAMFORD**







Your Just Desserts

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

In the countries of Austria, Germany and Switzerland, the pine bough is symbolic of the holiday season. Homes lavishly decorated with fragrant pine branches and cones have an air of excitement as holiday festivities take place.

This year, when family and friends pay holiday visits to your home, serve them this delicious cone-shaped cake. Easy to make with DROMEDARY Pound Cake Mix, it is triple layered and generously frosted with a rich creamy chocolate-nut icing. The subtle blend of instant coffee and unsweetened chocolate with chopped pistachios and blanched almonds provides a unique taste treat.

This is a winner which you'll find fun to make and which all will enjoy.

CONE CAKE

- 1 (17-ounce) package DROMEDARY Pound Cake Mix
- 3/4 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 pound confectioners' sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons rum
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chopped pistachio nuts
- 2 squares (2 ounces) unsweetened chocolate, melted
- 1 teaspoon instant coffee
- Blanched almonds

Prepare and bake DROMEDARY Pound Cake Mix according to package directions, using 3/4 cup milk, 2 eggs and a greased 9x5x3-inch loaf pan. Cool completely. To make frosting, beat butter and margarine until creamy; gradually add confectioners' sugar, beating until smooth. Beat in egg; then next three ingredients. Measure 1 cup; combine with 1/4 cup of the pistachio nuts. Combine chocolate and instant coffee; stir into remainder of frosting. Cut cake horizontally into three layers; then cut into cone shape. Spread pistachio-rum frosting on two of the layers and stack, using rounded one on top. Spread chocolate frosting over top and sides of cone. Make indentations with small knife. Stud top with almonds; then garnish top and sides with remaining pistachio nuts. Makes about 22 (3/4-inch) slices.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me some toys. I would like a big truck, two airplanes (I already have, one and would like another) and a Putt Putt Speedway.  
I've been a pretty good boy, and I will leave you something to eat when you come to my house. See you soon!  
Love,  
Abel Johnson  
P.S. I am three years old.

Dear Santa,  
I want a Baby doll, a pink bike with a horn, and a Raggedy Ann alarm clock.  
Please remember my brother, too.  
Love you,  
Yonda Archer

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a Rock-A-Doll Den and a little Angel and a puzzle.  
Love,  
Connie Hernandez  
Box 531  
Knox City, Texas

Dearest Santa,  
I would like to have a Rite-lite sink, stove, and refrigerator. Play cookware also dishes, tables and chairs, Baby-Alive and Baby Alive Stroller.  
Be good to everyone most especially Scotty and I'll see you at the Mini Mall.  
Love,  
Shea

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Baby Alive and a playhouse. I would like a pretty gown, too, for Christmas.  
From Cyndy Feemster

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am fine. I have been good this year.  
Santa, would you please leave this at my house when you come by; a football, a muscle builder, and an electric football set. I will take care of all my stuff.  
Thank you, Santa.  
Love,  
Buster

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am nine years old and I go in the fourth grade.  
I hope it snows on Christmas and I want an Evil Knievil Stunt Cycle and the game of Jaws.  
Yours truly,  
Adam Garcia  
I love you, Santa Claus.

Dear Santa,  
I want a Thumbalina, a Holly Hobbie Umbrella. I want a' coke machine. I want one of those Raggedy Ann houses. I want one of those ovens that you can bake with. I want a Mickey Mouse suitcase and one of those things that has a mop and vacuum cleaners and I think that's all.  
Love,  
Curtis Taylor

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Billy Wayne and for Christmas I would like to have an Evil Kinevil set, piano and record player, a tool set, doctor set and some motorcycles.  
And I guess that is all I want. I have been a very good boy. I love you, my mama and daddy very much.  
Have a very nice Christmas, Santa Claus.  
Love ya loads,  
Billy Wayne  
1008 S. 3rd

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a crazy buggy, a tree tops amusement park, a truck, and a tractor and plow like my daddy's.  
I am 2 1/2 years old and have been as good as any 2 1/2 year old little boy can be.  
Love,  
Chad James  
P.S. I want some more candy like you gave me the other day, also.  
Your friend  
Terry Lowrey  
Box 174  
Knox City, Texas  
November 30, 1976

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good boy. I think I want a watch and a Jaw's game. One more thing -- a Super Toe  
Love,  
Laurie Webb

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good. And all I want is three trucks. I want a Tonka Crane, a Tonka Bulldozer, and a Trail Blazer Truck, and a Super Toe and anything else I might want.  
With Love  
Michael Rauch  
December 9, 1976

Dear Santa,  
I have been good so I want a Baby Alive and some boots and a ring and the Honey Hill Bunch and a swing machine, and a pair of baby clothes and a baby That-A-Way and some lip ice and a color T.V. in my room and a Easy Bake Oven.  
Love,  
Lori Rasco  
Merry Christmas To You, Santa. I love you.

Dear Santa Claus,  
It is time to write again to you, so all I'm asking is a record player, a TV set, a doll, a radio, and a watch for little girls.  
Yours truly,  
Liza Carrasco

Dear Santa,  
I want an Evil Kenevil car, and cycle. I want a Maluboo Ken. I am 7 years old. I have been good. I am in the first grade.  
Love,  
John Covey  
O'Brien, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Streach Arm Strong and a Mash-up Derby. I want a play gun and that is all.  
Thank you,  
Freddie Agraz  
December 9, 1976

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I am in the second grade. I would like a Barbie Doll, a Baby-That-Away, some Barbie clothes, some Barbie shoes, some baby doll clothes, and some clothes for me. Also a color T.V.  
I love you.  
Love,  
Laurie Webb  
Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Barbie, Barbie clothes, a watch, dishes, baby stroller, chalkboard, toy typewriter, Raggedy Ann pencil sharpener, shopping game, diaper bag, baby bunk beds, and baby doll.  
Thank you,  
Christy

Dear Santa,  
I am in the second grade. I would like a Baby-That-A-Way, play make-up, skates, purse, and boots.  
I love you.  
Love,  
Laurie Webb

Dear Santa,  
I want a 10-speed and an Evil Kinevil, and a mini-bike. Also, a train set, a race car set, a mobile home, a dump truck, and a firetruck.  
Love,  
John Eaton  
P.S. I want, two, a B.B. Gun.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some horses, and a Lone Ranger and Tonto. I would like an electric football set, too. I also want a ricochet gun. That's all.  
Thank you  
Kevin White

**JOY TO ALL**  
Hoping your holiday will be warm and wonderful.  
**Thomas Shoe Shop**

**Best Wishes**  
How wonderful to be able to wish all of our friends a happy holiday season. We have enjoyed serving you and we look forward to seeing you again next year.  
**Boutique**  
Estelle Hawkins  
Patsy Orr - Ruth Middlebrook - Betty Taylor  
Cindy Elliston

Santa Letters

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Streach Armstrong, a racing car, an Evil Knievil set, a big train, some play Indians and that's all.  
Your friend  
Ruben

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll called Baby-That-A-Way. I want a sack full of candy, too.  
Cynthia Ledesma

Dear Santa,  
I would like an piano for Christmas. Don't forget my twin brother and sister, Mike and Tammy who are three. And Dayanna is two, and Baby Dessi. I know it's Jesus' birthday. He's the best gift. Merry Christmas, Santa.  
Love  
Theresa Spieker  
P.S. I'm six years old. Don't forget Mom and Dad.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am five years old and I go to school.  
I want a gun with bullets and a Big Wheel and a Evel Knievil stunt cycle.  
Yours Truly,  
Paul Garcia  
I love you Santa Claus.

December 9, 1976  
Dear Santa,  
I would like an Evil Kinevil, a Train set, and a racing car set, bicycle, and a dune buggy car, a play truck. I have been a good boy.  
Love,  
Curtis Taylor

**PEACE IN '77**  
A prayer for continuing Peace in the New Year for everyone. Peace in your hearts and in the nations of this world.  
First United Methodist Church  
James Patterson, Pastor

**SONG of CHRISTMAS**  
We are singing with joy this holiday season as we extend our best wishes to all of our friends for a happy Christmas.  
**B & C Chemical Co.**  
The Growover Family  
Knox City, Texas

**I'm thinking of you**  
today because it's Christmas, and I wish you joy.  
And tomorrow, because it's the day after Christmas, I shall wish you joy.  
Perhaps I can't tell you about it from day to day, for you may be far away. Or we may be entangled with the things of life.  
But it makes no difference.  
My thoughts and my wish will be with you. Whatever of joy or success comes to you, I shall be glad...clear through the year.  
Without pretense...I wish you the spirit of Christmas.  
Henry Van Dyke  
**OLNEY SAVINGS**  
Olney, Seymour, Jacksboro, Bridgeport and Nocona  
Ranger Savings in Ranger and Eastland Savings in Eastland





**BEST WISHES!**

We love to have you as our customers and we hope that you will enjoy a happy Christmas season. We look forward to seeing you in the near future.

**O'Brien Food Store**  
The Coy Hewitts



**CHECKING FLIGHT PLANS** are three area Baptist ministers prior to taking off from Stamford Municipal Airport for classes in Fort Worth. The trio, left to right, Chuck Gafford, Ray Milhoan, and Bob Cameron, have been commuting the last four months to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. (Photo courtesy of Stamford American)

**GREETINGS**

A holiday wish to everyone. We hope that your Christmas season will be healthy and happy. And remember, we are always here to serve you when you need us.

**Kathryn and Wallace Moorhouse**  
Jan Poiiock  
Jerry Moorhouse - Dolores Lambeth

**Oh Silent Night**

Christmas is a special time of year and we want to thank our very special friends and wish them a happy and holy holiday season.

*Dean & Bill Johnston*

## Three preachers take to air to commute to college classes

[Editor's Note: The following story which appeared in last week's Stamford American and was written by Danny Lammert, editor, concerns three Baptist ministers, two of whom are well-known in our area. The Rev. Bob Cameron and the Rev. Ray Milhoan, along with the Rev. Chuck Gafford have been commuting to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth the past four months. We felt that the story would be of interest to our readers and we are taking the liberty of reprinting it.)

However, it becomes more unusual when the distance between home and classes is as much as 150 miles and the vehicle used in commuting is an airplane.

This past Tuesday marked the final flight to Fort Worth for three Baptist ministers who have been commuting to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for the past four months.

They are the Rev. Ray Milhoan, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Stamford; the Rev. Bob Cameron, pastor

of O'Brien Baptist Church in O'Brien; and the Rev. Chuck Gafford, pastor of Avoca Baptist Church in Avoca.

When the late summer and fall weather has been favorable, they have commuted to classes by private plane. Most of the trips have been made in a four-place, single-engine, 150-horsepower Aero Commander. Eight or ten of the flights was made in the faster Cessna 182.

The average flying time has been about an hour and a half, representing less than half the driving time to Fort

Worth via auto.

The Rev. Milhoan is a licensed FAA instructor-pilot while Cameron and Gafford are two of his students. Thus, the trio has been to and from class quicker while two of them have been getting pilot's training to boot.

The Rev. Gafford has completed the ground school and is preparing for the final flight test for a private license. He and the Rev. Cameron are completing their first semester in the school of theology at Fort Worth. The Rev. Milhoan has completed his studies and will graduate on Friday.

The Rev. Gafford, commenting on the experience, said, "This has been a happy time for all three of us even though we have been covered up with work. We have studied together during the trips and we have learned from each other. Ray has taught us many things about the various areas of flying and has given us the opportunity to practice and gain skill under his excellent supervision. These months have been both profitable and enjoyable."

For thousands of Texans, commuting is a way of life. Anyone witnessing rush hour traffic in large metropolitan areas will note the caravan of autos that travel back and forth between employment in the larger cities and homes in the perimeter.

In some areas, commuting may involve 80- to 100-mile round trips daily. So it should be nothing unusual to hear of three West Texas ministers who commute back and forth to classes.

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3 Tbls. light corn syrup Roasted peanuts (optional)

In large heavy saucepan mix sugars, cream, corn syrup and salt. Bring to boil over medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugars. Set candy thermometer in pan and cook syrup without stirring to 234 (soft-ball stage). Cool to 110 (lukewarm). Add peanut butter and vanilla; beat until mixture thickens and begins to lose its gloss. Pour into greased 8x8x2-inch pan. When firm, cut in small squares. Decorate each square with chopped or whole peanuts. Store airtight in cool dry place. Makes about 2-1/4 pounds.

SEASON'S GREETINGS



It's the time for holly and candlelight...for gifts under the tree...and to recall both old and new friends with affection. We sincerely hope that you enjoy the holidays!

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