

# Gifts, merchants will offer gifts on Little '75

The Dispatch's contest of 1975 is to be held in the Post store from Post Insurance Agency, and a sale of baby shoes from Marshall's Department Store.

The First Baby Contest page, with all the details, appears on page 7 of today's Dispatch. Since The Dispatch will not have another edition between now and New Year's the contest is being announced in this edition.

## 16 teenagers in 'Nativity'

A 16-member cast of teenagers was announced today for the 14th annual Teenagers Live Nativity Scene which will be presented for three 20-minute showings Christmas Eve (Tuesday night) in the double carport of the Jim Cornish residence at 307 Osage.

Those who will participate this year in the annual Christmas Eve presentation are:

Donna Ammons, Randy Babb, Lorry Chapman, Dianna Collier, Carol Davis, Donna Dye, Joni Hays, Ralph Howell, Bobby Macy, John McCowan, Jenny Miller, Kelly and Kim Mitchell, Mary Ann Norman, Nancy Reno and Jay Strawn.

The carport will be converted by the teenagers during the afternoon into a stable with live stable animals, featuring a pen of sheep and Cisco, County Judge Giles Dalby's Sicilian

donkey, a floor full of hay and dim lighting.

The Star of Bethlehem will be erected atop the house.

A special stereo tape, featuring the Rev. George L. Miller telling the Christmas story of the birth of Jesus blended with the most appropriate Christmas carols, will provide the sound for the presentation of the nativity via stereo equipment rigged by David Newby.

"Scene times" are 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p. m. Tuesday to give each family who wants to attend three choices so a visit to the Nativity Scene can be easily fitted into the family's Christmas eve plans.

Everyone, young and old and all the kids, are invited to the showing of their choice for this event which over the years has become a traditional feature of Post's Christmas.

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# The Post Dispatch



Forty-Seventh Year Post, Garza County, Texas Monday, Dec. 23, 1974 Number 30



You've probably already read the story on the upcoming retirement of Frank Runkles as Camp Post ranger elsewhere on this front page. One could write a whole Dispatch about Frank and his mighty interesting life.

We do hope to do a few features on Frank's work from time to time after he retires and "gets to writing." He was showing us so many interesting things last Thursday afternoon that he has collected, he just whetted our appetite for more, as he has thousands of Boy Scouts over the years.

This is our Christmas Edition of The Dispatch, properly stuffed with Santa Claus letters from the youngsters.

It's going to be a wonderful Christmas at the C castle with everybody here plus a couple of special guests. All told, we'll have nine at the castle for Christmas dinner if we ever get beyond breakfast and all the package scramble Christmas morning.

Susan and Matt Hartnett flew in from Denver Friday afternoon in a two-engine Cessna with Matt at the controls and besides "a mountain of presents" they brought with them Matt's parents, Matt and Catherine Harnett of New York City and Susan's big Golden Retriever, Brewster.

Chris flies into Lubbock commercial Sunday morning with our granddaughters, Andrea and little Lara, and her husband, Walt, will drive in on Christmas eve with another carload of gifts.

Matt had to go to work Monday morning in Denver for Cessna so he flew back Sunday afternoon and will drive Susan's car down tomorrow.

Pile 16 local teenagers into the castle Christmas eve for the Teenagers Nativity Scene and you total up a house full. All we really need is a transportation agent.

Here's wishing all our readers from all of us here at The Dispatch a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Come to the Teenagers Nativity Scene. They are staging it for you.



**LONG AGO PAST** — Frank Runkles in the study of his home at Camp Post tells of the people who lived here in Garza County and over this region at the close of the ice age as he indicates a frame of Paleo points (above the pot) which were used here 10,000 to 12,000 years ago in Paleolithic times to hunt now

extinct eight-foot high buffalo and prehistoric elephants. The points, all fluted, were used by hunters on the end of long darts propelled by hand using short throwing stick. Some of the points in the frame were found in this county.

— (Staff Photo)

## Bank makes \$500 gift to Post Public Library

The Post Public Library received a second Christmas gift this week — a \$500 contribution from the First National Bank.

In announcing the receipt of the gift, Jim Cornish, chairman of the library trustees, said trustees have agreed to use the money to "bolster our Texas history collection and for the purchase of books either written by or about western and cowboy artists who have participated in the OS Benefit Art Exhibit here the last three years."

Cornish expressed the board's sincere appreciation for the gift to J. B. Potts, bank president.

"Books today are very expensive," Cornish pointed out, "and this gift will enable us to strengthen a very special book shelf in our library."

The board only recently decided to purchase books on artists exhibiting at the OS benefit as the library was able. The gift will make the library a "lot more able."

"We can do some catching up," Librarian Pee Wee Pierce said, "in getting some of the books we know we want but haven't been able to afford."

Mrs. Pierce pointed out that the Texas history section of the library is one of the most popular with library readers and that trustees decided to go into the field of books on "OS artists" because what few books the library did have about them were very popular too with library patrons.

This special combined book shelf is located next to the library's checkout desk.

"This gift from the bank is like a gift to the entire community," Cornish said, "because everyone who likes a good book can enjoy it not only in 1975 but for years and years to come."

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## Frank Runkles retires Jan. 1 as Boy Scout camp ranger



Frank A. (Chief) Runkles, the man who has taught Indian lore to thousands of Boy Scouts as resident camp ranger at Camp Post here for 25 1/2 years is retiring Jan. 1 after 53 busy years in the Boy Scout movement, but his retirement promises to be just as busy.

Runkles and his wife are moving into Post where they have purchased a home. This area's foremost archeologist has plans to complete a lot of projects which up to now he hasn't found time to do.

Foremost among his new goals will be to:

- (1) Help develop the Garza County Historical Museum into a useful and functioning educational institution. (Frank currently is president of the Garza County Historical Museum Association, but more important has always been a prime mover in the organization.)
  - (2) Spend a lot of his time cataloging all of and marketing a portion of his vast Indian collection which includes over 18,000 arrow heads and stone implements and a very unusual collection of antique Indian beadwork.
  - (3) Complete the writing and publishing of five archeological papers on excavations he has made in the South Plains area, three in Garza County, one in Lynn and one in Crosby.
- Runkles already is looking forward to devoting all his time to such pursuits. "I don't believe I can get everything done that I want to do," he told The Dispatch in a retirement interview last Thursday.
- Runkles, who will celebrate his 65th birthday Saturday, Dec. 28, isn't being mandatorily retired. He just "wants to" because he wants to concentrate upon the projects which has been piling up on him for years.
- The South Plains Council of Boy Scouts which operates the camp certainly doesn't want to lose him. Although he has made known his retirement plans for months, the council has yet to find his replacement.
- So Frank will probably continue to look after Camp Post through the winter or at least until a new camp ranger is hired.
- Frank gained his interest in Indian lore as a boy from his father who was a Texas Ranger and also was interested in the then vanishing Indian way of life across mid-America.
- He began collecting arrow heads and meeting and visiting Indians even before he became a Boy Scout at the age of 12. Since then he has given a lot or most of his time over 53 busy years to scouting.
- It is significant that his love of Indian lore led him into Scouting as an adult, first only in talking and demonstrating Indian lore to Scouts, then to becoming an outstanding Scout-
- (See Runkles, Page 18)

**AS SCOUTS WILL REMEMBER HIM** — Camp Ranger Frank Runkles who delighted and awed thousands of boys around camp "campfire ceremonies" with his talks and demonstrations of Indian lore is shown in his Indian costume prior to one of such campfires at Camp Post this year.

## Rites here for Mrs. McDougle

Funeral services for Mrs. Myrtle McDougle were conducted at 2:30 p. m. Friday in the Mason Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Glenn Reece.

Mrs. McDougle, a resident of Garza county for 55 years, died last Wednesday at the Twin Cedar Nursing Home. She was 70 years old.

Preceded in death by her husband April 25, 1956, she was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Garland McDougle of Post and Irvin McDougle of Pochantans, Ark.; three daughters, Esta Lee Soth of Long Beach, Calif., Imogene Landtroop of Pecos, and Thelma Hilberry of Post; 19 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and one brother, W. A. (Doc) Scott of Andrews.

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**ANNUAL STAFF** — Shown above are the 1974-75 Post High School annual staff and their three sponsors. Top row, left to right, Patricia... Jimmy Pierce, co-editor and staff photographer; Lorry Chapman, staff photographer; Denece Higgins, manager; bottom row, sponsors Mrs. Florene King, Mrs. Cora... (School Photo)

## VA expands phone service to Post

Jack Coker, Director of the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Waco, announces a new service for the Post area. Veterans can now dial 800-792-1110, for assistance and reach a Veterans Benefits Counselor stationed in Waco. The only expense involved is the cost, if any, of a local call.

## Local woman speaks at international seminar



Linda Kay Mueller

Miss Linda Kay Mueller, daughter of Mrs. Emma Mueller and the late Anton G. Mueller of Post, was an honored participant recently at the Sembradores Club meeting in Monterey, Mexico.

Miss Mueller was invited to participate in an international seminar on human behavior. Primary speakers included Dr. Santiago Genoves, noted Mexican anthropologist, Dr. Sharon McKern, anthropologist-author of Austin, Texas, and Miss Mueller.

Dr. Genoves and McKern presented lectures on the recent Acali expedition, a research experiment designed to test the limits of human endurance and aggression on long-term oceanic voyages.

Miss Mueller, legislative assistant to Texas Representative (See Local woman, Page 12)

**Dispatch office to close rest of week**

The Dispatch's regular Dec. 26th edition is being published today — Monday, Dec. 23 — as the final publication by this newspaper for 1974.

The Dispatch office after Monday will be closed for the remainder of Christmas week to enable employees to take a deserved holiday.



# Dispatch Editorials

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## Some Christmas Thoughts

Christmas is the holiday for the young. Either the young in age or the young in heart.

Christmas also is the holiday of memories. It is so easy to drift back across the years to other times, and other places, remembering friends, daughters or sons when they were pink cheeked and oh so small, or other loved ones by your side now gone.

Christmas is changing, or is it? Only a generation ago, Christmas was the time one looked around to find others who needed a helping hand and then helped them secretly. No one ever knew from where that big basket of food came from, or the toys for the children, or the warm clothing. The joy of that giving was in holding it inside one's own heart.

Then came the "organized way." One turned in the name of the "needy" and donated to a Christmas fund and for that often saw his name and the amount of his contribution printed on the front page of his newspaper as they still do in Lubbock today.

That is on its way out now. And we're not sure what's taking over. We think maybe the spirit of Christmas giving is all but lost in today's harried world.

The phone rang the other night when we were working at the office. A woman had some toys in good condition which some children should get for Christmas. Who should she give them to? They were "too good to throw away." We couldn't give her an answer. Nobody had appealed to The Dispatch for toys this Christmas season. We don't know if those toys found a new home or not. We hope so. We hope that woman did something about it herself.

The dove of peace is always a Christmas symbol. Haven't you noticed that. The Christmas spirit is world wide and especially in World War I, in the trench warfare on the stalemated western front, Christmas was celebrated as a day of peace and brotherly love. They tell stories even now of how the enemies stopped the killing for a day on Christmas. At least for that day only brotherly love prevailed.

America is so young. One realizes this on travels to other lands where a hundred years is only a yesterday and a thousand isn't really much. Consequently, we don't have our deep-rooted traditions as do other countries. The Christmas traditions of the "old world" are really traditions, and deserving of your study.

It is difficult to comprehend how the birth of a babe on the first Christmas Day not even 2,000 years ago has changed the world, warmed the hearts of men, and shaped their thinking.

Is the true religious significance of Christmas being crowded out by the family gatherings, the avalanche of gifts, and all its gaiety and parties? Answer that one for yourself, then ask yourself why.

The shining eyes and wonderment of a small child on Christmas morning best illustrates Christmas for all of us. Christmas is the birthday observance of a man who long ago died for the sins of the world, not only in his day but in the ages to come. When we comprehend his promise we too must have shining eyes and be filled with wonderment. Such is the Spirit of Christmas.

Christmas has its own music — and most beloved. Some writer here and one there is always adding a bit to its magic. Really, the best thing about the modern Christmas is that Christmas music is now so much more available to everyone through radio, television, and stereo.

But still the best music of Christmas is that sung by yourself or your friends in a wide variety of church programs. The church choir always reaches its zenith at Christmas time. And the church congregations always sing louder when the time comes again to start singing the Christmas hymns because they are the best known by the average pew-sitter.

One of the Christmas traditions now for Post is the Teenagers Live Nativity Scene presented annually each Christmas eve. If you haven't taken the time, and the trouble, to see it, you are missing a part of Christmas which is sure to warm your heart. It is not hard to imagine the birth of Jesus in that stable as you stand and watch the fabled tableau of that birth unfold. The crisp night air, and especially the silence of a cold night provide a mystic quality worth bundling up to feel because for many it reaches their heart with a warm rush.

If you haven't seen our kids in the Teenagers Live Nativity Scene give yourself a Christmas gift you'll remember this year. Just come and watch and be filled again with the wonder of it all.

## Holiday Thanks

To all the people of the area for business you brought us during the past year and for the opportunity of serving you.

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## Santa letters

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am going to give my dad something. Maybe my papa some shoes. He would like the shoes I gave him. That's what I'm going to do. That's it. The end.

Marta Holly

Dear Santa,  
I want a bow and arrow, and a chief and a drum and a GI Joe and a Big Jim and a Big Jeff.

Love,  
Robert Connel

Dear Santa,  
Santa will you bring me a clown? I want a doll, I want a GI Joe, I want a drum, I want a dress, I want a ball, I want a sled, I want a play Santa, I want a tent, I want a box of crayons. I love you Santa.  
From Teresa Bowden to Santa.

Dear Santa,  
I want a Pottery Craft and Baby Alive doll and food, Ice Bird too. Last Christmas I like Zippy. Last night I sleep with him. Bow and arrow set, racing car set, backpack.

Love,  
Cathy Davis

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and everything that you can give me. I'll ask if I can leave you a refreshment.

Love,  
Mike Norman

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are good. I want a gun for Christmas and a car and a cow and a pig. And put food in our stockings. I like you. Do you like me? Well I like you.

Greg Massey

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the lion you gave me and my sisters' lion too. We really like them! For Christmas this year I want a knit magic toy. My sister wants a puzzle. And we want some surprises. Rudolph, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet Cupid, Donner, Blitzen will get carrots. You will get some hot co-co.

Lots of love,  
Kim and Heather Bell

Dear Santa,  
I want some chalk. I want a cat. I want a dog. I want a doll. I want a dress. I want a ball, I want a sled, I want a tent, I want a stuffed owl, I want a stuffed fawn and deer, I want a stuffed fox, I want a stuffed pig, I want a stuffed fish, I want a stuffed ape, I want a stuffed bear, I want a stuffed cow, I want a stuffed lion, I want a stuffed frog, I want a TV.

Love,  
Bonnie Tees

Dear Santa Claus,  
I like elfs, I like you too. I would like a football, and a GI Joe too. I want a new tape recorder. I want a new pair of tennis shoes.

Channa Williams

Dear Santa Claus,  
I like you. I want a pair of tennis shoes. I want a football, a GI Joe. I want a Der Ding.

Kayla Peet

Dear Santa,  
You are good. I want a doll and jacks, I want a jumprope and a puzzle. I wish you a merry Christmas. I want a record player. I want a Big Wheel.

Love,  
Cindy Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a football, raincoat, watch, Big Jim.

Terry Kennedy



Merry Christmas  
Best wishes of the season, friends, and grateful thanks.  
**Charles McCook, DDS**

## Remember When

### 10 Years Ago

Jess L'ornell home top winner for home decoration contest; Lester Nichols elected to head RMA here in '65; Randy Josey, Irene Walls win Yule coloring contest; highway patrolman is hit by skidding auto; blazers purchased for Post athletes; school trustees decide 'no hurry' on approval of track; Dave Sanford elected president of Chamber; engagement announced of Glenda Converse and Curtis Didway; Charlotte Young and Richard Stice are wed; Antelopes beat Stanton for another tournament trophy; From letters to Santa: Dear Santa, I like the stuffed dog you gave me last year. I put it on my bed. Would you please bring me a Charming Chatty doll and her clothes? I would like to have a trailer house with a truck and a suitcase. I would like a jewelry box. Thank you, Jodi Norman; Dear Santa, I want a gun, a football set and a rifle. Love, Tony Mark Conner; Dear Santa, How are you? I am going to get a piano. All I want for Christmas is my two teeth pulled. And a troll doll and its clothes. And a doll buggy. Love, Karla Josey.

### 15 Years Ago

Seniors top winner in school decorations; new mail service here accelerates deliveries; Linda Payton to compete in area wool contest; \$400 stolen here at Piggly Wiggly; new head nurse at hospital; Johnson for President club formed in county; Credit bureau is seeking quarters; Post teams beat Crosbyton twice; Post nips Snyder in two of three games; From letters to Santa: Dear Santa, Please bring me a Betsy Wetsy doll, a doll bunk bed, a doll bracelet and a ring. Love, Patti Peel; Dear Santa, Please bring me a Rin Tin Tin set, and an army set. Thank you, Ken Herron; Dear Santa, Please bring mamma and me a Mercedes Benz or a Jag like Harry's. Your little friend, Lorry Chapman; Dear Santa, I want a football set, a red helmet with a double bar face guard, a red cotton knit jersey,

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a kite and a TV and a raindeer. How are you? I am fine. I never found out how you are. Would you give me a clock and a necklace. Will you come to see us? Will you be at the Mall? That is all. We like you.

Thank you,  
Margaret Ayala

cotton football pants, college shoulder pads, I want an official football and a kicking tee. I want a cactus carbine scope outfit, plus a gun case, and 730 BB's, gun oil. Love, Jimmy Bartlett.

### 25 Years Ago

New houses in southwest Post planned; funeral home is ready for use at Mason and Company; no appreciable oil is found in Connell wildcat; Seniors of 1948 will hold banquet; Garza County joins nation in cotton control voting; no criticism whatsoever given for PTA's visual test project; Lola Peel elected president of Merry-maker's Club; three PHS girls basketball teams win over Roby teams in Roby; PHS boys lose in Spur tourney to team from Girard; From letters to Santa: Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll and doll buggy. Be nice to the other boys and girls. Love, Kay Gordon; Dear Santa, We are two little boys 8 and 3 years old. We have been very good little boys and help our mother and daddy with their work, so don't forget to bring us a lot of toys specially guns and tool sets. Be sure and bring Wayland and Jerry two guns, so we can play cowboys Christmas Eve night. We love you, Jackie and Delwin Fluitt.



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 Love,  
 Keith Osborn

Dear Santa Claus,  
 Do you really go down the chimney? I want a Cathy Quick Curl and a Baby Alive food.  
 Love,  
 Jana Middleton

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I would like a TV and a typewriter and some skates and a flag and a drum and a bike and a football game and a walkie talkie.  
 Donald Crenshaw

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I like your presents too. But how do your deer fly? Santa Claus I want a football.  
 Love,  
 Joel Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa,  
 I like you and I want a drum set and a football set, and a bike and a GI Joe, and a kickball.  
 Kevin Greathouse

Dear Santa,  
 How are your elves? I want a play cowboy, and a play clown, a play astronaut and I am eight and that's all.  
 Todd Angerer

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I would like a pair of scissors, a jacket and mittens and pencil. I want a bicycle.  
 Carolyn Worley

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a mini bike and I want a sled and I want a bicycle.  
 David Wilcox

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I love you! I love your elves too. You are my favorite Santa Claus. And I love your deer too. We will put food for you.  
 Melissa Striblin

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Tracy doll, a pocket knife, a play stove, a camera, a surprise.  
 Misty West

Dear Santa,  
 I have been a good girl and I am four years old. I would like Baby Alive, dishes, baby buggy. I would also like fruit and nuts.  
 Love,  
 Christina Bradshaw  
 Dallas, Texas

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Chad. I am four years old. I have been pretty good this year and would like you to please bring me a GI Joe, a GI Joe jeep, guns and a black board.  
 My little brother Aaron is only nine months old and can not write you, so would you please send him some pull toys to play with and a John Deere tractor like mine. Thank you very much.  
 Love,  
 Chad and Aaron Davis

Dear Santa,  
 I have been a pretty good two year old. I would love a doll, blocks, teddy bear very much for Christmas.  
 Love,  
 Kenda Williams

Dear Santa,  
 I am seven years old and have been fairly good. I want a Lorrie Walker doll, Nerf football, country camper and Knit Magic.  
 Love,  
 Rhonda Williams



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**WANT AD RATES**  
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## For Rent

**BUILDING FOR LEASE:** See Stoney Stalcup or call 2930 or 9449. tfc 12-12

**FOR SALE OR RENT:** Two and three bedroom houses. Small down payment, seven per cent interest. For information call Mrs. Alene Brewer, Dial 2389. tfc 7-7

**VACANCIES** for two in Twin Cedars Nursing Home. tfc 11-25

**KERMIT GUESTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Montgomery of Kermit will be in Post for the holidays and will visit with their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stice and family.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



## Farm Loans

### FARM & RANCH LOANS

Some of the many advantages of a Land Bank Loan.

- Long Term
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- Lowest Possible Interest Cost
- Minimum Closing Cost
- No Repayment Penalty
- Fast Efficient Service



See Jay Dee House, Manager, in the Post Insurance Bldg Wednesdays or at 1647 Ave. J, Tahoka Phone 998-4140

## Help Wanted

**LVN WANTED** for five day relief. Twin Cedar Nursing Home. Apply in person. tfc 10-31

## Real Estate

**FOR SALE:** Two bedroom house with two lots, new fence. Located in Grassland. Call 495-3677 after 4 p. m. tfc 12-12

**FOR SALE:** To settle estate: 3 bedroom brick house, 2 baths, central heat. One year old. Located at 802 West 6th. Call 495-3181. tfc 9-5

**FOR SALE:** Small house on West 12th. Call 495-2804. tfc 11-14

**NEW 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home** in northwest Post. Central heat, evaporative air; fully carpeted. 8 1/2% financing available. Fred Myers, 828-6557 Slaton Savings & Loan. tfc 10-10

**HIGHWAY CAFE,** 701 N. Broadway, and fixtures for sale, or would trade for house in Post. Phone 495-2281 after 7 p. m. tfc 12-26

**FOR SALE:** Two acres with four room house on pavement 1/2 mile south of Close City. Call 327-5258 or Jackson Loeker. tfc 12-19

### OKLAHOMA VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Dorner of Norman, Okla., and former Post residents will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Grady Taylor of Southland.

**COURTHOUSE CLOSED**  
The Garza County Courthouse will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26 so that employees may have an extended holiday.

**Merry Christmas**  
**Garza Auto Parts**

## For Sale

**ANGUS bulls** for sale. See Kay Beach. tfc 12-12

**FOR better cleaning** to keep colors gleaming, use Blue Lustre carpet cleaner. Rent electric shampooer \$1. Wacker's. tfc 12-26

**FOR SALE:** Hot water heater, 20 gallon propane gas, \$30. Call 327-5284. tfc 12-19

**FOR SALE:** Nine row knifing rig, four row backend cultivator. Call 495-2203. tfc 12-19

**FOR SALE:** Registered Horned Hereford bulls, coming 2 and 3 years old at 35 cents a pound. Two wheel stock trailer 12 foot. Various size propane tanks for pickups and trucks. Also shelving 12 inches deep, various lengths, painted white. Two 6-cylinder Ford pickups '63 and '64 models. C. R. Baldwin. Call 495-2405. tfc 12-12

**SOUP'S on,** the rug that is, so clean the spot with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer \$1. Hudman Furniture Co. tfc 12-26

**BOOTS, SHOES & SADDLE** Repairs, also new and used saddles. Garza Feed and Supply, 122 West Main. tfc 8-29

**ONE male** poodle puppy to be given away to good home. 316 South Ave. K. tfc 12-26

**NEW and Used Saddles.** Bob's Saddle Repairs, 4 1/2 M. SW of Post on FM 669. Telephone 495-3143. tfc 7-6

**RAWLINS MONUMENTS,** since 1884. Rock of Ages, Family Monuments, Call Perry Hunsaker, 495-2821. Post. tfc 4-4

**Post Lodge No. 1058**  
**A. F. & A. M.**  
Reg. Meeting on 2nd Thurs.  
**BILL MILLS** ..... W.M.  
**PAUL JONES** ..... Sect.

## Card Of Thanks

I would like to take this means of thanking everyone for their kindness during my surgery and recovery. A very special thanks to Dr. Charles Tubbs and his staff, Kenneth Cook and Larry Payne, Donald Windham and the nurses at the hospital.  
May God bless each of you.  
Kay Horner and family

## For Sale

**FOR SALE:** Pedigree New Zealand white rabbits, mixed breeds, breeding stock, fertilizer, bunnies. Phone 996-3633 or 996-2251. Southland. Nathan Dickerson. tfc 12-12

## Follis Heating & Air Cond.

Sales - Installation Service

**PAYNE EQUIPMENT**  
**ARK-LA SERVEL BRYANT GAS UNITS**

Gas Units Can Be Financed With Approved Credit  
**FREE ESTIMATES**  
**DIAL 628-3271**  
**WILSON, TEXAS**

## Santa Letter

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll, record player and some new clothes. Bring Tina a watch and a Dusty doll.

Love,  
Tandi Beth Rogers

WHEN A FRIEND'S IN NEED, RECALL  
**CAPROCK BAIL BOND & SURETY**  
Offering All Kinds of Bonds. Terms and Conditions on Request.  
**GARY HOWELL** - Same Phone 3179



## GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

**LAWN-GLO**  
Black or White  
**\$79.50**  
Plus Tax  
Installed

A READY-LITE KNOWS DAY FROM NIGHT, AUTOMATICALLY

## Patio Cart or Patio Stand \$112

There are two Electro Grill models. One is three cookers in one! Flame broiler with hood up, roaster or smoker with hood down. Whether you choose the patio model or the patio cart model, you get large stainless steel cooking grill with warming section and storage shelf. Cooked foods hot. And either model is so easy to use there's no need to change plans to cook out just because the weather changes.



## Christmas Wishes

May your hearts be light... your holiday bright with happiness. Thank you for your patronage.

**Pewitt & Son Welding**  
STAR ROUTE - POST, TEXAS

## CHRISTMAS JOY

May the spirit of peace and love permeate your life. With deep gratitude for your confidence...



**GIBSON'S DISCOUNT CENTERS**

AND EMPLOYEES

## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE

From All of Us at Parrish Grocery

To you our friends and patrons we extend our heartfelt good wishes for the holiday season, and may the coming year be filled with happiness and contentment.

May we at this time sincerely thank you for your past patronage and may our understanding and mutual feeling of goodwill continue through the new year.

Juanita and Arnold Parrish



## CELERY

Pascal Stalk

**17¢**

SUNKIST, CALIFORNIA

**ORANGES** lb. 19¢

MIX OR MATCH

**Mixed Nuts** lb. 79¢

WHITE SWAN, 16 OZ. CAN

**Applesauce** ..... 39¢

ATKINS, 32 OZ. JAR

**Sweet Pickle Chunks** ..... 79¢

BELL OR BORDEN

12 OZ. CARTON

**Cottage Cheese**  
**49¢**

HALF GALLON

**Buttermilk**  
**69¢**

KRAFT

**Marshmallow Cream** 7 OZ. JAR 39¢

Borden's or Bell's  
**WHIPPING CREAM**

Half Pint ..... **33¢**

White Swan  
**SWEET POTATOES**

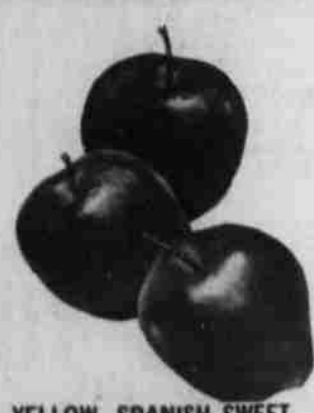
30 Oz. CAN ..... **59¢**

GOOD DAY, 28 OZ. CAN

**Pears** ..... 49¢

BIRD'S EYE, 4 1/2 OZ. PKG.

**Cool Whip** ..... 2 for 99¢



## Apples

Washing Golden Del.

**lb. 2**

YELLOW, SPANISH SWEET

## ONIONS

SOFT 'N LIGHT, 5 LB. BAG

## FLOUR



Fresh Barbecue Cooked

Ladies' Draw Type, Reg. 7.50

**Handbags** 4.99

Keith's Frozen, 24 Ct. Bag

**Dinner Rolls**  
2 pkgs. 99¢

Frozen, 10

**Strawberries**  
3 for 99¢

WE WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS

Prices Good thru Tuesday, Dec. 24

**PARRISH GROCERY**  
129 W. Main FREE DELIVERY



## Home Economics

WE KNOW that much of the meaning in new thought is developed through exploration and experimentation.

Children need materials and the opportunity for creative experimentation. Many of these materials will be art or craft materials. Others may be odds and ends left over from adult projects.

We also know there is seldom only one right way of doing something.

Even if children make mistakes, failure is often a valid learning experience. Creative exploration can be encouraged — and a child's efforts should be valued, never ridiculed.

Creative people are self-confident. They believe in themselves and their abilities. They may not be positive they can finish a task, but they're usually willing to try.

They're often independent and prefer to do things on their own. They show a good deal of autonomy and self-reliance.

These people aren't afraid to have emotional reactions and to talk about them. It's easy to see the same type of honesty and openness in children, who express, as best they can, exactly what they're feeling and thinking.

Admitting it's often embarrassing to parents when a child does voice his perceptions.

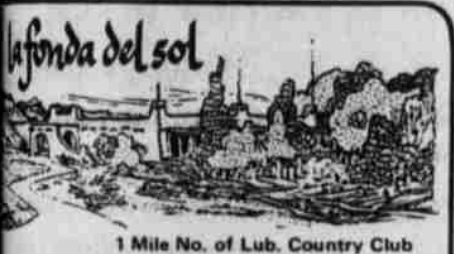
The child will gradually learn some of the rules of social interaction, but he must not lose his openness and spontaneity. Creative people are sensitive to aesthetic stimuli around them.

They're aware of beauty in nature and man-made things. They have a feeling for harmony and rhythm and enjoy music and dance.

Toddlers often can be seen bobbing up and down in rhythm to music as their form of dance.

In addition, curiosity is one of the best indicators of creative potential. Children's natural curiosity should be stimulated and encouraged.

A curious child is actively involved in exploring and expanding his world — he is learning while developing awareness and creativity.



1 Mile No. of Lub. Country Club  
**EXPANDED OUR DINING FACILITIES  
 REDUCE THE WAITING TIME!**  
 Reservations Accepted For Parties of Ten or More.  
**KEEPING RESERVATIONS  
 HOLIDAY PARTIES**  
 The Crowd Goes For The Finest In:  
**MEXICAN FOOD, PRIME STEAKS,  
 DINING SERVICE, UNEXCELLED  
 HERE, SUPERB COCKTAILS**  
 LA FONDA, CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS  
 WELCOME... A SPECIAL MENU... BRING  
 ALONG (THE DUCKS GET LONESOME)  
 763-5189 CLOSED MON.-TUES.

## Thanks at Christmas

The cotton crop this year hardly existed. Cattle prices are unmentionably low. Local industries found it necessary to lay off many hands.

Grocery prices have gone out of sight. All in all things haven't been good around here as in other years.

Yes, times are hard these days. But for all the bad there is so much good to be thankful for in the world around us.

We, at Raferti, are thankful for you—all our friends in Post—that have made our days a little brighter by patronage and friendship.

There's no better time than Christmas to say thank you to all our friends and customers. Your loyalty is what's making us going. God bless you at Christmas and keep you all through the new year.

MARGIE NANCY BILLIE FANNIE MARY



## Yule brunch for Theta Eta

Theta Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma sorority held its annual Christmas brunch in the Gold Room at Hemphill Wells in Lubbock recently.

The Southland chapter was hostess and made unique Christmas corsages from cotton balls used as place favors for each member.

A new transfer member, Gracie Marie Evans from Sudan was presented by the O'Donnell chapter.

Title of the program was "Competence or Incompetence."

Music was furnished by Fern Niles.

Those attending from the Garza County Unit were Jean Gandy, Beth Walker, Ida Jones, Leecy Lott, Florene King, Sue Cornell, Pearl Davidson, Joy Pool and Carolyn Sawyers of Post; Peggy Wheeler, Ann Chaffin and Ruth Hall of Southland, and guest Mrs. Pat Cornell.

The Yuletide Carolers from Hemphill Wells enhanced the Christmas spirit enjoyed by everyone.

## Happy Birthday

- Dec. 27  
Hans Hudman  
Joy Brown  
Jo Cash  
Glenda Bilberry  
Jackie Hair  
Anne Hogan  
Marsha Arheiger
- Dec. 28  
Mrs. Wylie Hill  
Spencer Kuykendoll  
Judy Dooley  
Frank Runkles  
Thomas Zachary  
Les Allen
- Dec. 29  
George Pierce  
Gaylon Hutto  
Jean Richards  
Terri Power  
Carolyn Williams  
Mrs. Joe Gibson  
Ricky Hines
- Dec. 30  
Debra Cooper  
Ansil O'Neal
- Dec. 31  
Mrs. Fred Babb  
Charline Feris  
Mrs. Cora Carpenter  
Linda Ramage  
Dick Vardiman  
Mark Scott McWhirt  
Julie Stone
- Jan. 1  
Ralph Welch  
Ed Sims  
Ricky Little  
Tommy Allen  
Butch Heaton  
Wanda Mathews  
David H. Fuentez
- Jan. 2  
Mrs. Charles Sniley  
Mrs. F. M. Jenkins  
Thelma Hodges  
Sulinda Little Altman  
Judy Huff Hair  
Rynn Norman  
Kathy McAfee

IRVING VISITORS  
 Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rankin and son, Bill are spending the Christmas holidays in Irving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Clyatt and other relatives.

## Woman's Culture club hears church history

The Woman's Culture Club held its annual Christmas party Dec. 11 in the home of Mrs. M. J. Malouf with Mrs. Willard Kirkpatrick serving as co-hostess.

Mrs. I. L. Duckworth was program leader for the day and presented the program "How Early American Religions Celebrate Christmas."

Rev. George Ascher, minister of the Faith Lutheran Church, presented the history of the early churches in Post. His talk covered from "Crib to Cathedral to Caprock and Beyond."

Mrs. Margie Dietrich played Christmas selections during the social hour.

Refreshments were served from a table featuring a Christmas motif with silver appointments being used.

Members present were Mmes. Ralph Welch, D. D. Pennell, R. L. Marks, Lee Davis Sr., Bob Dickson, J. H. Haire, Herman Havis, J. F. Storie, Jack Burrell, J. W. Potts, D. C. Williams, I. L. Duckworth. Guests were Mrs. Ed Warren, Mrs. Henry White, Dietrich and Ascher.

CHRISTMAS PARTY  
 The annual Brown Bros. Christmas party was held Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7 p. m. in Gene's Coffee Shop.

The affair was attended by employees and wives or husbands.

## Trull family holds reunion

The children, grandchildren and some great-grandchildren and friends of Mrs. Edna Trull of Post met for a family reunion, Sunday, Dec. 15 in the Pioneer Building in Crosbyton.

Those attending were Mrs. Edna Trull, Mrs. Bernice Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pierce of Post; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Trull, Susan, Jeanette, Lisa and Tammi, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shannon and Jarrod, David Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie McClellan, Staci and Ginger all of Lubbock;

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Trull and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charles Trull and her three children, Rusty, Randy and Ronnie; Carol King and Nancy Powell of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Trull, Clifford and Jean Humphreys and Mrs. Bessie Jopling all of McAdoo;

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Doss, Jana and Brett, Freda Talbot and Rusty Rhoades of Crosbyton.

## Merrymakers hold Christmas party

The Merrymakers Club met Tuesday, Dec. 17 in the home of Nora Kiker.

Roll call was answered with a Christmas poem.

Members exchanged secret pal gifts and revealed names and drew again for the coming year.

Refreshments were served to members Mmes. Gladys Floyd, Sadie Storie, Pearl Storie, Bertha Printz, Bonnie Adarnson, Ida Wheatley, Opal Williams, Bonnie McMahon, Maudie Hankins, Alma Sims, Lola Peel, and Linda Malouf.

The next meeting will be Jan. 14 in the home of Bonnie McMahon.

## Close City 4-Hers in Christmas party

The Close City 4-H Club held its Christmas Party recently with 13 members present.

Most of the parents also attended. We talked about the food show a little, then played one game, had refreshments and were dismissed. — Kim Trammell, reporter.

## HOLIDAY GUESTS

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Gene Peel for the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. Delmo Gossett of Lubbock, Mrs. Judy Teas and daughter of Euless and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Peel.

Dear Santa,  
 What Christmas means to me is love and happiness. I like to celebrate when Jesus was born.

Dear Santa,  
 What Christmas means to me is celebrating when Jesus was born and love.

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Here's wishing friends extra yardage on holiday joy. Special thanks.

**FABRIC MART**  
 Charlotte and Richard Slice

**WE ARE PROUD OF YOU JIM CORNISH AND THE POST DISPATCH FOR WINNING THE "NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON NEWSPAPER AWARD" WE KNEW ALL ALONG WE HAD THE BEST YOUR GRATEFUL READERS**



AN EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT

# Star in East signals birth of Christ

By GENE PREVIO

(Author's Note: This article is intended to be an eyewitness account of the birth of Christ as it might have been viewed by a contemporary news reporter. It draws on the imagination, but most of it is factual material.)

A baby boy born in Bethlehem last night has been heralded by reliable authorities to be the Messiah and King of the Jews. His birth was accompanied by miraculous happenings. Some shepherds, who were watching over their sheep near Bethlehem reported that they saw an angel, and the angel told them about the birth of this Child. Some Magi reported that they saw an unusual star while they were in the East. They interpreted this star to be the signal that the King of the Jews has been born. Some people consider this event to be the most momentous event in human history.

Mary and Joseph, along with many citizens of Palestine, have come to Bethlehem to be enrolled according to the recent decree issued by Augustus Caesar. Caesar's decree requires each citizen of Palestine to return to the city of his ancestors and be enrolled for taxing purposes. Many of the citizens have ancestral ties with Bethlehem, and so the city is teeming with activity. The air is filled with excitement like that of a homecoming as many people are being reunited with friends and loved ones whom they have not seen in a long time. Joseph has ancestral ties with Bethlehem, because he is related to David the king who was born in Bethlehem.

Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem late last night after the long trip from Nazareth, Galilee where they have taken up residence. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the inn was filled with people, and so they were forced to spend the night in a stable.

Sometime in the night Mary gave birth to her first Child. She wrapped Him in swaddling clothes like those used by other Jewish mothers and placed Him into a manger. Immediately thereafter a series of mysterious and strange events began to happen.

It is reported that some shepherds came to see the Child early this morning. They reported that last night while they were watching their sheep and enjoying the clear and bracing atmosphere of the Judean hills near Bethlehem an angel appeared to them. One shepherd is reported to have stated that:

"Last night we were watching our sheep when suddenly the heavens brightened and we looked up to see what was happening. We saw a figure like a man, but this one glowed in the radiance of the sun. We were frightened, and we feared that we would be harmed. But he immediately told us not to be afraid because he was bringing us good news. He then told us that our Messiah was born last night in Bethlehem. After the angel announced to us the birth of our Messiah it seemed as if the entire heavens filled with angels who were singing in a heavenly choir an anthem of praise to God for the birth of Christ. It stirred me deeply and I recalled like a gnawing memory the promise of our Messiah. As soon as the angels left us we immediately came into Bethlehem with the smell of our sheep on us to see this Child. We found the Babe lying in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes as the angel told us we would find Him."

It is reported that the shepherds went to the village water well where they found some women already there to draw their water for the day. The shepherds told the glorious news about the birth of Christ to the women and asked them to spread the news. The shepherds also told this news to everyone they met as they returned to their duties of watching over the sheep. They did not seem to tire of telling the glorious news about the appearance of the angels to them. "And the music," they are reported to have said, "was sweeter than any music we have ever heard."

Meanwhile in another part of the world a group of Magi have been scanning the skies with their eyes. One source reports that they have recently seen a star which has caused them to have a considerable degree of curiosity, because they have interpreted the appearance of this star to signal the birth of the King of the Jews. They have come to Jerusalem and report-

edly asked one of the proprietors in the market place a strange question. "Where can we find the King of the Jews?" The proprietor was reportedly astonished with their question, and so he answered, "I don't know."

One source informs us that Herod has placed his spies all over Jerusalem with instructions to report to him immediately if they hear anything that might hint at a plot to overthrow him. One of his spies heard the question the Magi asked the proprietor in the market place and he ran down the narrow cobblestone streets of Jerusalem to inform Herod about this new development. When he told Herod what he heard in the market place, Herod's heart became agitated like a troubled sea.

Herod immediately called to gether the chief priests and scribes of the Jews. When this august group had gathered together, Herod reportedly asked them to tell him where Christ was born. They told him their sacred writings predicted that Christ would be born in Bethlehem because their sacred writings say that "Thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel." It is reported that Herod thanked them for their information and then dismissed them and asked them to return home.

Herod then reportedly sent a messenger to find the Magi and bring them to him. He wanted them to come quietly to him because he did not want the citizens of Jerusalem to know what he was doing. When the Magi arrived it is reported that Herod said to them, "It has been brought to my attention that you have recently seen a star while you were in the East.

From a scientific point of view, exactly when did you first see the star? This information is important to me." The wise men reportedly told Herod when the star first appeared to them and how long it had appeared to them. It seems that they lost sight of the star before they arrived in Jerusalem, and so they had come to Jerusalem to inquire about the birth of the King of the Jews. Herod told them to go to Bethlehem and find Christ and then report back to him so that he could find Christ and worship him.

One source informs us that the Magi again saw the star after they left Jerusalem. This source tells us that the Magi greatly rejoiced when the star reappeared to them. It is reported that the star moved ahead of the Magi and directed them to the house where Mary and Joseph have now moved Christ.

Mary and Joseph reportedly welcomed these strange visitors from the East into their home. At the sight of the Child the Magi kneeled down and paid homage to Him. They offered to Him their most treasured gifts. We are told that they gave Christ "gold, frankincense and myrrh."

It is reported that an angel appeared to the Magi after they left Christ and told them to use a different route for their return to their homeland. They did not return to Herod as he had requested them to do, because Herod did not really want to worship Christ, according to one source.

It is reported that Mary and Joseph have marveled at the attention and worship the Child is receiving, but they are accepting these mysterious and miraculous events. They know that this Child is an unusual and gifted Child who has been sent from God to reveal His love for all mankind.

## Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I am 7 years old and have been a pretty good boy this year.  
Would you please bring me a BB gun, a tractor and some plows, a horn and seat for my bicycle, a diesel truck with a trailer, dump truck, a rifle, a trailer and some small cars.  
Please remember the other boys and girls.  
Thank you,  
Rusty Morris

Dear Santa,  
I am four years old and want you to bring me a baby doll, a buggy to ride her in and a set of dishes.  
There will be lots of goodies baked if you are hungry when you come to our house.  
Love,  
Pamela Hair

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old and have been a good boy. For Christmas I want a big truck, some cars and an Evel Knievel. Thank you for the toys you brought last year.  
I love you,  
Leslie Hair Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I love you every day. Would you please bring me an Evel Knievel Stunt Cycle, SSP racers, play rifle and pistol the Trouble game, and Big Jim camper and dune buggy. Also want a toy chain saw, a Kiddie Mo Bridge, and a Mattel Camp Putt. I've been good every once in a while. I wish Christmas was here today.  
Love,  
Clint Cornell

Dear Santa Claus,  
I was nice this year. I want a bike and a pool table and a BB gun for Christmas. Also a mini-bike and a football.  
Love,  
Joe Guerrero

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl almost three years old and have been pretty good this year.  
Please bring me an Inch-worm, a doll, an airplane and anything else you think I might like.  
Also remember all the other boys and girls.  
Thank you,  
Dana Morris

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are rested up. Please bring me a Dusty Tennis doll, a twirling costume and a bicycle, new. Remember my 9 year old brother, Toby, my brother, Larry, home from A&M and my sister Sudie, home from Tech.  
Very much love,  
Trasi Craft  
Age 7

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have had plenty of rest since last year. That was a good year.  
Please bring me a pair of roller skates, a Penney's Wildfire bicycle and an airport game.  
Remember my brother, Larry who is home from Texas A&M and my sister who is home from Texas Tech and my little sister, Trasi who is a first grader. I'm in the fourth grade.  
Best of luck.  
I love you,  
Toby Craft

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a little bit naughty. I want a horse and a bow and arrow.  
Love,  
Bobby Saldivar

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a baton, a camper set, presents in stocking, candy bar, radio. I have been a good girl.  
I love you,  
Dianna Espinoza

## Santa Letters

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good boy. I want a bike, little pool table, BB gun.  
I love you,  
R. J. Greathouse

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Will you come to see me? I want a bike, doll, walkie talkie, monkey and wagon.  
I love you Santa,  
Carolyn Davis

P. S. I also want a doll that you can mess up her hair and fix it.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good. I want a BB gun, a little pool table, and a mini-bike, some checkers, a bowling alley set, some dominoes, a bike, a football.  
Love,  
Johnny Flores

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bike, horse, walkie talkie, a GI Joe set, stocking full of toys, radio, and Santa Claus set. I have been a good boy.  
I love you,  
Junior Gomez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am good. I want some clothes. I want to be a good girl. I want a coloring book and crayons and a big Santa.  
Love from Bobbye Taylor to Santa.

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good boy, but that's pretty hard for me. I hope you will bring me a Tonto Indian, a covered wagon, and a race car set. I want a Nerf football too, please.  
Please remember my brother and sister, cousins and friends.  
Love,  
Russel Graves

Dear Santa,  
I am a boy who has been good most of the time. I would like a Tonto Indian, a buckboard wagon and a Scarecrow game. Please bring me a green Nerf football too. And don't forget Angel and Russel.  
Love,  
Ron Graves

Dear Santa,  
I am a sweet little girl who is four years old. I am almost always an "Angel" although my brothers, Russel and Ron make it tough to be sometimes. Would you please bring me a Sweet Tears doll, a Weebles West and "Digger-the-Dog". Anything you leave will be fine. Don't forget all the other kids.  
I love you,  
Angela Graves

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl. I want you to bring some presents. I want a walkie talkie radio, telephone, and a doll.  
I love you,  
Janet Greathouse

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Heavenly Christmas blessings and joy to friends young and old. Kindness shown to us... grati  
Dr. B. E. Young  
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Hope the holiday season  
your spirit with happiness, lo  
Thanks to all the folks  
we have had the pleasure of

McCowen's Texas 1,

**YOUTH DIRECTOR WANTED**  
To Operate City-County Youth Center On Permanent Basis  
Interested persons call Patty Kirkpartick, 2868 or Patsy McCowen, 2200, for information and board inter view.

Merry Christmas to you and yours from all of us.

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Silent Nights  
May the peaceful tranquility of this Holy season enter heart and home.  
Our pleasure is serving you.  
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The most precious gifts of the Holy Season are those of the heart. To friends and neighbors... our gratitude for your loyal support.

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**12 MORE PRIZES**  
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The contest rules are simple. The winner of this 1975 **FIRST BABY CONTEST** will be the first baby born in Garza Memorial Hospital after the stroke of midnight New Year's Day to either married parents or divorced mother who is being regularly attended by a staff physician of the hospital.

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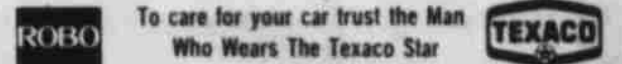
OUR GIFTS FOR LITTLE 1975 will include  
**A Diaper Bag, Johnson's Baby Lotion, ZBT Baby Powder and Johnson's Baby Oil**



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Shop Wacker's for Baby's Shoes, Diapers, Clothing, Play Pen, Bassinet and Baby Bed.



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WE'RE OPENING A  
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The sooner one starts the saving habit the better

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WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR LITTLE 1975'S DAD

**\$5 Meal Ticket**

For some hot meals while mother is in the hospital—and he's "batching"

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**One Pair of Baby Shoes**

WILL BE OUR GIFT FOR LITTLE 1975

**MARSHALL'S Department Store**

These Gifts Worth Approximately \$125 to Little 1975



# Antelopes lose, but Does win

Tony Conner, Bryan Davis and Kent Kirkpatrick all scored in double figures last Thursday night at Shallowater but it wasn't enough to overcome the home duo of Reeves and Don Grimes as Shallowater pulled out their second straight victory over Coach John Alexander's Post Antelopes, 58 to 53.

The loss brought the 'Lopes cage record to seven wins and five losses.

## 'Lopes, Does in tourneys

Only Post basketball teams to see action this Christmas week will be the Antelopes and Does who will compete in post-Christmas tournaments opening Thursday.

The Antelopes will play in the Lubbock Caprock tournament in the Lubbock Coliseum, meeting the winner of the Dimmitt-Cooper game in one semi-final at 3:30 p. m. Friday, Dec. 27.

If they win that one they will play for the AA division crown at 7 p. m. Saturday. If they lose, they will play for third place at 3:30 p. m. Saturday.

Other teams in the tourney division include Morton, Frenship, Denver City, and Lubbock Christian.

The Post Does will play in the West Texas Girls tournament at Slaton, meeting Floydada in a first rounder at 9 a. m. Thursday.

### ROTAN VISITOR

Mrs. Hooper Shelton of Rotan visited Wednesday with Mrs. Lillie Kitchen and several other friends in Post.

Post won the other two games of the tripleheader with Coach John Morrow's Post Does defeating the Shallowater girls, 54 to 47, and the boys JV club pulling out a one-pointer in the opener, 46 to 45.

In the 'Lope loss, the Post club hung right in there for three periods before falling behind in Shallowater's final quarter surge in which the host team outscored the 'Lopes, 22 to 14, with 15 of those points coming on 17 free throw efforts.

It was 12 to 8 for Post at the end of the first, 24 to 22 for Post at the half and 38 all at the end of the third before the roof fell in on the Antelopes.

Conner bucketed 15 points with Davis adding 14 before fouling out late in the going and Kirkpatrick contributing 12. Mike Waldrip got seven, Mike Shepherd four and Jackie Blacklock two.

Davis picked off 15 rebounds, high for the 'Lopes, and Conner grabbed 12. Reeves, a cousin of Conner's, rang up 25 points for Shallowater and Grimes added 17.

Mel King and Karen Williams had good scoring nights in leading the Does to victory with 21 and 20 points respectively.

Jenda Gilmore, working her way back to full strength, had 11. Sandy Bullard contributed the other two.

Cowart was high for Shallowater and both teams, for that matter, with 24.

The Post team jumped out in front 14 to 9 at the quarter and were never headed. It was 30 to 23 at the half and 44 to 29 at the end of three.

Randell Wyatt scored 16 points in leading the Post JVs to their narrow victory in the opener. Kyle Duren added 14.

# Jr. Historians discuss creeks

By DANNY NELSON  
Two officers resigned from the Post Junior Historians. They were Lisa Cowdrey, as historian and Greg Pollard, as reporter. Mike Dye replaced Lisa Cowdrey and Danny Nelson replaced Greg Pollard.

The Historians met last Wednesday, Dec. 18 to discuss the reports of the creeks of Garza County.

The Historians divided into four groups: Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest. The group leaders are: Shorty Bilberry, Danny Nelson, Mike Dye, and Belinda Fluitt.

The Historians' next meeting will be after the Christmas holidays.

# High school annuals are product of hard work

Each year Post High students get their annual Caprock publications. They put in their orders for annuals and wait for them to come to them at the end of the year.

How many students really know what happens during the time span between when we place our order and when we receive our annuals? Those here on the paper staff think that it is about time that the students realized how much hard work goes into publishing their annuals.

Every day the annual staff begins their daily task of

designing pages, taking photographs, developing the photographs, placing them on the sample pages in their different sections, and similar tedious tasks. This job is one that requires dedication and skill. After arranging a page the staff must then approve it or rearrange it until it is just perfect. If you can imagine all the pages in our annuals and then imagine these people taking each individual page and analyzing it you can imagine the time and effort put into the undertaking these students face each and every school day.

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The sponsors are Mrs. N. R. King, Mrs. G. E. Fleming and Mr. George Pierce, who also helps with the photography.

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As you can see it was beginning to look a lot like Christmas even last week. We here on the Paper Staff wish you a Merry Christmas and many happy years to come.

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# Caroling students put lots of songs in air

"There's a song in the air... There's a song in the air..." This seems to be the theme in the hearts of many students in PHS. Last Monday night the Future Homemakers of America went caroling down various streets in Post.

Then Wednesday night the Drama Club began at 7 p. m. and sang their way around one side of Post and down the other until

9:30 p. m. Then Miss Lewallen rewarded her carolers with a little party afterwards. We hope that the citizens of Post enjoyed our spirit if not our off tune but jolly carols.

But that's not all! Thursday and Friday afternoon classes were given a well deserved break. Miss Lewallen and her fifth period Drama class presented various classes, who were able to suspend working, a glorious Christmas program. The program was a variety show consisting of: Dancing Christmas Packages, singing and dancing Dolls, Pantomiming "Grasshoppers," singing canine, and concluding this wild and wacky presentation was the class' own interpretation of Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.

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## Does invited to dinner

Coach and Mrs. John Morrow hosted a Christmas dinner Tuesday evening, Dec. 18, in their home, for the varsity team of the Post Does and their managers. The girls were treated with a delicious meal of ham and all the trimmings. The Does then presented Coach Morrow with a blazer and a tie for a Christmas present. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and singing after the meal.

# Santa hears from his friends

Dear Santa,  
I hope you can see me. I want you to bring my sister a teddy bear. I hope you can bring me a helicopter.  
Your friend,  
David Perez

Dear Santa,  
I want a five speed bike, a new table for my mother and a ten speed bike. Bring Dec. 25, 1974 and have a Happy New Year.  
Your friend,  
Johnny Joe

Dear Santa,  
I like for you to bring me a present. Please will you send me a bicycle.  
Please will you come to see me.  
I hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Mary Lou De Larosa

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a truck and my brother a pair of shoes and a bicycle.  
Merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Junior Cardona

Dear Santa,  
I want a ten speed and will you bring my big brother a big truck and will you buy a pool table and will you buy my mother a pretty dress and will you buy my stepfather some pants and a shirt. I hope I see you soon.  
Your friend,  
Johnny Garza

P. S. And have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle from where you are and I hope you aren't cold where you are. My cousin Johnny Garza told me that he went to the North Pole and said that he saw you at the North Pole.  
Your friend,  
Diane Flores

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am eleven years old and I am in the fifth grade.  
I would like for you to bring me a Dallas Cowboy watch, a BB gun, and a Super Star Sky Show Plane.  
I will leave you some fruit cake and milk.  
I love you,  
Kiet Robison

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bicycle. I also would like a baby doll and some toys. I have been a good girl this year. I love you Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Cristy Hair

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bicycle. I also would like a baby doll and some toys. I have been a good girl this year. I love you Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Misty Hair

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am in the third grade this year. I help mother around the house and am a pretty good boy.

For Christmas I would like a Pivot Pool, a Dallas Cowboy watch and a game called Stay Alive. Please leave a surprise in my stocking.

Have a Merry Christmas. I'll leave fruit cake and milk out for you.  
Love,  
Jeff Sharp

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am nice and I want a BB gun and a horse, a football and a mini-bike, a 10-speed bike, I love you, Santa Claus.  
Daniel Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am in the first grade this year. I try to be a good boy, but sometimes it is very hard. I help mother around the house and she says I'm a pretty good worker.

For Christmas I would like a Pivot Pool, a Dallas Cowboy watch and a game called Trouble. Please leave a surprise in my stocking.  
Tell Rudolph hi. I'll leave fruit cake and milk out for you.  
Love,  
Brad Sharp

Dear Santa Claus,  
I had a birthday last week and am now five years old. I have grown up a lot and am a good girl. Would you please bring me a Rub-a-dub dolly, a Weebies West and a Jane West, so I can play cowboys with all of my boy cousins. My big brother wants a rope and some tapes. Please bring B'Juner what she wants in California.  
Love you,  
Keitha Beth White

Dear Santa,  
I want a thin baton the same length as my arm. I want it to have squeaky ends, has sort of a glitter but it is not. It's like Marla Huffaker.  
Your friend,  
Jacquin Alexander



Merry Christmas  
We extend old-fashioned good wishes and earnest thanks to you, our valued customers.  
Hundley's  
JIM — JIMMY — MAE & EXA FAY

# 'Fun night' to be Jan. 4

By BRYAN DAVIS  
The Science and Math Club met Tuesday, to discuss organizing a party. After going through the calendar, all of the members decided to declare Saturday, Jan. 4, as "fun night."

Later, members discussed the upcoming Post High School Science Fair. Ideas were discussed as to how interest can be aroused for the Science Fair and it was decided that to go around to the Junior High and Grade School to show films as a way of trying to raise interest. Last, members talked about having speakers to come and discuss different subjects with the club. Members really are proud of our club and we are trying our best to stimulate interest in Science at Post High School.

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Advertisement for Prescription, featuring a cartoon illustration of a person and the text "THE Prescription".

Advertisement for Tom Power Insurance, featuring a portrait of a man and the text "MERRY Christmas" and "To the People of the 101st Legislative District".

Advertisement for Electric Water Heaters, with the text "We Sell Service Install Finance and Guarantee ELECTRIC WATER HEATERS".

Advertisement for Cox Lumber Co., Inc., with the text "Best Holiday Wishes from all of us at COX'S" and "Re. E. Cox Lumber Co., Inc.".

Large advertisement for Wes-Tex Pump & Supply, featuring a large illustration of Santa Claus and the text "merry, merry, Christmas" and "Jolly good greetings to all the wonderful folks in our community. We hope the spirit of this holiday season will abound and the good fellowship we have enjoyed with our customers continue.".







# They want dolls, guns, games

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want an icebox, and a water gun and a playhouse and a TV and a telephone and a doll carriage and a basketball.  
I love you,  
Roxanne McClellan

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a football, an Evel Knievel, watergun, telephone, air hockey, Snoopy toothbrush, Rick-o-Shader racers and TV.  
I love you Santa,  
Stanley Tedford

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a BB gun, a football, a basketball, goal, a five speed bike, an Evel Knievel, a Rick-o-Shader racer, a mini bike.  
I love you,  
Mike Johnson

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy four years old and have been pretty good. Please bring me a Whopper Chopper and a Kiddimo Bridge and Ferry set. Don't forget to go to Mrs. Brannon's and Roy's and to take a present to Bobby Terry. Neal Clary and Evel Knievel. They are my friends. I will leave you some cake and milk so please don't forget to eat it like you did last year.  
I Love You,  
Matt Pennell

Dear Santa,  
I want a Baby Tender Love doll, houseshoes, barrettes, chalk board and chalk, pen set, Raggedy Ann, grape fire stix. I am three years old and I think I have been a good girl. Don't forget my nine year old sister, Shelly. She wants radio batteries, a diary, Monopoly and Clue game.  
Well I know you have a lot of letters to read, so I hope you have enough toys for everyone. So I will tell you I love you and Shell's been good. Bye.  
Kimberly Gindorf

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good girl this year. Sometimes I make it, and sometimes I don't.  
I would like a stove, icebox, washing machine, and a doll. I have a brother named Jeff who is pretty good. Please bring him an Evel Knievel stunt cycle and a pinball machine and some football gear. God bless you and everyone have a Merry Christmas.  
Rachael Stalcup

Dear Santa,  
This is what Christmas means to me. Happiness, giving gifts, loving one another, being thankful for things that God has given us. I want five things but I'll just tell you one. I want a baton.  
Have a merry Christmas  
Leigh

Dear Santa,  
What Christmas means to me is a lot of things. Like happy, you should always have happiness in your life. And sharing you should always share. And giving, you should always be happier to give than to receive. And be thankful for what you get. Singing carols are fun to me. I like holidays, what about you? I would like a bunch of things but one thing I want a lot is a record player.  
Dinah Stice

Dear Santa,  
What Christmas means to me is love. Love is loving you and every one else and sharing. Sharing is giving better than receiving. Singing carols. Singing is a sign to show you love God and happiness. Happiness means to me all the things in the world.  
Cindee Jackson

Dear Santa,  
What Christmas means to me is snow like white Christmas and holidays too.  
Dana Dudley

Dear Santa,  
What Christmas means to me. It is a good thing to me. I want a Baby Alive.  
Darlene Earnest

Dear Santa,  
What Christmas means to me is being thankful. It means happiness, love, sharing, singing carols, giving to everyone, loving everyone, sharing with everyone. Santa, I wish you would bring me a Gnip Gnop and a sewing kit.  
Michele Hill

Dear Santa,  
What Christmas means to me is giving. I like to give to other people. I would like just three things. A Sweet Sixteen, a Tender Love, and a record player. Merry Christmas to everyone.  
Dana Jackson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring my sister, Lizz, a black "Baby Love" and an Inchworm. I would like a Putt-Putt train and a jetplane (that you ride). I would like a boy doll too.  
Also be nice to my four big sisters, they have been pretty good and my big brother C. J. He will try to do better.  
Be good to all the other boys and girls too.  
Love  
John W. and Lizz Bilberry

Dear Santa,  
Will you please bring me a Baby Alive doll.  
Love,  
Delhanna Baldrice



May the age-old Christmas story bring its spirit of love and joy to you and your dear ones... thanks for your support.

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## God Chose Innocence

By Henry M. White, Jr.

In our home when one of the children does or says something particularly weird or "way out" we have a standing joke. One of us, mother or father, will say: "I didn't do it. It's not mine!"

But then more sentimentally, I still embarrass the eldest by saying that the day she was born was the happiest day of my life. She likes to remind me that I just coincidentally got some money that same day. All right. But no matter. All of those mothers who have just been brought their first born, or the fathers who have looked through the glass windows into the hospital nursery, will know what I mean.

In this birth there is a rebirth for us. An exaltation, new life, praise and just pure joy. Ah, now its different. "That's mine—I did it!" we exclaim to ourselves. And then, believer or non-believer, we immediately know that something greater than we did it. God did it.

So it was with Mary and Joseph. But more so. Mary rejoiced and praised the Lord. However, in her place any mother's joy would have been tempered by the solemn knowledge of such a responsibility. She knew what Isaiah had foreseen for the Messiah. The Light had come into the world. The people would be freed from darkness and despair and death. But her child would be "bruised, stricken and afflicted." He would be the vicarious sacrifice so that many would be saved.

Thus the tragic sense of life is always present with those who follow Christ. Joseph and Mary were given a child but he was destined to be the child of all men and women. Soon he was to say: "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."

These are hard sayings. They beckon us to a cross. Love and the innocence of a child shall save us.

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Love,  
Blair Didway

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## Greetings with the Spirit of Christmas

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We add our expressions of thanks to all we have been privileged to serve.

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# Santa's mail bag is full

Dear Santa,  
I want a Baby Alive, doll house, telephone, glue, crayons, icebox, and a TV. I love you.  
Kim Scott

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl four years old. I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a Baby Alive and an electric train set.  
Judy Bowman

I want a doll and a TV and a paper.  
Marilyn Curtis

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some crayons, glue and toys for me and my brothers.  
Carla Odum

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy six years old. Please bring me a real watch, Fort Apache, blackboard, a medical rescue van, and a Tonka fire truck set. I love you very much.  
Jason Countryman

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Justin Countryman. I am ten years old. Please bring me a ten speed bike and anything else you want to bring me. And don't forget to bring something for my brother and sister.  
Justin Countryman

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Leslie Countryman and I am nine years old. For Christmas I want a Rub-A-Dub doll, shoe skates, Ken doll, bake set and anything else you want to bring me. Please bring my two brothers the toys they want, and please don't forget our stockings.  
Leslie Countryman

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll, a Barbie, a game, a chalkboard, a toaster, and a telephone and Center. Snoopy the dog, a basketball.  
Lisa Kocurek

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Dear Santa Claus,  
We, in the two half-day kindergarten classes, have given our names and our Christmas requests.  
Marsha Arheiger helps us and we hope you will surprise her with a real piano and a record player.  
Santa, we hope you have a merry Christmas too!  
Danny Warren, basketball, rifleman, gun and holster, robot.  
Trevor Lee, sun glasses, bicycle, crayons, guitar.  
Danny Patterson, record for player, GI Joe, Socker Boppers.  
Anita Wilcox, piano, doll, record player.  
Hallie Lowe, purse, tinker toys, baby doll.  
Michael Kocurek, football suit, Socker-Boppers.  
Leslie Hair Jr., Evel Knievel, robot, truck.  
Charles Hurston, racer, Casper the Friendly Ghost, Jack Be-Nimble.  
Donna Jean Worley, purse, piano, baby doll.  
Kristi Tidwell, doll, pants suit.  
Jason Moore, basketball, Evel Knievel, book, racer.  
Clay Cowdrey, toy truck, Evel Knievel, Hay Bailer.  
Pamela Baker, Barbie camper, doll, baby buggy.  
Nancy Wilson, Barbie doll, baby buggy.  
Laura Crenshaw, Baby Alive, Baby Tender Love, Barbie, bicycle.  
Karri Richardson, Baby Tender Love, Ken doll.  
Mark Drake, toy McDonald's, Donna Boles, toaster oven, play car, two dolls, Barbie.  
Tyra Alexander, Baby Cookie (doll), Sweet April (doll) and a Sweet April wardrobe.  
Susan Bullard, Barbie doll camper set, Rub-a-Dub dolly.  
Tammy Johnson, Baby Tender Love.  
Tracy Haynes, Baby doll that drinks.  
Robbie Dean, toy train, Evel Knievel.  
Robert Gill, motorcycle, put-put, Evel Knievel.  
Teresa Sparlin, sink, stove and table, kitchen set; baby doll that can eat and drink, toaster.  
Sharla Riley, walkie talkie, Baby Bottoms.  
Rachael Stalcup, kitchen set, blonde haired doll, toaster and dishes, bubble gum machine.  
Tony Angerer, Evel Knievel put-put train, motorcycle, cowboys and indians, tinker toys.  
Scott Hair, Evel Knievel, bean bag, picture of Indians.  
Debbie Ethridge, Baby Alive, Barbie doll, clothes, candy.  
Rodney Guthrie, gun, cars, candy, football.  
Alicia Pettyjohn, Barbie doll, Barbie camper, hat, desk, playhouse, book, baby doll.  
Angela Melton, bicycle with training wheels, desk.  
Julie Brown, Baby Alive, toaster, play piano.

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And I hope all of us have a Merry, merry Christmas.  
Rhonda Storie

Dear Santa,  
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Renea Melton

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Trudy Adams

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Penny Davidson

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Stephen Doyle Rogers

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Giles Wilson Dalby

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Gena P.

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Love, Santa  
Ron Mason

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Dear Santa,  
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Marci Metzger

Dear Santa,  
This is what Christmas means to me. It means to love one another and to share. If you just look at Christmas it isn't just getting a gift or two. It's praying to Jesus and to God for this wonderful gift he gave us long long ago.  
Kim Carlisle

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Lori Perez

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Will you please bring me a notebook, and some crayons, and some paper and some glue and a plastic football. I love you, Santa.  
Basil Reyna

Dear Santa,  
I want a dump truck, a BB gun, a toy bell, a sled, and snow shoes, a raincoat, a toy boat to sail and a new bike to ride.  
Love,  
Tommy Payton

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Dear Santa,  
How old are you? I am 6 1/2 years old. Would you please come to Post to leave our toys, because we will be visiting our mamma and pappa, Nunie and Grandad there. Also would you please bring me a record player and a Rescue center.  
Love,  
Martin Jay Robinson  
P. S. My little sister, Buffy, will be with us.

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# LETTERS To the Editor

## THANKS TO ALL

Dear Editor:  
 Although at times it seemed to be without a peaceful end, it now appears as though 1974 is about to pass into history as one of the most turbulent, trying and exciting years of our lives. Much has happened this past year, and now as 1974 nears its end and my term of service in the Texas Senate comes to a conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to pause and reflect not only on this year, but on many more past.  
 For twelve hard but happy years I have been honored and privileged to serve the people of West Texas in the State Senate. Some of the decisions that I made during those years met with disagreement from some people, but I can honestly look back and not recall meeting one truly disagreeable person.  
 My years in the Senate were happy ones for me and my family, and we appreciate the many, many good things that

have come our way and the many wonderful friends that we have made. I leave the Senate with nothing but warm and grateful feelings for my many friends and supporters, and only the utmost of respect and best wishes for those who have opposed me politically.  
 Realizing that it is sometimes best to have new faces, new ideas and new perspectives when dealing with difficult political problems, I am sincerely hopeful that those who have been elected to lead us during the coming years will approach their duties with a strong sense of dedication and compassion for all citizens.  
 To my successor, Senator-elect Kent Hance of Lubbock, I wish good luck and success in his new position.  
 For all the people of West Texas, political friend or foe, I wish the very best in life, and I thank you sincerely for having allowed me to serve you in the Senate.

H. J. "DOC" Blanchard  
 State Senator  
 District 28

# Runkles retires---

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 master in Lubbock before he gave up his supervisory job with a large Lubbock dairy to become resident camp ranger of Camp Post back in 1949.

He has "pioneered" the development of the Boy Scout camp from a single dining hall building with a dirt floor into its present facilities, which probably would carry a current price tag of about \$700,000.  
 When Runkles gave up his dairy position to head the development of Camp Post he accepted a salary cut of course but he moved into a life he obviously loved of teaching American youngsters respect and interest in this country's Indian heritage. It also gave him time for his archeological pursuits.

Over the past quarter of a century he has become through study and doing one of this area's recognized archeological authorities.

Frank can tell you about the man who lived in Garza County 12,000 years ago, or when the Indians "invented the bow and arrow".

It is difficult to estimate the value of his vast Indian collection which for years was housed in the Texas Tech museum.

It's no wonder Runkles has acquired his nickname of Chief. As camp ranger he oversees the camping of some 3,000 weekend campers each year and four or five weeks of long term Scout camps each summer at which dressed in Indian regalia he infuses his Indian lore into thousands of boys around the camp "campfires." Through the longer camp periods in the summer, Runkles would teach Indian lore throughout the day to all men and boys who were interested, not in an organized class but in a variety of activities. By the "farewell campfire" at the end of the camp these boys would be demonstrating the Indian lore they had learned and demonstrating Indian dances.

Runkles, who in February of 1972 received his 50 year veterans award in Scouting signed by President Nixon as honorary president of the Boy Scout movement, became a Scoutmaster in Dublin, Tex., in 1935 when he was in the soil conservation service and then when he moved to Lubbock to enter Texas Tech University, but never got around to doing, he became scoutmaster of Lubbock's Troop 8 in 1938. He guided that troop through a fabulous record of achievement which led to his being presented with the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award a council can bestow on a volunteer scouter. He received the award in 1949 just before leaving Lubbock to become Camp Post's Ranger.

During World War II, his troop of Scouts manned a lookout on the plains north of Lubbock for five months to report "unidentified aircraft" approaching the city. All sightings were phoned to authorities. This was just after the United States entered the war and America had the "invasion jitters." Frank's troop was the youngest unit of volunteers involved in such defense duties.

Runkles shrugs off credit for his troop's long list of achievements. "They were just a great bunch of kids who liked to do things and we did them," he explains.

Frank's father had some good friends among the Sioux Indians on a reservation in South Dakota and he used to take Frank there to visit them and stay with them in their lodges. This is where he learned Indian ways and gained his desire to study the culture of these vanishing Americans.

He got his start — and the bulk of his great Indian arrowhead collection — during the depression of the 30's when he lived at Dublin. "It was awfully dry and the wind 'moved' those sandy peanut

fields around," Frank explains. "You could go out and pick up Indian arrow heads by the hands full."

Frank has traded back and forth with other collectors ever since, but he hasn't had the time to fully catalog his vast collection and see what he really has, what duplicates should be sold, and so forth.

Many collectors are clamoring for many of Frank's items.

Over the years, Frank has traded with museums and collectors in other areas and worked with various archeological groups.

His large collection of antique Indian beadwork is fabulous. Most of this beadwork is done on buffalo and bear skins and sewn on by animal sinews no longer used by modern-day Indians.

Runkles has found time in the last quarter of a century to literally dig his way into archeology. He wrote and published his first archeological paper in 1936 on Indian artifacts of Comanche County and since that time has had several other papers published in various archeological publications.

He's got a big backlog of work in this field to finish.

One of the things he wants to do is to develop the Garza Museum into "really something." He would certainly place parts of his large collection on display there from time to time, and what Frank has to offer certainly would be educational indeed, not only to school-age youngsters but to adults as well.

The museum of course needs to find much greater financial support than at present and it will need real security for whatever is offered on exhibit there if valuable and worthwhile things are to be shown.

It is interesting to note that Frank moved to Lubbock because he had gone as far in the soil conservation service in those days as he could without college training. He planned to enroll at Texas Tech. But family responsibilities never gave him the time for study and he went to work for the area's largest dairy instead, although the Tech museum made grateful use of his collection.

Mr. and Mrs. Runkles have two grown sons and three grown daughters, plus ten grandchildren, and of course some of Runkles' big Indian collection is going "to stay in the family."

But it is too big just to divide up so Frank wants to find out what the family wants and then to dispose of much of the rest to places where it can prove of educational value for generations to come.

The "chief" is going to complete one busy life with Indian study and growing boys next week on New Year's Day — and is now being honored at Scout banquets for his long service to Scouting — but he is soon to start another which promises to be every bit as busy and enjoyable.

As Mrs. Runkles says, "There never has been enough hours in the day for Frank. It's always hard to make him to to bed."

## Local woman —

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L. De Witt Hale, spoke on the evolution of leadership, authority, and government in modern and primitive societies.

Following the seminar, Drs. Genoves and McKern and Miss Mueller were honored at a press reception in the Perla Salon at the Ancira Hotel in Monterrey. On Friday, officers of the Sembradores, an international organization of influential businessmen devoted to the support of original scientific research, entertained Miss Mueller and Dr. McKern at a press luncheon at the Casino de Monterrey, a prominent private club in downtown Monterrey.

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A Court of Honor was also held with Keith Little, William Halford and Billy Smith receiving honors and David McBride receiving his Eagle Palm Leaf.

Refreshments were served to members and guests attending.

## HOLIDAY GUESTS

Guests in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kemp and Mrs. R. V. Thomas over the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cook, Becky and Jana from Fairfield, Calif., Danny Brown of San Jose, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Truman Riddle of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bob Perrin of Hereford, Mr. and Mrs. Joe West, Dale, Jill, and Jay of Hereford, and Jimmy Kemp of Canyon.

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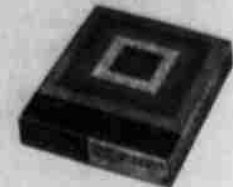


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