

Wishing You and Yours the Blessings of Christmas

**Border
Banter**

By Mike Pomper

Blessings to all

This is one of those tough columns to write.

I know some of you folks will read this and say to yourself that it's "expected." Some will think that as a newcomer here I must say "thank you" whether it's true or not.

Well, if you knew me well, you'd know that's not my style. I don't believe in fibbing about things like this. When I say "thank you," it's from the heart.

It's only been a few months since my family arrived in the Twin Cities, far from areas where we were raised and lived. Yes, it was scary coming to an area where we knew no one. I was very apprehensive, to say the least.

But what we found have been warmth, fellowship, good schools, a home. In my wildest dreams I could not have imagined a nicer welcome. It's awful nice to feel part of a community.

We knew from Day One, when two ladies from a local church came by to visit, and when our landlady came by with some goodies, that we wouldn't feel like newcomers for long. We were right.

I look back earlier this year when my family was trying to decide where to live and settle down. We knew some communities were such that you weren't really accepted until you had put down roots for many, many years. That isn't the case here.

The warmth shown us by people of Texico and Farwell far exceeded any expectations I might have held. On our part, we hope to be responsible community members and do what we can to maintain the quality of life here. From the short time I've been here, I can see that the Twin Cities are on the right track as to community goals and aspirations.

Some of you folks reading this column probably have lived here their whole lives and often have wondered what it's like living in a bigger community; whether the "grass is greener" in other areas.

All I can say is that we've lived in a bunch of places over the years and the Twin Cities beat them all. As the old cliché goes, "You don't know how good you have it."

I don't judge communities on how many movie shows it has, how affluent its residents are, how many professional ball teams it boasts. Those things are not important. What truly counts, and what communities ought to be judged on, is what kind of people live there. Add to that: what type of ethics do they hold to; how religious are they; do they practice what is preached on Sunday.

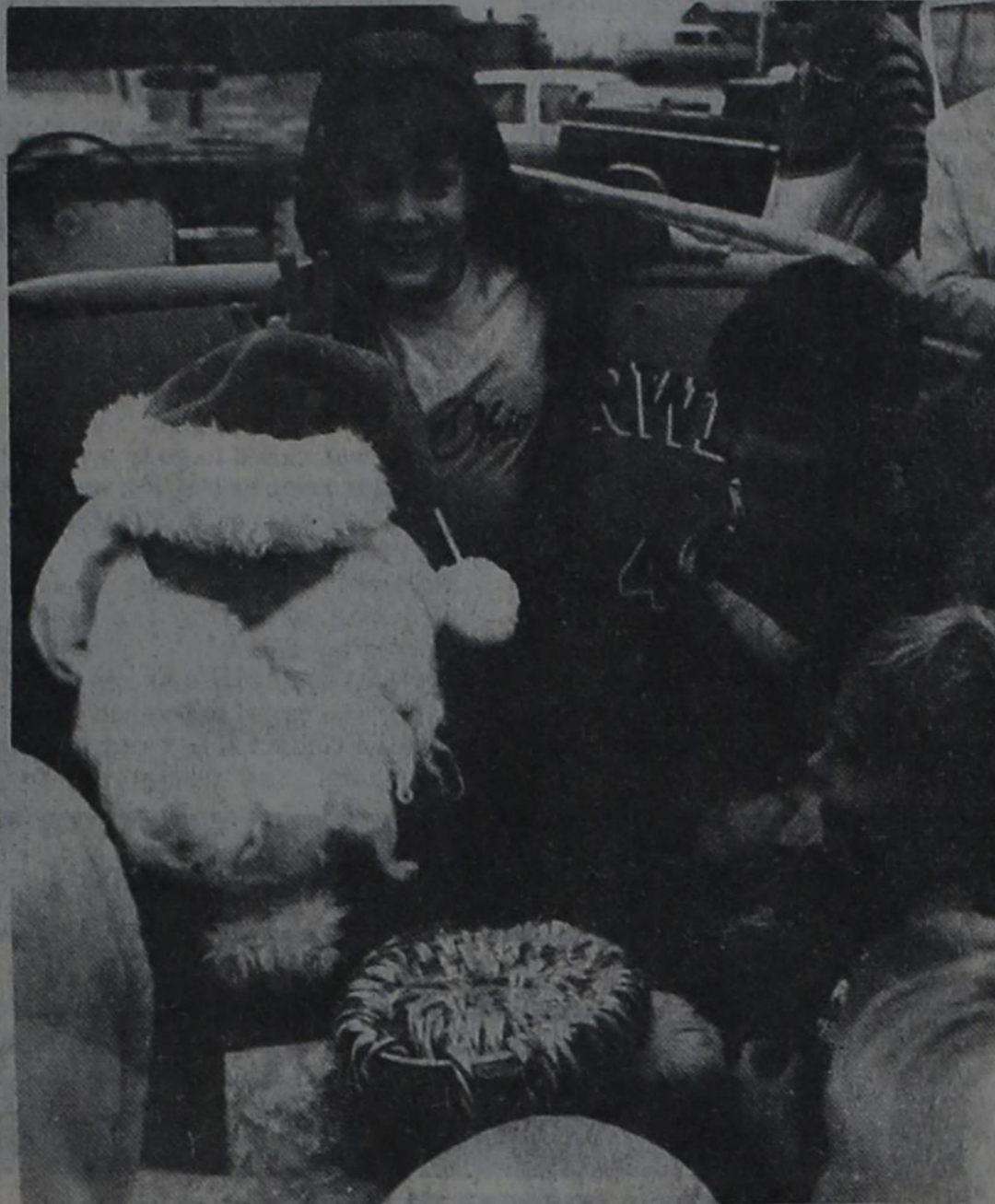
I got a feeling your answers to those questions probably are in line with mine.

As I have said to some of you folks I've met, it's been a difficult year for my family, due to company-decided moves. Now, that's a thing of the past. We've recently purchased a home here, and God willing, plan a lengthy stay. It's probably difficult for some of you folks who have always had a "home" to appreciate my feelings at being able to say that, finally, we have a home, too. So often, "home" is taken for granted. There's a lot to that little word.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Twin Cities community for all the help they have given my family while we have worked to settle in. Trying to learn many new aspects of a business, while getting our personal affairs in order (getting the kids in school, getting new driver's licenses, setting up insurances, etc.) is a tall order. As I look to the new year, it is with a sense of relaxation and calm.

There are a bunch of people who I would like to thank in this column.

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Santa Claus arrives

Wednesday, Santa made a scheduled stop at the Capitol Foods parking lot to hear the wishes of the children of Farwell, and to pass out candy canes to the youngsters.

When Santa landed, it was raining, but the children didn't seem to notice. No one's spirits were dampened. Santa's visit was a Texico-Farwell Lion's Club project.

Stirring it up for Christmas

Peggy Sudderth found time to jot down these recipes for you.

ORANGE DATE CAKE

Cream together in mixer bowl: 1 cup butter and 2 cups sugar
Add: 4 eggs, one at a time and beating after each.

Sift together:
4 cups sifted flour
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. cloves
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. allspice

Add to first mixture alternately with 1 1/2 cups buttermilk.

Stir in:
2 cups chopped dates
2 cups chopped pecans
2 Tbsp. grated orange peel
1 cup flaked coconut
1 small can crushed pineapple, drained

Bake in greased and floured tube pan, 300° for 2 hrs. Just before cake is done, heat in pan on slow, do not boil.

Glaze:
1 cup orange juice
1 cup sugar
2 tsp. grated orange peel
When cake is done, remove from oven, prick cake with ice pick and pour hot glaze over slowly. Let cool. Keeps well.

CONGEALED CRANBERRY SALAD

Mix together:
1 pkg. raw grated cranberries
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup apple juice

Set mixture aside for sugar to dissolve while mixing:
1 small pkg. cherry jello
1 small pkg. orange jello
2 cups boiling water
2 cups cold water

Chop:
2 apples
2 oranges
1 cup celery
1 cup pecans
Stir: All mixtures together in large bowl and pour into 10x15 dish to chill in refrigerator. Better if made a day ahead of serving. Keeps well.

BROCCOLI AND RICE CASSEROLE

Cook separately and according to label directions:
1 cup brown rice
2-10 oz. pkgs. frozen chopped broccoli

Melt over medium heat in large 4 qt. pan 1 stick oleo

Add and stir frequently to mix well:

1 can Cream of Mushroom soup
1 can Cream of Chicken soup
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup chopped celery
1 medium chopped onion

1/2 can sliced water chestnuts
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
garlic salt to taste

2 cups grated cheddar cheese
Add to this mixture the cooked rice and broccoli. Stir to mix well.

Pour into greased 10x15 casserole dish and bake at 350° for about 15 minutes.

Joan Johnson had this Christmas recipe to share with you.

CHRISTMAS TRIFLE

Vanilla wafers
2 boxes vanilla pudding mix (prepared as per directions on box)

Chopped pecans (approx. 1 cup)
Lime and red (any flavor) Jello, prepared in advance, 1 box each flavor
1/2 pint whipped cream
Chopped pecans (part of above amount)

Line bowl with vanilla wafers. Then build trifle in layers, using approximately 1/4 of each ingredient in each layer (build layers in order given). Use vanilla wafers at first of each layer. Add pecans twice in each layer and sprinkle over top of whipped cream.

The following recipes were submitted by Marjorie Watkins.

HOT SANDWICHES

2 loaves party rye bread
Brown:

1 lb. hamburger and 1 lb. sausage and drain
Add:
1 lb. velveeta cheese, touch of oregano, thyme, garlic and stir until cheese is melted.

Spread mixture over bread. Place on cookie sheet and freeze. When frozen, place in plastic bags to store in freezer. When ready to serve, place under broiler for approximately 5 minutes or until browned and hot. Don't thaw ahead of time.

PINEAPPLE CHEESE BALL

2-8 oz. packages cream cheese, softened
2 Tbsp. finely chopped green pepper
2 Tbsp. finely chopped onion

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Farwell building donated

Pharmacy on tap?

Some anonymous people have decided to answer a need in Farwell, and have very generously donated a building to be used for a pharmacy.

The building that has been donated for this purpose is the former Gateway Restaurant, on the corner of Highway 70-84 and 9th in Farwell.

The Hospital Board came up with the idea of trying to get a pharmacist into Farwell again, since the closing of Rose Drug leaves the area without a pharmacy. The board is committed to getting someone in here in order to provide Farwell with pharmaceutical services.

According to Tom Nichols, the president of the Farwell Hospital Board, they are talking very seriously with a pharmacist now, and hope to make a public announcement soon.

With the donation of the building, the Hospital Board will be able to remodel the building for use as a pharmacy, then give the new pharmacist some time with free rent to get established. When rent is

paid, the cost of the improvements made by the board to the building will be repaid.

The Hospital Board expressed its appreciation for the donors' generosity.

Hospital Board urges drug law change

The Hospital Board of Farwell has asked Texas State Rep. Pete Laney to draft a bill which would make life a lot easier for pharmacists in small border communities, like Farwell.

Current Texas law prohibits Texas pharmacists from filling prescriptions of controlled substances from doctors outside of Texas. These prescriptions can be anything containing any controlled substances, from something as simple as cough syrup to a vital pain medication.

Laney is in the process of drafting

a bill which would apply an exemption from this law for towns in Texas which border other state lines, so that pharmacists in these towns could fill prescriptions written by doctors in the bordering state.

The Farwell Hospital Board expressed its appreciation to Laney for his current and future efforts to get this bill passed.

Tom Nichols, the president of the Farwell Hospital Board, asks that all interested Farwell residents contact Laney to let him know that he has their support for this bill.

Tarter has served in many ways

When Archie Tarter was born, his home state of Oklahoma was Indian Territory.

When he was 17 years old, Tarter went to work as a roustabout in the oil fields, and attended night classes which pertained to the oil industry, in Edmond, Okla.

Tarter worked as a roustabout for three or four years, then was promoted to dressing tools, which he did for five years. After that, he spent about three years drilling, then was made farm boss.

Together, Tarter spent 21 years with Magnolia Oil Company.

In 1942 and 1943, Tarter served as a medic in the U.S. Army. Most of his service time was spent at Camp Barkley, near Abilene.

When he got out of the Army, he decided he didn't want to go back to the oil fields. So he came to Lazbuddie, where his father was a farmer, and started farming with him in 1943.

Tarter has served Farmer County

for many years, in different capacities.

In the 1950's, he served for three years on the Lazbuddie School Board. He was a Community Committeeman on the Agricultural Board for two years, and spent nine years, until 1967, as a County Committeeman on the Agricultural Board.

Tarter was appointed Farmer County Judge. He served for seven years, four months. While judge, a new county jail was built and the courthouse was remodeled inside, the outside sandblasted and storm windows were added.

Tarter's latest contribution to the county has been his two terms as County Commissioner. According to Tarter, there have been a lot of improvements made in county-owned equipment, and the treasury has



ARCHIE TARTER

been built up since he's been in that office.

Tarter has two sons, David, who lives at Weatherford, Texas, is an engineer for Bell Helicopter. Joe is a farmer at Lazbuddie, who also raises pigs.

Tarter said of his upcoming retirement, at age 78, that he's "going to go do some farming now."

Ted Richardson fund set up

In an effort to help the Ted Richardson family, a "Ted Richardson Fund" has been set up at the Citizens Bank of Clovis in Texico.

Anyone wishing to help may deposit donations at the bank in Texico or at the Citizens Bank in Clovis.

Richardson was burned severely in an automobile accident, and is in the Burn Unit at University Medical Center in Albuquerque. He will be there for some time while his burns are healing and skin grafting is done.

He is continuing to improve slowly, and has a long time of recovery to go, according to his sister.

The family requests that Richardson's friends send no flowers, because due to the necessary sterile atmosphere in the burn unit, they are not allowed.

Richardson does, however, enjoy hearing from everyone, so cards and letters are appreciated. The address is: Ted Richardson, c/o University Medical Center, Burn and Trauma Unit, 2211 Lomas Blvd, N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87110.

Holiday closings reported

With the holidays nearly here, be aware that most of the businesses in the area, as well as government offices, will be observing closings so that their employees may celebrate the holidays.

Farwell City Hall will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 25, also Jan. 1. Texico City Hall will observe these same days off.

The Citizens Bank of Clovis at Texico and the Security State Bank of Farwell will close Christmas Day

and New Year's Day.

of Farwell will close Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The Citizens Bank will close at 1:00 p.m. (MST) on Monday, Security State Bank will close at 3:00 p.m.

The post offices will be closed Christmas and New Year's Day, as well as the ASCS Office in Farwell.

All county offices, except for the Sheriff's Office, will be closed Dec. 24, 25, and 26, and Jan. 1.



Lollipop tree

Saleeta Hughes' son, Pete, who lives in Iowa Park, Texas, made this tree for his mother, a Texico resident. The tree is made of wood, with lollipops at the end of each branch, and an angel on top. Mrs. Hughes has added lights.

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Burch places first

Cody Burch, daughter of Kendale Burch, won the local greenhand FFA quiz contest, then went on to place first in district FFA competition. This earned her the right to compete in the state FFA contest June 10-12.



FFA winners

Two more winners on the chapter level were Justin Barnes and Aaron Scott. Justin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Barnes, won the creed contest and placed second in the FFA quiz contest. Aaron Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Scott, placed second in the FFA creed contest.

Courthouse notes

Instrument report ending December 12, 1984, in County Clerk office, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk.
WD - Anna S. Schueler - Helen McMurtrey Romo - All of Lots 1 thru 6, Blk. 22, OT Friona.
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WD - Best Broadcasting Co. - City of Farwell - Part of Garden Lot #18, in Sec. 31, T9S; R1E, Capitol.

Sheriff's report

The following arrests have been reported by Sheriff Bill Morgan since the last report:

Billy Espinoza, 24, of Bovina, was arrested on Dec. 13 by the Sheriff's office on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond was set at \$3,000, and his case is pending in District Court.

On Dec. 13, Johnny Zapata, 19, of Levelland, was arrested on a bond surrender for a charge of burglary. His bond was set at \$2,000. The case

Blessings

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but you know how it is: I'd feel badly if I left off someone. Regardless, I must let you know that the previous Tribune owners, John and Joann Getz, went out of their way to help us get started. It was a blessing.

As for others who have helped us make the Tribune as good as we can, and who have helped us find a home, you know who you are. And you know we very much appreciate your help. I just hope that we can help other newcomers to our community with the same enthusiasm as you have shown my family.

But above all, each of you readers know who I am most appreciative to. In this holy season, it's a joy to give thanks to our Lord. I know I'm undeserving of all the goodness we have found here, which makes writing these words awful difficult.

But I wanted to share my happiness with our readers, our neighbors, our community. "Blessings to all" pretty much sums up what I want to say.

So as we enjoy this very special holiday, let us give thanks to a God who looks over us with such love. And let us be optimistic about mankind's future. I know I am.

On behalf of my family -- my wife Judy, my daughter Patty and my son Robbie -- I'd like to wish each of you a merry Christmas and happy New Year.
Amen.

is pending in District Court.

On Dec. 13, Raul Gonzales, 40, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of driving while intoxicated. His bond was set at \$500, and the case is pending in the County Court.

On Dec. 13, the following guilty pleas were heard in 287th District Court, with Jack D. Young, District Judge, presiding:

Porfirio Brito, 18, of Bovina, who was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, pled guilty to a reduced charge of misdemeanor aggravated assault, and was sentenced to 364 days in county jail, probated 364 days, and was fined \$400 and court cost.

Pablo Brito, 20, of Bovina, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, pled guilty to a reduced charge of misdemeanor aggravated assault. He was sentenced to 364 days in the county jail, probated 364 days, and fined \$400 and court cost.

On Dec. 13, the following guilty pleas were heard in the County Court, with Judge Gordon H. Green, presiding:

Gary Lee Gahagen, 40, Summerfield, pled guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was fined \$250 and court cost, and was probated for two years.

Doris Freeman, 18, of Sudan, pled guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated. She was fined \$250 and court costs, and was probated two years.

Abel Freeman, 18, of Sudan, pled guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was fined \$200 and court cost, and was probated two years.



FHA decorations

FHA members from Farwell High School add many-colored lace bows to the Christmas tree at the Farwell Convalescent Center. Clipping the

bows to the tree are, from left, Sonia Chisom, Kelly Buck, Christi Pena and Raymond Osborne.

Fire calls

Farwell had no fire calls this past week, but had three ambulance calls.

On Dec. 12, at 5:34 p.m., the ambulance was called to go to a farm four miles northeast of Farwell to transport a patient to the Clovis High Plains Hospital.

On Dec. 17, the ambulance was called at 9:43 p.m. to two miles north of Farwell.

On Dec. 18, at 8:37 a.m., the ambulance was called to one-half mile west of Oklahoma Lane crossroads. One patient was transported to

Clovis High Plains Hospital. The Texico Fire Department had two ambulance calls to report this week.

On Dec. 14, at 6:43 a.m., the ambulance was called to 400 Ave. F. One person was transported to the Clovis High Plains Hospital.

Also on Dec. 14, at 5:29 p.m., the ambulance was called to 211 Leftwich. One person was transported to the Clovis High Plains Hospital.

The Pleasant Hill Fire Department had no fire or ambulance calls to report this week.

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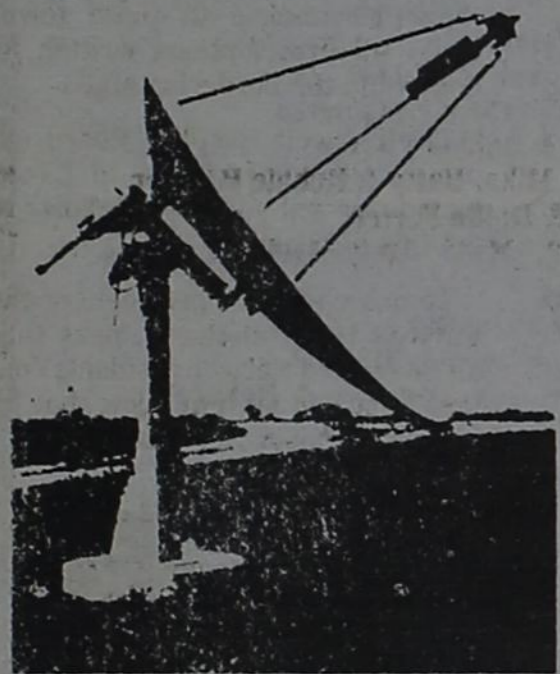
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Scouts, Brownies spread cheer

Last Thursday, the Girl Scouts and Brownies of Farwell went to the Farwell Convalescent Center to sing Christmas carols.

After singing several songs, they were treated to cookies and punch by activities director Lisa Bond. After they finished their treat, the Girl Scouts stayed, and while sing-

ing some more Christmas songs, they hung ornaments on the Christmas tree.

When the girls were finished with the tree trimming, they went to the Methodist Church, where they meet regularly, and finished their Christmas gifts they've been making for

their parents.

While the Girl Scouts were finishing at the Convalescent Center, the Brownies went on to the Courthouse, where they hung ornaments which they had made on the tree there. These ornaments were "Texas-themed"—armadillos, boots, stars, the state of Texas, etc.



Jackknifed

The intersection of the Amarillo Highway and Highway 70 was the scene of an accident Tuesday morning. The driver of this truck was attempting to enter Highway 70 from the Amarillo Highway.



Sudie Foster's girl scout group made Christmas trees with nylon net for their Christmas project, and as gifts for their parents. Shown

putting the finishing touches on their trees are Liz Galvan, left, and Robin Foster.



The Brownies of Farwell, led by Gwen Corn, made "Texas" ornaments and hung them on the Christ-

mas tree at the Parmer County Courthouse last Thursday.



The girl scouts of Farwell, led by Sudie Foster, decorated the Christmas tree at the Convalescent Center, which was donated to the Center

by Playorama of Texico. From left are Robin Foster, Liz Galvan, Amy Murray, Karen Aycock, Amy Foster, and Amy Cumpston.



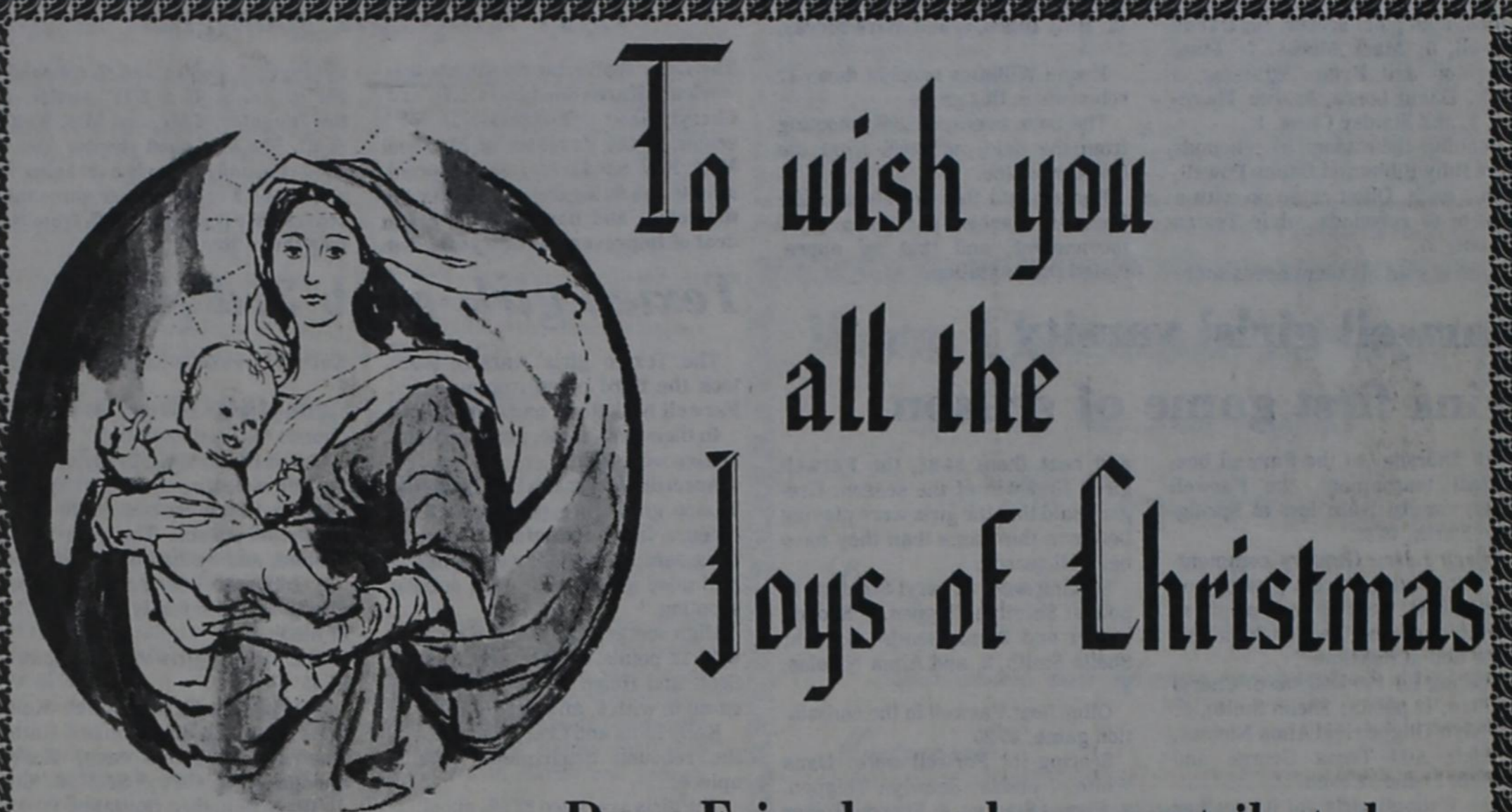
The Farwell Brownies and Girl Scouts got together at the Farwell Convalescent Center to sing some

Christmas carols last Thursday. They were accompanied on the piano by Margaret Aycock.

Auction scheduled Concert cancelled

The public auction which was to be held at the old bus barn of Texico schools last Saturday was postponed because of the weather. The auction has been rescheduled for Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. (MST).

Bad weather and icy roads were responsible for the cancellation of the Farwell Band Concert, scheduled last Sunday. Another concert has not been scheduled at this time.



To wish you all the Joys of Christmas

Dear Friends, we have contributed the money usually spent by our family for Christmas cards to be used by the Farwell Elementary School.

- Johnny, Diane, Jeff, Gregg, Jill & Lacey Atkinson
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Farwell Elementary School

Texico boys' varsity lose

The Texico boys had the misfortune of being paired up with tough Olton in the first round at the Farwell basketball tournament.

Texico coach Scott Parker said, "Olton just had a better ball club than us. We did not play well at all, although we did hustle well at times."

Final score was Olton 86, Texico 51.

Scoring for Texico were: Billy Bibbs, high point scorer, 18; Danny Powell, 8; Mark Meeks, 7; Doug Thornton and Regan Williams, 6 each; David Loera, 3; Jim Thornton, 2, and Stanley Cross, 1.

Leading their team in rebounds were Billy Bibbs and Danny Powell, with 7 each. Olton came up with a total of 63 rebounds, while Texico got only 37.

Parker said his team needs more

leadership, and a lot more enthusiasm on the court before they can do better.

In the second round, Hart beat Texico, 49-40.

Parker felt that Texico should have beaten Hart. He said that in the Farwell Tournament, his team played their worst two games of the season.

Scoring for Texico were: Regan Williams, 16 points; Danny Powell, 12; Billy Bibbs, 9, and Mark Meeks, 3.

Regan Williams brought down 17 rebounds in the game.

The boys averaged 20% shooting from the field, and 59% from the free throw line.

Parker said that he felt that the Farwell coaches put on a good tournament, and that he appreciated the invitation.

Farwell girls' varsity wins first game of season

On Thursday at the Farwell basketball tournament, the Farwell girls' varsity team lost to Springlake-Earth, 48-35.

Coach Larry Gregory commented, "The girls played a pretty good game. They were up by 6 points at one point during the first half, and were tied at halftime."

Scoring for Farwell were: Cheryl Stanton, 12 points; Sheila Smith, 8; Sherilyn Thigpen and Alma Nicolas, 5 each, and Trena George and Shonda Foster, 2 each.

The Farwell girls got it together when they played Alamo on Friday,

and beat them 34-21, the Farwell girls' first win of the season. Gregory said that the girls were playing better in this game than they have been all season.

Scoring were: Cheryl Stanton, 12 points; Sherilyn Thigpen, 7; Shonda Foster and Trena George, 6 each; Sheila Smith, 3, and Alma Nicolas, 2.

Olton beat Farwell in the consolation game, 45-20.

Scoring for Farwell were: Dana White, 7 points; Sherilyn Thigpen, 5; Cheryl Stanton, 4; Shonda Foster and Sheila Smith, 2 each.

Recipes

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1/4 cup drained crushed pineapple
2 tsp. seasoned salt
2 cups chopped pecans, divided
Beat cream cheese until smooth; add green pepper, onion, pineapple, seasoned salt, and 1 cup pecans, mixing well. Shape into a ball; roll in remaining pecans. Chill 1 to 2 hours; garnish with fresh fruit, and serve with assorted crackers.
Yield: 1 cheese ball.

SPICED TEA MIX

1 lb. 2 oz. jar Tang
1/2 cup instant tea
1 1/2 tsp. ground cloves
2 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
2 1/2 cups sugar
Mix thoroughly.

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Mix well. Fill cup half full of mixture, then add hot water.

CHERRY JUBILEE (OR STRAWBERRY)

Crust:
1 1/2 cups flour
1 1/2 sticks oleo
2 Tbsp. sugar
1 cup chopped pecans
Mix and cut oleo into dry ingredients, pat into an oblong pyrex pan, bake at 350° for 20 minutes. Cool.

Cream 1-8 oz. pkg. cream cheese with 2 cups powdered sugar. Prepare 2 pkgs. Dream Whip. Add to creamed mixture, pour 1/2 of cream filling in crust, spread cherry or strawberry pie filling over cream, and add rest of cream filling on top. Chill at least 2 hours.

PEANUT BLOSSOMS

1 3/4 cups flour
1 tsp. soda
1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup shortening
1/2 cup peanut butter
2 Tbsp. milk
1 tsp. vanilla
1 egg
48 milk chocolate candy kisses

Combine all ingredients except candy in large mixing bowl. Mix on lowest speed of mixer until dough forms. Shape dough into balls, using a rounded teaspoonful for each one. Roll balls in sugar, place on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 375° for 10-12 minutes. Top each cookie with a candy kiss. Press down firmly so cookie cracks around edge.

For all you newlyweds out there who are having a hard time with a pie crust, here is a recipe to try from Commie Blain.

PIE CRUST

1 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup Crisco
3/4 tsp. salt
1/4 cup cold milk
Measure sifted flour and salt into mixing bowl. Mix 1/2 of the Crisco into the flour to a cornmeal consistency, using a pastry blender. Mix the other 1/2 of the Crisco, and blend to the size of pea. Add cold milk, a small amount at a time, using a fork. Place on board and work slightly until particles hold together. Divide into two parts, one slightly smaller than the other. The larger one is for the bottom crust. Rolling from center, roll into a circle about 1/8 inch thick. Gently, fold into quarters and place in pie pan. Trim crust, pour in filling slowly. Moisten lower crust with cold water. Add top crust, trim and turn top crust under edge of lower crust. Crimp edge with fork.

More recipes

The response of area homemakers to passing on their favorite holiday recipes was so good this year that the State Line Tribune didn't have room to run them all in this issue. So watch for more recipes in next week's issue.

Other recipes are in today's second section.



Lady Wolverine Spotlights

The Lady Wolverine Spotlights this week are Karen Snodgrass, left, and Cheryl Scott. Snodgrass, a 5'7" senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Snodgrass. She is probably the most aggressive player on the team, and has shown a great deal of improvement this year. She

averages 5 points and 7 rebounds per game. Scott, a 5'11" senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Scott. She is a good shooter and a good rebounder. She is averaging 10 points and 9 rebounds per game this season. She is shooting 84% from the free throw line.

Texico girls grab 3rd place

The Texico girls' varsity team took the third place trophy at the Farwell basketball tournament.

In their first game, against Olton, Texico won, 32-21.

According to Coach Roy King, the Texico girls were playing well on defense, but not shooting very well. King said, "Kathy Harrison had a real good game, with good outside shooting."

High scorer was Kathy Harrison, with 12 points. Kelly Lynn, Cheryl Scott and Helen Jo Boarman each came in with 6, and Coy Jo Burk 2.

Kelly Lynn and Cheryl Scott led in the rebound department, with 8 apiece.

The girls averaged 32.5% shooting from the field and 85.5% from the free throw line.

Their second game in the tournament was against Hart, which Hart won, 39-34.

King thought that his team should have beaten Hart, but the Texico girls were off for this game, shooting only 28% from the field, and with only a chance at a total of three free throws.

King commented, "Cheryl Scott shot 8 for 12 from the field, and played well in general."

The high scorer was Cheryl Scott, with 17. Karen Snodgrass had 9;

Kathy Harrison, 6, and Kelly Lynn, 2.

Cheryl Scott also had the most rebounds for Texico, with 9.

Coach King said, "In my opinion, the game we played against Springlake-Earth was the best game we've played all season. The girls really hustled, and we had balanced scoring. Helen Jo Boarman and Karen Snodgrass both really showed a lot of hustle."

The Texico girls won the game, 51-35.

Scoring for Texico were: Kelly Lynn, Helen Jo Boarman and Kathy Harrison, 10 points each; Karen Snodgrass, 9; Cheryl Scott, 6; Coy Jo Burk, 5, and L. Gonzales, 1.

Kelly Lynn and Cheryl Scott each had 8 rebounds, to lead their team, and Karen Snodgrass had 7.

The Texico girls' team now has a 5-1 record for the season.

Varsity girls lose

The Olton varsity girls basketball team defeated the Farwell varsity girls, 56-18, when they visited Farwell Tuesday night.

Scoring for Farwell were: Cheryl Stanton, 7 points; Shonda Foster, 4; Sheila Smith, 3; Sherilyn Thigpen, 2, and Dana White, 2.

Farwell 8th grade boys win

The Lazbuddie 8th grade boys visited Farwell Monday night, and the Farwell team came out on top, 47-32.

Donald Rubio was high scorer, with 11 points; Jeff Atkinson scored 10; Curtis Chisom, 8; Jaime Mendoza, 6; Isi Ortega, 5; Ruben Ortega, 4; Aaron Kelley, 2, and Todd Thigpen, 1.

According to Coach Rex Cump-

ton, "This was a real close game through three quarters. We were a little sluggish and just could not seem to get it going. We finally got untracked in the fourth quarter and got our press working and were finally able to get it going. We had good overall point production but did not have a good game from the free throw line."

The boys' record now stands at 6-2 for the season.

Muleshoe defeats Farwell

The Farwell 7th grade girls traveled to Muleshoe Monday night, where the Muleshoe 7th grade "A" team defeated them, 24-15.

Coach Larry Gregory said, "The Farwell girls were ahead at half-

time, 9-2, but then they got into foul trouble and lost the game."

Scoring for Farwell were: Cindy Jones, 7 points; Leslie Monk, 4; Valerie Ulibarri, 1; Angie White, 2; and April Haseloff, 1.

Olton wins over Farwell JV

The Farwell JV boys lost to Olton Tuesday night, but just barely - 49-48.

Coach Monte Barnes said that the Farwell team didn't play real well, but that they came back and made it

close at the end.

Scoring were: Steve Lara, 16; Mario Lara, 11; Roy Perales, 8; Daniel Rubio, 5; Damon George 4, and Bony Nicolas, 2.

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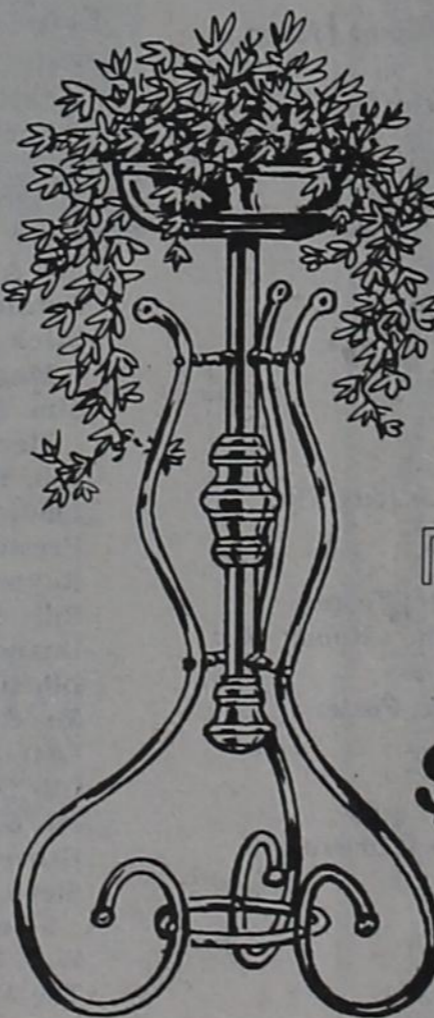
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First graders draw letters

Mrs. Stephens' and Mrs. Roberts' first grade classes at Farwell Elementary drew picture letters to Santa so he could see what they want him to deliver for Christmas. Here is a sample of their "letters."



VERONICA ALMANZA



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Here's a scene from the Farwell play.

'Angels, Lambs, and Fireflies'

Last Thursday, 65 children from the 2nd and 3rd grade Explore class at Farwell School presented "Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs and Fireflies," a Christmas musical fantasy.

This play was described by Mrs. Nelle Craig, who was one of the teachers involved with the production, as a "costume extravaganza." The costumes were all made by the teachers and parents, and they were

incredible. There were birds of every color, butterflies, ladybugs, and fireflies. There were lambs and an angel, plus other miscellaneous creatures, and there were Joseph and Mary and, in a manger, Baby Jesus.

The play was about how all of these little creatures went to see the Baby Jesus when he was born, and that all God's creatures are important to His plan.

'Best Christmas Pageant Ever'

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" was presented by the Farwell eighth grade class and it was a delightful gift to the community.

Many in the audience had probably experienced some of the situations that faced the cast and director of the play within a play, so it was easy to relate to the story immediately.

But, none of the people in the audience had ever tried to do a Christmas pageant with characters like the Herdmans. Who among the audience had ever come across a Mary who smoked cigars in the restroom like Imogene Herdman did? Who had ever come across an

angel like Gladys Herdman who says "Shazam" instead of "Un to you a Child is born"? What Wise Man had ever brought the ham from his welfare basket as Leroy Herdman did?

The actors not only used the whole stage, but they also used the whole theatre to make their play more realistic. Firemen and Maji rushed up and down the aisles to the delight of the audience. Actors delivered their lines with clarity and expression.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" was clearly a gift appreciated by the audience.

Oklahoma Lane's 68th Christmas tree to be decorated

At one time, every resident on Oklahoma Lane was from Oklahoma, which is where the road and the community got their names.

Beginning in 1916, the folks who lived in that community got together at the Sunnyside School for a Christmas gathering of friends, with the Christmas tree the central theme.

Mrs. Carrie Christian spent her first Christmas there in 1921, and remembers the Christmas tree that year at the Sunnyside School, which was wrapped in green crepe paper, with ornaments added to it.

Since then, the tradition has been upheld by the Oklahoma Lane Baptist and Methodist churches.

This year, the chairman of the Christmas Tree is Sudie Foster. The program will be held Dec. 24 at 7 p.m., at the Oklahoma Lane Community Center. About 20 children will be in the play, "Joy Came Down," which is the story of the birth of Christ.

After the play, Santa will present each child with a gift, which is usually the highlight of the evening, especially for the children.

This year, refreshments will be served.

Anyone wishing to attend is welcome. If there are any questions concerning the program, you may call Sudie Foster at 825-3707.



The Farwell Study Club used the last of the money raised with the Community Friendship Quilt to purchase a Wurlitzer spinet piano, which it donated to the Community Center. Some of the Study Club

members shown with the piano are, from left, Gladys Hardage, Bernice Pennington, Gertrude Foster, Carrie Christian, Ellen Wurster and Hattie Coffey. At the piano, playing Christmas carols, is Julia Symcox.

Farwell Study Club holds Christmas party

The Farwell Study Club met at the Community Center Dec. 17 for its Christmas party.

The opening prayer was given by W.T. Perry.

The group sang Christmas carols with Mrs. Symcox at the piano. The club brought the piano and donated it to the Community Center, using the remaining funds from the Community Friendship Quilt.

The serving table buffet was decorated with a Christmas tablecloth, candle and gold bells made up the centerpiece. On the end of the table was a Christmas tree with twinkling lights. Six small tables were centered with Christmas candles.

Christmas delicacies of cheese crisps, pimento cheese and ham sandwiches, cheese balls, fruit salad, fruit cakes, carrot cake, Christmas cookies, divinity and fudge candy were served, along with punch and coffee. Games were played, and gifts were exchanged.

Hostesses were Ellen Wurster and Hattie Coffey. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Atchley, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kube, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pennington and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Symcox. Also present were: Carrie Christian, Lennie Mae Crook, Eunice Crume, Gladys Hardage, Elma Hart, Ophell McDonald, Sal Vincent and Ellen Wurster.

Hospital note

Mrs. Dollie Aldridge is home from a Lubbock hospital, where she was a patient for a few days following surgery.

Bob Woo, of Farmer's Home Administration in Farwell, had eye surgery Dec. 20 at a military hospital in San Antonio.

First birthday celebrated

Gaylen Kwent Sudderth celebrated his first birthday Nov. 23 at



GAYLEN SUDDERTH

the home of his parents, Daren and Darrisa Sudderth.

Attending the celebration were his grandparents, J.B. and Peggy Sudderth, and Garthell and Jeanette Ford. Great-grandparents in attendance were Ava Woodson, Uvon and Faye Ford, and Tom and Kate Lindop.

Gaylen enjoyed his first birthday cake, which was Big Bird.

Marriage licenses

Only one marriage license was issued by the Parmer County Clerk's office this past week. It went to Blaine Edward Smith and Mary Isabell Thomen.

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Faith class holds Christmas dinner

The Faith Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church of Farwell met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pennington Dec. 16, for their annual Christmas dinner. The ladies' husbands were invited.

The tables were decorated with red and green tablecloths and all had Christmas decor.

After a dinner of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings, gifts were exchanged and games were played.

Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Guy Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Cash, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hromas, Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Childs, Mrs. Mildred Erwin, Mrs. Loyce Skeen, Mrs. Nan Preston and Mrs. Mary Jean Patrick. Visitors were Brother and Mrs. Pat

Riley, and their children, Amanda, Kyle and Diedre; also Mr. Alton McCleskey. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pennington.

Rucker to run for re-election

Johnnie Rucker says that he plans on running for re-election to the post he now holds on the Texico School Board.

His position is now up for re-election, along with that of Greg Martin. The election will be held Feb. 5. Those interested in running for the position must sign up at the Texico School superintendent's office. To run, one must be a legal resident of Texico, and a voter in the district. The term of the position is six years.

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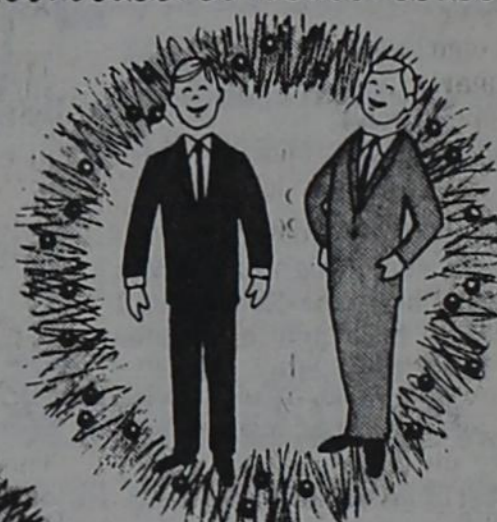
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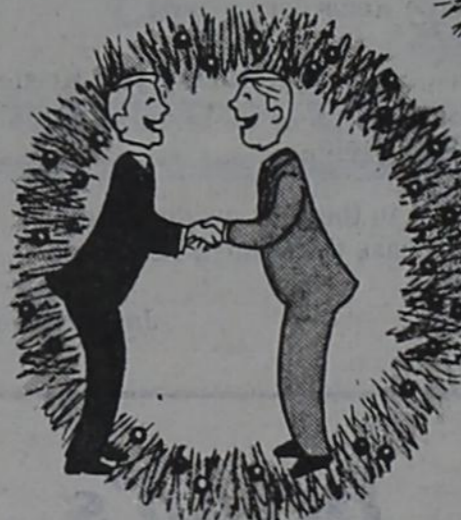
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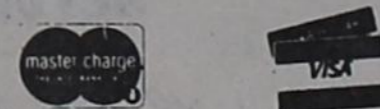


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Love,
Farrah, 2nd Grade, Texico

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you and Rudolph? I have been a good boy. I would like my mother and father to get a new Suburban. And my sister to get a new Cabbage Patch Kid. And my brother to get a toy truck. I want a Shot Gun.

Love,
Adam, 2nd Grade, Texico

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a remote control car from Radio Shack. My brother has been good. We both want a new Atari tape. I want food. My Dad wants money. My Mom wants all 90 colors of yarn. Sissy wants some stuffed animals.

Love,
Richie, 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus,

My sister wants a rocking horse. I want Santa Claus to come down the chimney and give a cattle truck and give my Mom new shoes. My Dad wants a coat. My sister wants a Cabbage Patch Doll.

Love,
Clyde Jenkins, 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,

I am six. I want a Strawberry Short Bike, I Rainbow-Brite Pony What Barbie House, Love-A-Lot Bear, Loving You Barbie, Crystal Barbiey.

Love, Leanne

Dear Santa,

I am six. I want a dirt bike, He Man Castle, 4 Wheeler.

I love you, Tony

Dear Santa,

I want a He Man Castle, Big Foot,

I Love You, Brad

Dear Santa Claus,

How are your elves?
I want a stereo and a new coat.
How is Rudolph?
I want a pair of shoes and a GI Joe set.
I have been good.

Love,
Jared, 2nd Grade, Texico

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing now?
I am bing very delightful for you to come on Christmas Eve night. I want a new bike and my sister wants a Little Lite Brite.

Love, Cody, 2nd grade, Texico

Dear Santa,

I am seven. I want a He Man Castle.

Love, Dustin

Dear Santa,

I am six.
I want a dirt bike, Loving You Barbie, Crystal Barbie, Hippy Hoppity Pogo Stick.

Love, Alicia

Dear Santa,

I am seven. I want a Barbie, Rose Petal Doll,

Love, Kjm

Dear Santa,

I am six. I want a Strawberry Bike, Rainbow Brite Pony, Cabbage Patch kid.

Love, Melinda

Dear Santa,

I am seven. I want a dirt bike, He Man Castle.

Love, Tommy

Dear Santa,

I am seven. I want a Remote Control Three Wheeler 2, GoBots Remote Control Boat!

Love, Ricky

Dear Santa,

I want a Strawberry Bike, Rainbow Brite Bike, Strawberry Doll.

Love, Karla

Dear Santa,

May I please have an A Team Hot Wheels and Sweat suit! I'll leave you cookies and milk! I love you

Love, Joshua

Dear Santa,

I am seven. I want a bike. I want a cabbage Patch doll, Strawberry Shortcake Set.

Love, Anabel

Dear Santa,

I am six. I want a strawberry bike, Strawberry Doll, Loving You Barbie, Cry Babby Barbie!

I Love you, Letitia

Dear Santa,

I am six. I want a Barbie House, Great Shape Barbie, Roller Skates!

Love, Misty

Dear Santa,

I am six. I want a dirt bike. I want Strawberry Shortcake Doll, Barbie Doll.

Love, Melynda

Dear Santa,

I am Seven. I want a Tool Box, Go Bots, Star Wars.

I Love you, Lewis

Dear Santa,

I am six. I want a Love-a Lot Bear, Rainbow Brite Pony, Poochie Tape Recorders.

I Love you, Kristen

Dear Santa,

Im in the first grade at Texico. Please bring me a Barbie doll.

Josie Chavez

Dear Santa,

Im in the first grade. at Texico. I love Santa. please bring me a Cabbage patch doll. I will lev you some cookie Santa.

Brandi Mares

Dear Santa,

I'm in the first grade at Texico. Please bring me a toy Gremlin. I'll lev you some cookies. I want a go-bot. I've been good.

Jarrod Barfield

Dear Santa,

I am in the 1st grade at Texico. I'm trying to be good. Please bring me a unicorn.

Love, Crystal Martin

Dear Santa,

I'm in the first grade at Texico. I've been good. Please bring me a Rainbow Brite doll.

Love, Brandi Williams

Dear Santa,

I am eight.
I want a He Man Castle, bike.
I Love you.

Jason Canfeld

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a telephone.
How are you?
I want a computer and a Cabbage Patch Kid? I have done something good and what it is that I took out the trash.

Love, Misty, 2nd Grade, Texico

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you and Mrs. Claus?
I want a Cabbage Patch Kid. My brother want's a horse. My mom and dad want a microwave. How are the elves?
I have ben good this winter.

Love, Andrea, 2nd grade

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Cabbage Patch doll. And my niece wants a teddy Bear. How are you. I am looking forward to

Love, Pam McIntosh, 2nd Grade

your appearance on Christmas Eve. My nephew wants a toy truck.

Love, Laura Garcia, 2nd grade

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you and your elves? My sister wants some brown boots. And I want some boots that are gray. We want the kind that folds over. My brother wants a remote control airplane. And I a play stove and a sink and a refridgerator.

Love, Carol Servatius, 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus,

Almost all I want from you is your Love. But one more thing is Rid'em Cowgirl. And I think Shellie wants a new dancing Barbie. And Dana and Brenda don't know what they want.

Love, Jennie Morris, 2nd Grade, Texico

Dear Santa Claus,

I want an computer for Chrstmas. I want a pooltable for Chrstmas. My mom wants a China Hutch. I am going to get stereo. I want a whoe bunch of cattle trucks. I have been good. I have helped my Dad. I have helped my mom.

Love, Sam, 2nd Grade, Texico

Dear Santa Claus,

How are the reindeer doing?
I want a toy gun for Christmas. I want a toy baby brother for Christmas. I been good this year.

Love, Jerry Martin, 2nd Grade, Texico

Dear Santa Claus,

How is Rudolph the red nosed reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? How are your elves? I want a Radio. I want a T.V. I want a playhouse. I want a belt and a stuffed reindeer.

Love, Pam McIntosh, 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,

Im in the first grade at Texico. I Love Santa. Pleuse bring me a Cabbage Patch doll. I will leve you cookies.

Chris Gonzales

Dear Santa,

Im in the first grade at Texico Ive been good Please bring me a remote control airplane I will leve you som cokes

Love Jerod Servatius.

Dear Santa,

I'm in the first grade. I've been good at Texico. Ptease bring me a cabbage Patch doll.

I will lev you some cookies.

Laura Jimenez

Dear Santa,

I'm in the first grade at Texico. I've been pretty good. Please brng me a three wheeler. I will lev you some cookies.

Love, Christopher Rink

Dear Santa,

Im in the first grade at Texico. Please bring me a Cabbage Patch doll.

I Love you Santa.

Eunice

Dear Santa,

I like Rudolph's bright nose. For Christmas I would like a Cheer Bear and a yellow Care Bear bag.

Love, Jacquelyn Sides

Dear Santa Claus,

I like you. I would like for chRistmas a B.B. gun.

Love, Steve Garcia

Dear Santa,

I hope you are feeling good. I want a B.B. gun.

Love, Doug Sewell

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? I'm fine. I would like to have a Rainbow

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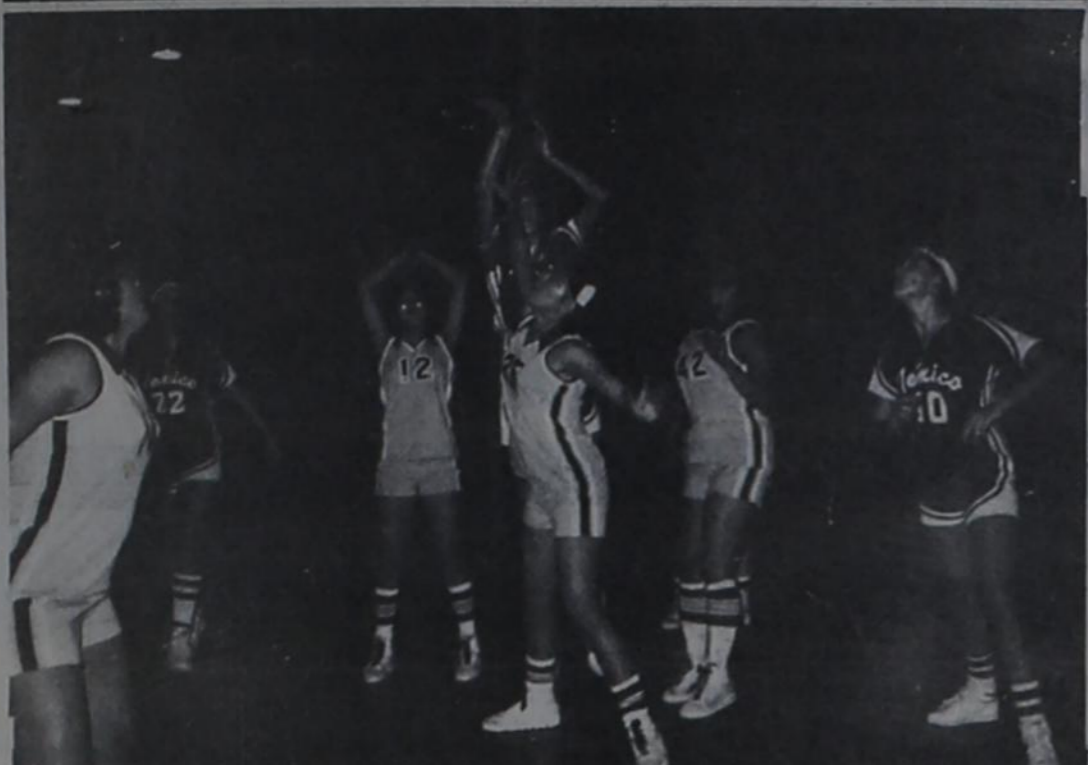
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Texico's Cheryl Scott shoots against Hart while Karen Snodgrass and Kelly Lynn get position for a possible rebound.



Texico's Kelly Lynn shoots against Hart in the Farwell Tournament.



Farwell's David Woods defends against a Bovina shooter.



Farwell's Mark Cole and Roger Robertson post under the basket while playing Bovina in the Farwell Tournament.

Farwell tourney action

Farwell tournament a success

According to the Farwell High School basketball coaches, the Farwell Tournament, held here last weekend, was a success in spite of the snowy, icy weather.

In the boys' action, Olton took home the first place trophy, with Farwell taking second place, Adrian third, and Hart beat Springlake-Earth in the consolation game.

The Bovina girls took the girls' championship, with Hard in second place, Texico third, and Olton beat

Farwell in the consolation game.

Named all tournament players were: Roger Robertson, Farwell; Paul Ramirez, Hart; Freddie Fuentes, Olton; Donnie Noggler, Adrian, and Matlock Howell, Bovina.

Girls named all-tournament were: Naomi Ponci, Hart; Angela Hughes, Olton; Marie Pesch, Bovina; Shana Gober, Bovina, and Kathy Harrison, Texico.

Lazbuddie girls winning

Tuesday, Dec. 11, the Lazbuddie girls' varsity basketball team defeated Three-Way, 49-42.

Scoring the highest number of points in the game for Lazbuddie was Traci Elliott, with 14 points.

On Thursday, the girls went to the Three-Way Tournament, where

Laz boys second

The Lazbuddie boys' varsity basketball team was defeated by Three-Way in the Three-Way Tournament championship game Monday night, 52-46.

To get to the title game, Lazbuddie had beaten Union, 68-56, with Paul Gonzales scoring 27 points.

On Dec. 11, the Lazbuddie boys beat Three-Way in a regular game, 69-57. In this game, Paul Gonzales scored 31 points.

Revenge gained

The Texico JV girls' basketball team avenged their only loss of the season when they beat Portales Dec. 11, 48-42, bringing their record to 6-1.

The JV girls' next game is against the Farwell JV in the first round of the Bovina Tournament.

they played their first game against Union, with Lazbuddie coming out on top, 54-35.

Rhonda Waddell was the highest point-getter in this game, with 13 to her credit. Becky Schacher scored 12 points.

Monday night, the Lazbuddie girls won the championship at the Three-Way Tournament by defeating Three-Way, 54-47.

High scorers for Lazbuddie were Traci Elliott, 23 points, and Becky Schacher, 14.

Then on Tuesday night, Lazbuddie ran its season record to 8-3 by stopping Hart, 48-46. High scorers for Lazbuddie were Traci Elliott, 17; Wendy Jarman, 16, and Becky Schacher, 10.

Lazbuddie girls' coach Mark Albin praised his team for their improvement. Last year the girls only won five games.

Albin noted that his team could have been 10-1 for the season except for losing games by one and two points.

"Right now, the girls are playing extremely well," said Albin.

Farwell boys settle for second place

The Farwell boys' varsity basketball team played against Springlake-Earth Thursday, their first game of the Farwell Tournament.

Farwell won, 64-61. According to Coach Mike Martin, it was a close game all the way through. Farwell led at halftime by 1 point.

Scoring for Farwell were: Roger Robertson, with 30 points; David Woods, 11; Mark Cole, 9; Kevin Owen, 6; Brian White, 5, and Jody Ketcherside, 3.

The second game for Farwell was against Bovina, which Farwell won, 56-55. Martin said, "This was a real good ball game, and we played real well in this game." Mark Cole was the last-minute hero, when he made a free throw with 14 seconds to go in the game, to win it by a point.

Scoring were: Mark Cole, 15 points; David Woods, 10; Jody Ketcherside, 11; Roger Robertson,

10; Eric Williams, 8, and Kevin Owen, 2.

Saturday night, Farwell played against Olton for the championship, with Olton coming out on top, 65-50. Martin commented, "We really played well in this game. We missed a lot of easy shots, where the ball rolled off the rim instead of going into the basket."

Scoring for Farwell were: Jody Ketcherside, 16 points; Roger Robertson, 8; Mark Cole, 7; Kevin Owen, 6; David Woods and Eric Williams, 5 each, and Todd Davis, 2.

All-district teams announced

Farwell High School was honored with several of their football players being named to the all-district team.

On offense, first team from Farwell were: guard, Todd Davis, a 150-pound senior; tackle, Jesse Anzaldua, a 220-pound junior, and running back Kevin Owen, a 175-pound junior.

On defense, first team were: down lineman, Jesse Anzaldua; linebacker Kevin Owen, and defensive secondary, Roger Robertson, a 175-pound senior.

Named to the second team on offense were: tight end, David Rubio, a 160-pound junior; wide receiver Felix Lucio, a 135-pound senior; and running back Roger Robertson.

Receiving honorable mention

were Leonard Hillock, center; Ricky Sikes, guard; Eric Williams, receiver; Blake Kelley, quarterback; and Bobby Ford, running back.

Named to the second team on defense were: down lineman Carey Stancell, a 264-pound sophomore, and Allen Kalbas, a 160-pound senior; linebacker Sammy Sanchez, a 150-pound junior; and defensive backs Brian White, a 150-pound senior, and Eric Williams, a 150-pound junior.

Receiving honorable mention were: Ricky Sikes, down lineman; and Felix Lucio, defensive back.

Muleshoe defeats Farwell

The Farwell 7th grade boys lost their game against Muleshoe Monday night, 37-15.

Coach Rex Cumpton commented, "We did a good job of moving the ball around and getting up and down the floor, but not a very good job shooting. We were poor at the foul line, something we have to work on."

Scoring for Farwell were: Bruce White, 6; Jeremy Jones, 1; Sammy Herrera, 1; Stephen Ketcherside, 1, and Lance Castleberry, 6.

Olton beats Farwell

Olton defeated the Farwell boys' varsity, 67-41, Tuesday.

Coach Mike Martin said, "I don't think we were ready to play them again after the championship game of the tournament Saturday night. We were shooting terribly in the first half. We just couldn't get any shots to fall at all."

Scoring for Farwell were: Roger Robertson, 11 points; David Woods, 8; Mark Cole, 6; Eric Williams, 5; Jody Ketcherside and Todd Davis, each 4; Brian White, 2, and Kevin Owen 1.

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Bulletin Codes	10 General Operating Fund	20 Special Revenue Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	TOTALS		(Memorandum Only)	
				August 31 1984	August 31 1983		
5700 Revenues:							
5800 Local, Intermediate, Out-of-State	\$ 840,434		\$76,998	\$ 917,432	\$ 785,582		
5900 State Program Revenues	545,613			545,613	535,149		
Federal Program Revenues	41,951			41,951	52,132		
TOTAL Revenues	1,427,998	35,932	76,998	1,539,928	1,412,863		
Expenditures:							
11 Instruction	634,327	79,817		714,144	649,221		
21 Instructional Administration	4,072	4,500		8,572	3,588		
22 Instructional Resources & Media Services	20,608	420		21,028	23,476		
23 School Administration	110,340			110,340	121,432		
31 Guidance & Counseling Services	27,175			27,175	212,315		
33 Health Services	15,277			15,277	138,382		
34 Pupil Transportation	63,358			63,358	68,861		
35 Pupil Transportation-Exceptional Children					699		
36 Co-Curricular Activities	32,940			32,940	28,496		
37 Food Services	74,435			74,435	72,550		
41 General Administration	130,052	295		130,347	107,319		
42 Debt Service			17,171	17,171	25,278		
51 Plant Maintenance & Operation	216,094			216,094	180,175		
5000 TOTAL Expenditures	1,328,672	35,932	17,171	1,421,775	1,272,429		
6511 Other Uses			70,000	70,000	70,000		
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	98,422		10,173	108,595	70,404		
0100 Beginning Fund Equity	102,541		29,357	131,898	61,434		
3000 Ending Fund Equity	\$ 200,963	\$	\$19,134	\$ 220,097	\$ 131,868		

Letters to Santa

(Continued from Page 6)

Brite and a little three Wheeler O Santa, I love you.

Love, Jaime Morton

Dear Santa,

How are you doing in the North pole? I hop you found Happy new year. How are you feeling.

Love, Brannon Barnes

Dear Santa,

You are the sweetest man in the whole world. I would like a Gi. Joe. jet. and walkie-talkies.

Love, Chans Stephens

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a merry Christmas. I want a T.V. for Christmas so I can watch cartoons in my bedroom.

Love, Blaze Hardage

Dear Santa,

When are you coming? I would like a big radio and a guitar.

Love, Carlos Luevano

Dear Santa Claus,

I like you, Santa Claus. I want a swimming pool.

Love, Snow

Dear Santa,

I want a Michael Jackson jacket, Motorcycle, Michael Jackson shirt, parachute pants, Leather pants, Michael Jackson stickers, and a Superman Suit.

Jonathan

Dear Santa Claus,

can you bring these 5 toys - 64x150 power astronomical telescope, Four-way microscope with viewer, Fisher price sky talker and a wireles microphone.
Thank you.

Love, Monica

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Crystal Barbie car, Crystal Barbie, and a Strawberry Shortcake doll with a kitty. I love you, Santa. Have a safe trip from the North Pole.

Love, Amanda

to: Santa I wish for a chap stick (cherry), a Barbei shape doll, a Riddle Book, a chain with a cross, a Play Pony, a swimming pool with a Barbei doll, a marker set.

A coloring book with Rainbow Bright, a book about Rainbow Bright, a paint set, a nightgown, a pair of tennis shoes, and a ball, a brush, a play tent, a tent and a bag and a purse, a radio, a van with Barbei ear phones, a friend phone, and a lunch box.

Your friend,
Monse Nicolas

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Western Barbie and a Crystal Barbie! You're a special Santa. You may have some hot choclt and some cookies.

Love, Melanie Buck

Dear Santa,

I am a good girl. I want a Cabbage Patch doll for Christmas. I want lots of toys, too. Thank you very much.

Love, Kristin Ford

P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,

I would like a Cabbage Patch kid, a rainbow bright doll, a activity Loco train, and a call on the Baby Fun Phone. I have been a good girl' all year long. I am seven years old.

Love, Jessica Vidana

Dear Santa,

For Christmas, I would like a pair of skates that are PF Flyer's size 3, and a My Little Pony slumber bag with a slumber mate slumber bag. Also a Poochie Heartthrob box set, Mandy Stationery Wall Organizer Set. A Keeping in Touch Rainbow Writing Kit, and most of all I would like a Atari game. I have been a good girl' all year. I am 10 years old.

Love, Laura Vidana

Dear Santa,

I have been good most of the time. Here's my Xmas list. You can bring me what toys you like best.

doll with braid with white shoes, Rainbo Brite sleeping bag, Cabbage Patch cologne, Rainbo Brite Car,

Rainbo Brite clothes, Cabbage Patch watch, Cabbage Patch doll with pacifier, Baby Bottles, Baby Carrier, Baby Clothes and shoes, Pink baby doll with pink hair, Baby Care Bear.
Thank you, Santa,
Candace

Dear Santa,

I am a good boy, I am nice to my brother and sister. For this Christmas I want a A-Team 5 drum set, a Diakron multi-force robot. Also a high riser power cruiser playset. I will leave some cookies and some milk on the table.

Love, Ross

Dear Santa,

I have been a pretty good boy. I want some hotwheels and some snowskis and a mickey mouse tee-pee and the gl joe race track and the gl joe train track.
from David Scott Singer

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good. Please read my list and bring me the toys you think will be best for me thank you. I love you
Brea

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good. Please read my list and bring me the toys you think will be best for me thank you. I love you
Brea

Dear Santa,

P.S. See list on back.

My Little Pony Sleeping Bag, Rainbow Brite Jogging Suit, Cabbage Patch Watch, one for doll, Cheerbear House shoes, Baby Hugs Bear (Pink), Purse, Rainbow Brite Radio, Care Bear Alarm Clock, Leggo Building Blocks, Care Bears Game, Spirograph, Strawberry Shortcake Table, Strawberry Shortcake House, Strawberry Shortcake Baby, Lucky Sprite, Jewelry Box, My Little Pony Purse, Betty Crocker Bake Set, Poochie Stamp Set, Big Doll with pink hair.

Today's publication of the State Line Tribune was a little early for all the letters being sent to Santa Claus at the North Pole. So watch for more letters from area youngsters in next week's issue.

See more letters in Section 2

The Latest

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Newton and their children, Lauren and Nicholas, visited Peggy Snider and her husband, Chris Gikas, last weekend here. Mrs. Newton is Mrs. Snider's daughter.

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THURSDAY - Baked pork chop, sweet potato patties, buttered cabbage, cornbread with margarine, fruit parfait, beverage.

FRIDAY - Burrito and taco, buttered corn, lettuce and tomato salad, bread, sherbet, beverage.

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Ordinance No. 229

An ordinance adopting the procurement code of the state of New Mexico; prescribing rules, procedures, and regulations for all purchases with a value less than \$5,000.00; and replacing all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith.

A public hearing will be held Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. (MST) at the regular meeting of the Texico City Council at Texico City Hall.

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160 acres, 8-inch well with circle sprinkler, good water area. SE of Oklahoma Lane crossroads.

160 acres, two 8-inch wells, with underground pipe. Lays excellent. South of Farwell on highway.

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Mark Palady, left, a member of the Farwell Volunteer Fire Department, has begun teaching an informal class in Emergency Medical Technician training. To his left at

the first class session last week are Bruce Billingsley and Curtis Smith. The class is open to anyone in the community. So far nine persons have signed up.

Christmas, and then

Here I am sitting
Broke and blue,
My pockets are empty
And Santa's too.

Little bright children
Dashing to and fro,
New toys, new clothes,
And mittens full of snow.

Walking, shopping,
A spending spree,
Gifts are everywhere,
A high priced melee.

Church and soft hymns,
Luke 2, eight thru sixteen,
Christ child was born,
Shepherds have seen.

Up Dancer, up Prancer,
Behind Rudolph we go,
With toys to fill stockings,
Let's get on with the show.

New Year's eve party,
Then cornbread and peas,
Football and Cossell
Up to our sleeves.

Late in the kitchen
Mixmaster still spinning,
Over her shoulder
Santa is grinning.

Soon Christmas and New Year
Season will pass,
Back to hard labor,
Then payday at last!

Now Christmas, turkey
And all that pie.
Gift wrappings and ribbons
Piled sky high.

Tom Ellis
Santa Fe Railway Agent
Texico, N.M.

Miller completes

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of nursing school**



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in Nursing. This degree will qualify her as a registered nurse. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two children, Darryle, 10, and Larry, 5.

Wilma Ann Miller of Amarillo, wife of Dwayne C. Miller, and daughter of Nadine Edge, of Texico, has completed Level One of her nursing education at Amarillo College. Mrs. Miller is enrolled in the Vocational Nursing program and is maintaining a 3.8 grade average. She will graduate in May 1985, and then will take state boards in October 1985, at Fort Worth. After receiving her L.V.N. license, Mrs. Miller will return to college to obtain an Associate Degree

Sleet, snow freeze Twin Cities

Last Thursday afternoon, it began to sleet in the Twin Cities area, and within an hour, all the car windows looked like they had been frosted with about 1/4 inch of ice. On Friday, the cold wintry weather continued, with more ice

and the addition of a little snow, but areas west of here received enough snow to close school for Friday.

Saturday, the Twin Cities area got a little more snow. By Tuesday, most of the snow had melted, but there was a little here and there, and still some ice on the streets to remind us all of the weekend storm that was more cold than anything.



Santa visits

Santa Claus paid a visit Saturday afternoon to Danny's Burger Barn in Texico. Letting Santa know his Christmas wishes is Benjamin Sanchez.

Pool tournament winners announced

Danny's Burger Barn held a pool tournament last weekend, and the results were:

Juniors: first place, Phil Lambert; second place, John King.
Ladies: first place, Brenda Ortiz; second place, Terri Bartley.
Mixed doubles: first place, Othlena Smith and Fuji Ortiz.
Men's doubles: first place, Randy Pierce and J.T. Stanton.
Men's: first place, Fuji Ortiz.

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- Kraft 7 Oz. Jar **MARSHMALLOW CREAM** 59¢
- 3 Lb. Can Reg. or Butter **CRISCO** \$2.49
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- Borden's 14 Oz. Can **EAGLE BRAND MILK** \$1.19
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**May the real reason
for Christmas
be in every heart**

'Tis not the weight of jewel or plate,
Or the fondle of silk and fur;
'Tis the spirit in which the gift is rich,
As the gifts of the wise ones were;
And we are not told whose gift was gold
Or whose was the gift of myrrh.

— Edmund Vance Cooke

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and a Happy New Year*

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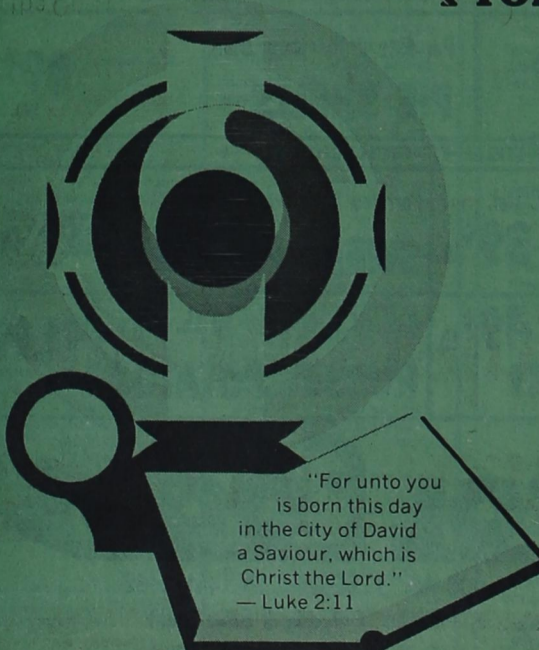
Celestino Lopez

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"For unto you
is born this day
in the city of David
a Saviour, which is
Christ the Lord."
— Luke 2:11



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Eighteen-year-old Franka Bungarten, German exchange student, [center rear] takes time from Christmas preparations to pose with her host family. Her American dad, Vernon Thigpen, is employed by Franse Irrigation and mom Cynthia is secretary to the Parmer County agents. Seventeen-year-old Sherilyn is a junior at Farwell High School and Todd, 14, is an eighth grader. Franka's "real" father is head master of a girls' Catholic school in Krefeld and her mother, an architect. Franka has three sisters: Nina, twenty-one, attends university in Cologne where she is studying Greek; Anna, almost nineteen, is a high school student who, two years ago, was an exchange student to Brady, Texas; and Gisela, sixteen, also attends high school and plans to be an exchange student, too. Thirteen-year-old brother Paul rounds out the family.

Christmas in Germany

...then the family prays together

by Juanita Hadley

Usually "home" for Franka Bungarten is Krefeld, West Germany, a city of around 20,000, located in the Rhine Valley about an hour from Cologne or 20 minutes from Dusseldorf.

However, this year "home" for the lively teenager is Farwell, Texas, where she has become a part of, rather than merely a guest of, the Vernon Thigpen family.

Since the Christmas season is upon us, Franka has agreed to share with us some of the customs and traditions of her native land and of her family.

One of the first things she points out is that West Germany is approximately 60 percent Catholic, so Christmas is an especially important time for most, with observances more or less officially beginning with the first Advent Sunday, usually the first Sunday in December.

On that day, the first of a series of candles is lighted, with a second, third, and fourth adding their brilliance during the following weeks, one per Sunday. Each year, Mrs. Bungarten forms a circular wreath of evergreen boughs which holds the Advent candles.

The four weeks of Advent represent a period of fasting and collecting for the less fortunate, or as Franka says, a time to "save some of your candy bar money and put it in the box for the poor."

Franka notes that the Advent Sundays are very special, and that, when she and her brother and sisters were younger, each Sunday morning the family sat together and made straw tree ornaments and the like. Now, although they no longer create items, they "still sit together and have a feeling of togetherness." Franka also explains that, though the Advent candles may burn periodically throughout the weeks, her family always lights them for their time together.

For German youngsters, one of the highlights of the holidays comes on Dec. 6, for it is on that morning that their shoes, placed outside the bedroom door the previous night, are filled with candy! The bearer of the goodies is none other than St.

Nicolaus himself, who comes down from heaven via the chimney to deliver the merchandise.

Late that afternoon or perhaps in the early evening, children's clubs, school groups, or possibly just several families gather for another visit from St. Nicolaus. This encounter may not be entirely pleasant, however.

St. Nicolaus (in reality one of the fathers or a friend) is accompanied by a second man (also a volunteer from the community), called Knecht Rubrecht, whom St. Nicolaus holds on a leash! From a book, St. Nicolaus reads to the children in attendance a list of their deeds. Of course, the youngsters are astonished that he knows of their doings. Those children who have misbehaved are punished by Knecht Rubrecht, who lightly whips them with the dried grape vines that he carries. Nevertheless, after the punishment is meted out, each child receives some kind of present; then St. Nicolaus and his evel partner withdraw.

During the weeks preceding Christmas, streets and businesses glow with ropes of shining tinsel and lights. And each store, restaurant, and other public place boasts a decorated Christmas tree.

Private homes also reflect the holiday spirit, as families put up stars, advent calendars, and angels throughout. There is a wreath of evergreen boughs for the front door, and more evergreen boughs and bright bows add extra zest to the house. Also, stars are often stuck to window panes or may be suspended in the window itself.

Franka notes that the poinsettia, also called the Christmas Star, is associated with Christmas in her home land, just as it is in America. But there is one difference; in addition to the vivid red that is so familiar, a yellow variety is also available.

Outside home decorations are much in evidence, too, in the form of light-bedecked front yard trees.

Much like American school children, German youngsters draw names and exchange presents on the last day of class before the Christmas break. During Advent,

students in Catholic schools observe the holy time by saying a morning prayer in the lower grades and singing Christmas songs in the higher grades.

Franka stresses that she really knows little of what takes place in public schools, as her experience has been limited to Catholic institutions. She refers to "her" school with a particular smile, for it is very special to her since her father is head master there.

Throughout Germany, it is customary to put up and decorate the family Christmas tree on Dec. 23. And unlike most trees in the United States, every German home sports the real thing. While the typical tree looks similar to its American counterpart, Franka explains that there are differences.

For one thing, the ornaments are quite unusual to the American eye. The glass balls, according to Franka, are pretty but lack a variety of styles and colors. In fact, soon after area stores installed their displays of Christmas paraphernalia, Franka purchased several glass balls which she mailed home to her parents to be used along with the red glass balls which are long-standing decorations on the family tree. In addition, she sent home tiny glass bells.

Also gracing the tree are chocolate candies bought especially for this purpose. Favorite figures include the star, heart, angel, and Christmas Man. These are joined by the straw ornaments made through the years during Advent and handmade gold foil decorations in various shapes, especially stars. Most ornaments, though, are of wood—angels, horses, and just about every other shape. Franka's family also hangs brightly polished red apples from the branches. And topping off the Bungarten tree is a big star, although Franka explains that many families prefer an angel.

The tree is not complete, however, until the lights are added, and, for Franka's family, that means real candles which stand in individual holders that are attached to the tree's branches! Franka is quick to point out that candles are

not normally used and that hers is the only family she knows who still maintains the old tradition, for most choose electric lights.

One item that is found in almost every German home is the nativity scene, and it is invariably located somewhere near the tree. The one belonging to the Bungartens consists of wooden figures which Franka's mother purchased several years ago and painted with other ladies in a church group. A couple or three years ago, Franka's brother Paul, who was about 10 years old at the time, constructed a wooden

stable to house the figures of the Holy Family.

On the afternoon of Christmas Eve, Franka's father makes the drive to his mother's home near Bonn so that she may share in the festivities with them. Franka's maternal grandmother spends the 24th with other relatives but will be with Franka's family during the holidays, perhaps on the 25th or 26th.

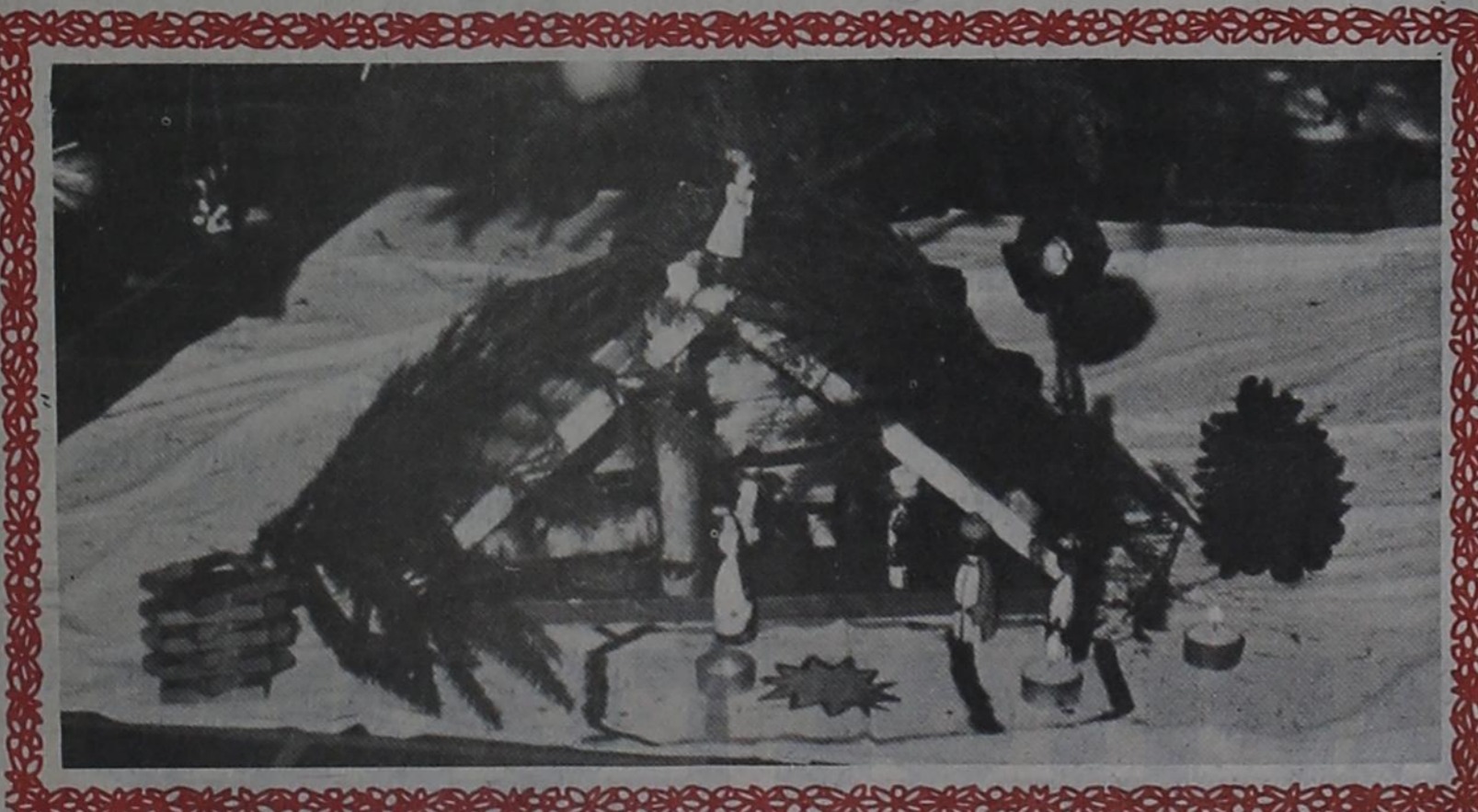
Each Christmas Eve the actual celebration starts about six p.m. and follows an established routine: first, the group sings traditional

Christmas songs, including "Silent Night" (Stille Nacht) and "Oh, Christmas Tree" (O Tannenbaum). As one might expect, these and other favorites are also heard throughout the entire holiday season in stores and businesses, and on the radio.

Next, Franka's father reads the appropriate Bible verses; then the family prays together.

Next on the agenda is the opening of the presents; however, this is accomplished in a rather unique manner. Earlier Franka's mother has

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Since more than half the inhabitants of West Germany are Catholic, the religious aspects of Christmas are strongly emphasized, and, accordingly, most families prominently display the figures of the Holy

Family. The nativity scene pictured occupies a place of honor beneath the Bungarten tree. Also important, but not necessarily religious in nature, are holiday songs, traditional foods such as prints and

puter, and exchanging gifts. For Franka, the holiday season is a time to bake "lots of cookies" and, generally, to enjoy friends and family.

Artificial trees are unheard of in her homeland, according to Franka Bungarten, who furnished this snapshot of her family's 1983 tree. Glass balls, chocolate candies, and real, red apples are used as decorations, along with ornaments of gold foil,

wood, and straw. Illumination is supplied by candle power, from genuine candles in individual holders clipped to the branches of the tree. Franka notes that this form of lighting is very unusual, since most

families rely on electric Christmas tree lights. In German homes, the tree is put up and decorated on Dec. 23, with most Christmas festivities taking place on the 24th rather than on Christmas Day.



Plates bear different Christmas decorations

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placed each individual's presents in a different stack, and beside each pile of packages she set a plate of sweets. Franka notes that the plates all bear Christmas decorations but each person's is different. She explains that the individual's name is written on his plate, but laughingly adds that every family member immediately recognizes his own plate since the plastic-coated dishes are used year after year.

Each plate contains several prints, traditional cookie-like concoctions which may be hard (plain) or soft (chocolate covered, with nuts, etc.). These delicacies, made only in Aachen and sold throughout Germany, are considered a real treat. Franka's grandmother, her mom's mother, happens to live in Aachen; so early each holiday season she sends the family a large box of prints, which are eaten primarily during the time together on Advent Sundays. Then on her Christmas visit, she usually brings a second box.

Also on the plate are marzipans, chocolate candies, nuts, and some kind of fruit, usually a tangerine. After the sweets have been disposed of, the presents are unwrapped and displayed.

Then comes the Christmas Eve dinner, which for the Bungartens consists of three separate courses. The first is a puffed, baked dish with hot sauce in it; the second a shrimp

cocktail; and the last, a salad of herring combined with pickles, nuts, apples, and the like. White bread is served with all the courses. Franka comments that the meal varies from home to home with some families partaking of only the herring salad and bread.

As the evening's finale, the group attends Midnight Mass, although when Franka, her brother, and sisters were much smaller, they attended mass before opening the gifts in order to have a full night's sleep.

According to Franka, Christmas Man brings presents to very young children, much as Santa does in the United States. He, too, is bearded and wears tall, black boots and a red costume. However, here the resemblance ends, for Christmas Man is attired in a long robe, topped by a hooded cape.

Christmas Day brings more visiting and more eating. The special food for the day is puter, a type of fowl which Franka thinks just may be a tom turkey, along with peas, carrots, potatoes and other vegetables. Dessert is always "ice," or ice cream as we call it.

How long the tree is left up following Christmas depends upon family preference, but Franka states that most of the time it remains for at least a week. In her home, the tree stands until Jan. 6 or Twelfth Night, the day the Wise Men are believed

to have presented their gifts to the Baby Jesus.

On that day, the chocolate candies which have decorated the tree are divided among the Bungarten children. Each year, Franka's mother buys an equal number of the candy ornaments for each child; sometimes though, Franka comments, some of the candies mysteriously disappear from the tree!

One of the last events in the holiday season is welcoming the new year. The celebration begins early in the evening with a traditional meal of baked trout ac-

companied by white wine.

Later the Bungartens gather with friends to await the arrival of the New Year. At the magic moment, all those present wish one another a "Good New Year" and drink champagne toasts. And at the same time, the city blooms with private fireworks displays. Franka mentions that sometimes young people get together for a New Year's Eve dance, but that the most important part is to be "with family and friends and to wish each other a good year."

Throughout her discussion on the

subject, Franka has pointed out that there really are not too many differences between a German and an American holiday season. And it is true that in many of the customs she describes, we can glimpse many of our own traditions.

Franka has commented repeatedly on the significance of friends and especially family. She is far

from her German loved ones as 1984 draws to a close, but perhaps her loneliness is lessened, knowing that she is definitely surrounded by adopted American family and friends who care for her very much.

Franka is spending the year in Farwell as part of the Texico-Farwell Rotary Club foreign exchange program.



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Kelli, Texico, N.M.

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a wagun and a bike and a two dolls and a gabig pach kid. and a Bultin Bord and a toy snow man. and a train and a ball and a horn and a chaok bard and a poster and a desik. and 4 books and a pet dog and a toy rein deer and a toy. barn. and 4 sheep and a baby tiger. and a blake kitten and 4 candy cane. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Trecha Kelley, Texico, N.M.

Dear Santa,
I want a fuzzy baby. We have a Christmas tree up. I can't wait until Christmas come. Merry Christmas Santa? I Live Christmas very much. Do you Santa? There is going to be snow a lot to. I like dark trees. I red very much. I lik wite snow. We are going to have a good Christmas. My friend is Kelli K. There is Lights on house. I love Santa.

Kelly O., Texico, N.M.

Dear Santa,
I Love you. Santa come and see me. Santa. I live in Texico, N.M. I been good I miss you. Santa. I want Kapech pach. Santa you need. To come and be. Frinds ok. Santa Merry Christmas. Goodby Santa.

Keri, Texico, N.M.

Dear Santa,
I want a train set for Christmas. and a TV for my room. And army men to go with my house. And a football set. I been good Santa will you bring me some toys. And Candy. Will you bring me an Atari

2b100. Merry Christmas Santa Claus! and a Happy New Year.

Tyrone, Texico, N.M.

Dear Santa,
I want a big feet for my brther. I will Let you have some cokos and a 7 up and some milk. I hoep you get your milk and cokos and 7 up. I want a purite for girls. I hoep you get to my home. Merry Christmas Santa. Have a happy Hartiys day. Santa This is the end of this stria.

Leticia Ann O., Texico, N.M.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Care Bear and a doll and a Strawberry Short cake doll to. I wood like a game and a play dog. I want a Santa Claus, I want a Bear. I wood like a caBech pach kind doll. I want a mrs. pac-man woch. I want a pige bake. I want a play home and a doll with the home. I want a slide and a Swegset. I want a show man. I want a play monye.

Suzanne, Texico, N.M.

Dear Santa,
I can't what until You come. Christmas Is My favorite Holiday. Will You bring An Elf with You. I Like elves. I like It when They Laghf. It Is Funney. Elves are my Favert. You are Nice. I Like Christmas Is a Nice Holladay. I like Christmas because you get a lot of Stef. I wot a Set of Elf Pleaes.

Raymond, Texico, N.M.

Dear Santa,
I have Ben nice will you Brag me a doll. I have not gat natheg frome you and brag me a big Tady Bare. and I hoep you are not sike on christmas day. and I want a reg for my techre my techre is nice to me and I want a bike for my sistre and a doll for my adre sister and I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Maritza, Texico, N.M.

Dear Santa,
What are you going to bring me for Christmas. Im glad that it snowed. You can bring me what ever you want to. I can't wait until

Christmas. I want beebie gun. I want a surprise from you. And a little key car And a toy train and a racing car. and a pac man watch. and a bicycle. and six dollers. and a target. I hope everyone has a happy year. And a ball. and some pencils. And a He man castle. And a armor man. And I hoep everyone has a nice Christmas eve.

Gabriel, Texico, N.M.

Dear Santa,
I want He man and his woriers. and a racetrack and a beebie gun. I no where you Live in the north pole. Do you still have rudooff the red nose reindeer? Are your reindeer still having fun? I can't wait until Christmas. Can you wait until Christmas? I shure cant! Do you still have your wife? I cant wait until you come down my roof. Has any of your reindeer gotten sick? Merry Christmas to all!

Pat, Texico, N.M.

Dear Santa,
I wood like a bike. I like you. I wood like a truck with a traler. I wood like a tree wheeler. I am good. What do you do besides make toys. Are you busier than the elves. I wood allso Like a G.I. Joe seat. Are you real. I hope they poot this in the newspaper. I wish I Lived whith you and I cood help you.

Jereme, Texico, N.M.

Dear Santa,
Santa is coming agan. He will come to give me toys. Santa will give me a doll and a play pony and a stocking to. He will give out toys in boxes for children. He will give out cards and dolls for me. What I want is a doll and cards and candy and a box of toys. One Christmas he will come to give out toys to me and my friends to.

Teresa, Texico, N.M.

Dear Santa,
I want a stove, sink, ice box and a bunch of other toys. Me and my brother, Jeff, want a swing set. I have been a good girl and my brother has been good too.

Love,
Candy Davis, 4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a backhoe and a truck for Christmas. My little brother Josh would like a musical toy for Christmas. I will leave some cookies and a glass of milk for you.

Love,
Brett and Josh Curtis

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Doll, t1fn, real horse, real gokart, my real cat, my wotch, my doll that picks up the room, a lots of money. I Love you. I like your rein deer. Bye.

Love, Casey Charlson

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Red haired cabbage Patch Kid. I also want Rainbow Brite Doll and a Babby Hugs Bear and a Poochie tooth brush. I also need some clothes and jeans and shirts.

Thank you,
Ginger Sides

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Football and a Soccer ball and 2 Farwell Steer Football Helments and a Gobot. I also want a Stomper and Heman and Skeltor and Drogon Walker and a Rotron and a Guitar.

Thank you,
Jim Bob Sides

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Your very very nice to me. I would like a barbie doll.
I Love you Santa.

Love, Veronica Galvan

Dear Santa,
I hope you feel good. for Christmas, I want a t.v. in my bed room. so that I can watch

cartoons.

Dear Santa,
How are you and Rudolph doing? I would like a Mr. T gun-set. and a domino-set.
How are the elves doing?

Love, Kris Arce

Dear Santa,
You are very, very nice to me. Have you been sick this year? How is your wife doing?
I would like to have a trampoline.

Have a Happy Merry Christmas!!

Love, Julie Mitzelfelt

Dear Santa,
I like the motorcycle you gave me last year.
Could I have a four wheeler Christmas. I would also like to have a little car to drive that has a real motor in it.

Love, Michael

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me my toys to Rt. 2
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A tree is God's creation everywhere on earth - including Brooklyn. It's said man once lived in trees. When he climbed down, life never again was to be quite so simple... yet only then did the tree get truly appreciated. For here was food and fuel and shelter. Then a weapon, a tool, a wheel - and transportation. And now it's floors, doors veneers, piers, baskets, caskets... rubber for gaskets. It's a handle for brooms, shovels, rakes... syrup on pancakes. It's paper and paints... tars, spars, boxes and boxcars... storage bins and blowing pins. It's toothpicks and matchsticks... even plastics... material for distillation, lamination, insulation... windows for ventilation, and a thousand and one other we-can't-do-withouts. Yet few people look at a tree in the same way. To the small boy it's a favorite and strategic place... where you build a treehouse, spot a woodpecker, cut slingshots and fishpoles, hang old tires and climb for fun. To the naturalist it's probing a fascinating world of buds, blossoms, bark, needles, cones and leaves... spectacles of color... and some 1,035 domestic species. (Yet to a baseball player it's as simple as a stick of second-growth ash, sized and shaped to "feel like a million.") To the artist it's inspiration... alone on a windswept hill, timberline patchwork on a mountainside, thick and verdant in a valley. To the homeowner it's beauty and shade and property value... also digging, planting, pruning, edging, feeding and a lot of other weekend work. To the hobbyist and craftsman it's a new bookcase, picnic table, panelled den, plywood shelves... a chance to become downright "immortal". To the timberman it's a bustling big business, measured by cords and board feet. But most of all, a tree remains what it was in the first place... man's ever-lasting friend. For we'd sure be "stumped" for a mighty lot of things in a world without trees!

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Love, Melanie Willebrand

I Love You!!!!

Dear Santa,

I hope you feel o.k. I would like a Jumbo Busy Set and Marker Set. You are nice.

Love, Bea Foster

Dear Santa,

I want a space station and a large space truck.

Love, Stephen Foster

Dear Santa,

I want a red Romeo Sprite doll and a doll stroller that carries a doll in the front and a doll in the back.

Love, Christian Foster

Dear Santa,

I want a Mulberry Bush doll with black hair and brown eyes. If you can't find one bring a doll called a Cabbage Patch Koosa.

Love, Christi Corn

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bike and a Rainbow Brite set. I want a Smurf watch, and a bear, and E.T. dishes.

Lisa Serna

Dear Santa,

I want a football for Christmas this year and I've been good at school and I've listen to my teacher all the time Santa.

Love, Chon Arce

Dear Santa,

Im in the first grade at Texico. I Love Santa. I hope I've been good. Please bring me a Cabbage Patct doll.

Vanessa Anaya

Dear Santa. I'm in the first grade at Texico. I love Santa. Please bring me a set of gobots and base and electric train set.

Love Jeremy Lee Faircloth

Dear Santa,

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Love, Margie Robinson

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Manuel Miranda

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Love, Donann Reed

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Love Joey and I love you (Joey Winkles)

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Lindsay Kittrell

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Chris

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Richard Maestas

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Love, John Montano

Dear Santa,

My name is Jeannie Pierce and I would like you to bring me a cabbage pach doll and a barbie doll and a garden doll too. My cousin Becky wants a cabbage pach doll and a garden doll and some learning toy. You see she's only two. Fill our stockings please.

Love, Jeannie and Becky Pierce

P.S. Have a safe trip. We love you!!!

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. Please bring me a pink My little pony.

Love, Lisa Herington, age 3

CHRISTMASTIME



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TWIN CITIES MACHINE WORKS

VANE DOSHER

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Dear Santa Claus,

Please may I have B.B.S. +10 Box Pkags. and B.B. cock rifle. Thank you.

Justin Dane Mahaney

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? I have been a good boy, I am 5 years old. This year i would like to have a disc plow and a fire truck.

Thank you for last year's presents; i am anxious for you to come.

Brandon

Dear - Santa - Claus,

i am 5 years old and i have tried to be a good girl this year. How has your year been?

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'Santa, write back please!!!'

I would also like some knitted clothes to dress her in.
I love you, thank you for your gifts last year.

Rachel Embry

Dear Santa,

My name is Chelsi Woods. I am four years old. I have a sister named McKinzi who is one year old. We have both been good girls this year.

For Christmas, I would like a rainbow bright sleeping bag, a Barbie Bubbling Spa, and a Starlight for my Rainbow Bright. Please put a candy cane in my stocking, too.

My sister McKinzi would like a rocking chair and a Baby, and a candy cane.

We will leave you some chocolate chip cookies, and snickerdoodles with milk for a snack, cause that's what my Daddy said you'd like best. Merry Christmas Santa!

I love you, Chelsi Paige Woods

Dear Santa,

I've been a pretty good girl this year! Please bring me a Care bear bicycle if you don't have a carebear a Strawberry Shortcake will do. Please bring my daddy a new tractor he has been a pretty good boy. Thank you!

Chelsi Anne Kaltwasser

Dear Santa,

I won't a B.B. pump Rifle and a B.B. pistle plus 3 pack of B.B.

Love, Jody

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Karyn. I have a little sister, Debra, and three big sisters. For Christmas, I want a hammer and peg board. Debra wants a baby doll.

Also, please bring things for my big sisters that they would like.

We will leave you a snack.
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Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring Me a Cobra Mocassin And a gi Joe jet and a transformers Leader and small tap-recorder. thank you.

Anthony Armendariz

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas!
Thank you for last year's gifts!
Please bring my little sister, Heidi, a Good Luck Carebear and anything else you think she needs.

Please bring me a Funshine Carebear. Also, please bring a cassette storage case to keep all our story cassettes in. Thank you very much. God Bless you,

Love,
Heidi & Hayley Burton
Farwell, Texas

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas!
Thank you for last year's Christmas gifts!
Please bring most of all a "Bed-time" Care Bear to me. A Tool box full of tools would be great, too! And, my mom says I need some animal slippers!
Thanks a lot,

Love,
Ivan Burton
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Thank you, Santa
Love, Jayme Ford

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a stereo.
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I want a phone.
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Love,
Natasha Shaw, 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas Santa. I want a real motorcycle, and a power rod, and a radiol, and a bike, and a Little Atari, and a play race car, and a motorcycle helmet, and a play cowboy truck, and a TNT car, and a car case, and a play jet, and a real shovel, and a real rake, and a chalkboard.

Marcos, Texico, N.M.

Dear Santa,

I want a care Bear. I want a wish Bear. I want a toy Santa. and my brther wants a toy truck. and I want a game I want a doll. And you are nice. I want a pige backe. I want a little toy Christmas tree, I want a toy man. and I want a little home.

Yolanda, Texico, N.M.

Dear Santa,

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I will want to get for. Christmas a car and a gun and a Christmas three and a lite of rowbites and lit of man I want my mom to by me a cawt and a cat and a dog for me and my dad I want to get a lite of books for Christmas and a lite of cats and cars.

Jason, Texico, N.M.

Dear Santa Claus,

How is Rudolph?
How is the elves?
My brother wants a Gobot.
I want a Cabbage Patch Doll.
I have been good to my brother.

Love, Suzanne Marie Richmond

Dear Santa,

I hope you feel well.
I would like a microphone. I would like a Barbie doll set.
I hope you have a nice trip.

Love, Jamie Bethel

Dear Santa,

You're nice.
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Love, Holly D.



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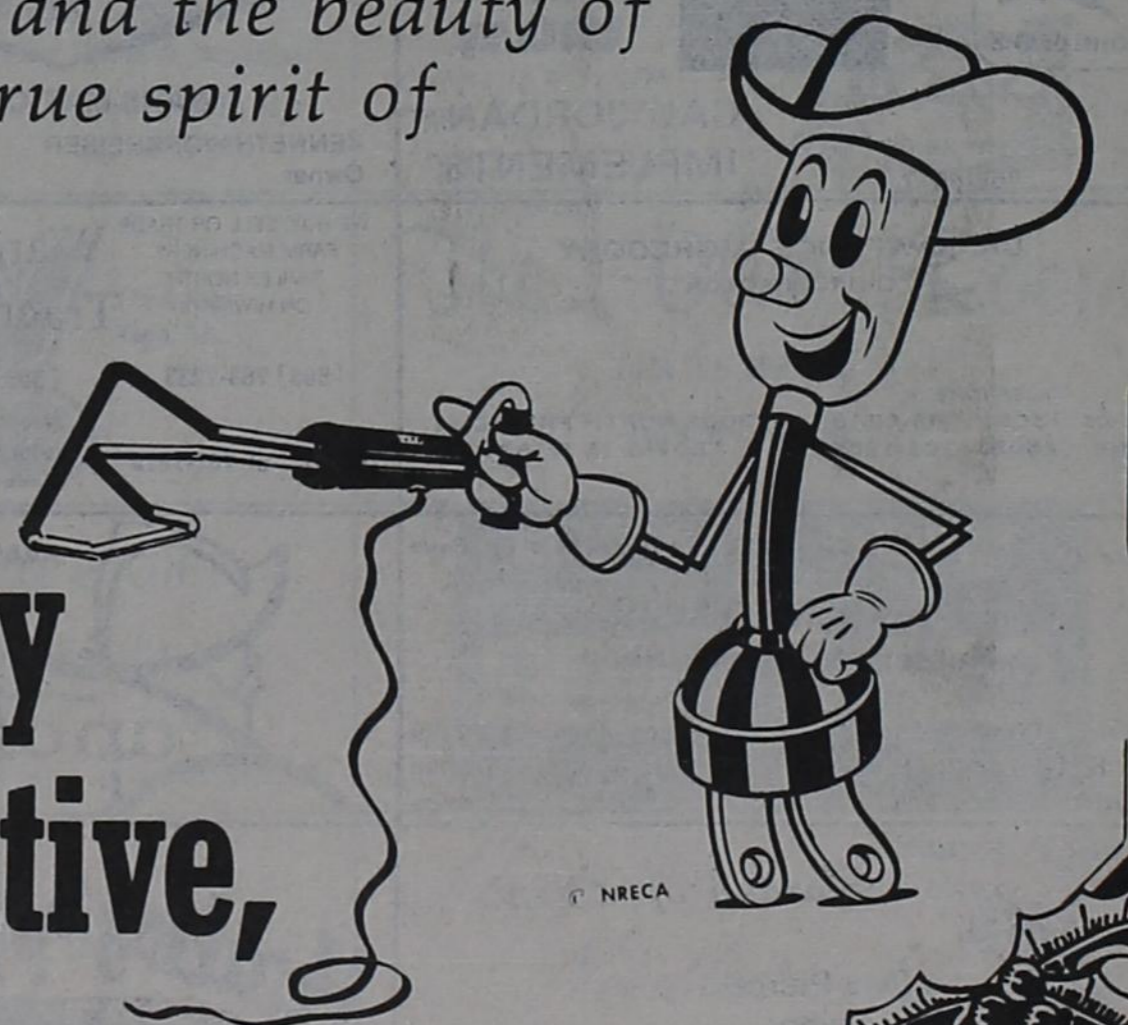
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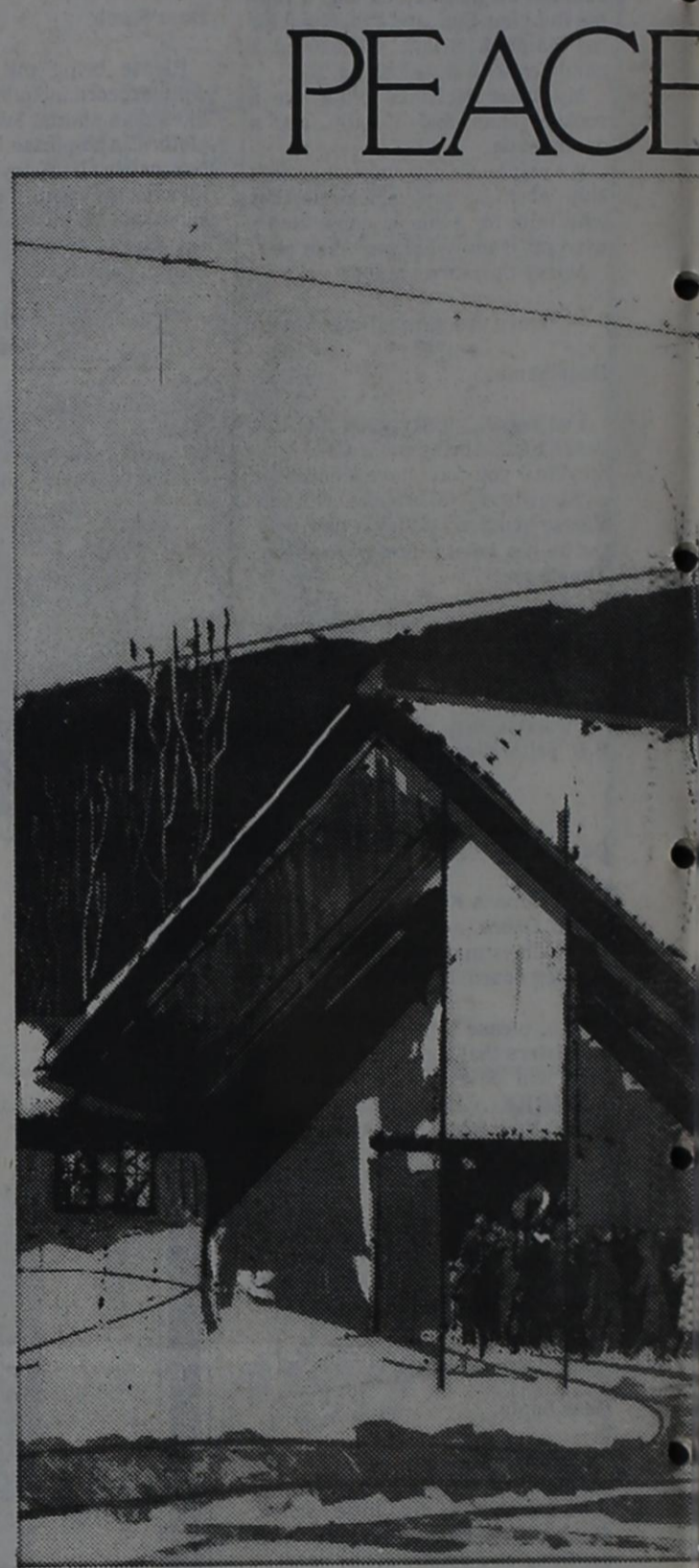
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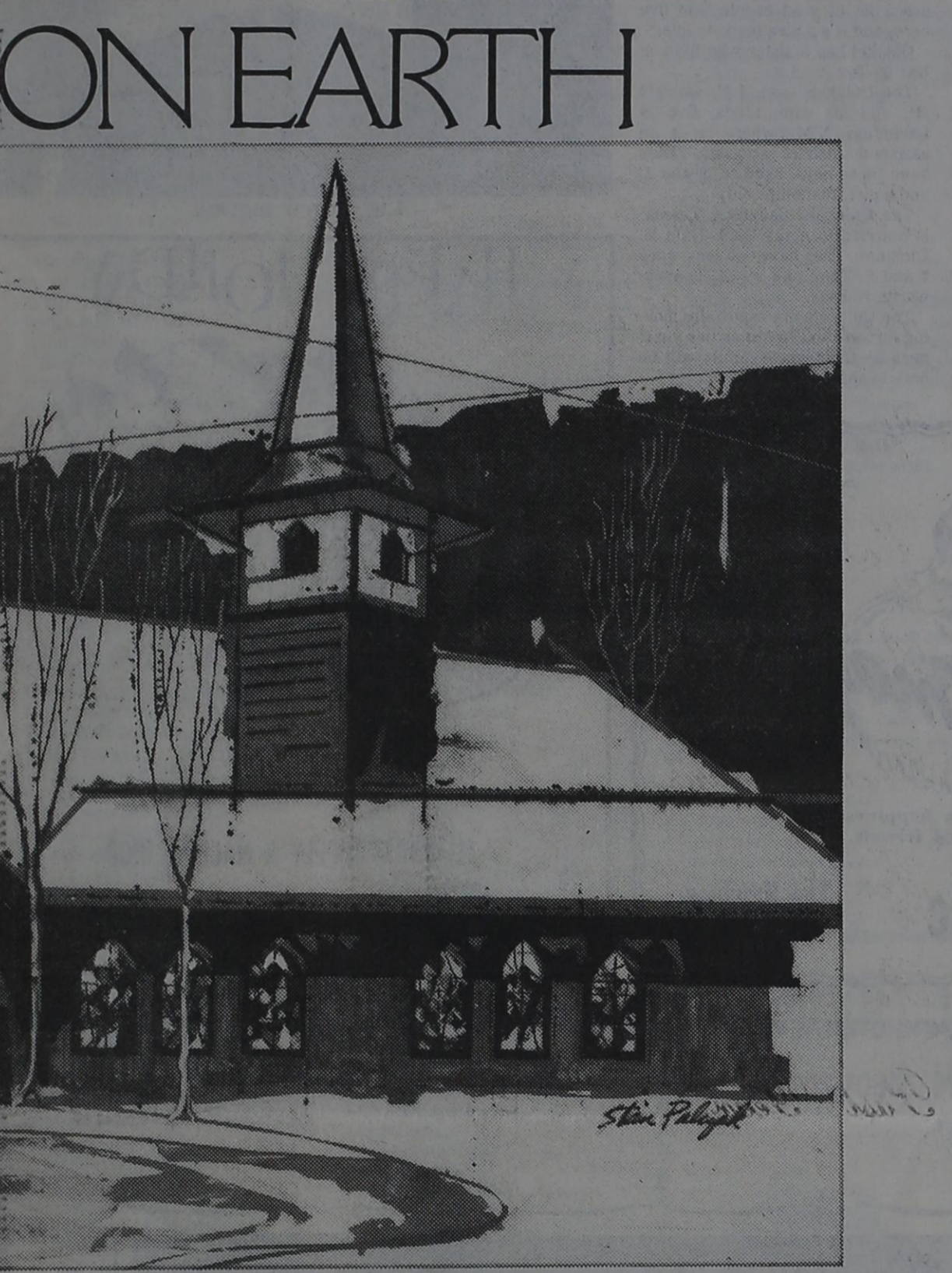
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Quickel remembers things were different

This area got its first glimpse of "Dutch" Quickel when he was almost six years old.

That was in 1926, the year his family first came here from Tangier, Okla.

Quickel's father returned to his job in Oklahoma, which was transporting prospective land buyers to this area from western Oklahoma and western Kansas for the Capital Freehold Land Trust (CFL). This syndicate was made up of British, Irish and Scottish investors who bought shares in the XIT Ranch, operated it as a ranch for awhile, then started selling it off.

The syndicate had hotels at West Camp and another, four miles east of the hub in Parmer County, and

Magic show planned

Jarvis, a magician and illusionist from Dallas, will be performing a show at the Farwell Community Center at 7 p.m. Dec. 29.

Admission is \$3. Children under six may attend free.

The show is being sponsored by the Texico-Farwell Rotary Club, with proceeds going to the Farwell Community Center.

Tickets are available at the door.

probably others, where the prospective buyers could stay. Judge James D. Hamlin was in charge of the syndicate's properties in this area. The last of the XIT was sold in the early 50's. It consisted of 30 acres on the north side of Farwell.

In 1930, when Quickel was nine years old, his family moved to Bovina, where his father farmed.

In 1936, Quickel graduated from high school at Bovina, and he started to college in 1937, at McMurry College in Abilene. He stayed there for one year, then transferred to West Texas State in Canyon.

In December, 1941, Quickel left school and volunteered in the Coast Guard. Quickel said, "The only problem was, they neglected to tell me what coasts I would be guarding." While in the Coast Guard, he saw England, France, Scotland, Egypt, Panama, Coasta Rica, Trinidad, the Bahamas, India and Ceylon (now Sri Lanka).

On Feb. 7, 1945, Quickel married Dorothy Thornton, whom he had met in Farwell on a blind date. They were married in "The Little Church Around the Corner" in New York City.

The Quickels lived in Brooklyn until I.W. Quickel III announced his arrival. At that time, Mrs. Quickel returned to Farwell, and Mr. Quickel went by transport back to India. He got out of the Coast Guard

in June 1946.

After he was out of the service, Quickel went back to school at West Texas State, where he graduated in 1947 with a degree in agriculture.

After graduation, Quickel found employment in Farwell at the Parmer County Vocational School, commonly known as the "G.I. School." He taught courses in agriculture. He also worked as the county surveyor.

From Sept. 1, 1952 to May 1, 1959, Quickel worked for the City of Farwell and the Farwell Independent School District as the tax assessor-collector. On May 1, 1959, Quickel went to work for Mutual Life Insurance of New York as a field underwriter. He worked at that job until he accepted his present position on April 1, 1979, as the adult probation officer in Parmer County.

Quickel said that he has seen many changes in this area over the years. "When we came to the area, there was still a lot of grassland, and there were still cowboys here. There was a lot of grass and cattle." Quickel said that the farming was all dry-land then.

He remembers an afternoon in 1937, during the Dust Bowl, when big towering walls of dirt came

down from Colorado and completely darkened the skies.

According to Quickel, the first irrigation well was drilled at Hereford in 1906. It was quite a few years later that the next wells were drilled, near Muleshoe in Bailey County. There were a few irrigation wells around here in the middle 40's, but the big push for irrigation didn't happen here until the 50's. Most wells were drilled here between 1950 and 1956.

Quickel said of Farwell, "There are a lot of good people who live here, and it's a nice place to live."

Quickel has a sister who lives in Irving, Tex.

The Quickels' son, I.W. Quickel III, and his wife, Linda, live in Lovington, N.M., where he is an assistant district attorney. They have three boys, aged 18, 8 and 2, and a girl, 10 months old.

The Quickels' daughter, Teresa, is married to Army Capt. Dale E. Dickman. They have two sons, ages 7 and 5. They live at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

The Quickels are especially looking forward to Christmas this year, because their whole family will be here to share it with them.



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Roll up your sleeves, Twin City cooks

Glenda Davis Bryan sent us her recipes, and wrote that she hopes that someone enjoys them as much as she has enjoyed those recipes she has clipped from the Tribune in years past.

PUNCH

Dissolve 3-3 oz. packages of Jello in 9 cups boiling water. Cool. Mix 4 cups sugar and 4 cups water; bring to boil to let sugar dissolve. Cool; mix with Jello. Before serving, add: 1-16 oz. bottle lemon juice 1-1 oz. almond extract 2-46 oz. cans pineapple juice 2 large bottles ginger ale Serves about 50.

MUSHROOMS

1 lb. medium mushrooms
1 cup chopped stems
1 cup finely chopped pecans
3 Tbsp. chopped parsley leaves
¼ cup butter
1 clove garlic, crushed
¼ tsp. ground thyme
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
½ cup heavy cream

Remove stems from mushrooms. Wipe caps with damp cloth and arrange in shallow baking dish, hollow side up. Chop stems and mix with pecans, parsley, butter, garlic, thyme, and seasoning. Heap into mushroom caps. Pour cream over mushrooms and bake for 20 minutes, at 350°. Baste once or twice. Enjoy!

CHICKEN NUT PUFFS

1 cup chicken broth
½ cup butter
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 cup flour
1 Tbsp. chopped parsley
2 tsp. seasoned salt
¾ tsp. celery seeds
½ tsp. paprika
1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper
4 eggs

1-5 oz. can boned chicken
¼ cup chopped toasted almonds
Combine first three ingredients in pan; bring to a boil.

Combine next six ingredients; add to boiling mixture all at once. Stir vigorously over low heat for about 1 minute or until mixture leaves sides of pan and forms a smooth ball. Remove from heat and cool slightly.

Add eggs, one at a time, beating with wooden spoon after each; beat until smooth. Stir in chicken and almonds. Drop by teaspoon onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 400°, for 15-18 minutes.

Makes 7½ dozen.

MOTHER'S "ICE BOX" DATE ROLL

Mrs. Bryan says that this was one of her mother's favorites. Her mother was Elna Ruth Davis.

½ cup cream
30 marshmallows
1 cup chopped nuts
1 pkg. (½ lb.) chopped dates
2-2½ pkg. graham crackers

Heat cream and melt marshmallows. Add nuts, dates, and crumbs. Roll in crumbs shaping into 2 rolls. Wrap in wax paper and put in refrigerator for at least 6 hours.

Slice and serve.

AMERICAN CAFE VEGETABLE CHIP DIP

Mix together:
½ cup buttermilk
1½ cups mayonnaise
¾ tsp. garlic powder
1 Tbsp. onion powder
¼ tsp. garlic salt
¼ tsp. salt
Add:
½ cup chopped parsley
1 cup chopped carrots
Chill 24 hours. Serve with all kinds of fresh vegetables.

CARAMELS

2 cups brown sugar
¾ cup white Karo syrup
½ lb. butter
1 can Borden's sweetened condensed milk
Mix all ingredients in heavy saucepan. Let boil 30 minutes. Stir constantly over low heat. Add 1 tsp. of vanilla and 1 cup of chopped nuts. Pour into buttered pans and cool. Cut into squares and wrap in plastic wrap.

FLANK STEAK MARINADE

1½ Tbsp. olive oil
1½ Tbsp. soy sauce
4 Tbsp. lemon juice
¼ tsp. thyme
½ tsp. freshly ground pepper
3-4 scallions, sliced
up to 2 lbs. steak (flank, T-bone, sirloin)
Score steak, marinate 12-24 hours. Take out of refrigerator 1 hour before cooking. Cut into serving-sized pieces. Broil.

GRANDMOTHER'S POPCORN CARMEL CRISP

2½ lbs. brown sugar
1 cup white Karo
1 cup water
1 lb. oleo
1 tsp. salt
Boil together until a firm brittle ball forms when dropped into cold water. Pour over popcorn and spread on wax paper. (Mrs. J.E. Randol).

Cynthia Thigpen was the donor of the following recipes.

HUMMINGBIRD CAKE

3 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups sugar
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
3 eggs, beaten
1 cup vegetable oil
1½ tsp. vanilla
1 (8 oz.) can crushed pineapple, undrained
1 cup chopped pecans
2 cups chopped bananas
Cream cheese frosting
½ cup chopped pecans
Combine first 5 ingredients in a large mixing bowl; add eggs and oil, stirring until dry ingredients are moistened. Do not beat. Stir in vanilla, pineapple, 1 cup pecans, and bananas.

Spoon batter into 3 greased and floured 9-inch round cakepans. Bake at 350 for 25 to 30 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in

center comes out clean. Cool in pans 10 minutes; remove from pans, and cool completely.

Spread frosting between layers and on top and sides of cake; then sprinkle ½ cup chopped pecans on top.

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

1-8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
½ cup butter or margarine, softened
1-16 oz. pkg. powdered sugar, sifted
1 tsp. vanilla extract
Combine cream cheese and butter, beating until smooth. Add powdered sugar and vanilla; beat until light and fluffy. Yield: enough frosting for one 3-layer cake.

PECAN PIE

½ cup sugar
4 Tbsp. butter
vanilla
½ cup chopped pecans
1 cup light corn syrup
3 eggs
Unbaked pastry shell
Bring sugar, syrup, and butter mixture to a boil. Beat eggs and pour syrup over eggs gradually. Flavor with vanilla, add chopped pecans. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake at 350° about 30 minutes.

MILKY WAY CAKE

8 Milky Way bars (regular size)
2 sticks oleo
2 cups sugar
4 eggs

2½ cups flour
½ tsp. soda
1¼ cups buttermilk
1 cup pecans

Melt Milky Ways and 1 stick oleo in top of double boiler. Cream together sugar and 1 stick oleo. Add beaten eggs, flour, soda, and buttermilk. Then add candy bars and pecans. Bake in tube pan 1 hour and 15 minutes at 325.

FROSTING

2½ cups sugar
1 cup canned milk
1 cup marshmallow creme
1-6 oz. pkg. chocolate chips
1 stick oleo

Cook sugar, milk, and marshmallow creme until it will form a soft ball in cold water. Then add chocolate chips and oleo. Stir until melted and spread on cake.

CREAM CHEESE BRAIDS

1-8 oz. carton commercial sour cream, scalded
½ cup sugar
½ cup butter or margarine, melted
1 tsp. salt
2 pkgs. dry yeast
½ cup warm water (105 to 115)
2 eggs, beaten
4 cups all-purpose flour
Filling (recipe follows)
Glaze (recipe follows)
Combine scalded sour cream, sugar, butter, and salt; mix well, and let cool to lukewarm. Dissolve yeast in warm water in a large mixing bowl; stir in sour cream mixture, then eggs. Gradually stir in flour (dough will be soft). Cover tightly, and chill overnight.

Divide dough into 4 equal portions. Turn each portion out on a heavily floured surface, and knead 4 or 5 times. Roll each into a 12x8-inch rectangle. Spread one-fourth of filling over each rectangle, leaving a ½-inch margin around edges. Carefully roll up jellyroll fashion, beginning at long side. Firmly pinch edge and ends to seal. Carefully place rolls, seam side down, on greased baking sheets.

Make 6 equally spaced X-shaped cuts across top of each loaf. Cover and let rise in a warm place (85) free from drafts, until doubled in bulk (about 1 hr.). Bake at 375 for 15 to 20 minutes. Spread loaves with glaze while warm. Yield: 4 (12-inch) loaves.

Filling:
2-8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
¾ cup sugar
1/8 tsp. salt
1 egg, beaten
2 tsp. vanilla
Combine all ingredients. Process in food processor or electric mixer until well blended.

Glaze:
2 cups sifted powdered sugar
¼ cup milk

2 tsp. vanilla
Combine all ingredients, mixing well.

APRICOT DIVINITY

4 cups sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
¾ cup water
1/8 tsp. salt
1-3 oz. pkg. apricot flavored jello
3 egg whites
1 tsp. vanilla
½ cup chopped pecans
Combine sugar, corn syrup, water and salt in a 2-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat until mixture reaches hard ball stage (260).

While syrup cooks, add apricot gelatin to egg whites and beat until very stiff. Gradually pour hot syrup over egg whites and continue beating at a high speed until mixture is thick and candy starts to lose its gloss. (The beating may require about 12 minutes.) Add vanilla and nuts to candy and drop by teaspoonfuls onto wax paper. Makes ap-

proximately 7 dozen pieces.

HOT PUNCH

1 quart cranberry cocktail
1 cup sugar
1-6 oz. can frozen orange juice
1-6 oz. can frozen lemonade
4 quarts water
1 cup cinnamon red hots
2 whole cloves
Mix ingredients and put in coffee urn - putting red hots and cloves in basket. Let perk.

PEPPERMINT BARK

1 lb. white chocolate, melted (almond bark)
1 cup peppermints, crushed
red food coloring
Combine melted chocolate and crushed peppermint candies; add 1 or 2 drops red food coloring or until desired color is reached. Mix well and spread on a greased cookie sheet making a thin covering. Place in freezer for 15 to 20 minutes; (Continued on Page 10)

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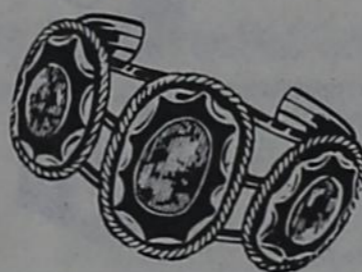
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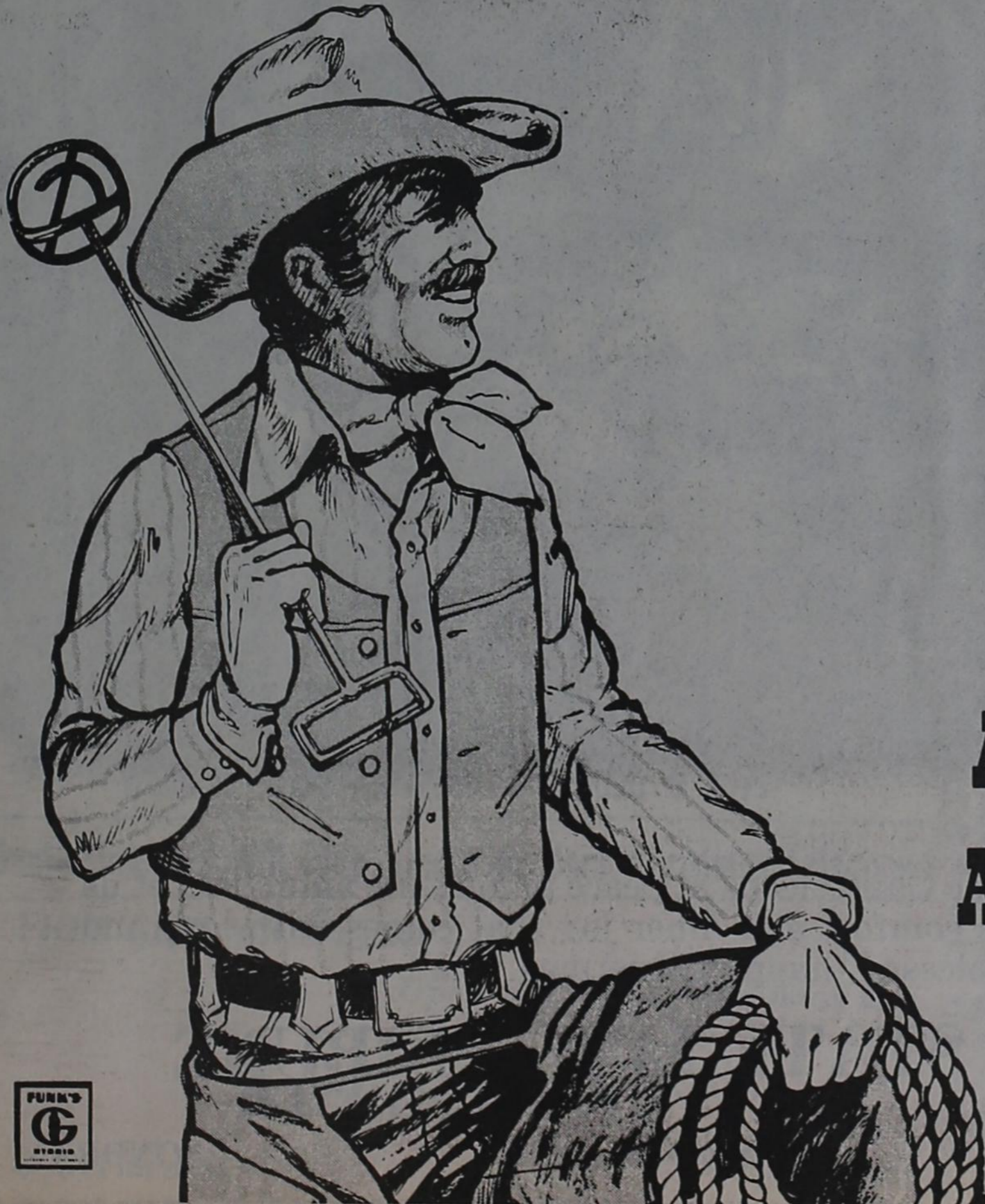
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How to fix an 'impossible pie'

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break apart.

Janette Pierce, the Farmer County agent for home economics, gave two microwave recipes that sound yummy.

APRICOT CHEW BALLS

1/2 cup butter or margarine
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. salt
2 eggs
1 cup chopped dried apricots
3 cups wheat flake cereal, coarsely crushed
1 cup chopped pecans
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 to 3/4 cup powdered sugar

In a 2-quart measure, microwave butter at high for 45 seconds-1 1/4 minutes, or until melted. Blend together granulated sugar, flour, salt and eggs. Stir in apricots. Microwave at high 3 1/2 to 6 minutes, or until very thick. Stir every 2 minutes. Cool 5 minutes.

In a large bowl, combine cereal and pecans. Stir in apricot mixture and vanilla until well blended. Shape into 1 inch balls. Place powdered sugar in plastic bag and coat a few balls at a time. Refrigerate 2 to 3 hours until chilled.

BUTTERMILK PRALINES

2 cups sugar
1 tsp. baking soda
1 cup buttermilk
3/4 cup butter or margarine
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups pecan halves

In a 3-quart measure, stir together sugar, baking soda, buttermilk and butter. Microwave at 50% (medium) 30-40 minutes or until soft ball stage. Stir 2 to 3 times during cooking.

Add vanilla, beat at high speed of electric mixer until soft peaks form. Stir in pecans and drop by teaspoonfuls on wax paper. Cool until firm.

Makes 4 dozen.

Redessa Moreland had these three recipes to share with you.

CHICKEN AND RICE

1 cup rice (regular long-cooking) dry

2 cans cream soups (unreconstituted), choose from celery, mushroom, chicken
1 can chicken broth
1 envelope dry onion soup
1 cut-up frying chicken

Grease a large baking dish and sprinkle rice over bottom. Heat the two cans of soup with broth, stirring until well-blended. Pour over rice and stir until mixed. Save some to pour over the top. Roll piece of chicken in dry onion soup. Lay over rice. Seal pan with foil or cover and bake 325 for at least 2 hours.

Keep moist - add more liquid (broth or milk) if needed. May be cooked in a crockpot - cook about 3-4 hours on low.

FUDGE

3 pkgs. chocolate chips (6 oz. pkgs.)
1/2 lb. butter
2 cups chopped nuts
1-7 oz. jar marshmallow whip
Put above in a large bowl.
4 1/2 cups sugar
1 large can milk

Put in large saucepan and boil hard for 15 minutes. Pour hot sauce over ingredients in bowl and mix well. Pour into greased cookie sheets.

IMPOSSIBLE PIE

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup flour
4 eggs
2 cups milk
1 stick oleo
2 tsp. vanilla
1 cup coconut

Blend all ingredients for 30 seconds. Pour in greased 9 or 10-inch pie pan and bake about 30 minutes, at 350 till set or slightly brown.

Everyone who tries these recipes will thank Larise Charlson from now on, as they are all special.

DATE PINWHEELS

1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 egg
1/2 tsp. vanilla
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. soda
1/2 tsp. salt

1 recipe date filling
Thoroughly cream together butter and sugars. Add egg and vanilla; beat well. Sift together dry ingredients; stir into creamed mixture. Chill. Divide dough in half.

On lightly-floured surface, roll one part into 12x8-inch rectangle, about 1/4 inch thick. Spread half of date filling over dough. Begin at long edge, roll like a jelly roll. Repeat with remaining dough. Wrap rolls in wax paper. Chill several hours. Slice 1/4 inch thick. Bake on greased cookie sheet at 400 about 8 minutes. Makes 5 dozen.

DATE FILLING

In saucepan, combine 1 lb. pitted dates, cut up, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 cup water. Cook and stir till mixture boils and thickens slightly. Cool. Just before using, add 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts.

ANGEL BISCUITS

5 cups flour
1/2 cup sugar
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. salt
1 cup shortening
1 pkg. dry yeast
2 Tbsp. warm water
2 cups buttermilk

Sift dry ingredients together. Cut in shortening. Dissolve yeast in warm water and add with butter-

milk to dry mixture. Mix well. Turn out on lightly floured board, add more flour if necessary. Roll to 1/4-inch thickness, cut then dip in melted oleo, stack two, place on baking sheet. Bake 400° for 15 minutes or golden brown.

PANCAKES

Mix 1/2 package dry yeast in 2 Tbsp. warm water and set aside. Mix together:
2 cups flour
1 Tbsp. baking powder
1 tsp. soda
3 Tbsp. sugar
2 1/2 tsp. salt

Add 2 cups buttermilk, stir and add 3 eggs, mixing between each egg. Add 3 Tbsp. salad oil. Add yeast and water. Add 1/2 cup evaporated milk. May cook right away, or mix the night before to cook in the morning.

Sherry Curtis wished to share with all of us a recipe that Santa enjoyed at her grandmother's house, when her mother was growing up.

PECAN FROSTING

1 cup whipping cream
2 cups sugar
1/4 cup milk

Cook until spins a thread. If it sugars, add a little butter. Beat. Make a yellow or white layer cake. Spread frosting on bottom layer. Top with finely chopped pecans.

Put on top layer and frost cake sides and top. Decorate with pecan halves.

SWISS SCALLOPED CORN

2 cans (16 oz.) whole kernel corn,

drained
1 cup shredded swiss cheese
1/2 tsp. onion powder
1/8 tsp. pepper
1 1/2 Tbsp. flour
1 Tbsp. melted butter
1 egg
1 can (small) evap. milk
3 slices cooked bacon
1/4 cup bread crumbs
Dash paprika

In oblong baking dish, add corn, cheese, onion powder and pepper. In a bowl, blend flour with the egg and evap. milk, and add to the corn mixture. In small bowl, combine crumbled bacon and bread crumbs with butter, top casserole with mixture. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes.

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Barbecued pecans

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QUESO DIP

Fill electric fondue full to top: 2 lb. Velveeta cheese
1 can green chiles, chopped
3-4 little green onions, chopped
a few jalapenos, chopped
1 lg. tomato, diced
1/4 cup milk
1/2 cup beer
Melt in fondue, stirring often. Let sit awhile to flavor.

1 cup real mayonnaise
2 Tbsp. dill weed
2 Tbsp. diced onion
2 Tbsp. parsley flakes
2 tsp. seasoned salt

CHEESE SPREAD

1 lb. processed cheese (softened)
1 - 3 oz. pkg. cream cheese (softened)
1/2-1 cup chopped walnuts
2 tsp. garlic powder
Mix ingredients well. Roll into a log 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Sprinkle with paprika and chili powder. Serve with crackers.

WHOLE WHEAT "SUGAR" BEARS

1 1/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 tsp. salt
2 pkg. yeast
4 cup whole wheat flour
4 cup all-purpose flour
2 cup milk
1 cup butter or margarine
2 eggs
1 Tbsp. water
About 4 hours before serving or up to 3 days ahead*:
1. In large bowl combine sugar, salt, yeast, 2 cup whole wheat flour and 1 cup all-purpose flour. In 2 quart saucepan over low heat, heat milk and butter till very warm (120°-130°). (Butter need not melt completely.) With mixer at low speed, gradually beat liquid into dry ingredients until blended. At medium speed beat 2 minutes occasionally scraping bowl. Reserve one egg white; beat in remaining eggs and 1 cup of each of the flours. Continue beating 2 minutes, scraping bowl often. With spoon stir in remaining whole wheat flour and enough all-purpose flour (about 1 1/2 cup) to make a soft dough.
2. Lightly flour surface with all-purpose flour, turn dough onto surface; knead until smooth and elastic, about 10 minutes, adding all-purpose flour while kneading. Shape dough into a ball; place in greased large bowl, turning dough to grease the top. Cover; let rise in a warm place (80-85°) away from draft until doubled, about 1 hour or more. (Dough is doubled when 2 fingers pressed into dough leave a dent.)
3. Punch down dough; turn onto lightly floured surface; cover with bowl for 15 minutes, let dough rest. Grease 2 cookie sheets. In cup, combine reserved egg white with water.
4. Divide dough into thirds. Cut one dough piece in half. Shape one half piece into a large ball for the body; place on cookie sheet, flatten slightly. Cut remaining half piece in half; shape one piece into a small ball; brush one side with egg white

mixture. Arrange small ball with egg white mixture side next to large ball and tucking slightly under it for bear's head. Roll remaining piece into a 6" rope. Cut a 2" piece for snout; pinch a small piece for the nose. Brush bottom of pieces with egg white mixture; place snout on head and top with the nose. Cut 2 1/2" pieces for ears; cut 4 1" pieces for legs. Tuck ears, arms, and legs under bear. With kitchen shears, snip fingers, toes, and eyes. With tip of shears, make "belly button" in center of body. Repeat with remaining dough to make 3 bears in all.

5. Cover with towel and let rise until doubled, about 1 hour.
6. Preheat oven to 375. Gently brush bears with egg white mixture. Place cookie sheets on 2 oven racks, bake 15 minutes. Switch cookie sheets between upper and lower racks; bake about 10 minutes longer until brown and bread sounds hollow when lightly tapped. Remove bears from cookie sheets; cool on wire racks. Makes 3 1/2 lbs. bears.
*May be frozen for about 3 months.

Gladys Wilson, who works at Anthony's in Muleshoe, says this recipe for fresh apple cake is the best she's ever tasted.

FRESH APPLE CAKE

3 apples
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 tsp. soda
1 1/2 cup flour
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. vanilla
Dash of salt
1 cup nuts
2/3 cup oil

Shred apples, cover with sugar and let stand 1 1/2 hours. Then add the rest of the ingredients.
Bake 45 minutes at 350°F.

Gladys Hardage, of Farwell, brought us three of her favorite recipes.

WEIGHT WATCHERS' JAM

2 cups berries (or peaches or apricots)
1 cup water
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
1 Tbsp. sweetener
1 tsp. lemon juice
1/4 tsp. salt
Soften gelatin in water in saucepan. Place on fire and dissolve. Add fruit, sweetener, lemon juice and salt. Simmer 15-20 minutes. When fruit is tender, mash if you like. Put in jar and refrigerate.

BARBECUED PECANS

2 Tbsp. melted butter
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
4 cups pecan halves
1 Tbsp. catsup
1/8 tsp. hot sauce
Combine all but the pecans. Stir in the pecans, mix well. Spread evenly in a shallow pan. Bake at 300° 30 minutes, stirring frequently. Drain on paper towels. Sprinkle with salt if desired.

CURRIED CHICKEN SALAD

1 cup cooked rice
3 whole chicken breast, boiled and sliced
1 1/2 Tbsp. grated onion
Have rice and chicken hot. Put the rice on a platter. Scatter chicken bits on top, then cover with the dressing: 1/2 cup mayonnaise, 2 Tbsp. cream, 1 Tbsp. lemon juice, 1/2 tsp. sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. curry powder. Mix and put over chicken/rice. Put apple rings around it.

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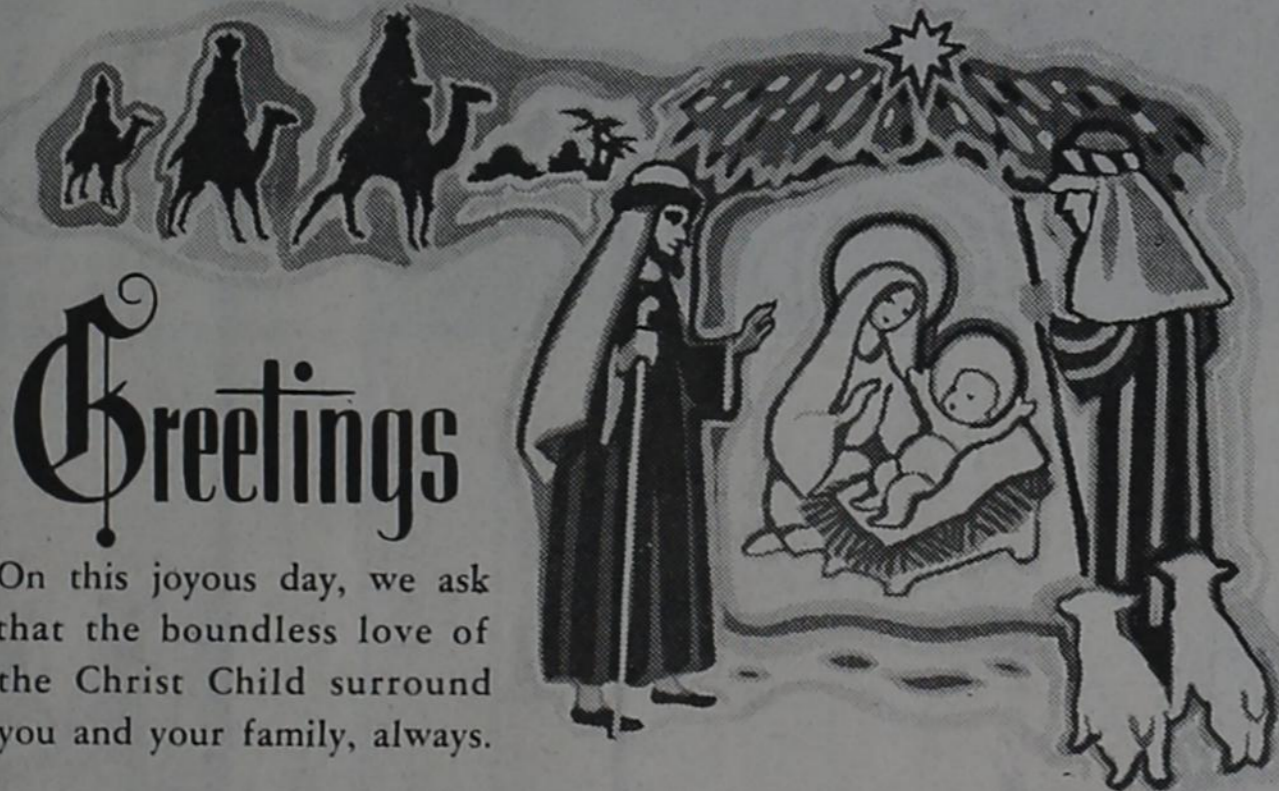
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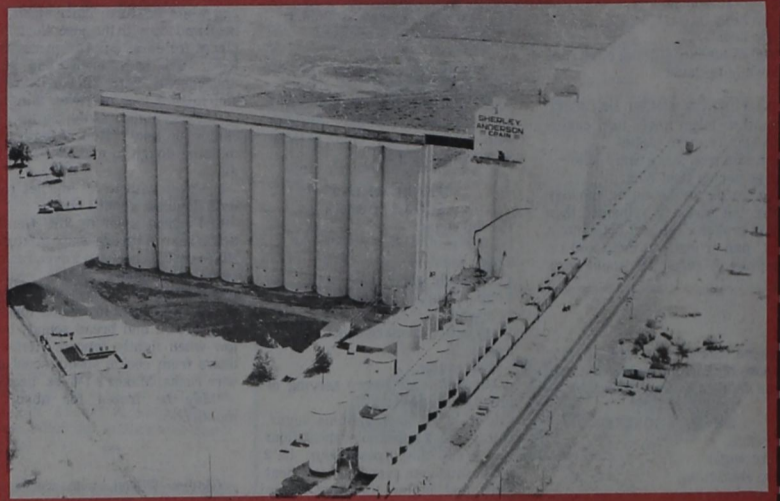
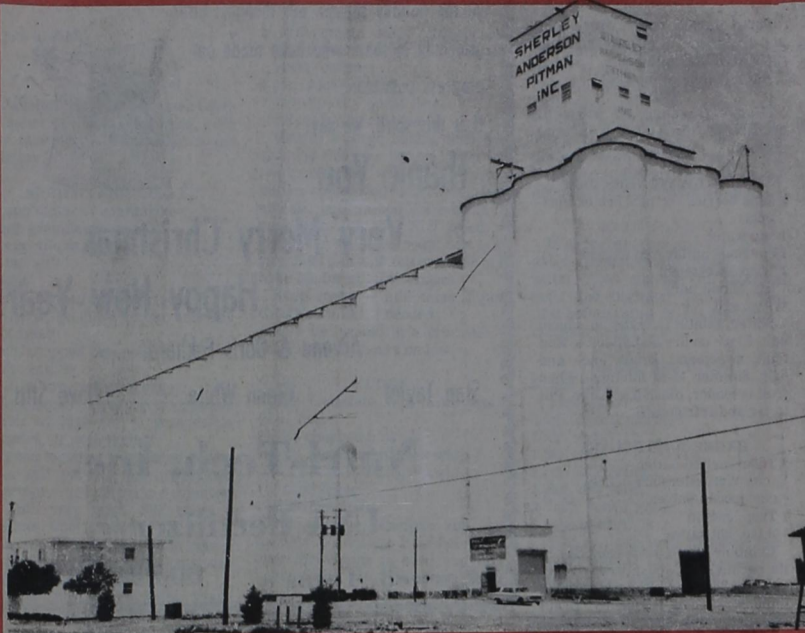
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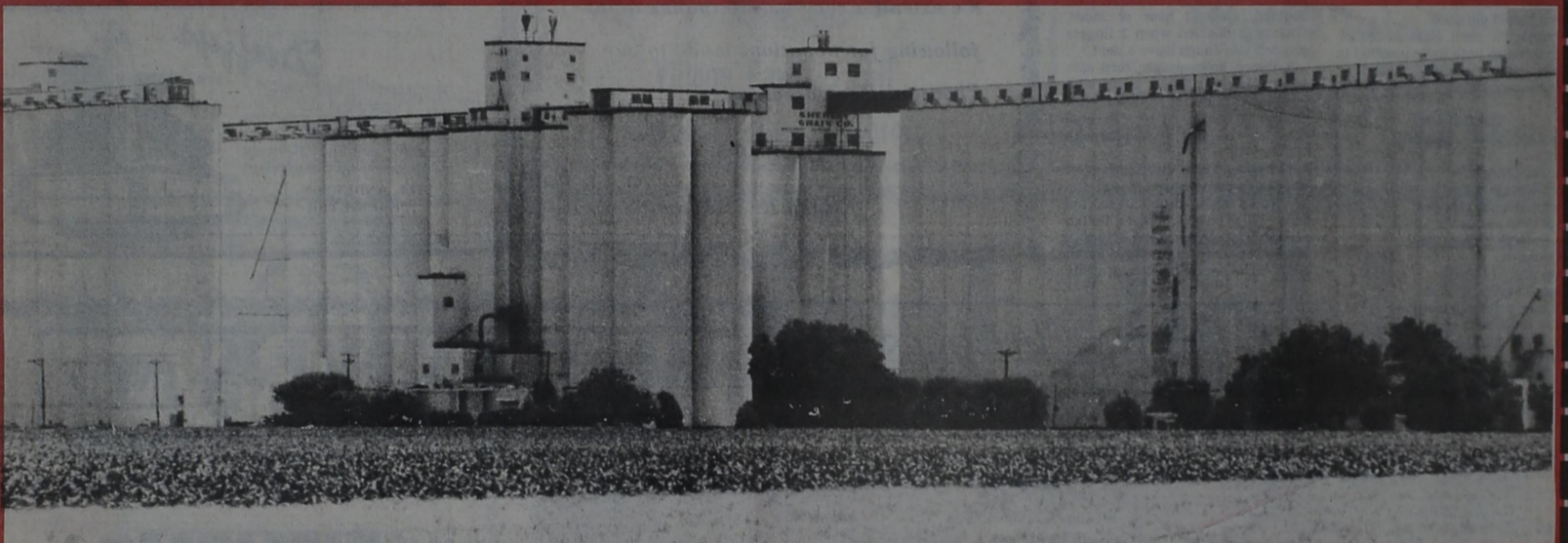


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Kaltwassers meet, wed against a background of war

by Leigh Ann Woods

Summer is the season of the bride. While we go about our business of enjoying all the new activities that summer brings, we often find ourselves attending more weddings than usual, because summer is the season in which most brides seem to prefer being married.

As the guests, we should be glad that we are required only to attend these weddings, not plan them. As anyone who has ever had a hand in planning a wedding will tell you, a lot of hard work, planning, and preparation go into making a wedding successful.

The date must be set, a location for the ceremony determined, attendants must be chosen, and their wedding attire selected. The bride must select her own dress and accessories, the bridegroom his suit. Flowers must be ordered, a cake must be baked. Music must be arranged and the reception planned.

The list of pre-wedding details is endless. A lot of work for a simple hour long ceremony, right? Well, all brides and bridegrooms want their weddings to be special, and all the hard work is what makes them so.

However, picture if you will, planning a big wedding during a major world war, with the bridegroom not only being from out of town, but from another country. Picture trying to make up a trousseau, buy a bridal gown, and attendants' gowns, during a time when clothing and material were limited.

Picture trying to have a nice wedding cake when sugar is impossible to get, and food is being rationed. Picture all the work that Gladys Grover had to do in order to make her wedding to Walter Kaltwasser special.

During July of 1943, right during the middle of World War II, 22-year-old Gladys Grover was working for the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London, England, her hometown and country. With most of the country's men away fighting the war, the government was seeking the aid of the women to help harvest the crops that were ready.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare offered Gladys and her coworkers a week of vacation later in the year if they would spend one week of their regular vacation on

the farms to help with the harvest. They agreed.

Gladys had never been on a farm before, and now she found herself living on one in the southern part of England trying to convert to a farm girl's life. All's well that ends well, they say, and in Gladys' case it truly applied because although her week started off rather badly (she hoed the crops instead of the weeds the first day), it did have a happy ending.

For it was at a train station 30 miles from London on her way home from spending a week on that farm that Gladys met Walter Kaltwasser, an American air force man from Farwell, Texas. Being the new kid in town, Walter asked Gladys to show him the sights of London, and she agreed.

During the months that followed, Walter and Gladys spent all of their free time together. Weekends were all the young couple had as Walter was stationed about 60 miles from London.

"Those were such sweet times," says Gladys. "We spent a lot of time walking through the many beautiful

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When Walter and Gladys Kaltwasser were married 40 years ago in March, all clothing and materials were rationed due to the war, so

Gladys had a difficult time obtaining a wedding dress. Using her ingenuity and with the help of friends, her wedding gown was made from

lace curtain material. Walter didn't have that problem as his wedding suit was a United States Air Force uniform.



Baby Pat, Walter and Gladys Kaltwasser's first daughter, poses contentedly in her baby carriage. The carriage is nearly 38 years old now, but even back then, it probably cost a pretty penny. Quite a different carrier from the ones used today!



After the war, Gladys Kaltwasser and daughter Pat traveled to America to join husband Walter and

her new family to begin a totally new way of life. Pictured is what Gladys fondly calls her "first fami-

ly." From left are Walter's brother Gilbert, his parents Bertha and John, and Gladys, Pat and Walter.



At the recent 40th wedding anniversary reception of Walter and Gladys

Kaltwasser, Walter found out that not only had his marriage grown in

the past 40 years, so had he. He could no longer fit into his Air Force

uniform in which he was married.

Wedding during World War II

gardens that London has, having picnics by the river, and rowing a boat down the river." However, Gladys remembers that she did most of the rowing, as Walter didn't know how.

During those months, Gladys and Walter fell in love and agreed to be married. The wedding date was set for March 11, 1944.

Walter and Gladys decided to be married in St. John's Baptist Church in Tottenham, England, near Gladys' home. According to Gladys, the church was fairly new, and even had the modern convenience of having hearing aids attached to the back pews so that the hard of hearing members of the congregation could listen to the sermons inconspicuously.

Since clothing and material were both being rationed, finding Gladys a wedding dress was going to be a problem. "Each person was allowed only 52 clothing coupons a year," said Gladys. "A single coat could cost up to 48 coupons alone."

Family members were allowed to share coupons if they wanted to, but Gladys and her friends found a way to make a gown and three brides-

maid dresses without using any coupons.

A large department store in London was having a sale on lace curtain material. Each person was allowed to purchase three yards. Gladys and four of her friends stood in line during their lunch hour one day, and each purchased three yards of the lace material to make the dresses.

Gladys' sister-in-law, Elsie Windsor, who made the dresses, was even clever enough to make the underskirts of the bridesmaid dresses to be converted into night gowns for Gladys' trousseau.

Family members and friends were kind enough to share their clothing coupons with Gladys so that she could have a going away outfit, and with these she purchased a new dress, a new coat, and one new pair of shoes. "People were so willing and so wonderful," said Gladys. "Even though we all had so little, everyone was willing to share."

The wedding cake was the next problem on the list. Sugar was unavailable and food was scarce. But somehow, a friend of Gladys' aunt,

who was a professional baker, managed to confiscate enough sugar to provide Gladys with a beautiful three-tiered fruit cake covered with almond paste and icing. Silver balls and other traditional wedding ornaments topped the cake.

Finding suits for the bridegroom and his attendants was no problem. Walter and his attendants were all in the armed forces, so they wore their uniforms. Walter wore his Air Force uniform, and Gladys' brother, who escorted her down the aisle, wore his Royal Navy uniform. "You

might say the church was filled with United Forces," said Gladys. "It certainly was colorful."

During the wedding it was traditional for the bride to carry a silver paper horseshoe for good luck. Somehow friends made two horseshoes, so Gladys and Walter each

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Following the wedding, which had taken place at 2:30 in the afternoon, it was traditional to have a wedding breakfast or luncheon. Getting one together was not easy.

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Gladys and Walter Kaltwasser had only a brief honeymoon in London before the bombing became so bad that they had to return to her

mother's home. Gladys is wearing a new coat which was provided for by friends who shared their ration coupons for her wedding trousseau.

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From England to Texas

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but several friends provided food coupons. Cold cuts, cake, and hot sausage pastries were served to the 30-35 people who attended.

Friends and family alike threw rice at the couple as they left for their honeymoon, in the heart of London. However, after spending two or three nights in a large hotel, the bombing inside London got so bad that Walter and Gladys had to return to Gladys' mother's home.

Back then, and especially nowadays, people say that the first year of marriage is the hardest, and if you can make it past that, you can make it past anything. Walter and Gladys made it through their first year under three times the pressure that couples feel today.

During that first year, Walter remained on the air force base 60 miles from Gladys because she was not allowed to live on the base with him. She stayed with her mother, seeing Walter mostly on the weekends. Four months later, Gladys became pregnant with their first child. With Walter gone all week, Gladys continued to work until she was about seven and a half months into pregnancy.

During that time, the bombings had become worse. "We knew that if a lady didn't show up for work one day, it was because her home had been bombed," says Gladys. "It was terrible not knowing if one of our friends would be injured during the night bombings."

One day, Gladys went to work only to find that the Ministry of Economic Warfare building had been levelled. "After that," said Gladys, "we moved our offices into an apartment complex owned by a Spanish millionaire. During wartime, the government was allowed to confiscate property for governmental use if need be."

Because the bombing was becoming heavier, most of the pregnant women were being moved to the country to give birth to their babies. About four weeks before Gladys was due to give birth, she fell down a flight of 12 stairs, but she did not lose the baby.

The midwife who was attending Gladys said that she felt that Gladys should move to the country on the next bus, which was a week away. On the day that Gladys was to board the bus and leave, her labor began, three weeks early.

That same day, London was struck with the worst blizzard in over 50 years. London was also enduring the heaviest bombing during the entire war.

Because the country had fallen on such economically hard times, electricity like everything else was being rationed. Only one outlet could be used at a time, and with the blizzard raging, the midwife had to make a choice as to whether she wanted the bedroom in which Gladys was giving birth heated or lighted.

Because Gladys' labor progressed slowly, the midwife was forced to give up the heat, so that she could plug in a light. During that night, Gladys gave birth to her and Walter's first child, a girl, whom they called Pat.

When Walter had left the week

before to return to camp, he did not know the baby would be early. Because of the heavy bombing and the blizzard, he couldn't return to see Gladys until two weeks after the baby was born, and they had no way of notifying him of the good news. He was a surprised and happy Pappa.

Soon after Pat's birth, peace was declared throughout Europe. Only the fighting in the South Pacific remained. Walter and Gladys soon learned that Walter was being sent to the South Pacific to help fight the war there.

Although Walter was shipped to the states first, he didn't have to be sent to the South Pacific because in the meantime, the United States had dropped the atom bomb on Hiroshima, and peace had been declared all over the world.

Anxious to be with Walter again, Gladys managed to book passage on the second ship out of England which was carrying English brides to their American husbands. It took six days for the trip to America, and during the voyage, the ship was plagued by bad weather.

Most all of the women on board were taken ill with seasickness and those who weren't were busy taking care of the sick women's children and babies. Gladys was one of the lucky ones who did not get sick, and even baby Pat proved to be a

seaworthy traveler.

On the day that Gladys' ship was to dock in New York City, Walter had been told by the Red Cross that she wouldn't be coming until next time around, so he returned home that afternoon. That evening when Gladys stepped off the ship, Walter was nowhere to be found.

Frightened and all alone in a new country, Gladys tried to get in touch with Walter's family. When at last she was able to reach them, she quickly headed by train to Farwell. In the meantime, Walter's parents were able to track him down and he was at the train station in plenty of

time to greet her.

Since her arrival in this country and town in 1946, Gladys has truly grown to love America and Farwell. "One of the hardest decisions I ever had to make was to become an American citizen," says Gladys. "I had been raised to be loyal to my own country. But when I think of how good this country has been to me, and I think of all it stands for, I well up inside."

Since her arrival here, Gladys made another important decision. "The most joyous thing that has happened to me in my life was becoming a Christian. I wasn't a


Christian when I met Walter, but it was his influence and Christianity that eventually led me down the path. Walter always was and still is the spiritual leader of our home. I truly believe God sent him to me clear across the ocean. And I'm so grateful that he did."

Gladys and Walter celebrated

their 40th wedding anniversary this past March with family and friends. During the celebration, Walter and Gladys renewed their marriage vows.

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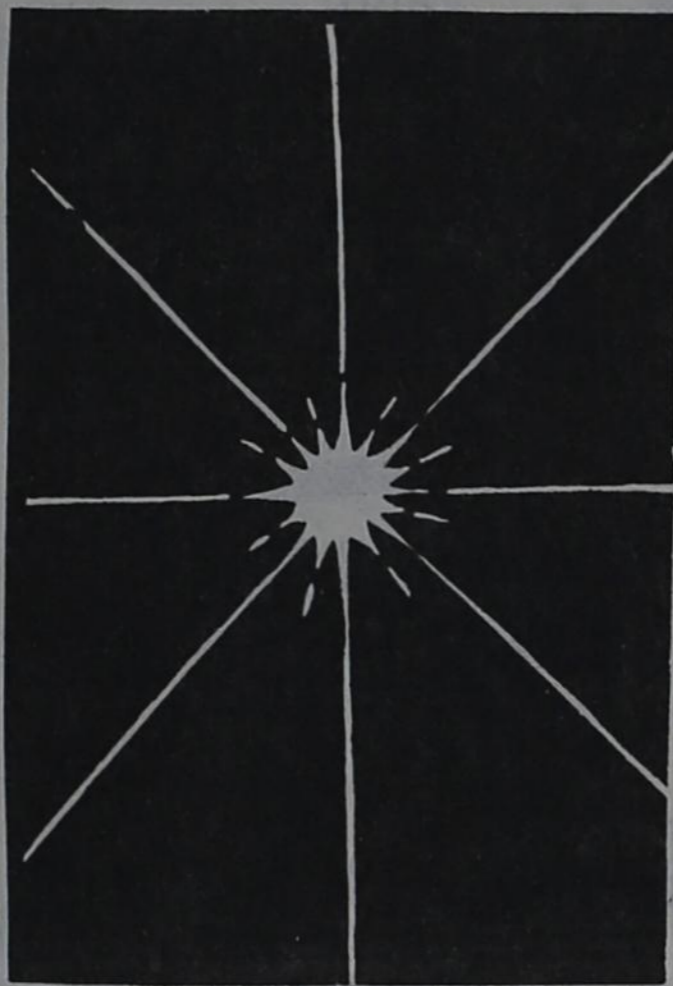
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Puppets can sing, dance -- and teach

by Leigh Ann Woods

Even since before the broadcasting of Sesame Street, people have been using puppets to teach as well as entertain children. Puppets can be funny and make you laugh, puppets can be serious and make you listen.

Puppets can tell stories and tales, and can sing and dance. Puppets can teach you to count and spell, and to read and maybe even write. Puppets can teach you all sorts of things, even right and wrong.

It was for all of these reasons that Karen Bristow felt that a puppet program would be beneficial to the children and the youth at First Baptist Church in Farwell. Karen is the wife of Dudley Bristow, a former pastor of the church.

The Bristows arrived at the church in 1977, having come from Amarillo. Karen was instrumental in helping with the puppet program at their church in Amarillo and was anxious to get one started in the church in Farwell. She felt that it could be beneficial to all. Not only could the puppets help teach the children of the church about different things of value, they would serve a purpose as a project in which the youth of the church could get involved.

So with the help of Pam Monk, a member of the church, the program began. Pam and Karen, along with the help of another church member, Jackie Smallwood, began making the puppets. Jack Smallwood began making the stage. Curtains were made for the shows, and everyone began to search for materials and records to use as part of the program. It all began to fall in place.

Once everything was taken care of and all the last minute details seen about, and with the youth of the church acting as puppeteers, they, along with the help of Pam and Karen, got the ball rolling. The puppets were an instant success. They began making appearances in Sunday School and at Vacation

Bible School, as well as showing up during church services on an occasional Sunday night.

As word spread about the puppets and all of their attributes, they began getting invitations to make appearances at other churches and at various civic functions. As the demand grew for public appearances and their schedule grew more demanding, the puppet family began expanding also. Additional puppets were purchased at bazaars and workshops and borrowed from other churches who no longer had a puppet program.

Pam and the puppeteers began attending seminars and workshops to perfect their operating talents and learn more about behind-the-scene operations. The puppeteers learned how to follow scripts and to move the puppets with ease. They learned new material and how to operate sound equipment. Ricky Stewart and Jerry Monk made lights for the stage.

The program really began to take on a professional air. In fact, during the past couple of years, Pam and the puppeteers have begun teaching workshops and seminars on their

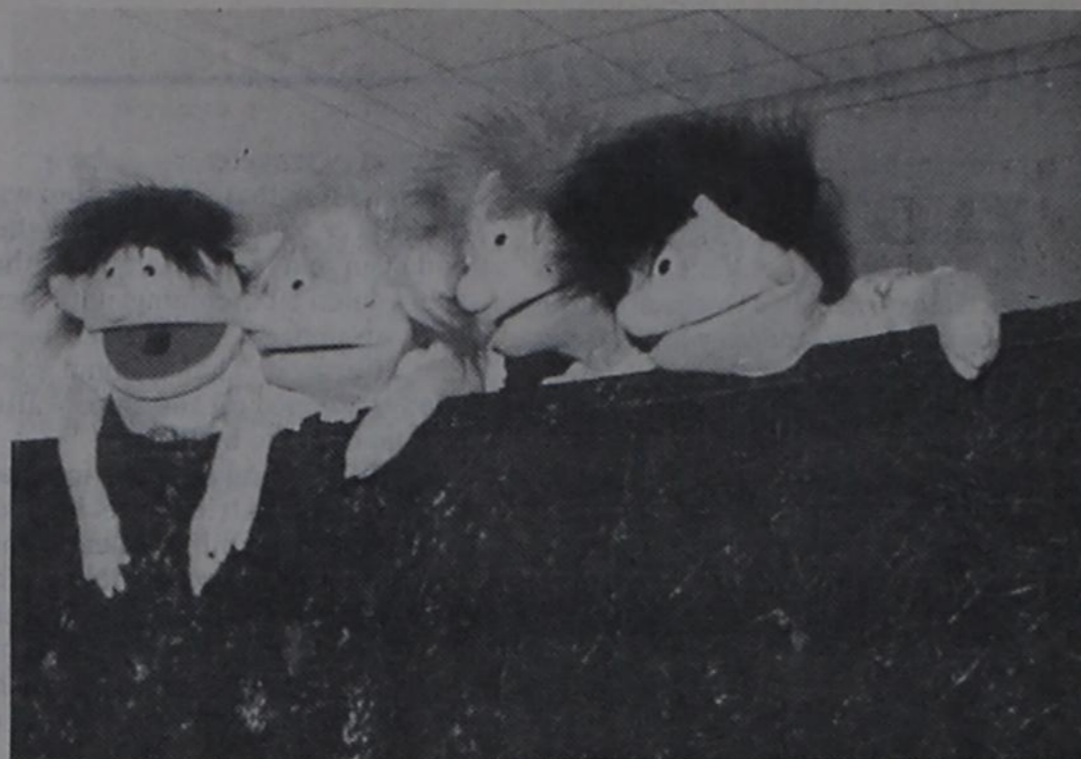
own. They recently held a workshop at the area GA church camp in Floydada.

"Working with the puppets and the youth has been a real joy," said Pam, who has taken over the puppet program by herself since the Bristows moved away two years ago. "I wouldn't trade one minute of it for anything."

"It really works to get the youth of the church involved. You can become a member of the puppet team when you are in the seventh grade and can continue until you are a senior in high school. Even though we have a limited number of puppeteers, if someone really shows an interest in working with us, I usually try and find a spot for them in the program."

There's a lot for each member of the team to learn, says Pam. "You don't just stick a puppet on your hand and move his mouth. There are scripts to follow and movements to learn. We really rehearse a lot. Right now we have nine members on the puppet team including myself. They are Melinda McMillan, Ursula Dollar, Kenny Adams, Jef-

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When the puppet program at Farwell Baptist Church began eight years ago, there were only a few puppets, some inexperienced puppeteers, little material, and a stage as shown here. Since then, the program has expanded to include a whole family of puppets, too many to count, a sound system, a brand new lighting system, a library of material, and seven fully-trained puppeteers. "We've come a long way," says Pam.



Logan Dollar and Sharla Stewart prepare two of the puppets before curtain time by getting them into costume and making sure that all parts are in working order. "A lot goes into making a performance work," says Pam Monk, director of the puppet program at Farwell Baptist Church.

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A history of Texico from Marie Christian

Ranching, farming have always dominated

The following is a history of Texico as compiled by Texico City Clerk-Treasurer Marie Christian.

Texico is a small municipality located just west of the New Mexico - Texas border. It is approximately nine miles east of Clovis, the major commercial center of east central New Mexico.

Texico has a growing population base. In 1970-80, the population increased from 772 persons to 958 persons (an increase by seven percent and the population of the nearby city of Clovis increased by 10 percent. Many Texico residents are employed in other industries based in Clovis and Bovina, Texas.

The major source of employment is agriculture. The economy relies mainly on agriculture, although some commercial activity occurs along the US 60-70-84 corridor. Twenty commercial establishments are located between the Port of Entry and the State Line. Six of these establishments are highway-

oriented and are located on the north side of Wheeler Avenue. There is almost no industry or manufacturing in the community, but due to railroad and interstate highways located here, possibilities do exist.

Historical

Texico shares a history common to many of the Eastern New Mexico area communities -- one that has been, is and will be dominated by ranching and farming. Until the late 1880's, most of the area was given over to large scale ranching operations; however, by the beginning of the last decade of the 19th century, homesteaders and railroads began to drastically change this picture of isolation.

Texico, which was incorporated as a city on March 8, 1908, entertained hopes, for a time, that it would be chosen as the site for the Santa Fe Railroad division shops which were to be constructed somewhere in the area of what today is

Curry County. Temporarily, at the turn of the century, the town was crowded with settlers, land speculators and railroad workers.

Instead, however, the division shops were located at Riley Switch, later renamed Clovis, and Texico experienced a temporary setback. Shortly, the city experienced a resurgence as an agricultural and trade center for the surrounding area. With the addition of tourist traffic, it has maintained itself over the years.

Today, with the automobile universal and a good network of roads available, the city is finding itself at the crossroads with many decisions to make. The growth of certain cities, such as Lubbock, Amarillo and nearby Clovis, as major regional trade and retail centers, has created problems which have so far been left unchallenged by commu-

nities such as Texico.

Geographical

Texico is 9 miles from Clovis, 30 miles from Portales, home of Eastern New Mexico University, 232 miles from Albuquerque, 100 miles from Amarillo, Texas and 90 miles from Lubbock, Texas.

The land surrounding Texico, part of the Llano Estacado or High Plains, is almost wholly farmland and irrigation farming. Utilization of ground water from the Ogallala Aquifer is a common practice. Elevation in the city is 4,150 feet.

The road situation of Texico is above average. Of 115 blocks of city streets, six are unpaved.

Public Schools and Medical Services

Texico and the surrounding area is served by the Texico Public School system. It is ranked as a Class A school, with a 1983 operating

budget of \$1,740,430. Presently there are 400 children in attendance in grades K-12, a decrease of 13 (3%), since 1976. Due to the declining birth rates, most school systems are beginning to lose pupils. The impact has affected Texico schools only slightly, due to the new families moving into the city.

The school system is a campus type layout consisting of five instructional units, a cafeteria and a maintenance building. A (20,000 sq. ft.) \$1,400,000 building completed in late 1983, will provide additional classrooms, administrative offices and a large multi-purpose room. The building was necessary due to the addition and expansion of present programs.

Some of the organizations offered by the school system are: FFA, FHA, NHS, Student Council and Pep Club. The Texico Chess Club placed

second at the State Chess Tournament and Junior High students placed first in the Math Bowl at ENMU.

Sports Program results: Texico has placed first or second in Football, Volleyball and Girls Basketball on the state level. The boys basketball team placed third at State and both boys and girls have placed in the top three at the State Track Meet. The Junior High and High School combined, have a 70 member marching band, drill team and flag team. The Texico Wolverine Marching Band has placed first in competitions held in Albuquerque, N.M. and Lubbock, Texas. They placed fourth in open competition held in Portales. Eastern New Mexico University, Clovis Branch, is located 7 miles west of Texico proper.

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Puppets teach

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frey Stewart, Andria Chadwick, Kendra Stephens, Kristy Stephens, and Steve Gerles.

"When we perform, we give a wide variety of programs," says Pam. "It can depend on the age group we are performing for or whether or not we're asked to give a program on a specific subject. We have programs covering everything imaginable. We have programs teaching children to share and to love. We have programs on God and salvation. And we have programs to help teach older children about the hazards of drugs.

"We try to fit each puppet into the right program," says Pam. "For instance, we use 'parts of the body' puppets for the drug program mainly, although we do use them in other programs. Those puppets include the heart, the brain, the liver, the stomach, and the arm. They are each shaped like the part of the body which they represent.

"We have boy puppets and girl puppets and young and old puppets. We have puppets of all sizes and colors, and each one has its own name and personality. Take Mr. Quimper," says Pam, "he's sort of like Mr. Hooper on Sesame Street. He's good and kind and does everything just right all of the time. He's a favorite with the kids. So's Joe Cool.

"The program has come a long way," says Pam, "and I hope it continues to grow. We enjoy performing, and will go just about anywhere to give a show as long as the interest is there. We are a little choosy," adds Pam. "Once we accepted an invitation at a club social where I found out that there would be alcohol served to the adults. I called and cancelled. We're there to teach a message.

"Brother Pat, our pastor, is always good to help us with everything," says Pam. "He helps us with our engagements and sees to it that we have transportation. He lets us use the church van as long as we let him know enough ahead of time for him to put it on the church calendar.

"We have had a lot of help from people in the church from the very beginning. And we're very proud of the program as a whole. Our main purpose is to leave not only the children who attend the shows, but maybe their parents also, with a moral message. That's important to us," concluded Pam.

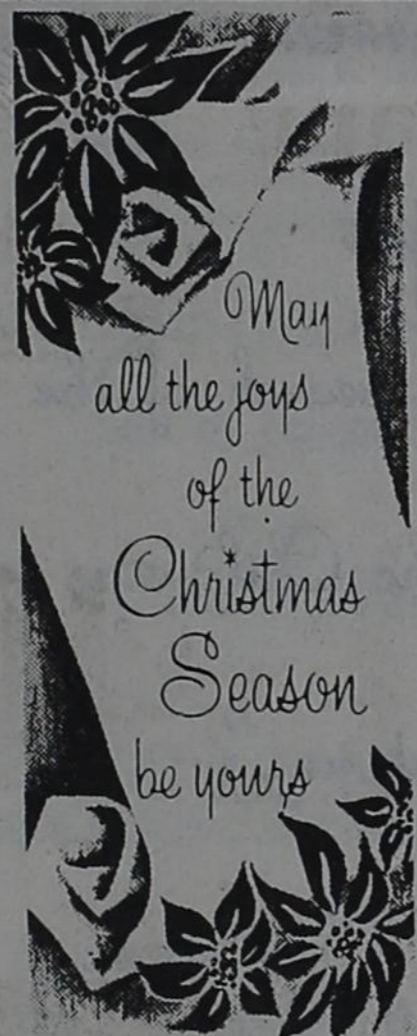
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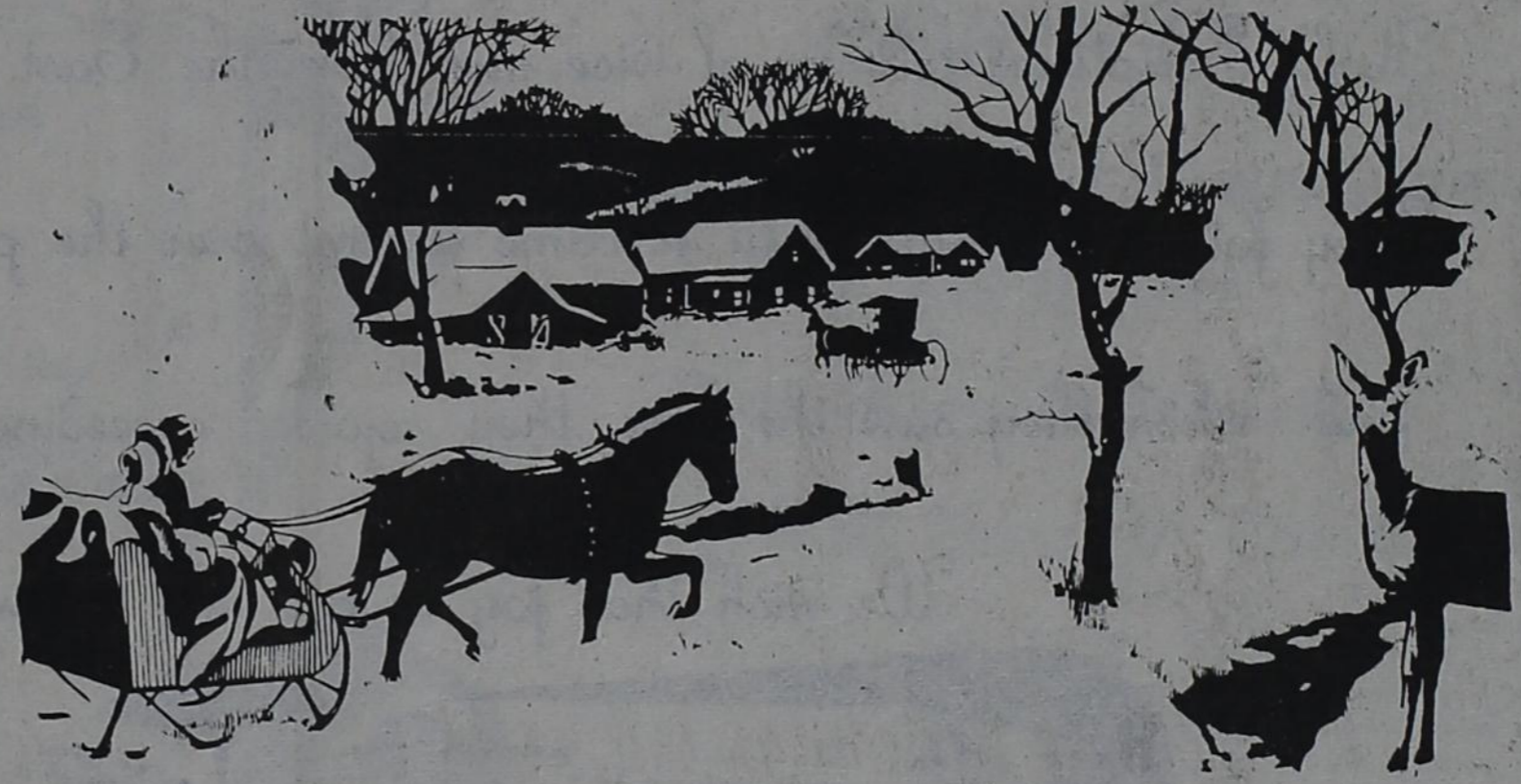
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Going further he made the same inquiry of a soldier who answered.

"Peace is the most beautiful thing in the world. War is the most ugly. Wherever you find Peace you will find beauty."

"Faith, Love and Peace -- how can I paint them?" wondered the artist. Entering his house he found Faith in the eyes of his children, Love in the eyes of his wife and there in his home was the Peace that Faith and Love built.

So he painted "The Most Beautiful Thing In The World," and when he finished he called it

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MERRY, MERRY Christmas

Population has increased

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There are neither doctors nor medical facilities located in Texico proper. The residents are served by doctors and medical facilities in the surrounding area.

Parks and Recreational Facilities

The present facilities are: a swimming pool, two baseball parks, two municipal parks and a community center. For the older citizens, there is also a senior citizens center.

The swimming pool, built in 1959, is leased to a private individual who operates it annually from June 1 to Aug. 15. Located on the east side, it is extensively used.

The Little League baseball parks are located on the southeast side and are used extensively. The baseball facilities are adequate for the demand generated by the residents for this type of recreation.

The municipal park, located north of the highway at Hereford and Garwood, is approximately 0.87 acres in size. The park is equipped with some playground equipment, tennis court and basketball court.

K.K. Runnells Memorial Park is located north of the highway at Hereford and College. It is approximately 3 acres in size. The park is equipped with playground equipment. Shelters for picnic areas have been installed by the park commission. The community center building is located next to City Hall on Highway 60-70-84. The building may be rented for a nominal fee.

The Senior Citizens Center is adjacent to the City Hall. The center offers classes in painting and ceramics. Other activities are available to the members.

Climate
Average annual rainfall is approximately 16.8 inches and this scarcity of rainfall, when viewed in consideration of the high evaporation rate, accounts for the heavy dependence on irrigation practices in order to sustain better and more diversified crop yields.

The average high temperature, usually occurring in July, is 78.5°F while the average low temperature, usually occurring in January, is 37.4°F. With sunshine expectable seventy to eighty percent of the time and a frost which begins in late October and ends in late April, a growing season of about 180 days is usually the case.

Texico is characterized by a semi-arid climate. The area experiences no air pollution problems.

Population

The first official census was taken

in 1910 -- two years after Texico was incorporated.

Year	Population
1910	409
1950	691
1980	958

If properly interpreted, population figures can tell a great deal about a community's past, present and possible future. In the 1910-1920 period, Texico probably had still not recovered from the loss of the division shops and speculators were leaving to find better opportunities elsewhere.

The 1920-1930 period was one of growth almost everywhere in America; Texico was no different during the "Roaring Twenties" era. The following decade, 1930-1940, was an era of depression and many communities, including Texico, lost population as people moved elsewhere to try to find better opportunities. The following two decades, 1940-1960, were a period of growth as, after the war, the economy grew and America experienced a baby boom.

Thus, while Texico's population has continually fluctuated over the years, the city has actually been in a better position than many of the communities in this area which have continually lost population. In addition, it should also be noted that the population loss has always been less than the population gain - if any given two ten year periods are compared - another healthy and en-

Hance joins

law firm

Boyd, Veigel, Gay & McCall, a Texas-based law firm, has announced that Congressman Kent R. Hance will join the firm, effective Jan. 3.

Hance, 42, has served as an elected public official for the past ten years. He was elected to three consecutive terms in Texas' 19th Congressional District, beginning in 1978. As a Congressman, Hance sat on the House Ways and Means Committee, where all federal tax bills originate.

couaging sign. The overall increase between 1910 and 1980 has been 549 people - an increase of 134 percent.

Traffic and Transportation

Texico is divided by Highway 60-70-84, which connects it with the central part of the state as well as with Amarillo and Lubbock, Texas. This highway draws a number of tourists as it serves as a major transcontinental route. In addition to the better than average automotive network available to Texico residents, Clovis Municipal Airport, which is served by Air Midwest on a daily basis to Albuquerque and various Texas cities where transfers to other airlines may be made, is five miles away.

Though rail passenger service is no longer available, bus service, by Texas-New Mexico and Oklahoma Coaches and New Mexico Trans-

portation Company, is available in all directions except north. Freight service is provided by both rail, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, and motor freight lines. Other Municipal Services/City Hall
The city is governed by Mayor-Council form of government. There are six full-time city employees.

The Texico Volunteer Fire Department is staffed by 14 volunteers and operates two fire trucks, an ambulance, an equipment van and a 2,500 gallon tanker. Pagers are used and the outside siren is used only for extreme emergency. The fire station is located at 108 Turner Street in a building which was dedicated in April 1980.

Refuse collection and disposal service is provided by the city. City ordinances require 32 gallon covered containers and all trash must be in plastic bags. For disposal, the

city maintains a forty acre tract a quarter mile outside the city limits, northwest of the city.

Texico has a municipal water and sewer system. There are three wells. Three storage tanks are presently utilized. Water storage capacity is presently 355,000 gallons. Larger service lines installed during the recent water improvement project provide increased water pressure for the users as well as additional fire protection.

The wastewater plant facility is one of the most modern in the state. The plant is located north of the city limits and covers approximately two acres. Texico and the surrounding area is served by Southwestern Public Service Company as concerns electricity, by Gas Company of New Mexico as concerns gas, by Mountain States Telephone Company as concerns telephone service

and by McCaw Cablevision as concerns cable television.

Local Celebrations

Twin Cities (Texico and Farwell, Texas) celebrate the Bordertown Days on the last weekend in July each year. The celebration held in 1984 marked the 18th year for this event which is held in conjunction with the High Plains Junior Rodeo. The rodeo begins on Friday night with the major portion of events centering around the Farwell City Park all day Saturday. The rodeo continues on Saturday evening.

Some attractions and events during Bordertown Days are: Parade, Barbecue lunch, Old Fiddler's contest, Bordertown queen's contest, Beard growing contest, Special awards, Arts and crafts display and games. Various foods and drinks are available at booths sponsored by area organizations.

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If you were the President...

'I would support all Americans' rights'

Recently, the Tribune asked children at the Farwell and Texico Schools to tell us what they would do if they were the President of the United States.

FARWELL FOURTH GRADE
If I were the President I would have to talk and write a speech. I would like living in the White House, and riding in the car they have for the President. If I were the President I would like sitting in the chair. By Krista Gates.

I would make sure that nobody would drink too much. I would try to be a good President. Being the President is probably a hard job so I would have to study hard. I would take a lot of college. By Ryan Williams.

If I were the President I would support all American's rights. I would raise the drinking age to 24. I would not like to be the President because I might get killed, too. But it might be neat anyway. By Nicole Charlson.

I would make the law that there is not going to be a war. Everybody would only have to pay five dollars for taxes, and I would make Farwell as big as Clovis. Make school finish at sixth grade. I'd make everybody rich as myself. By Angela Ceniceros.

I would lower the taxes for people. And I would stop the crimes, and I would have strong forces to defeat the Russians. I would let everybody be safe and I will lower prices on things you buy. I would let the cars be one dollar. By Manny Saiz.

If I were the President, I would first go to see the room that I would be in. Then I would unpack my clothes, take a shower, and dry myself off. Then I would shave and pull back my sheets. Next I would turn on the T.V. and get in bed and watch cartoons. Then I'd get some business done. By Kevin Welch.

If I were the President, I would decrease taxes and make prices

lower. Farmers would get more money for their crops. And I would drop all nuclear forces, and try to make friends with Russia. I would also prevent pollution. Then I would make school shorter. Last, I would not let the government have the tax money. By Clint Austin.

If I were the President I would not be in favor of abortion. I would also make friends with other countries. Next, I would stop all the drinking and driving because it could kill a lot of people who drink. I would not make the poor pay as many taxes as the rich. By Kristi Jones.

If I were the President, I would declare that there would be no more nuclear wars. I would also decrease taxes. I would make a law that every school would give no homework. All cars would cost only five dollars. I would give everybody a working, playing, fun robot. I would be kind to all nations and help other countries ruled by Russia be free again. By Karen Aycock.

TEXICO FIFTH GRADE

If I were elected President, I would go to every school in the U.S. and say, "Some kids are not getting enough food to eat." Most of the time children who are hungry don't get enough food, and kids who are not hungry are still paying money but are not eating. Lunch time is the time for kids to eat, and most don't. Also if I were elected President, I would lower taxes such as food tax, luxury tax, and bill tax. I think America is paying too much money for taxes. I would lower the tax paying cost by almost fifteen percent. I would tell the ladies if they don't want their babies they should not get an abortion, but give the baby up for adoption, or foster parents, because it is mean to kill the baby when it hasn't even got born yet. By Angela Dotson.

If I was elected President I would try to get rid of all the nuclear missiles and try to make peace. I would lower taxes for the poor. I would stop abortion. I will give jobs to the unemployed. I will make more farm space. I will make school for more hours, not more days. I will stop pollution. I will make cars have safety bags and safety belts. By Josefre Gonzales.

If I were elected President, I would tell everyone I will lower the taxes. I would tell teenagers that I

will stop abortion, and I will open orphanages. I will help mentally retarded and handicapped children. I will make everyone share food. I will make friends with everyone, and stop war. I will stop people from taking drugs and beer, and help sick people. I'll make everyone love everyone, and stop people from stealing and stop car crashes, and help drunk people. I would make a home for lonely people. By Traci Folk.

If I were President I would knock all the bars down and make them into houses or buildings. I would lower the taxes to \$250 and put all the drunk drivers in jail for four months. By Brandon Chumley.

If I were President of the United States, I would lower taxes because they are too high and get jobs for the unemployed. I would talk to Russia so that there will be no war, so that no one will get killed. Then I would get rid of the nuclear war heads and atomic bombs. By Kenny Shaw.

If I were elected President, I would make agreements with all the communist countries to disarm all

the nuclear warheads, I will lower taxes and open more jobs for the unemployed. I will put more boys and girls off the street and into the schools. I will stop abortion. I will put more national forests up and

lower the percentage of hunting. I will kill the prisoners on death row. I will get rid of Toney Anaya. I will let women to be equal with men. I will help the disabled to do jobs. By Chad Dunsworth.

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Students write myths

HOW THE BUTTERFLY GOT HIS WINGS
by Kendra Stephens

One day a little fuzzy green caterpillar who looked like a green bean was slowly inching along, minding his own business, when he came upon a huge, beautiful golden lamp that sparkled when the sun shone on it just right, but the caterpillar couldn't get around it, so he crawled over it.

As soon as he got over the lamp, an immensely ugly green Genie who looked like a toad and smelled like a pig, popped out.

It scared the living daylight out of the caterpillar! He was so scared that he turned white because he was frozen with fear. But the Genie said, "You are my master." The caterpillar was still frozen with fear! So the Genie said, "I'll give you one wish if you'll come back to life." The caterpillar came back to life and said, "I wish for enormous wings so I can fly high through the sky like the eagles." The Genie said, "All right, I shall grant your wish."

He said the magic words and BOOM! The caterpillar turned into a ball that looked like cotton. The Genie got so upset that it took him two months to calm down. Finally he found the right spell and turned the caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly with wings that were the colors of the rainbow, and that's how the butterfly got his wings.

WHY THE WILLOW WEEPS
by Diana Bermea

Once upon a time, there was a beautiful, joyful willow tree. He stood tall above the rest of his kind with his leaves dancing in the breeze and his stems as smooth as

silk, pointing upwards. His friends envied him, for he seemed to be always contented, laughing and joking and enjoying his long years of tranquil life.

The graceful willow tree enjoyed life immensely, but something troubled him. He worried about his family out in the dry wilderness and his proud stems stooped down a little as the days passed. It hadn't rained for weeks and the lake would be dry by now.

The next day, the tree knew something had happened. He had an eerie feeling. Then he knew what had happened. His family was dead. They had dried and crumpled to the ground, like leaves on an early winter day. The tree tried to conceal his hurt and resentment but he couldn't, and suddenly he broke out in racking sobs, his wrinkled body shaking on the hot summer day. His branches and leaves, happy no more, bent down and cried. His willow friends felt sympathy towards him and stretched their leafy arms out, trying to console the mournful tree.

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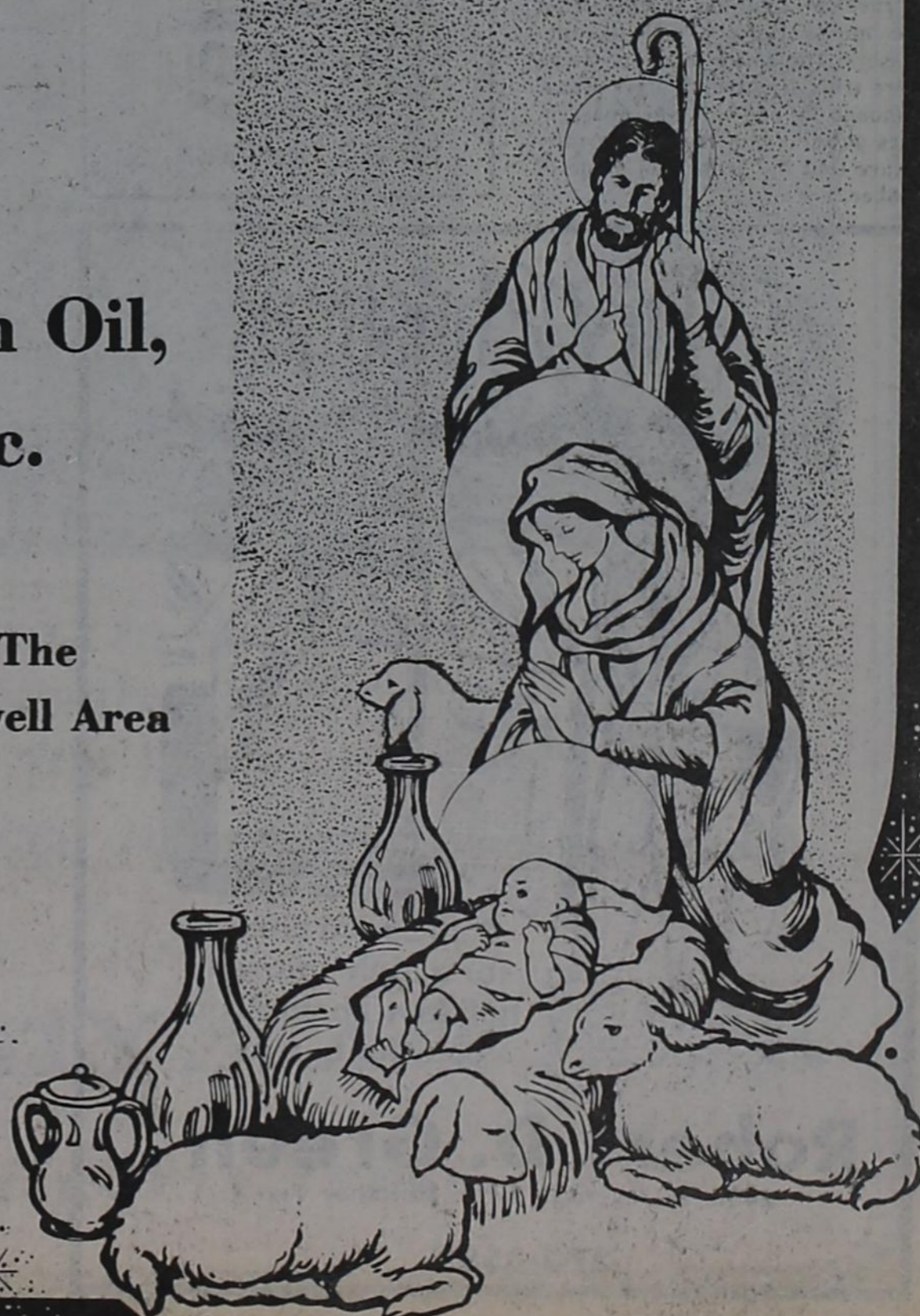
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Texico youth tours sunny California

by Juanita Hadley
Last summer, Elias Orozco, a 1984 Texico graduate who now attends Clarendon Junior College, realized a longtime dream: he spent four wonderful weeks in and around Los Angeles.

Elias' early plans of visiting his California kin during the XXIII Olympic Games were altered by the death of his maternal grandfather. One of the relatives whom he planned to visit returned to the Clovis area for the funeral, so Elias accompanied him home several weeks before the Olympics.

While in California, the Texico youth spent time in the homes of two sets of aunts and uncles and of three cousins.

Elias' first taste of sightseeing, as well as his first glimpse of the ocean, occurred at Redondo Beach, with shopping on the pier. He reports that although all the curio shops, and there were many, featured seashells and items made of shells, the most unusual things he saw were shells made into music boxes. Of the Oriental kites sold there, he has just one word--"Fantastic!"

In addition, Elias witnessed two activities of which he had only heard before: numerous folks trying their fishing luck off the pier itself, and many young people "breaking" and "popping," parts of the latest dance craze.

However, the big thrill of the day came when he and his hosts strolled along the beach itself. Speaking of the time, Elias notes that he had not yet adjusted to the Pacific breezes and that while everyone else was swimming or lying on the beach in shorts or bikinis, his attire consisted of Levi's, a shirt, and a jacket.

Shortly thereafter, Elias' uncle Desi introduced him to the horse races at Hollywood Park, where, in Elias' words, he "got hooked" on the sport during his three visits to the place. Betting garnered Elias \$68 and \$46.50 the first two times he was there, but on the final visit, which lasted all day, he came away the loser by \$80. "That's when I quit going to horse races," Elias comments.

June 21, the first day of summer, found Elias and four cousins at another of California's beaches, this time Manhattan Beach, where they and an estimated quarter of a million other people enjoyed the beautiful day. In fact, the crowded beach was even televised on the evening news. Better adapted to the California climate by then, Elias shed all

the way to his swimsuit, and, although he doesn't swim, he did get into the water. There the waves gave him a "good California welcome," sending him rolling. Elias' most visible reminder of the day was a sunburn.

On another day, an aunt and a cousin treated him to lunch in Marina del Rey at the Cheesecake Factory. His "delicious but expensive" meal was followed by a boat ride around the marina with the guide identifying the different hotels and pointing out one particular penthouse which rents for \$1,500 per week. In addition, the group viewed the many yachts within the marina. Some of these boats are actually homes for their owners.

During their travels around the city, Elias' cousin Juanita proved very good at pointing out the locations of upcoming Olympic events.

Since Elias was in LA at the time of the National Basketball Association championship series, he and other family members were eager to attend one of the Laker games. Luck was not with them, though, for although relatives called and went by the ticket office several times, there were no seats available.

Approximately two weeks after Elias' arrival in California, an aunt, uncle and cousins from Clovis joined the group, but they returned to New Mexico before Elias ended his visit.

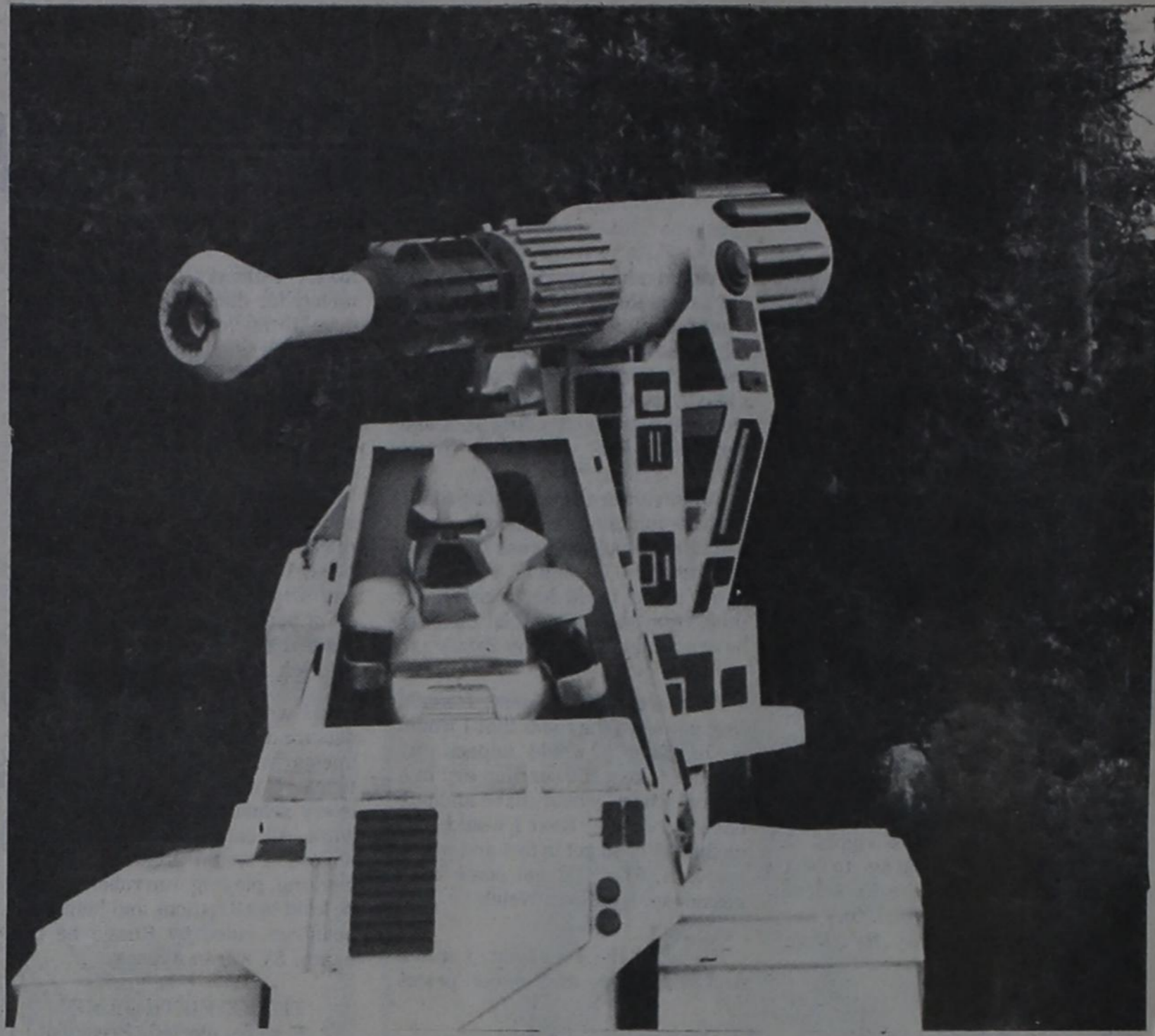
On the first night of the new arrivals' stay, the family dined at Chucky Cheese, a franchised restaurant, in honor of one of Elias' cousins who was four years old that day. Chucky is depicted as a fat little mouse, and the entire eatery features birthday party-like decorations. Elias remarks that although the place is basically for little kids, soon everyone was acting "like they were ten years old in a candy store."

For the trip to Disneyland, Elias' relatives from Clovis joined up with other kin from Ontario, California, where Elias was staying at the time. Elias described the famous tourist attraction as being "fun, but for little kids." There was however, one ride that caught his fancy--Space Mountain, a Star Wars type of indoor roller coaster. Judging from his comments, one assumes that

Elias felt the hour-long wait to board the ride was worth it.

Elias' aunt and uncle from Clovis, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pacheco, their children, and Elias also toured Universal Studios. Among the varied sights they beheld were two 15-minute stunt shows; one of the eight cars in the "Knight Rider" series, which featured Kitt speaking; the inside of a space ship from the "Battle Star Galactica" series, with laser beams shooting all around; the large aquarium used as the ocean in "Operation Petticoat;" the eight-inch-tall King Kong; houses shot in outdoor scenes of such TV oldies as "Father Knows Best" and "The Munsters;" Western sets used for "Smith and Jones" and the "Rifleman;" some of the Roman sets seen in "Spartacus;" and the famous New York City street set.

Also, Elias was fascinated by the dinosaurs and other creatures used in prehistoric movies. In reality, each is approximately one foot tall. In a fight scene, each shot depicts only one move, the head, front foot, etc., requiring as many as one thousand shots for an entire sequence.



Awaiting visitors just outside the "Battle Star Galactica" set at Uni-

versal City Studios in Los Angeles is the "friendly" fellow above who appears to be issuing a rather unusual welcome to one and all.

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Elias was most fascinated by "Bruce the hydrolic shark," from the movie "Jaws" and its successors. The antics of the creature were truly frightening, says Elias, although he and the other passengers on the small tram were fully aware that the beast was made of rubber.



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'Jaws' was still a shock

Possibly the most exciting part of the tour, though, was that dealing with "Jaws." All tour groups proceed from one area of the studios to another on four small trolley-type vehicles, and it was from one of these small cars that Elias became acquainted with the mighty shark.

As the tour group traveled across a bridge, a portion of the structure broke away, and before the almost believing eyes of the onlookers,

Jaws demolished a "victim." From atop a nearby pier, a man fired a harpoon with an attached trailing barrel at the shark, which headed for the tram. Elias describes what followed, "Like the fool I am, I looked out to see what was going to happen. Suddenly Jaws sprang at me! He was right there!" The creature then swam alongside the vehicles, scaring all the other passengers. "We were terrified," Elias

comments, "even though we knew he was made of rubber."

Soon afterward, Elias began his stay in the homes of three cousins and the Pachecos returned to Clovis.

While he was visiting in DeVor, California, the family of one cousin introduced Elias to another enjoyable pastime, horseback riding in the mountains.

On the last day of his vacation, another cousin made sure the New Mexican did not leave without a stop

at Magic Mountain, which Elias describes as, "an amusement park for adults," where the rides are "more terrifying." Hardly pausing for breath, he adds, "I loved it!" Among the interesting items there were the Revolution, a roller coaster which Elias considered one of the best rides; a second roller coaster, the Colossus, largest of its kind in the world; and the Jim Gibson Band, a Western group.

Although the vacation had officially ended, the adventure was

not over for Elias. On the flight from LA International Airport to Albuquerque, Elias says that the plane seemed to never move, although it was traveling at a speed of 560 miles per hour at an altitude of 35,000 feet.

Once he was in Albuquerque, Elias missed the Clovis-bound bus by 10 minutes and was forced to wait eight hours for the next one.

One thing stressed by the Texicoite was the consideration of the people, not employees necessarily, but "just people."

For Elias, who suffers cerebral palsy, such a compliment has real meaning. He notes, in particular, that one man at the Albuquerque airport carried his suitcase, acquired a taxi and installed him in it. Another individual, this one a "good lookin' girl," Elias notes with a big grin, gave him a ride to his uncle's home in Clovis after his long bus trip from Albuquerque. To Elias, such acts of kindness just go to show that "people can be nice if you'll let them."



One of the sights that Elias viewed during his visit to Disneyland was the old time riverboat the "Mark Twain," which makes scheduled

runs for the benefit of those who yearn for a taste of life on the Mississippi during the mid-1800's.

Season's Greetings



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

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

Another Spanish tradition dating back to the 16th century, which is still practiced today, is "Fiesta de las Luminarias," or Festival of Lights. The soft sparkle of candles is symbolic of the lighting of the way for Mary and Joseph as they traveled to Bethlehem. "Fiesta de las Luminarias" is celebrated each year along the banks of the Paseo



del Rio, or River Walk, in San Antonio, and on El Paso's Scenic Drive where the glittering lights cast a peaceful glow upon the base of the mountains.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We had buffalo, antelope, deer, bear, rabbit, prairie-dog, possum, and possibly other animals that I do not recall; turkey, goose, brant (wild geese), ducks, prairie chick-

ens, curlew (long-legged shore birds), quail and other birds. The most expensive meat which we had on the table was bacon, which we had to haul 500 miles," he added.

The oldest permanent Polish settlement in the state is Panna Maria in South Texas which was established in 1854 by 150 Polish citizens from Silesia who arrived at the site on Christmas Eve. Led by Father Leopold Moczygemba, the group celebrated mass under a giant oak tree and honored their holiday traditions. For Poles, Christmas Eve, or Wigilia, is the most important day of the season. As the first star appears in the sky, family members gather for a simple meal that breaks their day-long fast. The head of the household divides a small, flat oblong wafer, called an oplatek, that has been blessed by a priest. Each family member shares the oplatek and exchanges good wishes with all the other members.

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

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

Cooking should be fun

Christmas cooking should be fun, but last-minute preparation can be hectic. If you can spare a little freezer space, cook and bake now and freeze holiday foods, suggests county Extension home economist, Janette Pierce.

"Every hour family members spend cooking now will be an extra hour of free time to be with friends and relatives during the holidays," she observes.

Frozen sandwiches are a good choice for lunches and simple suppers. They will keep well for two weeks. But don't use lettuce, tomatoes or cucumbers for frozen sandwiches. They will lose their texture and make the sandwich soggy. Salad dressing is a better choice than mayonnaise, pickles better than celery, and use egg yolk instead of egg white for best results freezing sandwiches.

Many candies and cookies will keep at room temperature for several weeks, she points out. Store crisp candies or cookies separately in tightly covered containers and they will keep for two or three weeks.

Try making a meatball mixture using three to five pounds of lean ground beef. Make the meatballs in a cocktail or main dish size. Bake at 375 degrees F in a shallow pan for 20 minutes.

Shake the pan several times to turn the meatballs. Remove them from the oven and cool. Package the meatballs in serving size containers and freeze them.

When you are ready to serve them, simply thaw and heat in any sauce and they will be ready for holiday entertaining.

Christ Child looked up and smiled.

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

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

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Jan. 7	Happy	5:00 H	8th Boys & Girls	
Jan. 7	Muleshoe	5:00 T	7th Boys & Girls	
Jan. 8	Happy	5:00 T	VB, VG, JVG	
Jan. 11	Vega	5:00 T	VB, VG, JVB	
Jan. 12	Lazbuddie Tournament	T	JVG, JVB	
Jan. 12	Muleshoe Tournament	T	8th Boys & Girls	
Jan. 14	Muleshoe	5:00 T	7th, 8th Girls	
Jan. 14	Muleshoe	5:00 H	7th, 8th Boys	
Jan. 17	Nazareth	5:00 H	VB, VG, JVB	
Jan. 18	Lazbuddie	5:00 T	VB, VG, JVG	
Jan. 21	Nazareth	5:00 T	J.H. Boys & Girls	
Jan. 22	Kress	5:00 H	VB, VG, JVG	
Jan. 24	Happy	5:00 H	VB, VG, JVB	
Jan. 28	Lazbuddie	5:00 T	J.H. Boys & Girls	
Jan. 29	Vega	5:00 H	VB, VG, JVG	
Feb. 1	Nazareth	5:00 T	VB, VG, JVG	
Feb. 4	Kress	5:00 T	8th Boys & Girls	
Feb. 4	Muleshoe	5:00 H	7th Boys & Girls	
Feb. 5	Lazbuddie	5:00 H	VB, VG, JVB	
Feb. 8	Kress	5:00 T	VB, VG, JVB	

VB = Varsity Boys JVB = Junior Varsity Boys
 VG = Varsity Girls JVG = Junior Varsity Girls
 J.H. = Junior High

Jan. 3-4-5	Bovina Tourn.	T	A Boys, A Girls	
Jan. 11	Floyd	T	A-B Boys, A-B Girls	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	Elida (Homecoming)	H	A-B Boys, A Girls	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 18	Tatum	H	A-B Boys, A-B Girls	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	Dora	T	A-B Boys, A Girls	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 21	Muleshoe	H	B Girls	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 22-26	E.P.A.C. Tourn. (Melrose)		A Boys, A Girls	
Jan. 31	Ft. Sumner	T	B Boys	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Ft. Sumner	H	B Girls	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	Melrose	T	A Boys, A-B Girls	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	Floyd	H	A-B Boys, A-B Girls	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 8	Elida	T	A-B Boys, A Girls	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 9	Tatum	T	A-B Boys, A-B Girls	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 15	Dora	H	A-B Boys, A Girls	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 22	Melrose	H	A-B Boys, A Girls	5:00 p.m.

Jan. 10	Portales	H	(7-8) 9 Girls	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 10	Portales	T	(7-8) 9 Boys	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	Tatum	T	(7-8) 9 Boys & Girls	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 15	Melrose	H	(7-8-9) Boys & Girls	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	Ft. Sumner	T	(7-8) 9 Girls	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 19	Ft. Sumner	H	(7-8) 9 Boys	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 29	Floyd	H	(7-8) Boys & Girls	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	Ft. Sumner	H	(7-8) 9 Girls	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Ft. Sumner	T	(7-8) 9 Boys	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Portales	T	(7-8) 9 Girls	10:00 a.m.
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Feb. 4-6	Floyd Tournament		(7-8) Boys	

Jan. 3, 4, 5	Lazbuddie Tournament	H	VB, VG	
Jan. 8	Sundown	T	VB, VG, JVG	5:00
Jan. 11	Kress	H	VB, VG	6:30
Jan. 12	Lazbuddie JV Tournament	H	JVB, JVG	
Jan. 15	Happy	T	VB, VG, JVG	5:00
Jan. 18	Farwell	H	VB, VG, JVG	5:00
Jan. 22	Nazareth	T	VB, VG, JVG	5:00
Jan. 25	Sundown	H	VB, VG, JVB	5:00
Jan. 29	Kress	T	VB, VG, JVG	5:00
Feb. 1	Happy	H	VB, VG, JVB	5:00
Feb. 5	Farwell	T	VB, VG, JVB	5:00
Feb. 8	Nazareth	H	VB, VG, JVB	5:00

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

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

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

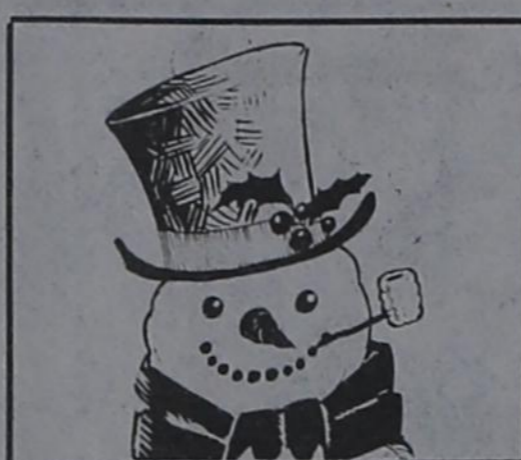
Tales of the bright-eyed wonder of little ones at Christmas are yuletide favorites. One such story stems from an incident that occurred around 1720 at a mission in San Antonio known today as the Alamo.

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

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

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

To hard-working pioneers, frontiersmen and immigrants, Christmas was also a chance to shower attention on their youngsters. One woman wrote of her family's celebrations, "Every child got apples and cookies, for the mothers had certainly made up plenty of cookies and doughnuts. You see, they had killed hogs before Christmas, and while they were rendering up big pots and kettles of



As you and your family hang your stockings by the chimney with care this Christmas season, share a few of these tales, as well as stories of your own, with your children and grandchildren. Who says you can't celebrate the spirit of Christmas without Santa and his reindeer!



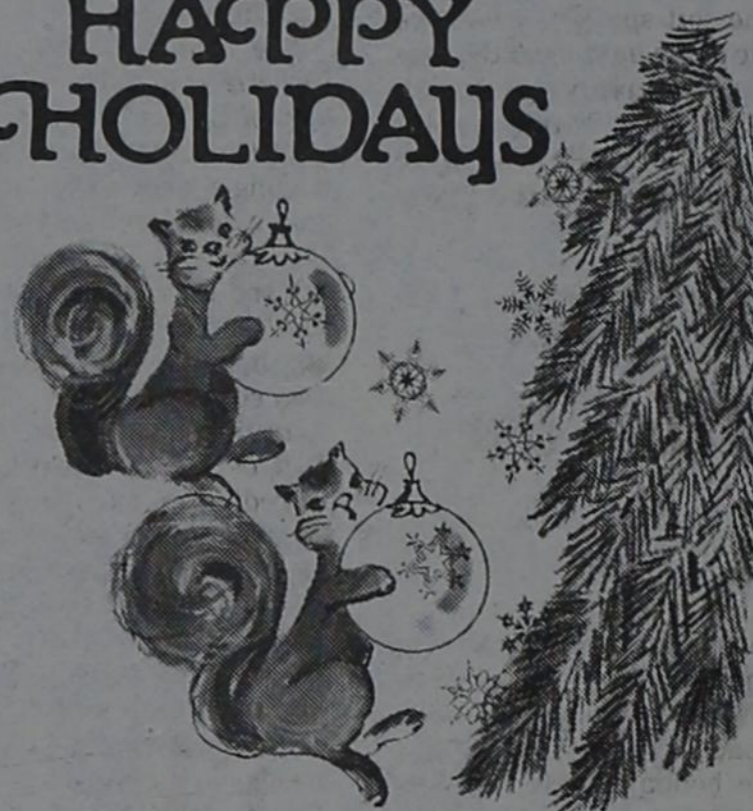
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Hull has served on many national and state boards and committees during his sixteen year tenure with Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative. These include, past president of the Board of Directors of Texas Electric Cooperatives, chairman of the Texas A&M Job Safety and Training Committee, vice-chairman of the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association Resolutions Committee, Texas Electric Cooperatives Co-op Power Committee and is currently the president of the newly formed Golden Spread Electric Co-operative.



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