

Merry Christmas

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By Lucy Burfield

Commercialization of Christmas is perennially a complaint of chronic Scrooges and others who like to think that business is never up to any good.

No one can deny that consumer shopping is vastly expanded during the Christmas season. Anyone who can read knows that the newspaper is a major factor in stimulating the Christmas trade.

So commercialization of Christmas and newspaper advertising is often linked together.

But before anyone is critical of the merchant or newspaper advertising, he should take a close look at the items advertised. He should ask where, if any, is waste involved.

Over 90 percent of the goods advertised as suggestions for Christmas shopping are necessities. They are goods which are just as much needed in June as in December.

Most often listed gift suggestions are coats, dresses, shoes, household appliances, furniture, books, tableware, watches, records, record players, and even various kinds of pots and pans.

The fact is that, for most American families, Christmas shopping is mainly delayed shopping. Real needs are postponed until Christmas so they might be purchased as gifts.

The custom is neither the making of the retailer nor the newspaper. It is a buying choice of the consumer.

Increased newspaper advertising during the Christmas season meets a consumer demand for information at a time when the consumer has chosen to buy.

The merchant who expands his advertising at Christmas necessarily assures the consumer that delayed demand can be supplied at the consumer's convenience.

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Christmas Decorations
James Paul Shanks, Baird Chamber of Commerce president, wishes to give recognition and express his appreciation to the various civic organizations and the City of Baird, for the wonderful way in which they cooperated in placing the beautiful Christmas decorations throughout the downtown area of Baird.

Participating organizations and their projects were: The City of Baird, installation of Christmas lights on city streets, the Courthouse, etc.; Beta Sigma Phi, decorated tree on the Courthouse lawn; Baird 48 Study Club, Manger Scene on Courthouse lawn; the Corinne Blackburn Club, B&PW Club and Lions Club, corner lightpost decorations in downtown area; and Baird Garden Club, Annual Lighting Contest.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 24 - Masonic Lodge
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
Dec. 26 - Chamber of Commerce
Dec. 28 - Lions Club

BUSINESS APPRECIATION WEEK NOW IN FULL SWING

Christmas Appreciation Week, being held in Baird now through Dec. 24, offers shoppers and visitors an opportunity to receive valuable gift certificates and merchandise which is being given away daily by Baird business firms in appreciation of their friends and customers throughout the year, and especially at this Christmas season.

Drawings are being held each afternoon for winners. Registration is held daily at the Chamber of Commerce office. To win prizes, you must register each day and be present at the drawing.

Participating business firms are:

First National Bank
The Baird Star
The Prescription Shop
Wilma's Cafe
Boydston Hardware
McElroy Dry Goods
Reeves Lumber Co.
Thompson Variety Store
Black's Food Store
Freda's Dress Shop
Caldwell Furniture Co.
Work's Dry Goods
Lawrence Drug
Peek's Fashion Cleaners
Warren's Modern Tailors
City Drug
A&P Food Store
Margie's Beauty Shop
Merle's Cafe
S. N. Dunlap Texaco
Frazier Ford
White Auto Store
Jones-Franke Pontiac
Wayne Morrow Texaco
Jennings' Enco Stations
McDonald's W. Hwy. 80
Premier
A. V. Curtis Shell Station
Hatley's Dairyland
M. L. Hughes Tire & Texaco
Smitty's Mobil Station
Luttrell's Gulf Station
Check Chevrolet
Godfrey Funeral Home
Bruce Thompson Grocery
TKT Beauty Bar - Madge Bearden
Thelma Shelton Beauty Shop
Speed Coin Laundry - Mrs. L. B. Dendy
Mrs. Hugh Dickson - Avon Representative
Helen Miller Grocery
Plaza Theatre
Jones' Phillips 66 Station
Sutphen & Wristen
Rupert Jackson
Bargain House - A. H. Turner
Sam Gilliland Plumbing
Robert's Laundry
West Texas Telephone Co.

In Case of Fire, Dial 4-1121

When reporting a fire in the Baird area, don't forget, the new number to call is 4-1121.

Since West Texas Telephone Company does not have local operators at the office now, many people are confused about turning in an alarm. You can't call "central" to report a fire, you have to dial a particular number, 4-1121.

When this number is called during the day, three stations are alerted, the City Hall, Fire Station and Power Plant. At night, however, one station is alerted, the Power Plant, plus ringing 10 firemen's phones.

However, this number should not be dialed for any reason except to report a fire. Under no circumstances should anyone call 4-1121 to find out where a fire is located after the fire siren has sounded.

At present, there is no way for citizens to find out where a fire is, and if this number is dialed, it rings 10 firemen's phones constantly until the receiver is picked up. This could cause a fireman or firemen precious time when a fire has been reported and cause needless fire damage to someone's home or property.

Everyone in this area should take time to memorize this new number to insure prompt action should it be necessary to turn in an alarm.

COURTHOUSE RECORD

Marriage licenses were issued last week, by the County Clerk to:

Dan Allan McCraw, Abilene, and Charlene Leslie Waldon, Clyde, Dec. 16.

Jerry Dale Watson, Rising Star and Connie Colleen Chapman, Rising Star, Dec. 17.

New Vehicles

Two new vehicles were registered last week in Callahan County:
S. L. McElroy, Chevrolet
J. C. Nance, Chevrolet

BEARETTES WIN CONSOLATION AT EULA TOURNAMENT DEC. 15-17

The Bearettes won consolation honors at the Eula Tournament, held last weekend.

In their opening game, Friday, the Bearettes were defeated by Duaneville, 66-63.

High point girl for the game was Cathy Townsend with 27. Peggy Gordon scored 22 and Joyce Howard made 14.

In the second game, played Saturday against Trent, the Bearettes came out on top, final score reading 76-41.

Peggy Gordon was high point maker for this game with 27. Others scoring were Cathy Townsend 15, Joyce Howard 13, Dianne Petty 9, Linda Cason 8, Barbara McPherson 2 and Mar-

ian Odom 2.
The Bearettes also won their final game Saturday against Rising Star, 44-32, for consolation.

Cathy Townsend led the scoring with 26 points, while Joyce Howard netted 10 and Peggy Gordon made 8.

Girls seeing action in guard positions during tournament play were Nadene Shelnut, Mary Jo Collins, Kerry White, Laura Smith, Donna Abernathy, Ada Black, Rea Corn and Cindy White.

Peggy Gordon was selected to All-Tournament team for her outstanding performances during tournament play.



FARRIS BENNETT

34th Year - Same Lease

HUNTER BAGS 34th BUCK

Farris Bennett of Baird kills his 34th buck deer for the 34th consecutive year, on the same lease in the Davis Mountains, located 15 miles south of Kent, ed by Mrs. Roy Nunn.

Mr. Bennett's first trip to this part of Texas was in 1932, making the trip with him was Robert Edwards, then sheriff of Callahan County. The two men accidentally came upon this ranch and meeting the man who owned it, Roy Nunn, he and Mr. Bennett became close friends throughout the years. Mr. Nunn married the next year, so Mrs. Bennett joined the hunting trip for the last 33 years. She has at times killed deer also, but leaves most of this sport to her husband.

Mr. Nunn passed away in the early 1960's and Mrs. Nunn has continued to operate the ranch since that time.

One year, Mr. Bennett added a 19-pointer to his collection, and that has been the largest deer ever killed on this lease. His 1966 trophy is a six-point buck, of which he is ever so proud, as he shows off in the picture above. The buck was shot early in the morning, and Mr. Bennett was standing on the ground. Hitting it in the neck, a clean kill, assures the hunter of good venison.

This part of Texas is very rough and gets rather cold, down to 16 degrees on some of the hunts, and sometimes gets snowed in.

Mrs. Bennett's prepared dishes of venison chicken fried, barbecue, etc., are to her guest's delight. They also have the hides processed and jackets and gloves are made from this very soft leather. Mrs. Bennett says, "We wear nothing in the way of gloves at our house but deer skin gloves."

TB Seal Sales Total \$961.50

The Callahan County Tuberculosis Association reports TB Seal sales in the county now totals \$961.50.

The Association wishes to express their appreciation for the confidence and generosity shown by the people of Callahan County.

Those who have not answered their Seal sale letters are urged to do so and join in the fight against TB and other respiratory diseases.

FFA Members Pick Albany Girl Queen

Karen Dennis, 17 year old daughter of Mrs. H. D. Dennis of Albany, was elected Queen from 13 FFA Chapter Sweethearts Monday night when the Abilene District FFA held its annual banquet in Baird High School cafeteria. Competition was so keen, it took three bal-

lots before a decision could be reached.

Miss Dennis will represent the district at the Area IV trials in Stephenville in May. Winners from there will go to Dallas for the mid-summer finals. FFA members, sweetheart candidates, sponsors and guests,

heard state FFA president Marcus Hill of Sulphur Springs, speak on America's Blessings. Murray Edwards of Clyde, district president and third in the United States in FFA speaking contest, presided at the dinner. Invocation was given by Tim Levrets, and Ed Cotton, Baird High School Principal, gave the welcome. Cecil Allen presented the guests, and Hugh Tarrant of Eula introduced the speaker.

Awards were presented to Chapters and individuals by Ralph Moser, area supervisor. Bill Scott, VA instructor at Abilene High, made a special presentation to Bob Cooke, Abilene Reporter-News Farm Editor, "for the many fine years of service which he has given to Future Farmers of America as one of the many services rendered to agriculture."

Nadene Shelnut, Baird's candidate for the Queen's Contest, was named as runner-up. Others in the contest were Carrol Ann Caldwell, Abilene High; Marilyn Hathaway, Cisco; Pam Prewitt, Cooper; Vickie Hickman, Cross Plains; Carolyn Gardner, Eula; Sherry Hefley, Jim Ned; Joyce Button, Merkel; Vicki Vaughn, Moran; Kathi Grisham, Wylie; Pat Horner, Clyde; and Patty Reddin, Trent.

Also receiving an award was E. J. Freeman, honorary Lone Star Farmer nominee of Clyde. Chapter Gold Star ratings were given Cross Plains, Eula, Wylie, Jim Ned, Clyde, Trent, Abilene High and Cisco. Merkel was presented a silver star.

Area awards were presented to Wylie for first place in Greenhand quiz; and second place in radio.

District awards quiz: Wylie, first; Abilene High, second. Senior Skills: Abilene, first; Clyde, second; Eula, third. Junior Skills: Abilene, first. Senior chapter conducting: Trent, first; Jim Ned, second; Eula, third. Radio: Wylie, first; Abilene, second; Eula third. Junior chapter conducting: Jim Ned, first; Eula, second; and Cross Plains, third.

Lone Star Farmers: Bobby Payne and Larry Franke, both of Cross Plains; Eldridge Mitchell, Eula; David Manahan and Wilburn Holloway, Wylie; Darwin King, Abilene; and Eddie Mitchell, Trent.

Bears Defeated By Bulldogs 70-56

Baird Bears were defeated by their traditional foes, the Clyde Bulldogs, Monday night in the Clyde gym. Final score was 70-56.

The Bears led in scoring during the first period 14-9, but failed to hold their lead as the Bulldogs came back to take over 29-25 at halftime.

By the end of the third, Clyde had pulled ahead 50-35. The Bears scored 21 points in the final period while Clyde boys netted 20.

Dyer Windham was high man for Baird with 20. Gary Franke had 13, Tommy Bearden 11, Kenny Townsend 8, Bobby Voigts 2 and Bryan Reese 2. Cecil Eger was high for the Bulldogs with a big 29.

BEARS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP AT EULA TOURNAMENT

The Baird Bears copped the championship title of the Eula Invitational Tournament by defeating Wylie, Hawley and Eula. The tournament was held Dec. 15, 16, 17.

In their opener, the Bears took the Wylie team by a score of 85-61, with Kenny Townsend claiming high point honors with 29.

Tommy Bearden turned in 23, Dyer Windham 13, Gary Franke 11, Bobby Voigts 6 and Bryan Reese 3.

In the second game, played

against Hawley, the Bears scored 81 points while their opponents netted 61.

High pointer for this game was Tommy Bearden with 29. Dyer Windham was second with 16, followed by Kenny Townsend 13, Gary Franke 13, Bobby Voigts 7, Bryan Reese 2 and Tommy Varner 1.

Their final game against host Eula ended 82-74 in favor of the Bears for the championship title.

Tommy Bearden nit a big 40 points for high honors. Dyer Windham turned in 12, Gary Franke 12, Bobby Voigts 8, Kenny Townsend 6 and Bryan Reese 4.

Also seeing action in tournament play were Ruben Suniga and Dickie Haas.

Chosen for All-Tournament team were Kenny Townsend and Tommy Bearden.

Bearettes Win Over Santa Anna 52-21

The Bearettes met Santa Anna in Baird gym Tuesday night and scored a big 52-21 victory.

Baird's leading pace was established during the first period which ended 19-4. In the second period, Santa Anna was held to 0 by the Bearettes who scored 7, bringing the halftime score to 26-4.

In the third, Baird made 13 to Santa Anna's 11 and in the final scored 13-6.

Peggy Gordon scored 21 for high, followed by Cathy Townsend with 11, Dianne Petty 9, Joyce Howard 7, Marian Odom 3 and Linda Cason 1. Also seeing action was Barbara McPherson.

Vicki Neff was high for Santa Anna, turning in 16 points.

Bearette guards were Nadene Shelnut, Mary Jo Collins, Kerry White, Sue Smith, Laura Smith, Donna Abernathy, Ada Black, Rea Corn and Cindy White.

DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Don Burns of Euleas are the parents of a daughter, born Dec. 13 at 1:49 p. m., weighing 4 pounds, 8 ounces. The young lady was named Tia Camille.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Frances Barton of Baird, and paternal grandmother is Mrs. Fred Burns of Clyde.

TO HOLD SERVICES CHRISTMAS

Worship service at First Methodist Church in Baird will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 25. There will be no Sunday school hour. We know many people will be out of town, but we are sure many visitors will come here. We invite all who will to come at 10:30 to worship with us. This is the Birthday of our Lord. Let us worship him in spirit and in truth.

Public Notice

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To: J. Madera, and his unknown heirs, if he be deceased; S. M. Cranfill Little, and her unknown heirs, if she be deceased; Tom Little, and his unknown heirs, if he be deceased; and T. R. Cranfill, and his unknown heirs, if he be deceased, the defendants in the herein-after entitled and numbered cause.

Grantees:
You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday, the 16th day of January, 1967, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable District Court of Callahan County, Texas, at the Courthouse in Baird, Texas.

Said plaintiffs' petition was filed on the 30th day of November, 1966. The file number of said suit being No. 11,860. The names of the parties in said suit are:

Leonard Baum and wife, Montie Baum, Sam Plowman and wife, Fannie Baum Plowman, Leo Baum and wife, Annie Lee Baum, as plaintiffs, and the above named parties as defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: A suit brought to have a receiver appointed under Article 2320b, VACS of the State of Texas, to execute an oil, gas and mineral lease on the defendants' undivided mineral interests in the following described tracts of land in Callahan County, Texas, to-wit:

TRACT I. Beginning on the S. B.L. of the Victoria School Land Survey 202, and the N.B.L. of Survey 201, 15 vrs. West of their common East corner for the beginning corner of this survey; Thence North 15 vrs. W. of and parallel to the E.B.L. of Survey 202, 91 vrs. to S. E. corner of Fannie Plowman tract; Thence following the outside boundaries of a field as follows: West 710 vrs. North 114 vrs. East 196 vrs. North 160 vrs. East 289 vrs. North 313.33 vrs.; Thence West 1009 vrs. across pasture to St. Md. under fence for corner; Thence North 116.67 vrs. to field fence corner; Thence West with field fence 622 vrs. to Northwest corner of this tract and the S. W. corner of the Fannie Plowman tract; Thence South 795 vrs. with old fence line to the

S. W. corner of this tract, an old fence corner 19 vrs. N. of the S.B.L. of Survey 202; Thence East 371 vrs. parallel with and 19 vrs. N. of the S.B.L. of Survey 202, to an old fence post, and post line, Thence South with the W.B.L. of the 71 acre tract, at 19 vrs. cross the N.B.L. of Victoria School Land Survey 201, a total of 270 vrs. to an old corner post set for the S. W. corner of the 71 acre tract; Thence East with public road 1485 vrs. to fence corner for the S. E. corner of this tract; Thence North with old fence line 270 vrs. (This old fence is 15 vrs. West of and parallel to the E.B.L. of Victoria Co. School Land, Survey 201) to the place of beginning and containing 265.2 acres.

TRACT II. Beginning at a stake and stone mound under an old fence in a fence corner 1046 vrs. South and 15 vrs. West of the N.E. corner of this survey No. 202, for the N. E. and beginning corner of this tract; Thence West with an old field fence to a fence corner 378 vrs.; Thence North with fence to stake and stone md. 252 vrs.; Thence West across pasture 1494 vrs. to pipe under fence for corner; Thence South 721.03 vrs. to corner of field for corner of this tract; Thence East with field fence 622 vrs. to corner of field; Thence South with field fence 116.67 vrs. to stone md.; Thence East 1009 vrs. across field to st. md. for corner; Thence South 313.33 vrs. with W.B.L. of field to st. md. for corner; Thence South 160 vrs. with W.B.L. of field to st. md. for corner; Thence West 196 vrs. with N.B.L. of field to st. md. for corner; Thence South with W.B.L. of field 114 vrs. to st. md. for corner; Thence East with S.B.L. of field 710 vrs. to st. md. under 15 vrs. West of the E.B.L. of Survey 202, for the S. E. corner of this tract; Thence North 1198 vrs. on old fence 15 vrs. W. of and parallel to the E.B.L. of Survey 202, to the place of beginning, and containing 295.2 acres, SAVE AND EXCEPT, a certain tract containing 26.2 acres, more or less, presently owned by Sam Plowman, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the S. W. corner of one certain 133.8 acres, more or less, tract owned by Leo Baum located in the Northeastern part of survey 202, Victoria Co. School Land, for the N. W. corner of this tract; Thence South 156 vrs. to a point for the S. W. corner of this tract; Thence East 950 vrs.

to a point for the S. E. corner of this tract; Thence North 156 vrs. to the S. E. corner of the 133.8 acres more or less, tract owned by Leo Baum located in the Northeastern part of Survey 202, Victoria Co. School Land, for the N. E. corner of this tract; Thence West 950 vrs. to place of beginning.

TRACT III. Being a 280.2 acre tract out of Victoria County School Survey No. 202, Abstract No. 514, Callahan County, Tex-

as, to-wit: Beginning at an old corner post on the North boundary line of the Victoria County School Survey No. 202; and 15 varas West of its Northeast corner for the Northeast corner and beginning of this tract; Thence West with the North boundary line of said Survey 1871 vrs. to an old corner post set in concrete for the Northwest corner of this tract; Thence South with an old fence line 793.97 varas to an iron pipe

set in ground for the Southwest corner of this tract; Thence East 1494 varas to a stake and stone mound set for an inside corner of this tract; Thence South 252 varas to corner post for the Southwest corner of this tract; Thence East with a fence line 378 varas to a stake and corner post in the West line and fence of right of way of a road and 15 varas West of the East boundary line of said Survey No. 202, for the Southeast

corner of this tract; Thence North 1046 varas to the place of beginning and containing 280.2 acres, more or less, SAVE AND EXCEPT, a certain tract containing 133.8 acres, more or less. Beginning at the N. W. corner of the above described land; Thence South 793.97 varas; Thence East 950 varas to a point; Thence North 793.97 varas to the North boundary line of said Survey; Thence West to the place of beginning.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this 30th day of November A. D. 1966.

Given under my hand and seal of the District Court of Callahan County, Texas, on this 30th day of November, 1966.

Mrs. Beatrice Deal
Clerk of the District Court
of Callahan County, Texas.

Classified Ads Pay

Christmas Greetings



**Our best wishes to everyone for a joyful Holiday
brimming with good fellowship and glowing with gladness.
And "Thank You," for your loyalty and trust.**

CALLAHAN COUNTY OFFICIALS

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| Hazel Reynolds, County Treasurer | Jerry Lackey, County Agent |
| Beatrice Deal, County Clerk | Garvin Jones, Justice of the Peace |
| Homer Price, County Sheriff | Rosco Shelnett, Comm. Precinct 1 |
| Albert Lovell, Tax Assessor-Collector | Glan Swor, Comm. Precinct 2 |
| L. C. Cash, County Superintendent | F. P. Shackelford, Comm. Precinct 3 |
| James Paul Shanks, County Attorney | Duke Mitchell, Comm. Precinct 4 |



O, Holy Night

Each year at Christmas, the sacred story lives anew. As we reflect upon that holy time, of a Child born in Bethlehem, may we find inspiration in His life, to guide us on our way. Sincere greetings to all.

**CALLAHAN COUNTY FARMERS
CO-OP., INC.
BAIRD — CLYDE**



Merry Christmas

Time for us to speed very warm wishes for the Yuletide Holiday to you, May your day be bright with joy and merriment shared with your loved ones. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas!

MOBIL STATION
Smitty and Faye



Silent Night

Long ago, on quiet night, the Messago came, and in its spirit of Hope and Peace we send all our friends warm Christmas greetings!

A & P Store



MERRY CHRISTMAS

We hope Santa leaves some room in your stocking for our wish of happy times for you and yours. Merry Christmas!

Peek's Fashion Cleaners



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

On this wonderful holiday of Peace and Joy we send our heartfelt greetings, and wishes for your Christmas to be merry and bright.

Lawrence Pastry Shop



Joy to the World

May the spirit of His birth warm your hearts with joyous love.

RED'S EGG RANCH
Red & Ally Northcutt

NEWS ITEMS FROM PUTNAM

SCHOOL NEWS . . .
Putnam schools will dismiss classes Wednesday, December 21 for the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume on Monday, January 2.

First and Second Grades
We are looking forward to our Christmas holiday season. Martha Cunningham's mother came to visit us and brought lovely goodies for our Christmas party. We sure love our Room Mothers. They are so nice to us. We hope they have a nice Christmas.

Richard Wagley had his brother Craig Buchanan and family as guests part of the weekend.

Donald Isenhower had fun at the movie. He saw Texas Across The River.

Several in our class enjoyed the music at the Methodist Church Sunday evening.

Donald Isenhower is so glad to have his sister Linda, a teacher in Houston schools, home for the holiday season.

Martha Cunningham had visitors Sunday, the Alton Whites of Eastland.

BOYS BASKETBALLERS LOSE TO CLYDE

The Putnam Panthers were defeated by the Clyde Bulldogs in the Cross Plains Invitational Tournament Friday night by a score of 66-36. This was semi-final game for both teams.

Putnam won over May in a game Thursday, 48-35 to advance to the winners side of the bracket. Clyde had defeated Cross Plains Thursday for their right to advance.

High point man for Putnam was Johnny Isenhower with 24 points. Jim Paylor was high for Clyde with 27 points.

The Wesley Methodist Church of Cisco, Scranton Methodist and the Putnam Methodist all combined and presented a play, "The World Needs a Saviour," Sunday evening at 6:30, in the church at Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Reynolds are expecting to have all their family together on Christmas Eve. These include Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bennie and Kelly of Min-

eral Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cochran, Joy and Jill of Springtown, Mr. and Mrs. John Doyle Isenhower, Laura and Martin of Putnam, Roddy of ACC, and Willa and Roger of the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Mosley and children of Virginia Beach, Va., are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speegle of Putnam and Mr. and Mrs. Mosley in Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Harris of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Dorris Lee Donaway and son of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Donaway of Cisco were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Donaway.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Daniel and sons of San Antonio, Mrs. G. W. Jones, Mrs. Jerry Boles and son of Eastland were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pruet.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pruet of Ranger were Sunday afternoon visitors with Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Eubank and Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Pruet.

Mrs. Alma Buchanan of Beaumont, Mrs. Ada Stewart of Electra spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. Earle Hurst. Mrs. Hurst returned home with Mrs. Buchanan, where she will spend a month or more.

Harvette Black of Abilene was a Saturday guest of Mrs. Earl Jobe.

Jimmy and Dixie Francisco of Baird spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton White of Eastland were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Lee White.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Blakey of Eula were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Taylor.

Mrs. E. C. Waddell is visiting in Dallas with her new granddaughter, Barbara Ann, born Dec. 14, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Borson. The Borson's have an older daughter, Renee.

Chesley Pruet of Eldorado, Ark., spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Pruet.

Clifford Smith left for his home in Dallas after spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Smith.

Mr. Everett is still quite ill. Mrs. Jack Everett of Midland is spending a week with them.

Visiting last week were Mr. and Mrs. Steward Bentley and Mrs. Forest Scott of Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ellis of Atwell, Fred Ellis of Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Moore of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Buel Everett of Big Spring.

Mrs. E. H. Hight left for her home in Winters Thursday and Charlie Everett left for Sudan Tuesday after spending a week with the Everetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Isenhower of Cisco visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Ramsey Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Wood of Cisco were Sunday guests of Mrs. Ramsey.

Ruth Mobley is spending Christmas with Betty and Mabel Mobley. They all went to visit Mr. and Mrs. Zulus Mehaffey at Lake Leon Monday.

"WEEKLY MEDITATIONS"

"Bethlehem Speaks To Our Day"

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea." Matt. 2:1.

Bethlehem speaks of promise and of triumph. I know how disappointing and even terrible this world can be, but let it be remembered that this is also the world that celebrates Christmas. I feel genuinely sorry for those who, in these threatening times, lack the faith which gives this season its glorious significance.

This day commemorates the birth of the King of Kings. With right we observe it in exultation, even in great joy. Only let us be sure, as we face a very difficult world, that the banner we carry is the banner of the Lord. A man asked me recently, "Are not your claims for the power of Christ too high?" No. A thousand times, NO. Even in the farthest stretch of our imagination we cannot reach a point that transcends Him.

Our trouble is that we hold Him in too low esteem. We really do not make Him the center of Christmas, nor the center of our lives. We must bear in mind that "it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell." The real meaning of Christmas is that God came out of Bethlehem to be active in the affairs of the world.

Christ has made a profound change for the better in the history of civilization. What may seem as a temporary check must never be viewed as a defeat. We are being told on every hand that Christianity is on the decline. But I would say to those who are inclined to think that way, to those who proceed on the assumption that Christ is through, that they are preparing for a fearful collapse. The Supreme Power in this Universe does not make much noise, nor are His activities without their mystery.

Our calendar dates every event that happens from the birth of Jesus Christ. The Christian philosophy of life is a part of our daily thought. The Spirit of Christ has entered the human situation. His life belongs

to the history of our world, difficult as it may seem today. He has demonstrated over and over again His power to forgive sin and set death at naught. The most stupendous forces of the world have been arrayed against Him without accomplishing His defeat. The world is still under the sway of His redeeming Spirit, and He is the master of the human soul. May He find your own heart open and ready to receive Him as this season of Christmas comes and goes, and be with you as guide and strength every day you live.

First Methodist Church
Albert Cooper, Pastor

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa:
I want a durm and a BB gun. I love you, Santa How is Mrs. Santa doing? How are the reindeers?

Love,
Dale Avery

Dear Santa:
Do you know what I want? I bet you don't. I want a BB gun and a new bike. I want you to get some cowboy boots for my mother. She wants a hat and my grandmother wants a fan.

Love,
Freddie Du Pont



Merry Christmas

One of the special pleasures of Christmas is the opportunity to greet one's friends and customers — with appreciation of our cordial relations.

Thompson's Variety Store



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

In the happy spirit of the holiday cheer that abounds, may we offer sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas to all our friends.

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PEACE

May all the peace, happiness and blessings of this holy season be bestowed upon you and yours. A very Merry Christmas to one and all.

Hatley's Dairyland



To Greet You at Christmas

With fond hopes that all your holiday dreams come true, we send you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

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Merry Christmas

Merriest wishes and happiest thoughts, for all our friends at this holiday season. And bountiful thanks, to you, and you, and you.

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the joy of Christmas

Our Christmas wish... good will to all men, peace, and the happiness of giving.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

As the season of good will comes to us once again, we take the opportunity to bid our friends a Merry Christmas!

Freda's Dress Shop



Christmas is a time of wonder and delight for a child. May it be a time of abundant blessings and abiding joy for you.



Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Godfrey

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a Barbie and a Skipper and some clothes. I have been nice and I haven't a check mark. I am 7 years old. I want you to bring my brother some guns and some clothes, too.

Love,
Karen Ringhoffer

Dear Santa:
I want a Duck Shoot and a Motorific. Santa, I would like you to bring my sister a Cheerful-Tearful and a baby buggy.

Love,
Lynn Sessions

Dear Santa:
I want a GI Joe and a Daniel Boone gun, a machine gun, James Bond kit, two walkie-talkies and a cowboy gun, a boxing robot, a cannon, an Army jeep, a truck, a rocket space men and a play horse. If you can't bring all these just bring what you can.

Love,
James Parks

Dear Santa:
I want you to bring me a doll, a toy dog, a Brownie suit and a bike. I have been a good girl. My brother has been a good boy too, and my little brother has been good too. How is Mrs. Santa? It is cold out there?

Love,
Jana Crites

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me some Go Go boots and a watch. It is cold up there? How is Mrs. Claus and your reindeer? How are your helpers doing? How is Christmas up there?

Love,
Charlotte Diane Dehnel

Dear Santa:
I want a doll for Christmas. Would you bring me a pretty doll and a pair of Go Go boots? My brother wants a BB gun.

Love,
Alfreda Mendez

Dear Santa:
Can I have a bike and my sister wants a bike, too. My brother wants a gun and a cowboy suit. Can my mother have a blouse? And can my father have some shoes?

Love,
Dee Ann Hill

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a sonic blaster, a play time bomb, some arrows, a bow, an Indian suit, a tent, an Indian headdress. Hi Santa, I have been good. I hope you have. How is Mrs. Santa? I am going to tell you what my sister wants. She wants a Tiny Teeny Talk and Susie Homemaker.

Love,
Jay Wheat

Dear Santa Claus:
My brother wants a gun and a GI Joe and some clothes. I want some GoGo boots. I want a watch. I want a Barbie and some clothes. I want a toy dog. I want some dresses. I want a bicycle. I want some prizes. I want a baby

Love,
Kathi Young

Dear Santa:
I would like a toy gun, a canteen, a GI Joe. Please would you give my big brother a new BB gun, and give my mother a new dress. Give my daddy a new gun. I have been good. I have no marks on the board. My brother has been good. My mother has been good. My Daddy has been good.

Love,
David Mitchell

Dear Santa Claus:
I want some books and a Man from U.N.C.L.E. gun and cowboy suit. How is Mrs. Santa Claus? My brothers have been good boys. My sisters have been good girls, too.

Love,
Joey Walker

Dear Santa:
I love you, Santa. Is it cold up there, Santa? I hope your reindeer are alright. I want a BB gun for Christmas and I want a train too.

Love,
Larry Dale Cauthen

Dear Santa:
I want a Baby Boo, and would like for you to bring my little brother a gun. I would like you to get my little sister a Baby Magic. I would like you to get my little sister a baby doll.

Love,
Debbie Simmons



A long time ago the first Adoration was in a manger. Now, we add our voice to the joy of the world... to all men, and especially you, our heartfelt wish for happiness on this Noel.

CALLAHAN COUNTY HOSPITAL & STAFF



Christmas...

On this joyous Holiday celebrating the birth of the Holy Child, we wish that you may be filled with peace and gladness, comforted with hope, and surrounded by your loved ones.

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Greetings

With lots of hustle and good cheer we merrily prepare for the pleasures of Christmas Day. May the holiday bring, in bountiful measure, many happy moments with family and friends for you to treasure.



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Letters To Santa Claus-

Dear Santa:
Will you get me a red car set. Will you get me a toy gun and will you give me your telephone number and I will call you on Christmas Day.
Ricky Rone

Dear Santa:
I want a gun and some play bullets. My brother wants a little bus and my little one wants a little dog.
Love,
Manuel Aguirre

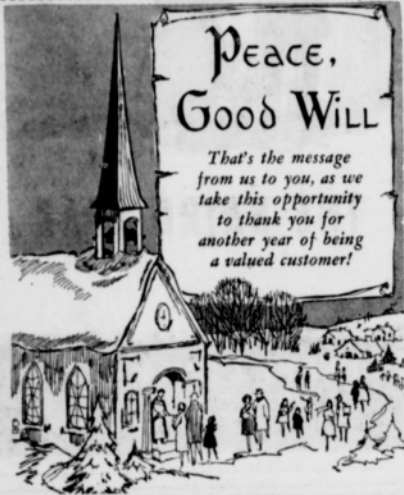
Dear Santa:
I want you to bring me a Walkie-Talkie.
Love,
Albert Gonzales

Dear Santa:
I want a wagon and a bicycle, a gun, and a football.
Love,
Jim Sadler



On this day of celebration we join in happy chorus to wish you and yours "Merry Christmas!"

THE FAMILY SHOPPE



**PEACE,
Good Will**

That's the message from us to you, as we take this opportunity to thank you for another year of being a valued customer!

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Dear Santa:
I do not want much this Christmas. All I want is a Cheerful-Tearful doll, a Secret Suzie "L" Purse, a set of wigs, and a little Kiddie with the baby bed. My sister wants a baby cradle doll, mama's purse, a baby buggy and some more things.
Love,
Sheri Eubank

Dear Santa:
I would like a bow and arrows with steel points on them. I hope I get what I want. How are your Elves and workers? And Santa, don't forget to go to Ricky's home, Arthur's house, Bonnie's house, Rae Jean's house, Phyllise's house, Jan's house, Sheila's house, Jodie's house, Kevin's house, Paul's house, Judy's house, Michael's house, Lynn's house, and Cindy's house. And don't forget all of the rest of the boys and girls in the world.
Love,
Randy Fleming

Dear Santa:
I want a Troll and a baby rabbit. Please do not forget my little sister. Bill wants house shoes and a robe. Jim wants some coins. I don't know what my Mother and Father want.
Love,
Trina Hatchett

Dear Santa:
I would like a bracelet and a Cheerful-Tearful and a Little Kiddie. I would also like a Secret Suzie "L" purse. Jan would like a Baby Magic and a ring.
Love,
Brenda Lyn Higgins
663 Cherry Street

Dear Santa:
I would like the following things: a Mystery Date game, a Francy doll and wardrobe, a Bird Brain game, a Monopoly game, a Baby Magic and 31-piece wardrobe.
With love,
Vicki Bradley

Dear Santa:
I want a bicycle.
Rodney Ivy

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a truck.
Love,
Carlos Cerda

A Joyous Christmas

A most bountiful holiday is our wish for you; cherished friendships, happy laughter of happy children, and the good will of all men. Have the merriest of all Christmases!

BOWMAN LUMBER CO., Inc., Clyde, Texas

Letters To Santa Claus-

Moran, Texas
Route 2
Putnam, School

Dear Santa:
Please come to see me. I would love to have some fruit. I want a gun, the kind that shoots. I want some toys, too. I will be proud of my presents. Remember my brother, too.
Love,
Ralph Wagley

Putnam, Texas
Box 878

Dear Santa:
Please come to see me. I would love to have a bike, gun fighting man toy. I would love to have some fruit and candy, too.
Richard Wagley.

Putnam, Texas
Box 907

Dear Santa:
I would like to have some checkers and candy too. I want a new cap.
I love you.
Bob Feely

Putnam, Texas
Box 968

Dear Santa:
Please come to see me. I would love to have some toys. Remember my daddy and mother.
I would love to have some clothes. I would love to have some fruit and candy, too. I hope I have been good.
Love,
Larry Donald Isenhower

Putnam, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll, and doll clothes. I want some toys, too. Remember my brother.
I love you.
Martha Cunningham

Putnam, Texas

Dear Santa:
I love to write to you. I would like to have a BB gun, and a ball too. I hope I have been good.
Raymond Threet

May the Joy and Peace of Christmas always be with You

Boydston Hardware

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Sleigh bells ring, voices sing out all through the land in friendly Christmas greetings. To these we add our own, extending to our faithful customers and friends the warmest holiday wishes, the sincerest "thank you" for your patronage.

McELROY'S DRY GOODS & DRESS SHOP

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The fond memories of an old-fashioned Christmas stir misty recollections of snow-covered hillsides, the freshly cut family tree, kitchens rich with the aroma of holiday delicacies, the cold, clear air ringing with friendly greetings. Today, we echo those same warm sentiments as we wish you all a very Happy Holiday!

Randall C. Jackson & J. Rupert Jackson, Jr.



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 Thelma Womack
- December 24:
 Vicky Burfield
- December 25:
 Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield
- December 26:
 Mrs. D. C. O'Conner
 Alan Towler
 Jay Ringhoffer
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Baird Garden Club Hold Christmas Party In Williams Home

Baird Garden Club met Dec. 13 for the annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. R. D. Williams. Co-hostesses were Mrs. N. L. Long Jr., Mrs. Dick Young and Mrs. Felix Mitchell.

Following the invocation, a Christmas prayer, by Mrs. Marvin Davis, members answered roll call with descriptions of Biblical plants, flowers or trees.

The president, Mrs. I. E. Warren, announced that stationary bearing pictures of beautiful Texas scenes would be received in time for members to sell as Christmas gifts.

Speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. N. L. Long Jr., who illustrated her talk on "Christmas Greens, Source and Use," with pictures and descriptions of new and unusual decorations. Adding emphasis to the Christmas decor were many beautiful arrangements throughout the home of the hostess.

Concluding the afternoon program, guests sang carols and exchanged gifts from the Christmas tree. Members also brought gifts to be sent to Abilene State School.

Present in addition to those already mentioned were Mmes. Dee Young, W. V. Walls, Ben Ross, Homer McIntosh, E. H. Leache, Lee Ivey, W. A. Hunt, Ace Hickman, B. H. Freeland, Frank Cunningham, D. J. Anderson and C. Z. Anderson.

DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Nelson of Houston are the parents of a daughter, born Dec. 11, at 12:30 p. m. The baby weighed 6 lbs. and 15 ounces, and has been named Melinda Ann.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Snyder Jr. of Baird, and paternal grandmother is Mrs. R. L. Nelson Sr. of Wichita Falls.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa:
 I want a bicycle and prizes. And my sister wants a tricycle and a doll.

Love,
 Kenneth Nance

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CHRISTMAS	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	
	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	
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NEW YEAR	6 P.M. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 TO 11:59 P.M. MONDAY, JANUARY 2													
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The "COUNTDOWN BOARD" shown above will be used by the Texas Department of Public Safety during the Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends to draw attention to the need for safe driving. The DPS and other organizations are going "all out" in order that the indicated traffic death tolls might be kept down during "Operation Deathwatch." Each motorist is urged to join the effort to save as many lives as possible during the closing days of 1966.

MFT Buys School 2 New Machines

At a meeting of the Baird MFT club, December 8, members voted to buy a duplicator machine and projector for the school.

The duplicator is electric and fully automatic, one article the grade school was very much in need of. The projector can be used without a screen and pictures can be flashed on walls, etc. Cost of the two machines was approximately \$629.00.

The next MFT meeting will be Feb. 2, 1967, at 3:45 p. m.

Presbyterian Women Hold Meet at Church

Mrs. Dorothy Parsons was hostess to the Presbyterian Women's Society on Dec. 14. Mrs. Juanita Danielson presided for the business session and reminded members that a special Christmas offering would be taken on Dec. 18, to be sent to the United Presbyterian Homes at Waxahachie.

Mrs. Harry Berry gave the Christmas prayer and the devotional. The Magnificat from Luke 1, was read by Mrs. Lee Ivey, who also led the Mission Study of Foreign and Home Missions, supported by the United Presbyterian Church.

A letter was read asking that used Christmas cards and canceled postage stamps be sent to the Tuba City Presbyterian Mission at Tuba City, Ariz.

Gifts were exchanged from a beautiful Christmas tree, made of red and white poinsettias.

The hostess was assisted by her niece, Mrs. Ronnie Welch of Fort Worth, in serving Christmas confections and punch to Mmes. Sallie Eastham, Thomas V. Townsend, Grover Berry, Will Seelig, Harry Berry, Lee Ivey and Juanita Danielson.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS REVEAL MANY VARIATIONS EVERYWHERE

Cherished memories, heartfelt joys, children's laughter—everywhere, these mean Christmas.

The spirit of Christmas knows no boundaries. It lives in the hearts of men in many lands. Though its message of joy is always the same, the legends and lore of the season are as varied as the peoples who celebrate the Holy Birth.

Customs of each country may be similar, yet marked by their own individual character.

In New Mexico

The Santa Domingo Indian pueblo, in New Mexico, performs a four day long sacred ritual dance in honor of the Christmas season.

It begins at two A. M. Christmas day. After midnight mass, the Indians gather inside the church. They are clad in colorful costumes, adorned with everything from fox tails to evergreen branches.

The dancers carry on their ceremonies until daylight. At dawn, the Indians move to their sacred plaza in the center of the village, where they continue dancing throughout Christmas day.

On the second day the children dance, and the older members of the tribe take over for the third day. On the last day the entire pueblo joins in the day long ceremonies.

In California

Communities as well as countries have their own special way of celebrating Christmas.

In Joshua Tree, California, this small community transforms itself into a replica of Bethlehem. The story of the first Christmas is re-enacted, with the main street serving as a giant stage.

In Newfoundland

Citizens of Newfoundland show their Christian ethics with the Christmas custom known as "Fishing for the Church." On this day huge quantities of fish are caught and brought by the parishioners of a village to the church, where they are sold. Proceeds of the sale go toward buying firewood for the curate.

In Czechoslovakia

It's customary among the Czechs to break off a cherry tree branch, at the beginning of Advent. The branch is placed in a pot of water in the kitchen and kept in the warm air.

At Christmas time, it's hoped, the twig will burst into bloom and make a festive decoration.

In Scandinavia

The Jultomten is a friendly gnome, who not only brings gifts to Scandinavian children but guards the household and farm as well. To keep him happy, the children give the cattle extra fodder and leave sheaves of grain for the birds on Christmas Eve.

In Turkey

A unique holiday tradition in Turkey requires the head of the church to throw a wooden cross into the Bosphorus. On Christmas Day, three boys dive after it.

The finder takes the cross from house to house and receives in return food and gifts

JAGGARS VISITORS

Home on a 15-day leave are Pfc. Douglas Jaggars, Personnel Spec. at Fort Bliss, and Pvt. E2 James Jaggars, who graduated from basic training Dec. 2 and is now attending Engineering School at Fort Leonard Wood,

Mo. Also Pvt. E2 Willard Howle, who is attending Medics School in Fort Sam Houston and his wife Mary Helen, who is a nurse at Root Memorial Hospital in Colorado City. They are all visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jaggars and brothers, Ricky and David.



Merry Christmas

Yuletide is the time to pass happy tidings... so share with us this Happy Day! Have a Merry Christmas!



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CHRISTMAS WISHES
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THELMA'S BEAUTY SHOP
 Thelma, Charlene, Elaine

Isaac A. Bleeker Buried Saturday
 Funeral services for Isaac A. Bleeker, 78, of Merkel, were held a 10 a. m. Saturday in Starbuck Chapel in Merkel with the Rev. Newton Daniels, pastor of the Merkel Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Mr. Bleeker, a Merkel resident for the past few years, died Wednesday in an Abilene hospital.

Survivors include a brother, Bock Bleeker of Bloomington, Calif.; a sister, Emma Williams of Baird; several nieces and nephews.

MRS. HUGH DICKSON - Avon Rep.

GREETINGS
 Santa may be going modern, but our Christmas wishes for you are still old-fashioned: good cheer, full table, and warm hearth with smiling faces. To you and yours we sincerely send our warmest holiday greetings.

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FOR SALE—3 bedroom home, bath, living room, kitchen and den. Chain link fence, patio and barbecue. 1 block East of the school. Phone 4-1680 or see Bill Skinner at 613 Race, Baird. 41-tf-c

HOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT — Loan already established. See O. J. Sampson, Rt. 2, Clyde, Texas or call 893-4482. 48-4-p

IN CLYDE — For sale by owner, 5 room house, 3/4 acre, 3 - 30 year pecan trees, cellar and garage. Phone 893-5592, Clyde. 48-tf-c

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FOR SALE — 1962 Falcon, 4-door, good tires, air conditioner, good condition. Priced to sell. Phone 4-1198. 49-tf-c

FOR SALE — Alfalfa Hay, \$1.15 per bale. David Self, Ph. Clyde 893-5467. 50-2-c

FOR SALE — 1960 Pontiac Catalina, good condition. Priced to sell. See J. L. Ault at Baird Star.

FOR RENT

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FOR RENT — 3 room furnished house. 107 Callowhill. Call 4-1180, Baird. 38-tf-c

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FOR RENT — Small furnished apartment. See Archie Nobles at May Hotel. 48-tf-c

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NOTICE

NOTICE: If you take your magazines to Abilene and they won't buy them, I will appreciate having them. Call 4-1775 and they will be picked up. James Montgomery. 51-tf-c

REAL ESTATE See Eddie Konczak, ph. 4-1293, Baird, Texas. 13-tf-c

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NOTICE!

NOTICE OF ELECTION Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the Water Board office in the City of Baird, Callahan County, Texas, on January 10, 1967, for the purpose of electing three Directors of Callahan County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.

The officers of said election are: Election Judge - Mrs. Homer Driskill. Assistant Judge - Mrs. M. A. Cline. Clerks - Mrs. F. E. Mitchell and Mrs. G. W. Crutchfield. All persons who are qualified voters and who pay taxes in said District shall be entitled to vote in said election. Fred Hart, Vice President, Callahan County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 49-4-c

DECEMBER 25, 1535

Beset by cold and hunger, in fear of hostile Indians, the French explorer Jacques Cartier and his band of 110 settlers observed an early Christmas at a fortress near what is now the city of Quebec, in 1535. The most precious of the scanty food supplies were set forth for a Christmas "feast" — in the courageous spirit that enabled the tiny band to hold out till spring.

On December 25-26, 1776, George Washington crossed the Delaware. He surprised, and put to rout, Hessian soldiers employed by George III.

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47 Predicted to Die In Traffic Accidents During Christmas

It is estimated by the Texas Department of Public Safety that 47 persons will die in traffic accidents in Texas during the Christmas holiday weekend.

The DPS will concentrate every effort possible in an attempt to make sure the indicated death toll is not reached, but the final effort must come from each individual driver of an automobile.

More lives have been lost and more property damaged due to automobile accidents this year than ever before in Texas' history.

"Operation Deathwatch" will be conducted from 6 p. m. Friday, December 23, through 11:59 p. m. Monday, December 26. During this time, attention will be focused on dangers involved in holiday travel.

To supplement its enforcement activities, the DPS will

place approximately 150 additional men from other uniformed services on highway patrol duty. Every effort will be made to remove dangerous or irresponsible drivers from the highways for the safety of law-abiding motorists.

The "Deathwatch" will resume for the New Year's weekend, beginning at 6 p. m. Friday, December 30, and continuing through 11:59 p. m. Monday, January 2. Thirty-six persons are expected to die in traffic during this period.

BUZZING WITH HOLLY

An English tradition of long ago says that sprigs of holly should be placed in beehives at Christmas. This stems from a legend that, at the Manger, bees gathered to hum a hymn of joy.

Classes Shortened From 6 to 5 1/2 Weeks

The summer session at Abilene Christian College for 1967 will feature 5 1/2 week sessions instead of the usual six-weeks' periods, according to Registrar Ken Rasco.

To shorten the sessions, classes will be lengthened five minutes and time between classes probably cut down.

Rasco said the change would be very popular with the students. He also said the change would permit Abilene Christian to operate the summer session simultaneously with the other two colleges in Abilene.

Registration is set for June 5, with classes beginning the next day. Examinations are scheduled July 11. Registration for the second summer session is scheduled July 12 with classes beginning the next day. Examinations and commencement are set for Aug. 18.

Girls Defeat Clyde 44-28

The Baird Bearettes defeated Clyde girls by a score of 44-28 Monday night at Clyde.

Baird girls took the lead in the first period, which ended 15-6, and the score stood at 21-15 at halftime.

With the lead well established, the Bearettes netted 8 in the third to Clyde's 6. In the final period, Baird turned in 15 to 7 for Clyde.

Peggy Gordon scored high for the Bearettes with 19. Cathy Townsend turned in 15, Joyce Howard 8 and Dianne Petty 2.

High point maker for Clyde was Becky Dyer with 18. Bearette guards were Mary Jo Collins, Kerry White, Laura Smith and Marian Odom.

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The store that cares...about you!

MERRY Christmas TO ALL FROM ALL OF US AT A&P

U.S.D.A. GRADE "A" CHRISTMAS TURKEYS 16 TO 22-LB. AVERAGE TOMS...lb. .39

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6-PACK CARTON A&P RAISINS 2 6-Pk. Pkgs. 39¢

ASSORTED REFRIGERATED Golden Rise Cookies 1-lb. Pkg. 29¢

MYCO MANDARIN ORANGES 2 11-oz. Cans 49¢

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PREMIUM WHITE CORN MEAL 5-lb. Bag 39c

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65 El Camino, Std. 6 Radio & Heater	\$1495
64 Pontiac, 4-dr. Sedan Air & Power	\$1795
65 Chevrolet Impala 4 dr. H-Top, Air and Power	\$2295
58 Volkswagon	\$395
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62 Impala 4 dr., Air Power, Local Car	\$1295

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We wish you a Merry Christmas

All year long, we're grateful for our fine friends and customers. At Christmas, we're especially happy to express our greetings, thanks and good wishes.

SUTPHEN & WRISTEN

Letters To Santa Claus-

Dear Santa:
I want a Poor Boy, I want a Barbie, I want a shoulder purse. I have been a good girl. I am 8 years old. My name is Lynn Favor. I have 3 sisters and no brother. I have a dog and 2 cats.

Don't forget the other boys and girls. I am in the third grade. There are 16 children in my room. I live in a red brick house.

My sisters names are Debbie, Sherry and Vanessa. My dog is named Freda and my cat's names are Tiger and Pathes.
Love,
Lynn Favor.

Dear Santa:
I am eight years old and my little sister is four. We both want a Cheerful-Tearful doll, a Baby Magic, roller skates and a Monopoly game.
Thank you,
Vickie and Sam Burfield

Dear Santa Claus:
I want just dollies for Christmas and a Nurse Kit.
I have been a good girl.
Love,
Carilynn

Dear Santa:
I want Little Kiddies and some View Master reels. My sister wants View Master reels. The boys and girls that live in different towns would like something too. The boys that are big might want a play gun to aim at something. The little girls might want a doll.
Love,
Bonnie Greene

Dear Santa:
Will you get me a pony for Christmas and get Ricky some candies and get Kevin a pony, too, and Paul a bicycle, and Randy a play gun?
Your friend,
Arthur

Dear Santa:
I want some make-up, a Suzi Homemaker Oven, and an Ironing Board, Washing Machine, Vacuum Cleaner, Cheerful-Tearful doll, Stroller, and a Suitcase.
Love,
Cathy Dyer

Dear Santa:
Would you bring me a Big John? Bring my Daddy a belt. He likes belts. Let me see, I don't know what to get my Mother. You bring her something, please.

Thank you, Santa.
Love,
Phyllis Hughes

Dear Santa Claus:
I would please like to have some reels for my View Master and I would like to have some Little Kiddies.
Love,
Connie Greene

Dear Santa:
I want a gun and a mess kit, and a truck, a plane, a pistol and football.
Love,
Joey Crites

Dear Santa:
My name is Cindy Greenway. I am 9 years old. My hair is dark brown I want a baton, nurse set, rain coat, house shoes, umbrella and a horse. How are the Elves and how is Santa, too? Santa, don't forget to go to all the other children's houses too. I am in the third grade.

Love,
Cindy Greenway



Once more the message of Peace and Joy resounds across the land, heralding that first Holy Night when the beautiful Christmas story was begun. Our sincere wishes to all for a Merry Christmas.

BAIRD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Letters To Santa Claus-

Dear Santa:
I want a doll and play gun and chalk board and electric football machine and hope you bring them to me. Here are the children in my class: Cindy, Sue, Lyn, Jundy, Phyllis, Jodie, Sheila, Jan, Bonnie, Randy, Kevin, Arthur, Ricky and Michael.
Your friend,
Rae Jean Swinson

Dear Santa Claus:
How are you? I am fine. Bring me some toys. Bring Randy some toys. Bring everybody some toys. I want a machine gun. I want a football. I want a bat. I want a dog collar. I want everybody to have some toys.
Love,
Jodie

Dear Santa:
I want a purse. I want some Go Go boots. I have been a good girl I am 8 years old. My name is Sue. Don't forget the other boys and girls. They like things too, and I like them too. We are going to have a Christmas party at school and I am in the third grade. They have parties in other grades.
From Sue Kelly

Dear Santa:
How are you? I have been good. I want a huge playhouse because I am 52 inches tall. And there is going to be tall people in there. And I want a bicycle that has gears. Thank you very much.
Love ya!
Sheila McPherson

Dear Santa:
I want a Doctor Kit, a bow and arrows. I have tried to be a good boy.
I love you,
Joe

Dear Santa:
I would like to have a game for Christmas. My sister wants some pajamas for Christmas. My brother wants a Monopoly game.
Love,
Judy Barron

Dear Santa:
I want a baby, a gun, a helicopter, a quilt for my baby and a Cheerful-Tearful.
Nora Young

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a gun.
Love,
Olen Rutherford



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Radiantly, a star shines across the years . . . recalling the joy of the first Christmas, and gleaming still in hope and happiness for all. Let us rejoice, as we cherish the manifold blessings of this holy season.

TEXACO, INCORPORATED
E. Ringhoffer, Consignee



Greetings

Out of our yesterdays come the Yuletide traditions of happy greetings and cordial hospitality. In this spirit, we extend to all our good friends, a wonderfully warm and truly old-fashioned "Merry Christmas!"

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BAIRD
BAIRD, TEXAS 79504



Greetings

May your hearth be happy and your heart content. We send this greeting with our thanks to all!

WARREN'S MODERN CLEANERS

"WEEKLY MEDITATIONS"

"CHRISTMAS"

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11).

How beautiful is the account of the birth of the Son of God! How marvelous is God's wisdom in bringing His plan of redemption into action!

"Christmas time" for the past several hundred years has been directly related to the event described in the above passage by an annual feast commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. The word "Christmas" is not a Bible word but is "derived from the old English Cristes mæsse (Christ's Mass) and was first used in the eleventh century. In German the word is Weihnacht (holy night), similar versions being used in some Slavic languages . . . The French Noel probably comes also from the Latin natalis. Although its ultimate origin is disputed, the word Yule comes into modern English from Anglo-Saxon geol (a feast, particularly the feast of the winter solstice). (Collier's Encyclopedia, Vol. 5, p. 63).

It is interesting to notice however, that it is impossible to fully determine the exact date of the birth of Jesus Christ, either from the evidence of the four gospels, or from any sound tradition. But during the first three centuries of the Christian Age there was much opposition in the church to the pagan custom of celebrating birthdays with a religious significance. It is interestingly noticeable that the Apostles in their teaching and preaching emphasized the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (I Corinthians 15:1-9).

It is apparent, however, that a festival was celebrated at this season long before it was held sacred as the birthday of Jesus of Nazareth. The Saturnalia of the Romans and the winter festival of the heathen Britons were both celebrated about December 25; and later, the Roman festival in honor of the sun-god, Mithra, (instituted in 273 A. D.). A study of the custom associated with this period also reveals a pagan origin.

The Christmas tree, with its branches gaily illuminated with colored candles, and hung with ornaments and with gifts, is of German origin. Father Christmas, or Santa Claus, who is supposed to come from the far north in his reindeer sleigh, laden with toys, on Christmas Eve, is identified with St. Nicholas or Noelias, and also with Knecht Ruprecht and Robin Goodfellow. Grimm notes that in some parts of Germany Knecht Nicolas is merely the attendant of the real gift-giver, who is sometimes the infant Christ and sometimes Dame Bertha, though he is frequently represented as an ugly hunch-backed dwarf, called Krampus, who carries off naughty children.

Saint Nicolas, patron saint of Russia, was bishop of Myra in Lycia in the 4th century. He is

regarded as the patron saint of merchants and of travelers by sea and land, but also especially of the young and of scholars. He still survives traditionally in the Santa Claus of Christmas.

Of traditional practices the apostle Paul speaks when he said, "Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain." (Galatians 4:10-11).

Jack T. Lanham
Church of Christ

Looking Back

December 22, 1939-40

Christmas Greeting to the public from Eliza and Haynie Gilliland. Truly grateful and fully aware of your part in the progress of the Baird Star.

Letter to Santa:

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy three years old, have been as good as I know how to be. I want a football and a gun I can shoot rabbits with.
Your Friend,
J. E. (Mickey) Brown

Each class in grade school is decked out in its finery, in each room the brilliant Christmas tree is laden with gifts of all sizes and shapes for the children to exchange with each other before they are dismissed for the holidays. Just a short time before Santa will gladden their hearts with each one's favorite wish.

The Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn is a beautiful native cedar from Spring Gap Mountain. Placed on the lawn by city employees will be the center piece for the Christmas ceremonies this coming year.

The school glee club and band will help out with special music. The Garden Club in corporation with the Goodfellows to make this Community Christmas a success.

With the drums of war furnishing strong competition to blacken the spirit of Christmas which began many centuries ago with the birth of Christ and the admonition of "Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men", it is more than merely important that we who have even a shred of that peace, to guard it well. It is not only the spirit of Christmas that we must preserve, but Christianity itself.

Let's build a fire for Christmas zeal that will burn in the hearts of our people, one that will warm them through any cold that may come. More than any defense program, this will hold and preserve our civilization.

December 15, 1966

The never changing season of Christmas, still like it was many years ago. Sending greeting cards to new friends and old, letters to Santa from a bright eyed little boy or girl and the gaily light Christmas trees peeking from each window through out our town, that no one has ever sought to change this most beautiful season of the year.

AT CHRISTMAS

We wish for good things to come into your life — and remain . . . the blessed season's gifts of serene good will, peace and joy, abiding love.

CURTIS SHELL STATION
A. V. and Helen

CHRISTMAS CHEER



may we join with Santa in wishing you good cheer!
It's been a joy to serve you and we sincerely thank you for the opportunity.

Young & Young Insurance

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to make me a BB gun and a bike, and a walkie-talkie and I want a horse and saddle. I want a doll for Carla and a baby buggy and toys.
Love,
Jerry Wristen

Dear Santa Claus:
Today up here is the 16th. It is 9 days from Christmas. How is Mrs. Santa Claus? I have been a good girl. I want a doll that cries, a Sue Homemaker set. I want a Girl from U.N.C.L.E. gun and I want a blackboard.
Love,
Debbie Curtis

Dear Santa:
I want a doll. I want a bicycle. I want a horse.
Love,
Lisa Doreen Petty

Dear Santa:
I want a gun, and a GI Joe and a wagon.
Love,
Darrell Jobe

Dear Santa:
I want a Troll doll with long wellow hair. Chris wants a big electric car. Davy wants a big army truck. Andy want a transistor radio. I do not know what Ricky, Danny, Mama and Daddy want Please remember them.
With love,
Cindy Vestal

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GREETINGS

It's Christmas! and we're glad for the chance to sound off with warmest thanks to all our loyal customers, with an added "note" to have the merriest and best Christmas ever!



TURNER BUTANE CO.



The sounds of Christmas are happy sounds . . . the glorious ringing of church bells . . . the echo of merry voices 'midst the softly falling snow . . . and our wishes to you: a Very Merry Christmas!

M. L. Hughes Tire & Texaco



And the day will ever be known as a day of peace among all men.

On this blessed holiday, we wish to share with all our friends the peace and happiness we feel . . . Merry Christmas to you and yours!

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne



it's Christmas!

May Christmas bring you all the joys of the season and all the warm satisfactions of sincere friendships. We thank you for your generosity during the past year.

Jones Phillips '66' Station

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Santa's pack holds a special message from us to you — good wishes for a wonderful holiday! Merry Christmas!

Luttrell Gulf Station



Joyous Christmas Greetings

Our wish is that you waken to a Christmas full of the best the season offers... the joy of loving friends, the peace of plenty. Have the Merriest Christmas of all!

Sam & Stella Gilliland



Yuletide bells peal out glad tidings, our hearts are filled with joy! May all the blessings of Christmas be yours!

TKT Beauty Bar

Christmas spirit is singing out all over the land. We add our voice, wishing you and yours the finest of holidays! Have the Merriest Christmas yet!



Thompson Grocery



AT Christmas

Let there be joy and laughter with friends, neighbors and family... plus our sincerest Merry Christmas greetings!

TRUMAN L. MEYER
Local Borden Distributor

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa: For Christmas, please, I want some toys. My mother is writing for me as I am only four.

I want toys for my brother, Rex, who is two. We want a wagon, a car, a baseball and glove, a Flipper, and a little fire truck that says Ding-A-Ling and maybe two guns.

Please say Merry Christmas to your reindeer for me. Please bring something to "Gran Gran" and "Boma" Dennis who live there in Baird and to my aunt Opal.

Love,
Mark Lee Mosley
2806 Clinton St.,
Ablene, Texas.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a gun.

Love,
Brett Jennings

Dear Santa: Bring me a Cheerful-Tearful doll, bicycle and some furniture.

Love,
Dana Jennings

Dear Santa: I want some dolls and candy. I want some toys too, for Christmas. I have been good, too.

Love,
Betty Threot

Putnam, Texas

ROWDEN ROUNDUP

MRS. N. V. GIBBS

Visiting with Mrs. Lella Gibbs was her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Granvel Gibbs, Carl and Stephen Lynn of Odessa, who will be here during Christmas; Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Gibbs and Judy, Mrs. B. Crow, Herbert Glaze of Tarzan, Mrs. E. H. Sikes, Ernest Sikes and Mrs. Elveda Sikes of Abilene.

Leonard Mauldin visited with friends in Amarillo Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Mauldin and Douglas of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mauldin Monday. Mrs. Gene Mauldin visited Mrs. Barney Gibbs in Baird Friday morning.

Gene Mauldin visited Clifton Hord in Baird Saturday.

Visitors with Mrs. Mattie Gibbs and Raymond over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Gibbs, W. B. Gibbs, Joy Stewart, Billy and Jane Smith of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gibbs of Baird; Mrs. B. Crow, Mrs. Willis Sadler and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boen.

Mr. and Mrs. Granvel Gibbs, Carl and Stephen Lynn of Odessa, Mrs. N. V. Gibbs and Judy, Mrs. Lella Gibbs visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rose Saturday and

had dinner with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Odum visited their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmer in Abilene Saturday night. Then on Sunday they visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Trevey in Snyder and attended church with them. Virginia and Ralph were singing in the cantata presented in their church.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Foster Jr. of Brownwood visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Harris and Terrell Sunday afternoon. Duke McIntosh and Mack of Baird also visited them Sunday.

Visitors in the George Blakley home during the week were Eddie Compton of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blakley of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Smedley and Owen of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. George Blakley visited their daughter, Mrs. Tommie Gorman in Baird Friday.

Mrs. Maybelle Cauthen of Adair visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boen and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price Sunday afternoon.

Visitors in the Warren Price home were Mrs. Bill Lawrence, Mrs. Joy Price and Cindy. Mrs. Warren Price attended her Sunday school class social in Baird Thursday.

Visitors in the Jimmy West home Sunday were Mrs. Hattie West, Mrs. Ruby Berry, Mrs. C. W. Price of Baird, and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerol Price and family of Putnam visited his father, Alza Price Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Reynolds attended their Sunday school class social at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Henry, Elaine and Nancy, Mrs. Juanita Danielsen, Mrs. Larmer Henry of Baird visited the James Reynolds family Sunday afternoon and attended a Christmas program at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Elie Bainbridge entertained their Bible class of the Church of Christ of Cross Plains with a social in their home Thursday night. Visiting their home during the week were Miss Ada Sikes, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dillard of Cross Plains.

Visiting in the John Adair home over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dudley of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Henderson of Lubbock. Mrs. Adair visited her mother Mrs. Bob Merriman in Cross Plains Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Harris, Nicky and Jimmy visited Mrs. Ivon Odum in Cross Plains Sunday.



Merry Christmas

Like the calm contentment of a snowy landscape, may you and yours have the serene peacefulness of Blessed Christmas.

EARL BLAKLEY, Dirt Contractor

CHRISTMAS CHEER



May your holiday be as cheerful and happy as a child's Christmas Eve dreams.

Week's Barber Shop



Christmas

The story of Christmas unfolds again, bringing gladness and sweet peace to many hearts. Our wish is that you and yours be so blessed.

Margie's Beauty Shop

A Merry Christmas to All



May your Christmas "stocking" be filled with every good thing you wish for... we'd like to add a note of thanks for the nice gift you gave our store — a fine customer!

Work's Dry Goods

MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS



Everywhere, Christmas carols ring out telling the joys of the season... we add our best wishes.

HIGHWAY 36 CAFE
Higgins' Hiway 36 Premier Station



May Christmastime joy and laughter be yours on this happy holiday... and may we gratefully thank you for your patronage.

Wilma's Cafe



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our sleigh is overflowing with holiday wishes and sincere thanks for one and all.

Morrow Texaco

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Letters To Santa Claus-

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been the winner of the week one time. I have been a good boy this year. How are you and Mrs. Claus, the elves and eight reindeer?

I hope nothing has happened very bad up at the North Pole. I would like a Santa Claus suit. I hope you don't mind me wanting one like you.

Now if we could get back to what I want. I would like a watch. My teacher has been good too.

Thank you.
Love,
Stanley Stewart

Dear Santa:

I would like a Giant Michigan Shovel and a Military Combat Carrier for Christmas. I've tried to be a good boy. Also for my brother Ricky, please bring him a Military Combat Carrier and a train. For my brother Danny, please bring him a beautiful wagon. We have a beautiful baby sister, Donna, please don't forget her.

Love from
Steven Defosses
Route 1, Baird

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a Cheerful-Tearful and a Little Kiddie in the baby bed. Please bring Philip a Bonanza gun outfit. Please bring David an Army gun outfit.

With love,
Sandra Sorrells

Dear Santa:

I want a machine gun and don't forget the others.

Kevin Waldrop

Dear Santa:

I want a train.

Love,
Robert Swinson

Dear Santa:

I want a baton and a jump rope.

Love,
Darlene Fleming

Dear Santa:

I want a doll for Christmas.

Love,
Brenda Lee Brooker

Dear Santa:

I want a football.

Love,
Roy Meyer

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a gun.

Love,
Gary Smith

Dear Santa:

I want a doll and a Barbie doll.

Love,
Cathy Jeanette Avery

Dear Santa:

I want a Baby Snuggle Bun, a bicycle, a Sting Ray.

Love,
Laura West

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll.

Love,
Candy Newton

Dear Santa:

I want a football.

Love,
Jeff Burleson

Dear Santa:

I want a BB gun.

Love,
Jeffrey Barton

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a truck and a trailer.

Love,
Hector

Dear Santa:

I want a watch and doll. I want to come see you at the North Pole.

Love,
Crystal Holland

Dear Santa:

I want a watch, candy, Doll Baby, Secret Suzi, Homemaker Ironing Board, Oven and Vacuum Cleaner.

Love,
Martha Strickland

Dear Santa:

I want a Candy Striper Suit, and a doll and a printing set.

Love,
Sheila Smauley

Dear Santa:

I want a little Kiddie Klub, little Kiddie City, watch, bike and clothes.

Lydia wants a bike, pillow, doll and house shoes.
Crecia and Lydia Hardwick

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a basketball.

Love,
Kathy Collins

Dear Santa:

Please, bring me a bicycle. I live on old Highway 80 in the last house on the north side.

Love,
Larron Walker

Dear Santa:

I want a doll.
I want a stroller.
I want a Mr. Ed.

Love,
Darlene Blankenship

Dear Santa:

I would like the following things: a Francie doll and wardrobe, a Mystery Date game, a Bird Brain game, a Baby Magic and wardrobe, and a Monopoly game.

With love,
Vicki Bradley

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a boy nine years old. I would like for you to bring me a boy's bike, rifle and pistol set, lost in space set, a Mr. Candyman, the things that come with it, Mighty Mike torture track camper, trailer, wrecker, Johnny Express 1. Pontoon Bridge, 2. Dump, 3. Body Troop, 4. Carrier, 5. Liquid Tanker, 6. Flatbed Truck, 7. Cargo Truck, 8. Rack Truck and Covered Truck.

Good-bye till next Christmas.
Santa Claus.

Your friend,
Vernon Price

Dear Santa:

I would like a Spider bicycle for Christmas and a basketball. Those two things I want. I hope you can bring them to me on Christmas Eve. And also bring the other children presents, too.

Your friend,
Paul Strickland

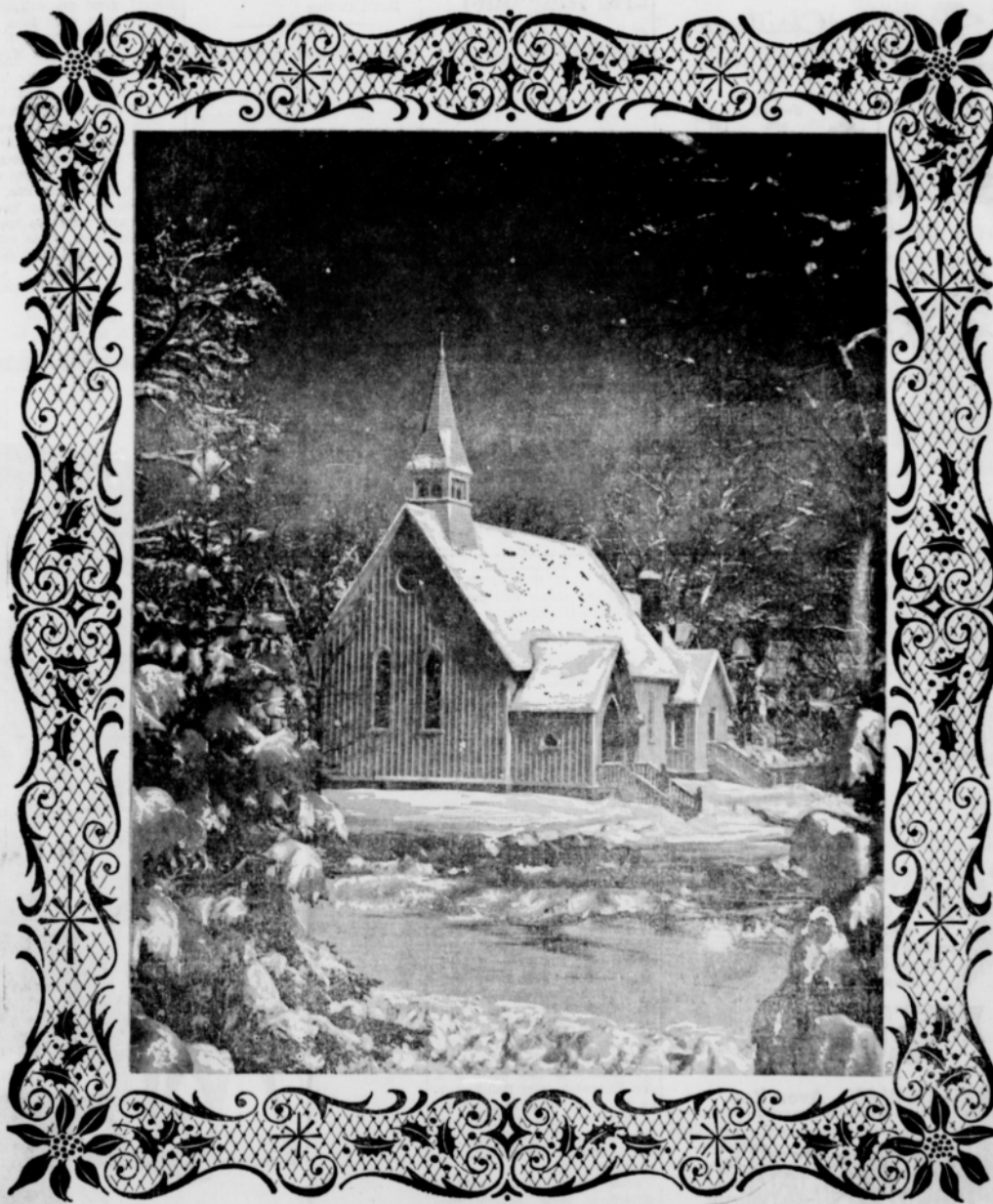
MERRY CHRISTMAS



Santa's pack holds a special message from us to you — good wishes for a wonderful holiday! Merry Christmas!

MIDWAY PLUMBING

Edell, Dolores, David and Tracy Ratliff



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our wish to you this happy season: days full of joyous holiday spirit, a heart brimming with good will for all, and a host of friends, both old and new. A very Merry Christmas to you and yours.

Baird Municipal Light Plant

Christmas Greetings

The peaceful calm of the land wearing a blanket of fresh snow gives great and simple dignity to His house. As Christians everywhere proudly celebrate the Birth of the Saviour, we take pause to offer a prayer of thanks for the good and wondrous teachings bestowed upon us through Him. May your holiday be filled with true joy and peace.

FRAZIER FORD

JONES - FRANKE PONTIAC

CHECK CHEVROLET CO., Inc.

Junior High Wins Close One Monday

Baird Junior High basketball girls won a very close one Monday evening, when they played Coleman in the Coleman gym. Final score in the game was 37-38.

Baird B team was defeated by the Coleman B team by a score of 12-17.

The Baird teams will host the Clyde teams here in the Baird gym Monday, January 2.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Defosses of Baird are announcing the birth of a daughter, Donna Sue, born Dec. 15, at 2:30 a. m. in Callahan County Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces. Donna Sue has three brothers, Steven, Ricky and Donny.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Selman Correll of Baird and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Redore Defosses of Bristol, N. M.



As carolers sing their Happy Christmas songs, we add our voices to wish you good cheer.

PIONEER LODGE Bob & Sue McNeil



Wishing you a holiday season gleaming with goodness.

HOOT & BEULAH ALLPHIN



BOB SWINSON BARBER SHOP



Holy Night

In the spirit of that Holy Night, we wish you joy and peace.

McDONALD PREMIER STATION



Merry Christmas

LILLIE BELLE COLEY - Avon Rep.



a Joyous Christmas

To all our friends, we send sincere wishes for Yuletide joys!

MERLE'S CAFE



Merry Christmas

Here's wishing you the long-lasting happiness of an old-fashioned Yule!

MRS. L. B. DENDY

Bears Defeat Santa Anna 84-32

The Baird Bears racked up a big 84-32 win over Santa Anna boys Tuesday night at Baird gym.

Baird led in scoring throughout the game, setting the pace in the first period 23-9. In the second, the Bears turned in 24 to Santa Anna's 7, bringing the halftime score to 47-16.

In the third, Baird chalked up 16 while Santa Anna turned in 10, and the Bears made 21-6 in the final period of play.

High for Baird was Tommy Barden with 24. Dyer Windham had 19, Gary Franke 18, Bobby Voigts 10, Kenny Townsend 7, Sonny Collins 4, Tommie Varner 2, Bryan Reese, Dickie Hass and Ruben Suniga.

High point man for Santa Anna was Larry Williams with 9.

Etta Waggoner Succumbs at 83

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Monday in Clyde Church of Christ for Rose Etta Waggoner, 83. Officiating were Jack Lanham, Baird Church of Christ minister, and Roy Phemister, Clyde minister.

Burial was in Clyde Cemetery under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Waggoner died at 12:15 p. m. Sunday in Callahan County Hospital in Baird, after an illness of two months.

Born July 22, 1883, in Tennessee, Mrs. Waggoner married James Earl Waggoner in 1901 in Coleman County. She moved to Clyde in 1901 and was a member of Clyde Church of Christ.

Survivors include six sons, Clyde H. of Hillsboro, N. M., Walter, James Chester and T. Clifton, all of Clyde, Leonard C. of Cleburne, Carroll P. of Hobbs, N. M.; two grandchildren, which she raised, Cecil Waggoner of the US Marine Corps in Indianapolis, Ind., and Mrs. Charles (Betty Jean) Miller of Abilene; 11 other grandchildren; one brother, W. H. Burnett of Tucson, Ariz.; three half-brothers and four half-sisters.

Kindergarten Class Visits ACC

Mrs. Lee Roy Corley took her Kindergarten class to ACC last Tuesday, where they enjoyed a Christmas program presented by Mrs. Bob Whiteaker's speech class. Two other kindergarten classes were present, also two first grades from schools in Abilene.

The program consisted of some Christmas skits and Mrs. Roy Bennett of Clyde presented a puppet show, which was an adaptation of the 'Christmas Carol.'

Mrs. Bill Cummings of Baird visited with the group. Attending the show were Betty Bennett, Linda Lannom, Vicki Martin, Dana Teeters, Lydia Hardwick, Brenda Estes, Ricky Cummings, Stacy Kniffen, Doug Glessen and Randy Parks.

Thursday of last week, Mrs. Jon Hardwick from Baird visited the class, and gave a demonstration on making Christmas decorations. The children enjoyed making the various decorations.

Friday they all enjoyed a Christmas party. Several mothers and younger brothers and sisters of the students attended. Gifts were exchanged, the kindergarten class presented a Christmas program and refreshments were served. The class was dismissed for the next two weeks to enjoy the Christmas vacation.

The surprise attack was greatly assisted by the fact that Hessians were sleeping off the effects of their Christmas celebrating.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest heartfelt thanks and appreciation for flowers, food, cards, memorial gifts, music, prayers and to everyone who helped and comforted us in our hour of sorrow in the passing of our loved one.

May God bless each of you and yours.

The Family of Bill Shelton

Hospital Notes . . .

The following was listed as patients in Callahan County Hospital Monday:

Leonard Alvey, Cisco W. G. Black, Clyde Charles Lauw, Clyde Frank Dugan, Clyde Mrs. Ted Fitzpatrick, Clyde Mrs. Bobby Price, Baird H. W. Walker, Baird James W. Lovell, Clyde Mrs. P. G. Adams, Jr., Clyde Mrs. W. A. Dixon, Clyde Mrs. Pat Murphy, Clyde Mrs. S. E. Webb, Baird E. J. Spruell, Clyde

Recently dismissed from hospital care are:

Mrs. George Boland
Mrs. Pete Barnhill
H. A. Callaway
Mrs. Roger Defosses and daughter
Mrs. A. M. Kehrer
Jatana Jarrett
Clifton Ford
Pearl Simmons
Mrs. Roscoe Simmons
Mrs. Velma Morrison
Mrs. E. M. Wristen
Mrs. Pansy Dillon
Mrs. Mammie Appling
Dolores Tucker
David Collins

Letter From A Reader

Dear friends:
I would like to take this opportunity to wish our many friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Enclosed is a check for \$4.00 to renew the subscription for my mother, Mrs. Josie L. Hamlett, for another year. She is waiting for the postman each Saturday for him to deliver the paper. We enjoy reading about our friends so much.

Thanking you,
Thelma Littlejohn
Ft. Worth, Texas

Mrs. Mary Bell Buried Monday

Services for Mrs. Mary Emma Bell, 79, were held at 2:30 p. m. Monday in Clyde First Baptist Church with the Rev. Morgan Thompson, pastor of Elmwood Baptist Church in Abilene, officiating. Burial was in Clyde Cemetery, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bell died about 7:45 a. m. Sunday in the Sunny Dale Nursing Home in Abilene. She had been in ill health for about five years.

Born July 4, 1887, in Gary, Texas, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Heaton. She married O. T. Bell on Nov. 6, 1904 in Overton.

Mrs. Bell moved to Clyde in 1946. She was a member of the Elmwood Baptist Church of Abilene.

Survivors include three sons, Trilby of Tyler, Gilbert of Alpine and Fred of Weatherford; one daughter, Mrs. Zack Hall of Carthage; 12 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Buck Buchanan, John Graham, Jeff Chaney, Roy Ingram, Tom Myers and Neil Schmidt.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors who were so kind and thoughtful during the long illness and loss of our dear wife and mother. The food, flowers and visits, we appreciated more than words can tell. Also, the hospital staff and Drs. Evans and Estes.

May God bless each and every one.

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