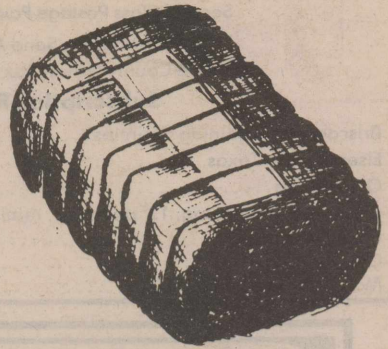




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Cowboys and Christ

by Lawana Cruse

*It is Christmas Eve night on the prairie
 As I study the heavens afar.
 In the East there's a wonderful brilliance—
 Can that be the Bethlehem star?
 The star that once guided the shepherds
 To that stable so far, far away,
 Where they gazed on the face of the Savior
 As there in the manger he lay.
 Now cowboys know all about stables
 And mangers and shepherds and such.
 We know what it's like to be lonely
 In the land that we travel so much.
 We live mighty close to the Master,
 We know of the things He has done
 From the snow on the top of the mountain
 To the glorious set of the sun.
 We are thankful for all He has given,
 The abundance from heaven above,
 The cattle that graze in the pasture,
 The good, faithful horses we love.
 We know that someday we shall see Him
 In all of His glory so true,
 And my heart nearly bursts to remember
 That Christ died for us cowboys, too.*

School Christmas Program is Friday

There will be a Christmas program presented by students in grades four through six beginning at 10:05 a.m. Friday in the school auditorium. School will dismiss for the Christmas holidays at 1:15 p.m. Friday.

Candidates' Filing Deadline is January 2

January 2 is the deadline for filing for places on the ballot in the Primary elections.

Paper Will Be Out Early Next Week

The Briscoe County News will be printed early next week because of the Christmas holiday. If you have advertising or news that needs to be in the next issue, please bring it or call it to the newspaper office by Friday, December 20.

Love Fund Started For Nadyne Childress

A love fund has been started for Nadyne Childress at First State Bank in Silverton. Mrs. Childress is a patient at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, where she has undergone surgery and may have to have surgery again. She has no hospitalization insurance.

Caprock SWCD is Ordering Trees

Caprock SWCD is still taking orders for windbreak trees. Many varieties of evergreens and hardwoods are still available. Also available are several varieties of apple, peach, plum, apricot, cherry and pear trees. Drip irrigation systems also can be purchased from Caprock SWCD. Drip irrigation is an easy inexpensive way to water your trees and helps increase the survival rate. Come by the SCS office in Silverton to place your order or call 823-2320. All SWCD programs and services are available without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap.

An estimated 58 percent of adult Americans have blood cholesterol levels above 200 milligrams per deciliter, a level at which the risk of coronary heart disease begins to rise sharply, says the American Heart Association.

City Council Has Business Meeting

Present at the meeting of the Silverton City Council December 9 were Mayor Wayne Nance, Councilmen John Bowman, Jim Estes, James Griffin, Flute Hutsell and Secretary Jerry Patton. Absent was Councilman Dwain Henderson. Information was presented on the Silverton-Quitque joint TCDP grant application for \$234,300 to build a solid waste transfer station. The application was ranked fifth by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission review board and will now be scored by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to determine its final placement. These results should be completed in January. The tax collection report was presented, and the Secretary reported that the purchase agreement on the IH 584 tractor was paid in full as of December 1, 1991. A ballot for the election of the board of directors of the Briscoe County Appraisal District was presented. Motion was made by Bowman, seconded by Griffin, to cast 47 votes each for Jimmy Burson, Tommy Burson, John Francis, L. B. Garvin, jr.

and 48 votes for Dewey Estes. Motion carried. Councilman Estes abstained from voting. A price quotation from Triple F Controls, Inc. for \$1,110.00 to replace the controls at the city's sewer lift station was discussed. This amount is required to replace and install all new controls at the lift station, and the Council authorized the Secretary to have Triple F install the new controls. A reciprocal law enforcement agreement between Swisher County, City of Silverton, City of Quitaque, Mackenzie Water Authority and Briscoe County was presented for review. On a motion made by Griffin and seconded by Estes, the agreement was approved and accepted. The Council discussed purchasing a 2" water trash pump, delinquent tax lot sales, repair of the garbage and trash truck and the city's Christmas decorations. The Council reviewed chapter one of the Handbook for Mayors and Council-Members.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Big Buck Contest Had Great Result

The third annual Briscoe County Big Buck contest was completed with great results. The contest entries were up from last year and the mule deer hunting was much better, with several nice deer being entered. Receiving first place and 50% of the \$500 jackpot was Briscoe County rancher, John Grady. Receiving second place and 40% of the \$500 jackpot was Tom Satterwhite of Houston. His deer was killed on the Hildebrand Estate. A special thanks goes to Bronc Otis for measuring the deer and Brown-McMurtry Implement for providing the official contest measuring site. For the official measurements on the contest deer, or if you have ideas on marketing hunting in Briscoe County, call Scott Strawn at 823-2131.

Clinic Closed All Next Week

The Briscoe County Clinic in Silverton will be closed all next week, for the observance of the Christmas holiday.

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OBITUARIES

BERTHA LOIS RHODERICK

Funeral services for Bertha Lois Rhoderick, 95, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Silverton, with the pastor, Rev. Bryan Donahoo, and the Rev. Rob Lackey, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Quitaque, officiating.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery,

with arrangements made by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Rhoderick died Wednesday, December 11, at the Slaton Care Center where she had resided for the past several months.

Born in Ellis County on November 6, 1896, she moved to Briscoe County in 1910. She was graduated from West Texas State University and had taught school in the Milo and Love communities until her marriage to James C. Rhoderick in 1919 in Silverton. After their marriage, they moved to Quitaque and remained there until returning to live in Silverton in 1960. He died in 1972.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Rhoderick was preceded in death by two sons, J. C. Rhoderick, jr. in 1989 and Bernie Lee Rhoderick in 1991.

Survivors include two sons, Billy F. Rhoderick of Lubbock and Lynn Rhoderick of Grants, New Mexico; a daughter, Lorene Johnston of Orem, Utah; 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

BERNIE LEE RHODERICK

Memorial services for Bernie Lee Rhoderick, formerly of Lubbock who died at his home in Henderson, Nevada on November 24, 1991, following a lengthy illness, were conducted in the Silverton Cemetery at the time of the burial of his mother, Bertha Lois Rhoderick.

Interment of his cremated remains followed that of his mother.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:
I received a copy of "Footprints in Briscoe County, Volume II". I have ordered one to place in our genealogy department of our main library. I spent the most part of two days reading it. I think that my wife thought that she was a widow. Now my vocabulary is limited and I can't find the words to express my appreciation for all the long hours and hard work that you, the

members of the Briscoe County Historical Committee, have done. All I can say is you have put together one hell of a book. The love of Briscoe County and wanting to have the history for posterity had to be a factor in doing so.

In all the county histories that I have seen in our library, none have been equal to the two volumes that you have put together.

I am looking forward to August 13-14-15 in 1992. We are continually adding more research material to our library.

Again I say thanks for a wonderful book.

Sincerely,
Henry H. Norrid
111 N. Belleview
Amarillo, Texas 79106

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Just a line to ask if you have a little space in the paper to write a brief article about daddy and his address for those who wish to send him a card.

On November 8, he had an aneurysm to burst in his head near his brain. He spent two weeks in Dallas in ICU and has been transferred to Brownwood Re-Hab. He was very bad last week but they changed his medication and he has had three real good days in a row. The Dr. seems to think he will come out of this but it will take a while. If possible I'd like his address published and when he receives cards we can ask him where these people live. He has lost some memory and we are trying to refresh his past. It has been a month but we have hope for his recovery.

Luther (Luke) Thompson
c/o Brownwood Regional Hosp.
Room 334
Brownwood, TX 76801

Daddy and Gracie had their ninth anniversary when he was in ICU at Dallas.

Thanks for your time. I still consider Silverton HOME!
LaGuan Riney

Visiting in the home of John and Beverly Bowman Thanksgiving weekend were all their sons and families. Enjoying the weekend were Dan, Paula, Phillip and Jonathon Bowman from Whiteface; Tom, Sonja and Timmy Bowman from Matador, and Scott and Vicki Bowman from Littleton, Colorado.

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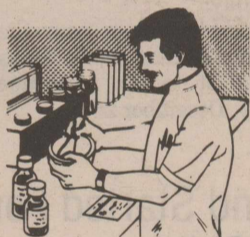
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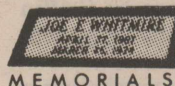
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Earl Cantwell
Gems & Allegorys

There are two things about which we should never gumble: The first is that which we cannot help, and the other is that which we can help . . . The man or woman that goes through life grumbling and fretting is not only violating the laws of God, but is a sinner against the peace and harmony of society . . . They are always in hot water, and forever in trouble . . . There was never a scolding person who was able to govern a family. Those who govern well are generally calm. They are prompt and resolute, but steady.

Charles Lamb was giving a talk to a mixed audience and someone in the crowd hissed. A stunned silence followed. Finally Mr. Lamb calmly said, "There are only three things that hiss—a goose, a snake and a fool; come forth and be identified now" . . . A speaker's prayer: Lord, fill my mouth with proper stuff, and nudge me when I've said enough . . . The old rancher said, "Most speech-making is kinda like a Texas longhorn steer: has a point here and there and a lotta bull in between" . . . Joe: "They really enjoyed my speech. After I finished they kept shouting fine! fine!" Moe: "If you had talked another ten minutes they would have been crying imprisonment! imprisonment!" . . . If a speaker cannot strike oil in the first twenty minutes, there is no need to keep boring . . . A toastmaster is one who uses a few appropriated words . . . And one is never a finished speaker until he sits down . . . "But about enough of this kinda stuff."

Woman's love is stronger than death; it rises superior to adversity, and towers in sublime beauty above the niggardly selfishness of the world, misfortune cannot suppress it; enmity cannot alienate it; temptation cannot enslave; it is the guardian angel of the nursery and the sickbed; it gives an affectionate concord to the partnership of life and interest; circumstances

HAPPY HOLIDAY

Happy Birthday to . . .

- December 19—Paul Donahoo, Cassidy Ann Martin, John McCutchen, Helen Strickland, Karen Kay Martin, Teresa Sutton, Harvey McJimsey
- December 21—Chris Ulibarri, Thurman May, Ester Ramirez, Nathan Perry, Billie Perry
- December 22—Ravenel Grewe, Carl Bomar, Donnie Perkins, Sonya Bitner, Frances Kellum
- December 23—Iris Burson, Earlyne Hutsell, Kim Mayfield, Jeannita Ellison
- December 24—Jack Robertson, jr., Berle Fisch, Sally Grimland
- December 25—Dorothy Bomar, Donna Estes, Joe Grabbe, Peggy Strange, Merlene Stephens

Happy Anniversary to . . .

- December 19—Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hill
- December 20—Mr. and Mrs. Cipriano Garcia
- December 21—Mr. and Mrs. Robert McWaters
- December 22—Mr. and Mrs. Louie Kitchens, Mr. and Mrs. Terry West

cannot modify it; it ever remains the same to sweeten existence, to purify the cup of life on the rugged pathway to the grave, and melt to moral pliability the brittle nature of man. It is the ministering spirit of home, hovering in soothing caresses over the cradle, and

the deathbed of the household, and filling up the urn of all its sacred memories.

Beauty is a characteristic we may all have. Though our forms may be uncomely and our features not the

prettiest, our spirits may be beautiful. And this inward beauty always shines through. A beautiful heart will flash out in the eye, a lovely soul will glow in the face, a sweet spirit will tune the voice, and wreath the countenance in charms.

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Looking Back

THROUGH THE FILES OF THE
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December 10, 1981—Lillian Lindsey to be honored at open house on the occasion of her retirement after 32 years with Southwestern Public Service Company . . . Mrs. Bill Durham has been a patient at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview . . .

December 17, 1981—A new group picnic facility has been built this winter at Lake Mackenzie . . . Owls lose tournament championship by a whisker . . . Anna Belle Blasingame, 76, buried Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rhode are parents of a daughter, Katie Mansfield . . . Eural Vaughan is reported to be recovering well from surgery he underwent last week at Nichols Hospital in Plainview . . . Mrs. Onar Cornett was taken to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo Thursday by ambulance . . . Mrs. Rosalie Chitty has been a patient at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo . . .

December 23, 1971—Owls win second place in Hale Center Tournament . . . Marvin Self makes All-South Plains defensive team . . . Funeral services for Mrs. Billy (Gay) McWilliams, who died Wednesday following a lengthy illness, will be conducted this morning . . . Funeral services conducted for Spencer Long, 72 . . . Services pending for Eunice Yates . . . Owlettes lose to Lockney by one point . . . Dear Santa, I've tried very hard to be nice. Would you please bring me a record player and a stuffed dog and some black boots. Would you please bring me some surprises. I love to be surprised. Your friend, Patti Perkins . . . Dear Santa, I have tried to be a good girl this year. And on Christmas Day I will be six years old. Would you please bring me a new Baby Doll, a toy box, some clothes and lots of candy, nuts, fruit and gum? Please bring my three sisters something nice, too, and remember all the other boys and girls. I love you, Donna May Boling . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dwin Davis are parents of a son,

Dwinn Scott, jr. . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a Baby Tender Love that talks and wets and walks. I want some skates and a jumper float. I love you, Delinda Ziegler . . .

December 14, 1961—Weather miserable for cotton harvest . . . Those enjoying a surprise birthday supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Wallace and Gloria Sunday night were Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Weast, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bingham, Benny and Judy, and Mr. and Mrs. Noel Deavenport. The occasion was in honor of Dock's birthday . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Martin are parents of a daughter, Jennifer Lee . . . Dear Santa Claus, I would like a motor car. And some guns. And a dog. Thank you, Tommy Burson . . . Dear Santa, Here it is, toy time again. Yes, we're speaking of Christmas. This year we would like to have a wrist watch. I am 10 years old, and my little brother, Gene, is nine years old. Please remember all the other little boys and girls. Thanks, and God bless you, Jackie and Gene Davis . . .

December 13, 1951—Sgt. William E. Autry, jr. expected home from Germany . . . R. C. Hutsell lays 5,200 feet of 12-inch irrigation tile line . . . M. G. Moreland re-elected as school superintendent . . . Doyle Ray Tiffin recovering from hand injuries . . . Mrs. C. L. McWilliams underwent a tonsil operation in Tulia hospital Monday . . . Eighth grade honor roll includes Jo Ann Rowland, Victor Fogerson, Pat Redin, Wanda Ashley, Linda McDaniel, Mike Reid, Ina Lou McJimsey, Angie Turner and Pat Brannon . . . Truett Wayne Brannon celebrated his third birthday Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Obra Watson and Joe Bob were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Watson Sunday . . . Jerry Bingham and Mr. and Mrs. Noel Deavenport were business visitors in Lubbock Friday . . .

December 19, 1946—Mr. and Mrs. Warner Ward are parents of a son, Jack Lawson . . . Cold wave hits city while on big rampage . . . Robert Isbell spent Sunday night with Rance Stephens . . . First grade pupils on the honor roll included Carol Lynn Elkins, Kay Garrison, Leah Dare Kellum, Waynelle McCutchen, LaWanda Reid, Vaughnell

Rowell, Ginger Scott and Wilma Shipman . . . Drew Holcomb of Turkey spent Sunday evening with the T. G. Olive family . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Eddleman were shopping in Quitaque Saturday . . .

December 3, 1936—Mrs. Clifford Allard gave a birthday party Monday evening for Miss Tillie Gresham . . . Leldon Gilkeyson was severely injured Sunday when he was thrown from a horse . . . Perry Thomas receives award of merit and \$50 . . . Carlton Gardner spent a few days with relatives in Vaughn, New Mexico last week . . .

December 10, 1936—A double wedding ceremony in Clovis, New Mexico Saturday night united in marriage Miss Norma Lee Bureson of Silverton and Jimmy Long of Plainview, and Mrs. Geraldine Winn of Silverton and Lawrence Dendy of Plainview . . . Miss Martha Reagan became the bride of Aubrey Preston here Tuesday . . .

December 17, 1936—Mrs. J. M. Smylie, pioneer mother, passes away . . . Carl Crow, formerly connected with the Silverton Gin, and well known here, assumed active management of the Phillips 66 Service Station south of the Silverton Hotel Monday of this week . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a big doll, a set of little dishes, a little sewing machine, some candy and apples. Don't forget the other little children in Silverton. Your friend, Peggy Davis . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring us a large red wagon and one steam shovel. Your friends, Jack and Joe Davis . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a bicycle and a twenty-two target. Please bring me some furniture of wood. With love, Vance Childress . . . Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. Please bring me a football. I need a pair of school pants and a bat. John Arthur Arnold . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a little bicycle, a little rubber car, and a big box of candy. With love, Haskell Shelton . . .

Christmas Creates a Festive Holiday Spirit

There is probably no other holiday that gets people in a more festive spirit than Christmas. With all the gift shopping, holiday music, and the excitement of having the family all together, it's no wonder this is a favorite holiday among Americans.

But, for some Texas families, this will be a special holiday, one to be remembered forever. Not because it was such a good time, but because they have lost a friend or loved one in a traffic accident.

Major V. J. Cawthon, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety, stated, "Last year 27 people lost their lives on Texas streets and highways during the Christmas holidays." This year with the holiday period falling during the middle of the week, most Texans will have three days off during the holiday. So, the potential is going to be less than last year, but everyone has to be just as careful as ever.

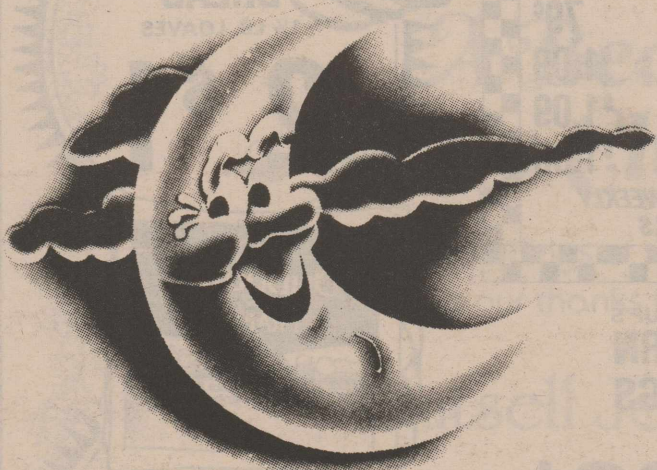
"Historically, speed and the drinking driver have been responsible for most of these holiday fatalities," Major Cawthon added. Each year approximately 20,000 people die in this nation because of speeding, and that many or more will be directly or indirectly related to alcohol. Once again, extra Department of Public Safety Troopers will be on the roads watching specifically for these and other traffic violations to keep the roads a safer place for you and your family.

Please don't become one of this year's highway death statistics. Slow down, don't drink and drive, and make sure everyone is buckled up.

Chinese New Year

In ancient China, the observance of the New Year lasted not a day, but for 15 days. Festivities began on the first day of the new moon and were climaxed two weeks later by "Teng Chieh," the Feast of Lanterns.

Win Owlettes



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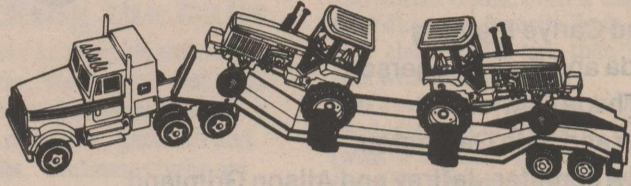
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Feb. 7	4:00	Langdon Reagan; Josh, Jeremiah Brooks, Garner, Dorcas, Christa Garrison John, Gail Wyatt; Rosie Segura; JoAnn Ramirez; Cecilia Castillo
	6:30	Lynn, Casey Frizzell; Jr. Ramirez; Gail, Ashleigh Wyatt
Feb. 13	5:00	Dwight, Anita, Kayla Ramsey; Kathy, Kara Kingery; Sonya Ramirez
	7:00	Wayne, Betty, Christina Stephens; Lance, Zeb Holt

**If you are unable to work on the assigned date and time, YOU are responsible for finding someone to take your place. If you are unable to find someone, please call Clyde Parham at 823-2476 on the day of the game.

More than 69 million Americans have one or more forms of heart or blood vessel disease, according to the American Heart Association.

Valley Takes Pair Of Games Here

Silverton's Junior High Owlettes and Owls lost a pair of games to Valley here Monday. It was the first games the teams had played since the Bushland Tournament, their games the previous week having been cancelled due to illness.

The Owlettes dropped a 32-19 decision. They were led in scoring by Christina Stephens, who put in seven points, and Lori Brannon, who rang up six. Dedra Johnston added four points and Patricia Patino got a pair of points.

The Lady Patriots jumped out to a 10-4 lead at the end of the first quarter, and held a 14-6 lead at the midway stop. They were ahead 22-14 at the end of three quarters of play.

The Owls looked like they could stay in the game with the Patriots, but saw them increase their lead in the fourth quarter to finish ahead 32-17.

Jeremiah Brooks and Brandon Sarchet led the offense for the Owls by scoring six points each. Cy Comer put three points on the board and Zach Baldwin added a pair of points.

The Owls trailed 8-4 at the end of the first quarter, and were behind 14-6 at halftime. They trailed 18-12 at the end of three quarters, but were badly outscored in the final period.

Next games for the Junior High teams will be January 6, when they go to Nazareth.

Generosity

Tammy: "My husband has got to be one of the most generous men in all the world!"

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Tammy: "Well, I gave him a dozen of the most stylish neckties for Christmas and he turned right around and gave them to the Salvation Army."

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BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

Open 6:30 a.m.

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



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Jimmy, Rhenda and Kenzie Burson

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 Dock and Wanda Wallace
 Buck Wesley
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 Flute and Junis Hutsell



Those whose names appear on these pages extend to you their personal wishes for your happy holiday season. They have donated to the L. O. A. Junior Study Club Christmas Fund to help pay for additional Christmas decorations for Silvertown instead of sending greeting cards locally.

Southern Panhandle GTE Service Outage Caused by Vandalism

GTE experienced a major service outage in the Southern Panhandle of Texas on Monday, December 9, at 2:40 p.m. in the Giles Hills area north of Memphis. The outage apparently was the result of vandalism by an unknown party. Temporary service was restored at approximately 6:25 p.m. with permanent restoral completed later that evening.

Long Distance Service was affected in the following communities: Memphis, Lakeview, Estelline, Turkey, Quitaque, Silverton, Wellington, Dodson, Hedley, Clarendon, Groom, Claude, Panhandle and Goodnight.

The Donley County Sheriff's Department is assisting GTE in the investigation to apprehend the responsible party. District Manager Jerry West stated, "A situation like this could not have been avoided when a party willfully causes damage to a vital

communications link such as this. Our employees worked diligently to find the cut cable and we extend our apologies to our customers for any inconvenience this outage may have caused."

Christmas Party Enjoyed By Club

Members of the Century of Progress Study Club met in the home of Norman and Peggy Strange December 5 for delicious quiche, dip, sausage balls, wassail punch and egg nog before journeying together to the Tulia Country Club for dinner. White elephant gifts were exchanged and visiting completed the evening.

Many of the members were either sick or stripping cotton. They were missed by the ones who were able to attend. Maybe next year the cotton harvesting will be completed earlier. Attending were Faye and O. C. Rampley, Elaine and Doug Forbes, Beverly and John Bowman, Polly Montague, Peggy Strange, Annell Davis and Jackie Mercer.

Comings And Goings

Brenda, Holly Beth and Daniel Gaskins of Flower Grove and Debbie, Cally and Cameron Burk of Raton, New Mexico visited in the home of Elton and Lanita Cantwell last week. The girls

came to help their mother prepare for pheasant hunters and Christmas. On Thursday evening, Brenda prepared her Famous Pizza and invited Earl Cantwell and Nina Martin to join the family for the observance of Paw-Paw's 86th birthday. They returned home on Friday.

James and Janie Cantwell of Roanoke were weekend visitors in the Cantwell home. James came to hunt pheasant and was joined by his brother, Randy, and sons, Carl and Ryan, and his brother-in-law, Anthony Woody, and son, Kyle. Also Kenneth and Randy Bentley, Al Rose, Bill and Ray, all of Houston. The pheasants were elusive and only two were taken by the group. They all seemed to enjoy the hunt and the food and fellowship in the Cantwell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Olive of Petersburg visited Betty Olive Saturday.

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy this year. Please bring me a Spin Around Train for Christmas. I really have my heart set on it! I hope you'll bring my brothers something too, they're pretty good boys. We will leave you a nice snack.
Love,
Mark Reagan

Dakota Dear Santa
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy
Lamb
I want a Hot Big Fot
4 BN Arrow
Turtl Watch
I wii lev you a hot dog
I hv ben a good boy
I oso wnt Turtl 2
Dakotakirksmith

WEATHER

NOVEMBER 24-HOUR READINGS

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	33	21	
2	27	20	
3	48	21	
4	49	20	
5	57	20	
6	61	28	
7	69	26	
8	72	36	
9	69	38	
10	56	31	
11	69	35	
12	69	35	.33
13	58	33	
14	61	30	
15	46	24	
16	54	23	
17	62	22	

Total December Rainfall .33
Normal December Rainfall .68

Alzheimer's Support Group Meets Tonight

The local Alzheimer's Support Group meets from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m. tonight (Thursday, December 19) at the Church of Christ Annex.

Leaders Della Boling, 823-2436, and Lois Nance, 847-2582, invite you to come and join in this last meeting of 1991, to give a hug and receive a hug.

The program will be a newly-released video from the movie channel and a report will be given on the release of the drug THA by the FDA.

Moonlight Madness Sale

ALL DAY THURS., DEC. 19 - 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tony Lama and Diamond J by Justin

COWBOY BOOTS \$10 off

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CASUAL SHIRTS 30% off

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READY-TO-WEAR Up to 30% off

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Silverton, Texas

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Stop Smoking.

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8 Days of Christmas Calendar

Wednesday, December 18	Thursday, December 19	Friday, December 20	Saturday, December 21
<p>Every Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Value ★ Service ★ Selection ★ Free Gift Wrap <p>Register For Christmas Jewelry Treasure Chest</p>	<p>Midnight Madness Sale</p> <p>7:00 - 10:00 p.m.</p> <p>★ Refreshments</p> <p>Fabulous Prices Everything on Sale</p>	<p>Every Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Free Gift With Purchase ★ Special Gift With Purchase Over \$100.00 	<p>★ Saturday's Special</p> <p>40% off</p> <p>Gent's Gold & Diamond Rings</p> <p>30% off</p> <p>Christmas Potpourri</p> <p>SATURDAY ONLY</p>
Sunday, December 22	Monday, December 23	Tuesday, December 24	Wednesday, December 25
<p>★ Santa's Day to Check His List</p> <p>(Mustn't Overlook Mrs. Santa's Wishes!)</p> <p>★ For Your Convenience Open 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>★ Monday's Special</p> <p>30% off</p> <p>All Gold Jewelry</p> <p>30% off</p> <p>Christmas Snow Globes and Santas</p> <p>MONDAY ONLY</p>	<p>★ Drawing For Christmas Jewelry Chest</p> <p>(\$1,000.00 Value)</p> <p>Open 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>For Last-Minute Shopping</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">Wishing You A Very Merry Christmas</p>

Drunk Drivers Menace Citizens at New Year's

FACT: Drunk driving continues to be one of the nation's most serious health and safety problems. However, Major V. J. Cawthon, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety, says that federal, state, local and private efforts to reduce the incidents of drinking and driving are having an impact.

Major Cawthon said with the approach of New Year's Eve this trend can continue if each of us will do our part in pre-planning the New Year's Eve celebration.

It is recommended that if you're going to host a party, that soft drinks be available for your guests so they will have a choice. Introduce people to one another; a good host is not just a bartender. Don't rush refills, don't double up because it's not generous, it's rude. Attempt to have a meal or snacks available throughout the evening and, above all, if someone drinks too much at your house, you are responsible. Provide lodging or get them a safe ride home.

If your plans include traveling this New Year's Eve, then make plans that only allow a totally sober driver to be behind the wheel. It's a good idea to

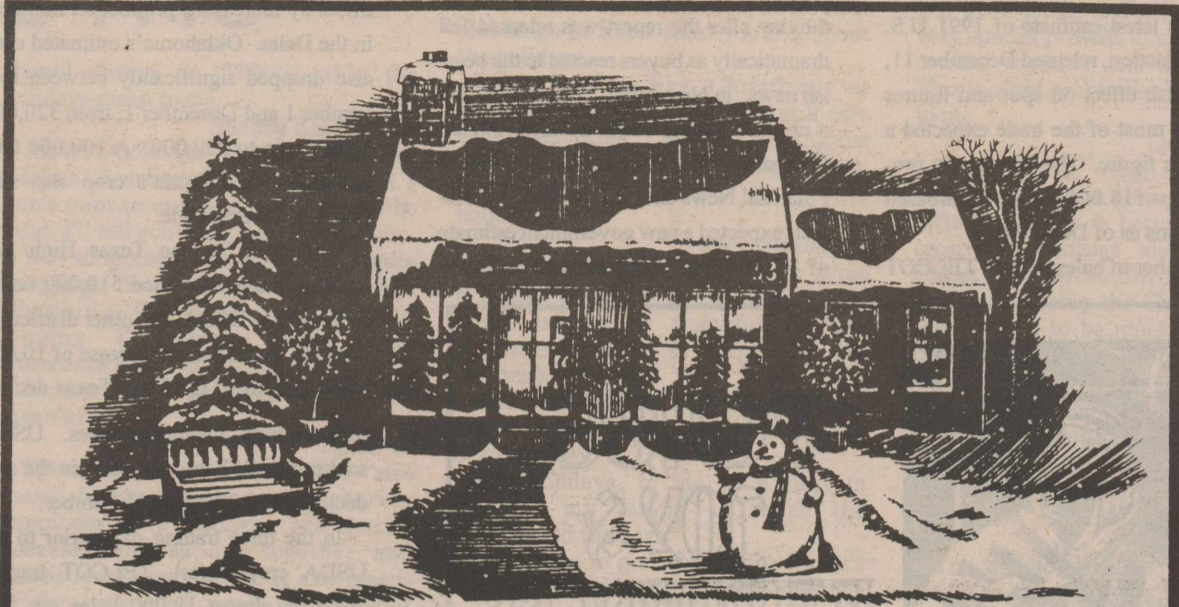
check with your local media outlets to see if any organizations will be providing ride-home programs. For those who think that it will never happen to them, the Department of Public Safety, along with other local

law enforcement agencies, will have stepped up patrols and DWI enforcement over the New Year's Eve holiday.

Major Cawthon went on to say that one of the best defenses against a drunk

driver is to fasten your safety belt, but it's only effective if the driver and all occupants take time to do so.

Let's all work toward making this the safest New Year's holiday ever, Major Cawthon added.



CHRISTMAS JOY TO ALL

With special thanks for your patronage and good will, we wish you a very happy holiday.

Silverton Auto Parts

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Wesley and Tammi Stafford

*Have Yourself
A Very Merry
Christmas*



*In simpler times of slower paces
People met with smiling faces,
Greeting friends while children played,
And for a Merry Christmas prayed.*

*May the holiday season bring you
and your family happiness and joy!*

Tulia Wheat Growers

BRISCOE DIVISION GIN

Gary House, General Manager

TELCOT[®] Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

USDA's latest estimate of 1991 U.S. cotton production, released December 11, had a bearish effect on spot and futures markets as most of the trade expected a much lower figure. The department projected a crop of 18.005 million bales based on conditions as of December 1.

The number of bales sold on TELCOT

the day after the report was released fell dramatically as buyers reacted to the bearish news. In November, USDA projected a crop of 18.215 million bales, but on December 9 a survey by Knight-Ridder Financial News showed most cotton analysts expected a new government estimate of 17.8 million. The analysts said they



PEACE,
JOY &
HAPPINESS
TO ALL.

May all the things that inspire and invite a festive Yuletide season and a cheer-filled Christmas be yours to share with friends and loved ones.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your patronage, and our best wishes for the holidays.

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The Rex Johnson Family

believed USDA would trim its estimate of the Texas crop, finally taking into account the devastating freeze in late October.

While the Texas production figure was trimmed 500,000 bales from November's 5.8 million bales, much of the decline was offset by increasing production numbers in the Delta. Oklahoma's estimated crop also dropped significantly between November 1 and December 1, from 320,000 bales down to 250,000. A 100,000 bale increase in California's crop also surprised the cotton trade.

Production on the Texas High and Rolling Plains decreased 510,000 bales, according to USDA, but other districts in the state showed a net increase of 10,000 bales. Much of the West Texas decline resulted from abandoned acres. USDA said estimated harvested acres in the area declined 150,000 from November.

In the three trading days prior to the USDA crop report, TELCOT trading averaged almost 18,000 bales per day. Average prices received ranged from a low of 48.56 cents per pound to a high of 48.97, and average gross premiums over the week's adjusted world price ranged from 1269 points to 1320. On Thursday, December 12, only 9,706 bales traded on the electronic marketing system. The average price received on TELCOT was 47.54 cents per pound, for an average gross premium of 1262 points.

Although estimated world production declined 1.1 million bales from November to December, according to USDA, the world supply/demand report contained additional bearish news. World mill use declined 1.2 million bales and world exports dropped 600,000, leaving an increase in world ending stocks of 400,000 bales to 31.9 million.

The latest U.S. weekly export report

added fuel to the fire. USDA reported net U.S. cotton exports during the week ended December 5 increased only 39,700 bales, the lowest weekly net increase in the past six weeks. The previous week, exports increased a net 135,000 bales. There is no indication the export roller coaster will end in the near future. Foreign cotton buyers have spent much of the time in recent weeks on the sidelines, watching world cotton prices spiral downward, and they are likely to maintain their position until mill supplies begin to dwindle.

In spite of the bearish market, relatively strong demand for Texas/Oklahoma cotton is likely to continue, since the two-state area's cotton is the cheapest growth in the U.S. Supporting this contention is USDA's latest estimate of U.S. mill use and final exports that were unchanged from November at 9.1 million and 7.2 million bales, respectively.

Cotton harvest in the week ended December 8 made excellent progress throughout the U.S. Cotton Belt, according to USDA, especially from California to western Oklahoma. The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service reported 70 percent of the state's crop was off the stalk. USDA also reported 13,275,100 bales had been ginned as of December 1.

USDA left its calculation of the adjusted world price (AWP) unchanged for the third consecutive week at 44.07 cents per pound. The price is effective through December 19. Also unchanged is the producer option payment (POP) at 670 points. The POP is paid to cotton producers who elect to forego the government loan and sell their loan-eligible free cotton on the spot market.

BUCKLE UP!

THE TELCOT ADVANTAGE To Cotton Marketing in 1991-92

Recently, the Adjusted World Price (AWP) for cotton fell below the base loan rate, throwing a new twist in cotton marketing. As provided in the 1990 Farm Bill, this development gives cotton growers two options in marketing their loan-eligible bales.

These are:

1. Placing the cotton into the government loan and marketing the equities. Cotton can be redeemed at the lower AWP, and all storage charges are waived.

OR

2. Electing to forego the loan in exchange for a Producer Option Payment (POP), which is the difference between the base loan and the AWP.

TELCOT is the BEST WAY for growers to market their cotton this season, offering these advantages:

• **SECURITY**

Growers who sell equities on TELCOT know that they will not be responsible to CCC for storage and forfeiture charges if the cotton eventually forfeits to CCC.

• **SPEED AND CONVENIENCE**

When growers forego the loan, TELCOT can apply for the POP on their behalf such that when they sell their cotton on TELCOT they receive their lint proceeds "PLUS" the POP, normally within 24 hours.

• **ACCESS**

TELCOT gives growers access to more than 50 cotton buyers every day.

See Your Ginner TODAY

TELCOT — the Window of the Market Place

U.S. Patent No. 5,063,507

BLESSINGS TO ALL



*Fast away the old year passes,
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
Sing we joyous all together,
Heedless of the wind and weather,
Fa la la la la la la la . . .*

Traditional Welsh Carol

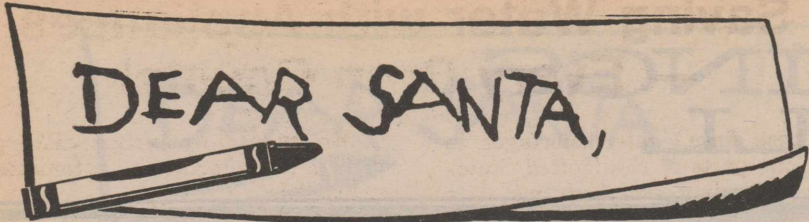
Fond wishes for a Merry Christmas

from all of us to all of you!

BRISCOE COUNTY OFFICIALS

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Fred Strange, Commissioner

Jimmy Burson, Judge
Bess McWilliams, Clerk
Sharon Pigg, Attorney
Dick Roehr, Sheriff
Janice Hill, Treasurer



Second Graders Send Their Santa Letters Out

Dear Santa,
I want the Turtles II tape for Christmas and I want Alis and Wonderland, too. Plus the Turtles I and II Nintendo tapes. The PiPi the Sailer Nintendo tape. I hope it's not to long. Thanks for letting me talk with you.
Your friend,
Andrew

Dear Santa. I want a Barbie moterhome, and a Barbie castle. And I also want Little Miss magic hair. And I want Go Go my walking pup. And I want Little Miss America. That is all santa. And I hope I get some of them.
The end.
Kina

Dear Santa Claus I want a Newborn magic nursrey baby, Bath time fun barbey, Barbey boy and little miss singing Mermade. Singhed
Amy Maciel

Dear Santa I know you have to do lots of things on christmas and I will see if I can set you out some cookies and milk. I want a sewing machine and pretty crimp and curl and van that turns into a little kitchen. And the same with my sister.
Merrey Christmas!
Nicole

Dear Santa,

I want a ring a clock raideo and thats all I want.
Your friend,
Kurby

Dear Sarta, I wold like some boxing gloves, and a turtle hocky, too and a ty phone two, and a sega genesis sistem with sonic the hedge hog. from Danny to: santa Claus
P.S. please bring my sister ami something to.
Danny

I Love christmas and I no santa claus I Play and the snow I have one Christmas tree and my brother he like christmas I was a good friend with Erika and christmas I Love Santa Claus. my sister big is and for she have one Pants. the End
My Name is Elida

Dear Santa,
I want baby alive. Can I have \$20.00 too. Santa do you relly bring gifts to evry biby. We are doing good in school. Is coleg fun. the end
Love,
Erika Ham

Dear Santa,
I want a Dream Bride Barbie. And Yo-Yo my walking kitty. I want a billfold with \$15.00 And make-up. And nintendo games (any kind) I want finger nail polish with glitter in it. Or you can get me any thing you want to give me.
From: Amanda

Dear santa

all I want for Christmas Is a tv a nintendo and supper mario world and a car, markers and cyayolas. thank you santa.
Your friend Junior

What I want for Christmas is Lego sets, turbo blaster, Fort, Magic Rocks, telescope, vase making set, M. C. Hammer tape and have a Merry Christmas every one.
Matt Strange

Dear Santa
I Want a bike and I want a bear and a doll and I want a puppy and a Supper Mario World and clothes and some Money and a candy cane and some markers.
I Love Santa. the end
Andrea

Dear Santa,
I want a baby face and some baby cloths and some doll and a game and thats all.
Kylie green

Dear Santa,
How have you been? This is what I want for christmas I want a radio, a nintindo with super moreo 3 and a doll. Its name is Baby Wet and Cry. and a barby I Love you Santa
to Santa
From Karlie

Dear Sata
I wat a toy case truck, a big one, and I want a Simi and a dirt bike. I want a nintendo tape an cars and a big Jam box. the End?
Jason Gamble

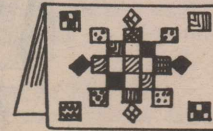
Der santa.
I Want a big toy. It will be big, too.
The End.
Thask
Christopher
Thask Santa Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho

Dear Santa,
I want a full moon on christmas eave. I want the stars to glow. I want snow. now were was I? oh, I want super mario Brother 2 and a pootle. and a Barbi Just what I say. Joke. why does santa have three gardens? Answer: So he can ho ho ho.
Ticarra

Dear Sate Closs
I want a crimpen girl cadil pch chid and fashin paldt u s ner. dez int with rell mackup. Some Shose. And a dansing costum. Some ather toys to.
Love,
Molly

Famous Christmas Pie

Probably the most famous Christmas pie ever made was one made for Sir Henry Grey in England in 1770. Grey's housekeeper, Mrs. Dorothy Patterson at Horwick sent the pie to Sir Grey's home. It was about nine feet in diameter, weighed 165 pounds and was served from a four-wheeled cart. The pie contained minced meat of several blackbirds, pigeons, partridges, turkeys, geese, rabbits and ducks—plus a couple of bushels of flour and twenty pounds of butter.



Patchwork Christmas Greetings

You can make beautiful Christmas cards with the popular patch-work look. Decide upon the design you wish to make on your Christmas card and the colors you want to use. Cut a 10" square from each color of gift wrap you need. Use country prints, solids, or geometrics. Stack the squares on top of each other. Staple together at one edge. Draw a 1/2" grid on the back of the bottom sheet. Cut through all the layers on the lines to make 1/2" squares. Fold a piece of stiff paper like a greeting card. Form your little squares into the design you wish. Lift each square, spread with glue and replace. Let dry. Press overnight under heavy books.

A Humble But Glorious Scene

The nativity scene has been popular for many, many years. In Southern France, especially in Provence, it's called a "crehee." In Spain it's the "nacimiento" and in Southern Germany, the "Krippe." Various farm scenes are added by the Moravians, keeping the Holy Family as the center of interest in their "Putz."

Even the poorest of families in Italy have the nativity scene, called "Presepe." The images can be purchased very inexpensively as they are made from plaster, papier mache or cardboard.

Though the family members of the manger scene may be made of wood, straw or paper, it takes our minds back to the humble manger scene when the most important person born on earth "fit to be treated like a king" endured the humble lot for the sake of giving us mansions one day. Glory be to God this Christmas season!

Candle Tales

After Christmas the candle remains were often fed to Danish farmer's fowls, or used to smear plowshares as it was thought they contained magical power and could assure abundant crops. Crosses were sometimes marked on cattle from these candle ends to protect them from harm.



May the Joys & Comforts of Christmas Grace Your Home

From our home to yours, have a great holiday. Thank you for your loyal patronage.

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Season's Greetings

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Saving Water with Appliances — Every Drop Counts!

These days, water shortages in various parts of the United States are reminding everybody just how precious each drop of fresh water really is.

But what can the average consumer do to conserve water? The answer, say Whirlpool home economists, is plenty. They offer the following simple steps to save water when washing dishes or doing laundry:

Dishwashers

- If you own a dishwasher, use it! Washing dishes by hand takes up to

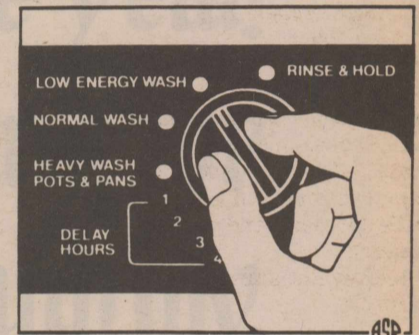
43 percent more water than washing with a standard-size automatic dishwasher.

- Avoid pre-rinsing. Many dishwasher owners still rinse dishes before loading them, even though today's highly efficient dishwashers are designed to remove food particles from dishes, filter them out of the water and flush them away. So while pre-rinsing doesn't get dishes any cleaner, it *does* use up to 70 percent more water.

- Use a single-wash cycle whenever possible. Lightly soiled dishes don't require a cycle with two washes, which are usually reserved for heavily soiled items. Check your dishwasher's use and care guide to see which cycles have just one wash.

- Load dishes carefully. To get the best cleaning results (and prevent rewashing), be sure dishes aren't blocking the detergent dispenser or spray arms. Check to see that heavily soiled items are positioned face-down to get the full force of the water action.

- Wash only full loads. Accumulate a full load of dishes for a single wash at the end of the day.



Clothes Washers

- Use only enough water to allow clothes to move freely and get clean ... no more. With the adjustable water level control, you can save water by choosing a low setting for a small load, medium for a medium load, and so on (the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers says the difference between the highest and lowest water level setting in the average large-capacity washer is 21 gallons!).

- Consolidate loads, if possible. Washing two small loads uses an average of five gallons more water than combining them into a single large load.

- Prepare loads carefully. Sort items according to instructions in your use and care guide, pre-treat heavy stains and use enough detergent to get clothes clean. This will avoid the water waste of rewashing.

- Avoid buying clothes that must be laundered separately. Check the fabric care label when purchasing new clothing. If each household can save just a few gallons of water daily, the total savings will be tremendous.

We trim our trees with
colors bright

In honor of that blessed
night

When in a manger He
was born

And with His love our
world adorned

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

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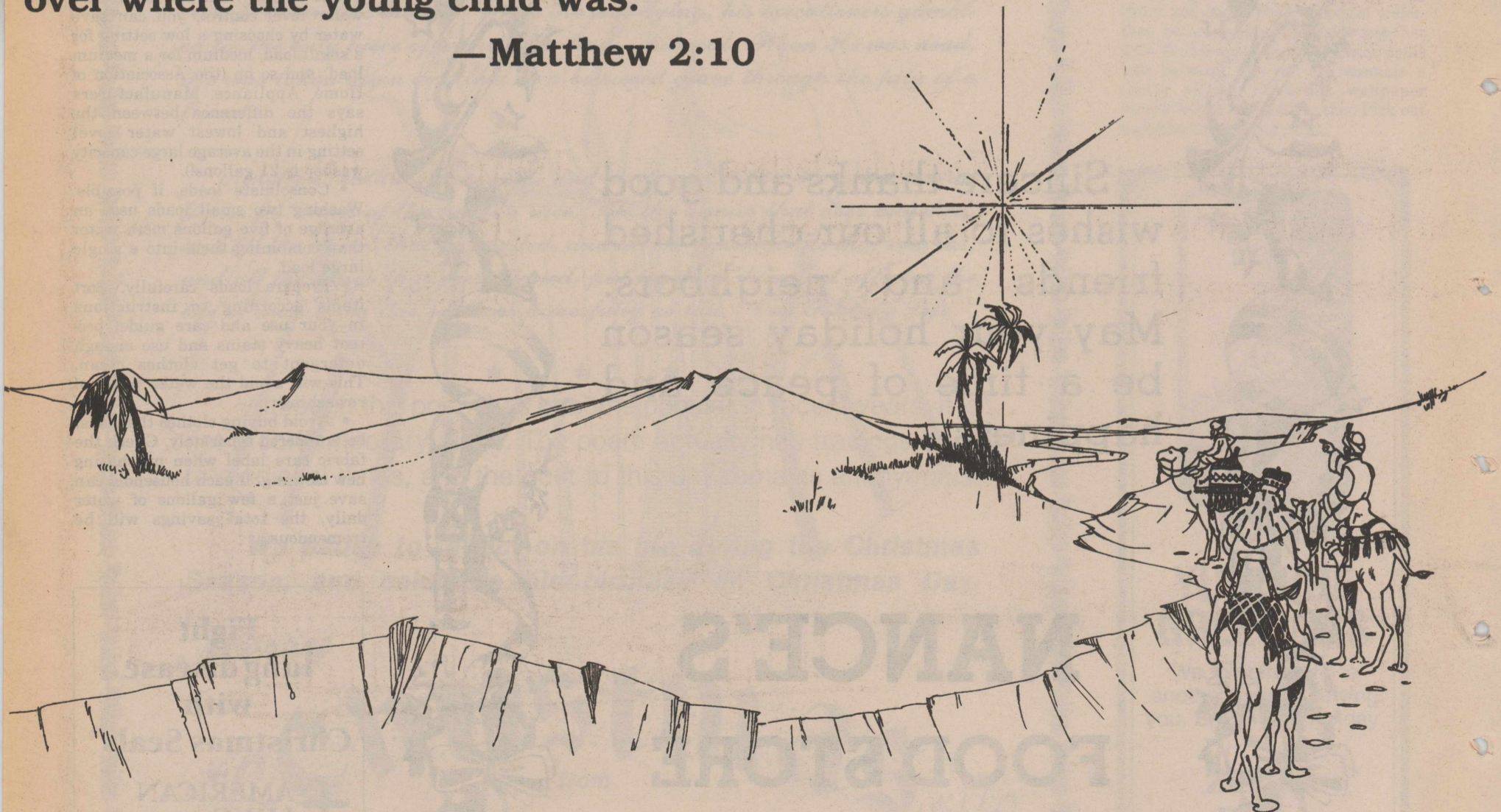
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O Come, Let Us

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

—Matthew 2:10



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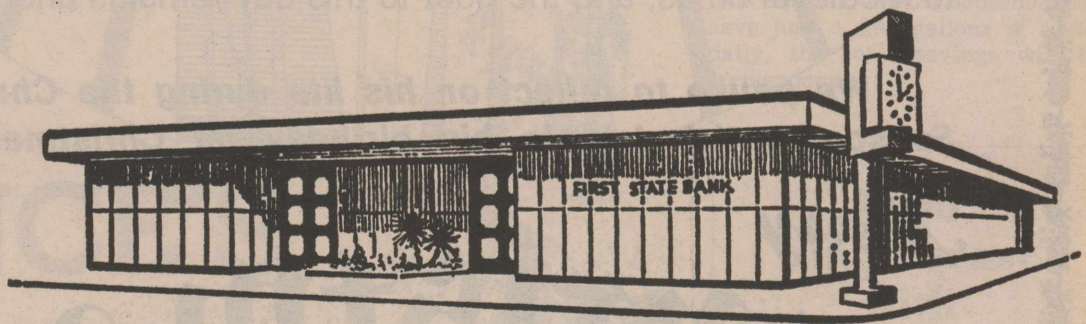
Our thanks for the many kindnesses
 you've shown us through the year!
 We join with you in praying for
 a world filled with peace and joy.

Jack Strange
 David Tipton
 Steve Jarnagin

Brenda Patton
 Madeline Stone
 Ada Clay

Patricia McJimsey
 Lura Brown
 Glenda Couch

First State Bank





Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie and Barbie clothes for Christmas. I also want a go go puppy and a doll that cry's and crawls and walk's and talks.

Your friend, Karter Ziegler

Dear Santa,

I want a water bed, gokart and Nike pumps. I wish you'd give the homeless presents and the hungry food. I hope all you homeless and hungry people out there Merry Christmas.

Donny Burson

Dear Santa,

I would be very honered if you could do a few things. first of all please give all the homeless clothes and food, just

something to nibble on. And peace for the earth.

Sincerely,
Destiny Ivory

Dear Santa,

Help my Grandmother get well so she can have a happy Christmas. And help world hunger. Help my mom, dad and my brother and sister. All I want is for people to be happy.

Love,
Lindsey Weeks

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is that all the homeless people have a nice cozy place to spend Christmas. I wish they could have food and presents like we

have. I just want everyone happy a Christmas. It's supposed to be a Happy Holiday. So I want everyone to have a happy holiday.

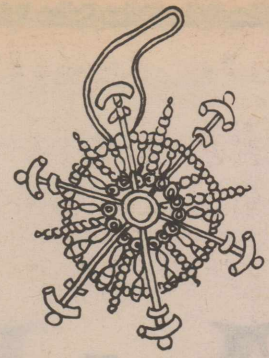
Love,
Misty
P. S. Please make this come true.

"Resolution Charades" Is Good Party Game

A New Year's party game might be "Resolution Charades," an adaptation of the old Chinese Custom of telling fortunes with bamboo sticks.

Pass a circular box (an oatmeal container) painted red and filled with straws, each container a tightly rolled New Year's resolution written on thin paper. Have at least as many straws as guests. Each player then draws a straw and acts out his resolution.

At the conclusion, he apologizes profusely for his miserable performance while the others try to guess his resolution. You might award a fan or chopsticks for the best dramatization.



Macaroni Snowflakes

Make round circles from cardboard that are 2" to 3" in diameter. Glue different shapes of macaroni onto the circles.

Leave the natural color or spray paint gold or silver, or with a light sparkling of artificial snow, or dab with glue and sprinkle on glitter.

Glue a yarn loop to the back for hanging them as decorations.

Professional Christmas Giving

Sometimes it's easy to take our careers for granted—it's just something we do from day to day. But taking another look at our professions—"Hey! Maybe I could share my profession in a special way at Christmastime!"

Artist: Many friends would love to have an original drawing or painting of their pet, their home, the old barn, etc.

Mechanic: Offer to do some can repair or overhaul for a friend.

Attorney: Draw up a will for a friend or do some other modest legal work.

Secretary: Offer to type a business letter for a friend—maybe even a family Christmas letter, or do some typing for a student.

Photographer: Make a picture of someone's home, or a portrait, etc.

Pretty Pillow Wrap

Have you another shirt or sweater to wrap, but you've run out of boxes? You can make a neat package by cutting out wrapping paper to fit the package (front and back). Fold the edges under, then before joining the sides together with double-sided tape, sandwich some lace between the two to resemble a pretty pillow. Discarded wallpaper sample books are neat for this. Pick out a gingham or ticking print.

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never had a family or owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never wrote a book, or held an office. He never went to college. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends deserted him. He was turned over to his enemies, and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had — his coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as this "One Solitary Life."

Although this poem has become popular in recent years, it is not a contemporary piece. The poem actually has tracings back to medieval times, and the poet to this day remains anonymous.

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

Merry

Christmas
from
SWISHER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



YULETIDE GREETINGS

We look forward to another year of serving you. Enjoy your holiday.

**Ziegler
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U.S. Cattle Producers Take Bull By The Horns

Much like a municipality choosing to better its community through self-taxation, U.S. cattle producers have opted to invest a portion of their proceeds in long-term industry development programs. Instituted in 1986, the beef checkoff program has paid off handsomely in foreign markets

Managed by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) on behalf of the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board, checkoff dollars stimulate demand by funding numerous U.S. beef and veal promotions throughout the world.

Promotional programs depend on

the market and thus vary greatly from one country to the next. Examples include holding cooking classes in Japan to increase home consumption of beef, educating Korean retailers on the superior quality of U.S. beef and addressing food safety issues in Europe.

"Ten cents worth of every dollar transacted in the sale of cattle in this country is exported. High-quality beef exports alone account for nearly five percent of our beef and veal production and this percentage is growing," said Philip Seng, CEO-USMEF. "We must export if the industry is to continue to grow."

The prospect of a free trade accord with Mexico, the elimination of U.S. beef quotas in Japan and an agreement with South Korean officials to open their borders to beef imports by 1997, are recent developments that create new opportunities for U.S. producers.

The U.S. industry's willingness to use checkoff dollars to invest in foreign promotional programs is leveraged by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funding of additional overseas promotions. While USDA funds increased from less than \$2 million in 1986 to an annual average of more than \$10 million in 1987-91, checkoff dollars for foreign market development have increased from \$1.1 million in 1988 to \$4.7 million in 1991.

Since 1986, U.S. beef and veal exports have risen a striking 109 per-



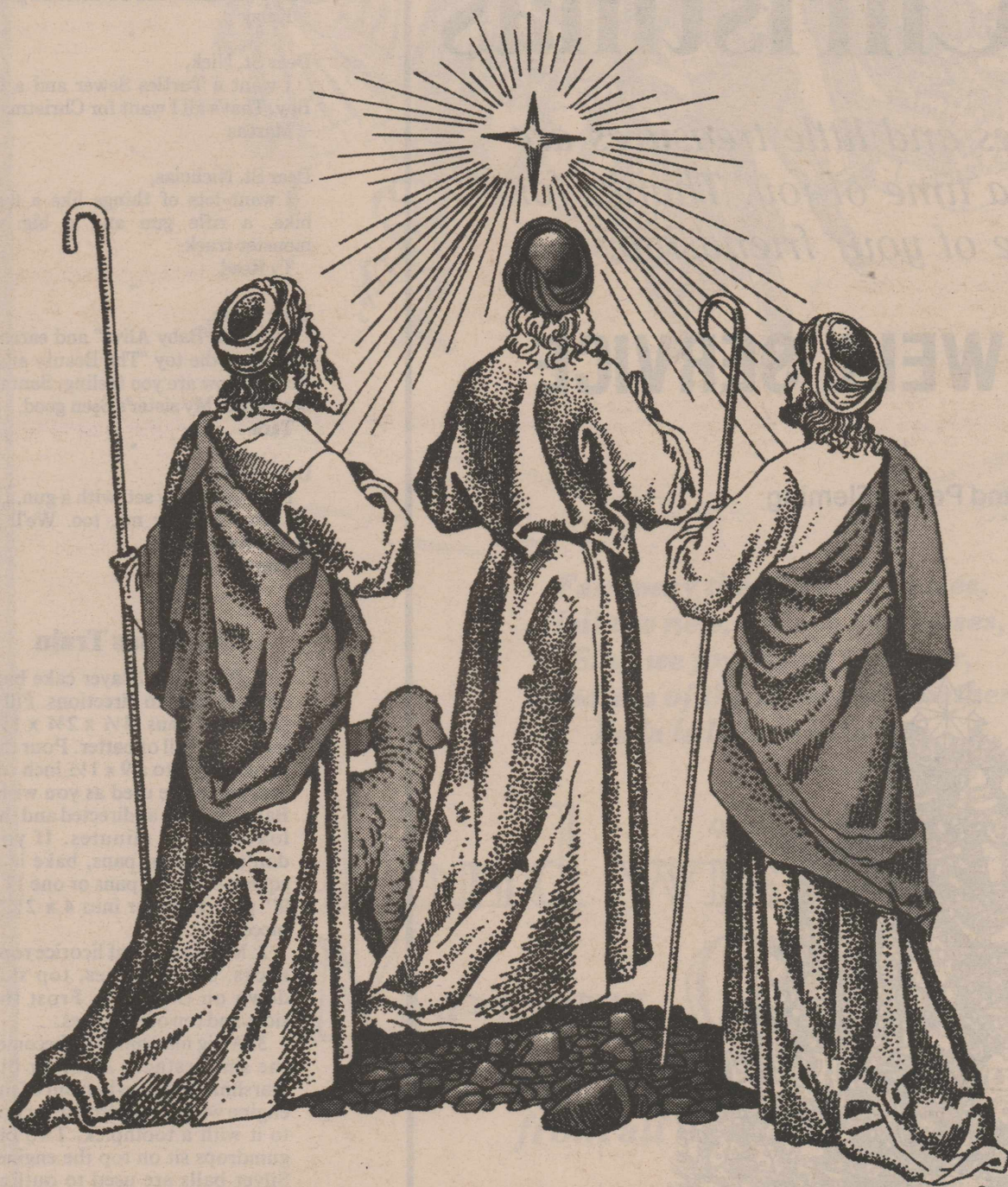
U.S. cattle producers are taking the bull by the horns by investing beef checkoff dollars in foreign market development programs.

cent, from \$907 million in 1986 to nearly \$1.9 billion in 1990.

"Increasingly freer trade policies and growing personal incomes dramatically increase the potential for growth of U.S. beef exports, but these factors also present opportunities to our competitors. Thus, aggressive, well-targeted marketing and promotional programs are vital if we are to capitalize on these expanded opportunities," said Seng.

Japan is the largest foreign consumer of U.S. beef, purchasing 54 percent of all U.S. beef and veal exports by volume. Other major markets include Mexico, Canada, South Korea, The Caribbean and Taiwan.

Joy To The World, The Lord Is Come



May you bask in the season's glory.

TOWE'S OFFICE

Jay, Patsy, Julie and Braden Towe • Addlene Towe

Cherry Christmas Sandwiches

Cut and mash maraschino cherries into cream cheese. Remove the crusts from your bread slices (the square-type loaf will be easier to use instead of the rounded loaf).

Cover the crustless slices with



Yuletide Greetings

We appreciate having you as our customers.

J. R. & Gladys Steele



Kindergarten Class Writes Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a jambox.
Eric

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle for my dolls and a doll that you can curl her hair. That's all.
Meladie

Dear Santa,
I want a magic nursery baby. I want a puppet and a Whoopsie Daisy and a

doll. I hope you have a nice Christmas.
Stormy

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie. How is Rudolph? Have a safe trip. I love you.
Monica

Dear Santa,
I want a play pump shotgun and a play semi. I want a play race car. I might leave you some oreos.
Payton

Dear St. Nicholas,
I want a monster truck and one of the trucks that has a trailer on the back and a boat and a wagon and a suitcase. I

want a football and a flag. I want a ladder, hammer and mask and a play alligator. I'll leave some cookies and some milk out for you. I like Christmas.
Joseph

Dear St. Nicholas,
I want some play dishes and a walking cuddle pup. I will leave you some cookies on the kitchen table. Have a happy holiday. How are your reindeer?
Love,
Teri

Dear Santa,
I want puzzles. I want a cupcake doll, and I want a Magna Doodle. I also want a computer. How are you doing?
Your friend,
Daryl-Ann

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a doll.
Love you, Santa,
Danielle

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a little airplane that has a remote control hooked to it, but not one for Nintendo. My brother, Jimmy Chance, wants the same thing. My sisters want pocket rockers with 10 tapes. My baby sister wants a baby toy—whatever you'd like to get her.
Love,
Kody

Dear Santa,
My name is Caleb Francis and I want a fireman's suit and hat. I also want a pair of boots and a picture of you. Thank you for what you gave me last year.
Love,
Caleb

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie for Christmas. I would like Barbie clothes; a Ken and Ken clothes. I also want a go-go my walking pup. That's all. I am going to leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Lori

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike for Christmas and a Little Mermaid and a Nintendo game.
Kelsy

Dear St. Nick,
I want a Turtles Sewer and a Game Boy. That's all I want for Christmas
Marcas

Dear St. Nicholas,
I want lots of things like a 6-speed bike, a rifle gun and a big wheel monster truck.
Ty Reed

Dear Santa,
I want a "Baby Alive" and earrings. I also want the toy "The Beauty and The Beast." How are you feeling, Santa? I've been good. My sister's been good.
Tara

Dear Santa,
I want an army set, with a gun. I want an army suit for me, too. We'll leave you some cookies.
Trace

Merry Christmas

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

FLEMING WELL SERVICE

Leo and Peggy Fleming



Christmas Train

1. Prepare a 2-layer cake batter according to directions. Fill 6 small loaf pans (4½ x 2¾ x 1½ inches) ½ full of batter. Pour the remaining into a 9 x 1½ inch round pan to be used as you wish. Bake the layer as directed and the loaves 20-25 minutes. If you don't have loaf pans, bake in 2 square 8" or 9" pans or one 13 x 9" pan, then cut into 4 x 2½" pieces.
2. Make a track of licorice rope sticks. Set the cakes, top side down on the track. Frost the sides and top of the cakes.
3. A big marshmallow becomes the smokestack. Another big marshmallow goes in front of the engine with a gumdrop attached to it with a toothpick. Two big gumdrops sit on top the engine. Silver balls are used to outline the windows or for any writing you may wish to do. Candy mints become wheels.
4. Pretty candies can be placed on top each car as if it were filled.
5. Cut each loaf in half to serve.

The Star's Place

Instead of just *putting* the star on the top of the tree, the family can feel close as it is explained that placing the star on the tree means to us that the same star that hovered over the Christ Child is the light of the home.

What Christmas Means To Me

Editor's Note: These are essays that were written by Silverton School students and have been entered in the "What The Holidays Mean to Me" essay contest sponsored by the Amarillo Globe-News.

The holidays are a time to enjoy life. A time to gather and be thankful. A few people like Christmas for the presents, but the true meaning is Jesus' birth. He is our savior. I also like the soft carols at night. You also get a chance to savor being alive. You thank the Lord for everything. This is what the holidays mean to me.

Michael Reagan, 11

What the holidays mean to me is being with your family to celebrate the Lord's birthday. It means being together and remembering old times. It means being thankful for what we have. This time is for giving and sharing with others. It's also a time to help people that aren't as fortunate as you. We sometimes go caroling and that is a fun part of Christmas. Also having sleigh rides is a fun part of Christmas, and these are what makes the holidays special to me.

Kenzie Burson, 12

The holidays are more than presents and gifts. Some people only think about these things when they think about Christmas. Sometimes we lose sight of what is really important during the holidays. For instance, the family getting to come together. Christmas isn't about getting, it's about giving, and sharing, and happiness. Not competing but combining as one like we

should always do. This is what the holidays mean to me.

Shauna Kingery, 12

Ah the holidays—they all make us warm at heart or at least they do me. I don't want to waste your time so I'll be brief. I'll tell you what they mean to me.

It's shopping, shopping and more shopping. And sitting in Santa's lap. Watching Christmas movies and singing Christmas carols. And Christmas lists a mile long.

So now you know what the holidays mean to me.

Miles, 11

The holidays mean peace. They also mean being together and sharing happiness. The holidays are special because families are together and means loving each other. It also means celebrating historical things that happened long ago. My favorite holidays are Christmas and Thanksgiving. I like Christmas because you get to celebrate Jesus' birth. Why I like Thanksgiving is that's when we give thanks for stuff. That's what the holidays mean to me.

Leland Wood, 12

Christmas means peace on earth, good will to men, and joy, happiness to all people all around the world. We need to take thanksgiving for what we have because some people don't get things for Christmas. We need to care and share our things with other people. You must be nice to other people to have a good Christmas.

Christmas also means seeing my cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents.

That's what Christmas means to me.

Jared Francis, 11

It means peace to our family. It means something that was celebrated years ago. I feel like you don't have to get or give a present. It really means what you think and feel. I feel like Christmas is the best holiday there is. It also helps us know what you feel about the holidays.

In a holiday like Christmas we remember our family, that we still care about each other. I feel like helping the people I care doing the things I can. That's what I feel about the special holidays.

Irene Gonzales, 12

What the holidays really mean to me is a time to rejoice in the birth of our Lord, and to be thankful for our blessings, a time to forget all our worries and to help.

The holidays are Christ's birthday and is the most important celebration of the season.

The holidays, to me, is a time to embrace my family—to relish the present and the past.

It's a time to give thanks for Christ's birth, and for my family—the ones who love me just because I'm me.

Wynter Smith, 11

The holidays to me mean that my family is together. I see my aunts, uncles and cousins. This is really fun to see everyone so happy.

The church I go to always helps the homeless. That really makes me happy. We will send them some gloves, socks, coats and things like that.

My church also goes and carols to the nursing homes. It makes me sad to see the lonely people who want company.

One of the main reasons I like this holiday is because Jesus was born. People think presents and Santa is really important. If it wasn't for Jesus, this wouldn't be a holiday.

Molly Brooks, 11

The holidays are special to me

because we come together and have a good time. We are to forget our worries. Don't think about what happened last week, but just think about your family.

We don't need special presents or expensive clothes just to have a good Christmas.

A good laugh and a hug or two is a very special present to me. Christmas is coming together and being a family. This is what makes the holidays special to me.

Lacy Brunson, 11

Christmas is very special to me. Christmas means giving other people gifts because it is better to give than receive. Christmas also means that Christ was born so there could be peace on earth. During the Christmas season there seems to be more love shown to other people. I like Christmas because my family does special things together. It is fun to go look at Christmas lights. This year my family adopted a "special angel" and helped make her Christmas more special. I wish everyday was like Christmas.

Trey Wyatt, 11

You get to decorate the Christmas tree. You also get to share your presents with family and friends. The holidays mean giving, caring, sharing and also caring about God. Watch little cousins, brothers and sisters eyes light up when they open their presents. Also having a good time.

Amber Aulbach, 11

The holidays mean having families together. You can have fun when cousins come over because you can play with them. You can see people you have not seen in a while. We can be thankful we have a family.

We can just sit back and relax. We don't have any homework.

It's not about receiving presents, it's about giving them. You get to eat Christmas dinner together. You get to make turkey and dressing as a family. It's about being thankful the Lord was born. That's what the holidays mean to me.

Will Hester, 11

The holidays mean to me that when Christ was born everyone went to see Him, and the shepherd men came to see Him too. They gave Him gifts and other good things. When Christmas comes that means that we are spending time with our family and friends, and cheering for Christmas spirit. Also we have days off for Christmas holidays. We are celebrating for Christmas because that's when Christ's birthday is. When holidays come, people get together and join other people.

Melissa Barreza, 12

To me the holidays mean that a family gets together to have fun playing, eating or seeing someone after a month or so. One holiday that is fun to me is Christmas, that December 25th, when the Holy Child was born; it also means to give and forget. That is what the holidays mean to me!

Andy Bullock, 12

The holidays mean being happy and being together. It's a time to thank God. I like hearing the bells ring on Christmas. Then I like praying to God. The holidays are a time to love and a time to share. It's a time to have fun. I like singing on the holidays. When everyone gets together and feasts on different kinds of food it's fun. On Christmas all the lights come on. It's really neat. On Christmas it is fun to decorate the Christmas tree and around the house. Thanksgiving isn't about pigging out. It's about thanking God, and Christmas isn't about getting presents; it's about loving and sharing.

Chris Justice, 12

The holidays are a time to be happy and merry. The holidays aren't just for presents and candy. It's a time to celebrate Christmas. That's what the holidays mean to me.

Trey Ziegler, 12

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It's time to trim the Christmas tree
With symbols of the season's cheer,
And place on top for all to see,
A star to honor Him most dear.

We're pleased to know you, honored
to serve you, and happy to offer you
and your family our fondest wishes.

We Will Be Closed From
Monday, December 23 at 12:00
noon until Monday, December 30

BRISCOE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

What Christmas Means To Me

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I think holidays are when family and friends gather together and have fun.

Holidays are special days we celebrate. Holidays are meant to last a life time in remembrance of people or events.

Our holidays are very special because we see relatives and friends we haven't seen for awhile. That's why I think holidays are special.

Amanda Cruz, 12

The holiday is a good day to me and to all my family because on that day you get to go wherever you want, like to a friend's house. Then that day you also can be happy and do things fun. Another thing is that if you have a little brother, he can have fun too because he still doesn't know who the real Santa is. Another is that sometimes even our parents have fun too so that's a good time for everyone to be happy. That day is not to be getting mad at each other but to be happy all day long. That's

what holiday means to me.

Hector Martinez, 13

Christmas is one of the best times of the year. It's when everyone gets together and has a gay, old time.

The main reason I like it is because it gives love, gifts and happiness. It's also fun when you get to see all of your relatives and talk with them.

It's also the one time of the year when most people are happy. They can get together and praise the Lord and sing praises about Him without being ashamed.

Many, many people are looking forward to this Christmas, including me. I hope everybody has a happy holiday this year.

Cy Comer, 13

Christmas is a time of giving and celebrating the true meaning of Christmas. I always enjoy putting up a tree and decorating it. Giving to my family and being with relatives is very special to me. Every family has certain

special traditions of how they celebrate Christmas. In our family, we always meet at my Granny's house and have a big Christmas dinner. Then at night we open our gifts. But most of all, I love celebrating Christmas because it is Jesus' birthday. That is the real meaning of Christmas.

Vanessa Martin, 13

Each year at this time you see, hear and even smell the atmosphere of Christmas. Christmas is a very special time for me because it is a time for family to come together as one and celebrate the birthday of Jesus. I love all of the decorations and foods, but most of all I enjoy the Christmas carols. When a group of your closest friends and family gather to sing all of those cherished Christmas carols, it gives me a sense of peace and warmth. The holidays are a time for family and friends to gather to share common values.

Shannon Weaver, 13

The holidays are a peaceful time to me. My family meets and we exchange gifts and reminisce about Christmas days gone by. But to me Christmas is more than presents, candy and Santa Claus. My true love for Christmas is the birth of Jesus. Jesus is a Prince and the King of Kings. It is a day to rejoice. And sing of the coming of our Lord and Saviour. But in America the true

meaning of Christmas is being overlooked. To me the birth of Christ is more important than Santa Claus.

Brandon Nease, 13

The holidays are nearly everyone's favorite time of the year. The meaning of all the holidays is what is so special to me. Without these meanings the holidays would be pointless. Giving is an important meaning. Sometimes we forget to give and want everything for ourselves. Also the celebration of Christ being born. This is so sacred and special, and sometimes we forget this is the real reason for the holidays. Families coming together is another meaning. This is one time out of the whole year that some families even get to see each other. The holidays are a great time for Christmas!

Molly Bomar, 13

The holidays to me mean a time of celebrating with my family. New Year's Eve is a holiday celebrating the beginning of a new year. Valentine's Day is a holiday celebrating love. Easter, a Christian festival, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. The Fourth of July is a holiday celebrating the United States' independence. Halloween is the evening of October 31, followed by All Saints Day. Thanksgiving is the holiday in which all people give thanks. Christmas is the holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Mainly to me the holidays mean having fun and being with family.

Lena Patino, 13

What the holidays mean to me are being with family and friends. Celebrating things that happened are what the holidays mean to me. Holidays like Christmas and Easter are very special to me. On Christmas Jesus was born. On Easter Jesus arose from the dead. These special times mean love to me. The holiday means being together for love and joy to refer back to the history of what really happened. I love the holidays to be with my family.

Christina Stephens, 13

The holidays mean a lot to me, but sometimes I forget what their purposes are. I'm always being reminded of our greediness during the holidays. People forget a lot of the holidays also. Like presidents' birthdays and Easter doesn't mean much to people, because nothing is in it for them. Notice when Christmas rolls around, I know all I think about is presents, presents and more presents. This essay has helped me think about everything but greed. I think that if everyone had a change they would realize that a holiday isn't just another day. They are times to celebrate or remember just why that day is special.

Lori Brannon, 13

The holidays mean getting that one special gift that I've waiting for all year, and giving people gifts too. Everyone is so happy during the holidays. Seeing my relatives that I don't see but once a year is wonderful. Putting up the tree, seeing all the beautiful lights and decorations during the holidays make me feel safe and happy. I just wish everyone could feel as jolly all the time as they do around the holidays.

Dedra Johnston, 13

The holidays this year, for me, are going to be extremely special. This will be the first Christmas I have with my mother, stepfather, brother and sister since my parents divorced. I am now also living with my mother so every day is a special day for me. I hope that all kids everywhere are as happy with their families this holiday season as I am with mine.

Jennifer Edwards

What the holidays mean to me is that the whole family gets together. It's to care and share with each other. I am sure that the holidays was here for a reason like birthdays or occasions that

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joy and peace



To God's good creatures great and small, let the peace of Christmas be known to you all. Greetings of the season from:

SILVERTON OIL COMPANY

What Christmas Means To Me

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happened to become holidays. Well holidays have many meanings. Like Christmas, Jesus was born. Holidays are the meaning of love and caring for people. That's what the holidays mean to me.

Johnny Leal, 14

Holiday mean family and friends getting together and talking and having a fun time. It mean having lots of food to eat like ham, beans, sweet potatoes. It means a little old man dressed in red with a pipe and a pack of toys. He has a red nose and a deep voice. It means a tree, all green, with lights sparkling. We remember the people that need help too.

Kara Kingery, 14

The Fourth of July means celebrating independence and having fun as long as you don't get hurt. A few months later comes Thanksgiving, the time of thanking the Lord for all the things we have, and enjoying the things we have and being thankful we do have it. Then comes Christmas, the most important feast to me. The time of the birth of Jesus. It goes with Thanksgiving. But on Thanksgiving we give thanks to Him, and on Christmas we celebrate His birth. After Christmas comes New

Years Eve, time to celebrate how old the earth is.

Lana Patino, 13

I think that we celebrate the holidays wrong. We need to celebrate the holidays for what they really are. For instance, the holiday, Christmas, we need to take it to heart and celebrate that Jesus was born. We don't need to celebrate just to receive. We need to give to other people. We also need to give to the poor and church. We do need to have fun too, but we need to enjoy that Jesus was born on that day. That's what I think the holidays should be like. We should care, share, give and enjoy.

Zeb Holt, 13

I like Christmas the best! One good thing about it is that instead of my family going to my relatives' house they come to mine. We have Christmas at my house. Everyone gets to come and celebrate that my mom cooks is great. Sometimes I meet relatives I never knew I had. The day after Christmas I like to go and show all the wonderful things my mom got me to all my friends. But another thing you have to remember is that Christmas just isn't about gifts; it's about the birth of Jesus.

Sonya Ramirez, 14

The holidays are special times to be

with other people and to appreciate what we have. It is a time to appreciate what we have. It is a time in which we should give to other people who are less fortunate than you or I. It is a time for prayer. Also it is a time when all people, young or old, rich or poor come together as a big family.

Patrick O'Neal, 13

It was the night before Christmas in Bethlehem that is, the birth of Jesus was fixing to begin. When Christmas comes, I like to think of the birth of Jesus.

Christmas to me is not just the food and presents. It is when I get to see all of my family. We sit around the piano and sing Christmas carols. Also I get to see all of my family as a family, not as a little group.

Finally after all of the kids open their presents, I like to tell each member of my family what they mean to me.

Kristi Smith, 13

Holidays are very fun. They are very special times. If we did not have holidays, we would not be able to get out of school. Also the year would be so plain and could be boring as could be. During the Christmas holiday you would not get new presents or meet your family that does not live with you. In Thanksgiving you would not be able to eat turkey. Valentine's Day you would not be able to ask a boy that you liked if he would go out with you.

Mary Ann Maciel, 13

The holidays are very special times of the year. There are many different kinds of holidays such as Christmas and Thanksgiving.

My favorite holiday is Christmas, not

just because it is when you get presents or get to go shopping; it is a time of love and happiness. It is also a time of giving to other people, and the families coming together. That is what Christmas is about.

Jeremiah Brooks, 14

The holidays mean a lot to me. It is the only time I have with my family. To some people holidays are like short vacations. To me I get to be with my family on a short vacation.

Oscar Vargas, 14

To me holidays mean several things. They mean relaxation, getting out of school and kicking back, not having to strain our brain.

Another thing holidays mean to me is friendship. They are times when you can get together and exchange gifts, eat turkey, or just play around with each other and have some fun.

Along with all this joy holidays bring, the event can mean sadness too. I have had personal experiences with this kind of grief because my great-grandmother died two weeks before Christmas.

Putting all these things together, I guess holidays mean "love" to me. I hope it means something as good to you.

Brandon Sarchet, 12

The holidays are special times to me. They are times of love, rejoicing and good deeds. I have many favorite holidays.

The holidays are fun times when everyone is together as one big family. I especially like Christmas and Easter.

See WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS—

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

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What Christmas Means To Me

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Not because of the presents, but because of thinking of God and Jesus. True, I do like the presents, but I like to be together more. Most of my favorite holidays are filled with noise and fun.

The holidays, to me, are the best times of the year. You should enjoy them thoroughly and remember them vividly. They can be the best times of your life.

Zach Baldwin, 12

Holidays mean different things to everybody. To some it means gifts, going on vacations, etc. But to me it means family reunions. Holidays are the only times when my parents aren't talking about work and school. And yes, I do like my parents caring for me, but we need a little time to talk about what's on our minds. And now that we have a new baby, we'll have lots of things to talk about for Christmas, and maybe after that we'll make phone calls to talk to those relatives that didn't

come to our reunion. But as I said before, holidays mean different things to everyone. Maybe holidays mean similar to you as they do to me.

Cricelda Vargas, 13

The holidays mean a time of togetherness and having fun with your family. It is also a time of giving and receiving. Not to mention how fun it is to decorate your house and help decorate other peoples' houses. Some people though just enjoy visiting their family and friends and eating the great food. Some people really don't know the real meaning of holidays. It's not just for getting out of school and watching football. It's for getting together with your family and giving thanks.

Billy Edwards, 12

The holidays mean getting together with family and friends, and just having fun. Knowing that Lord Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem. Holidays can be memorable for you and others. To bring family together and help understand one another's problems. To

lend a hand to each other. To pray extra hard for those less fortunate. To give and later lose it. Holidays are being with those you care about and those you love.

Teri Rodgers, 13

Holidays mean having good times. It's when families get together even aunts, uncles and cousins you haven't seen in a long time. Some holidays mean decorating. There are some holidays that mean a lot to me like Christmas because that was the 25th on the birth of Jesus. He is very special to me.

That's not all the holidays mean to me. They also mean for having a really nice time, and opening presents on Christmas; Fourth of July is for popping firecrackers; birthdays are for getting older.

Minerva Patino, 12

The holidays mean a great deal to me. It is a special time for many families. They get together and share each other's love and joy. They exchange wonderful gifts and have great meals. Also, all the children thank Santa for their great gifts he brought them. But aside of all the gifts, we have to thank baby Jesus. If there was no baby Jesus, there would be no Christmas for anyone. Christmas would be just another day. So we have a lot to be thankful for.

Isabel Patino, 13

Christmas is time for sharing your love with friends and family. It's not how much they paid for the gifts; it's just to show you that they care for you. It shouldn't matter if they found it in the trash; you should like it and be thankful that they thought of you. It is not receiving; it's the thought of giving to others.

Anthony Gamble, 14

Holidays are interesting. You see people putting or hanging decorations everywhere. In stores, homes, streets, lightposts and fences. Holidays cause family and friends to get together and enjoy being together. Holidays are joyous times. There are changes everywhere. Store owners always try to persuade others to buy their holiday collectables. Holidays let people spend time with others, not having to do with their occupations. Holidays let people travel around to visit family and loved ones. Holidays are for laughing and relaxing with your family away from work. Having a good time is what



Christmas Towns

Down through the years there have been a number of places which were either founded or discovered on Christmas Day and are so named. In the United States Fort Christmas, in Florida, was founded in 1835; its post office opened in 1892 and was simply named Christmas. This post office has become swamped in recent years, handling sometimes over 300,000 items—some hand cancelling as well as by machine.

Christmas, Missouri; Christmas Cove, Maine, and Christman Valley, Oregon also are some of the post offices with much work to do at Christmastime.



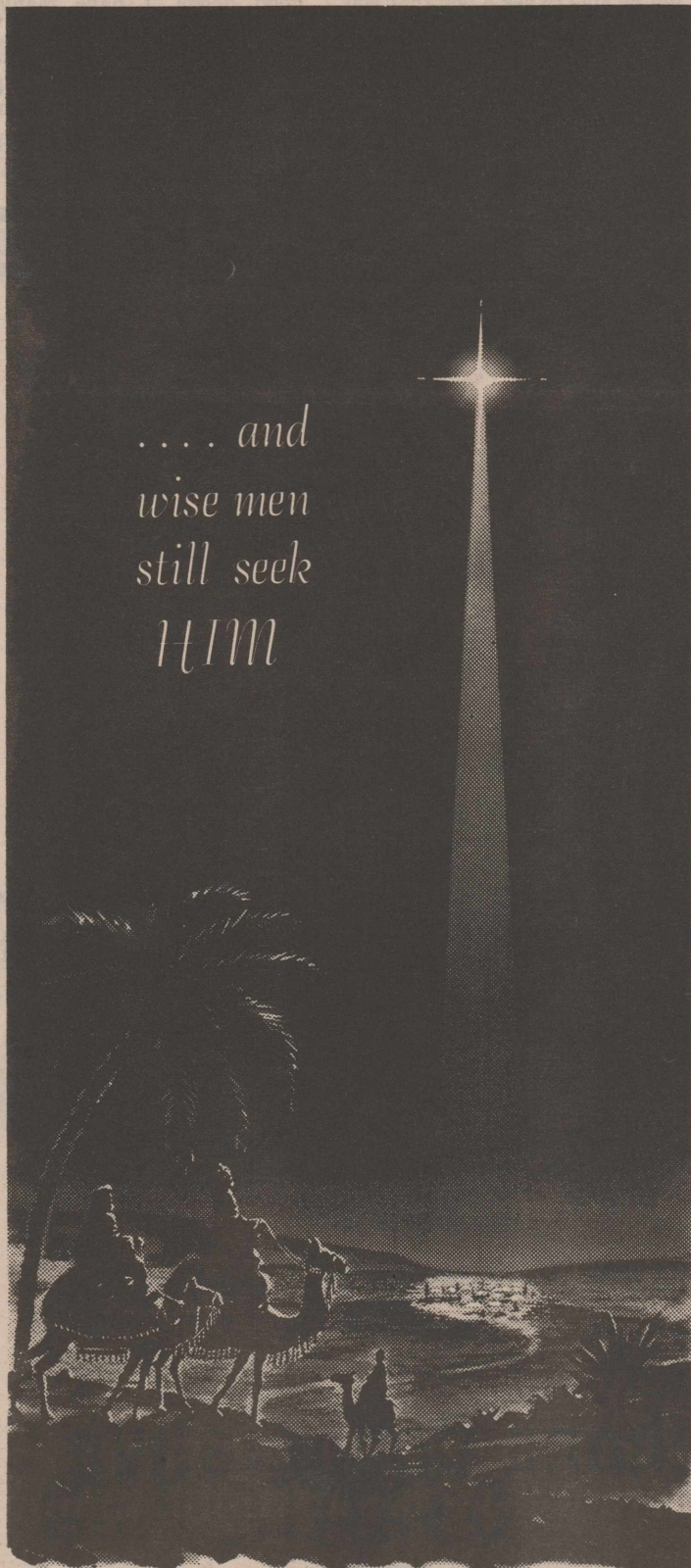
Christmas Baskets

Make neat Christmas baskets to hold presents or pretty greenery sprigs, cards, piles of baubles, etc.

1. Ask your grocer if he has any wooden mushroom baskets he's throwing away. Put two coats of polyurethane on the basket, letting each coat dry thoroughly.
2. Iron rickrack to get package creases out. Glue jumbo rickrack around basket's top and bottom bands, beginning and ending at center back overlapping ends. Glue contrasting baby rickrack to center of jumbo rickrack.
3. Glue a piece of ribbon vertically in the basket's center. Make a bow to later attach at the top of this ribbon.
4. Glue strips of contrasting rickrack vertically all around the basket leaving about 1 5/8" between them.
5. Glue on the bow. Hold in place to dry with a clothespin.

holidays mean to me.

Arnold Garza, 13

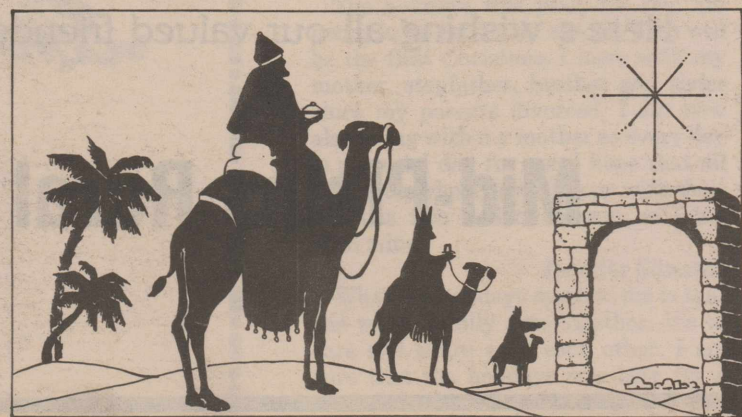


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to faith and enlightenment.





TAX FACTS

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Decking the halls

Greenery is a festive decoration this season. Remember that sales tax will be tacked on to the prices of holly, mistletoe, garlands and poinsettias. Christmas trees are taxable, too, even when sold by a non-profit group such as the Boy Scouts or the Kiwanis Club.

Returning items mean receiving sales tax

December is the biggest gift-giving month of the year. Consequently, more items are returned this time of year as well.

You should receive sales tax back along with your refund from those too small sweaters and too loud ties.

Along the same line, if you want to exchange your gift for something more expensive, you'll have to pay sales tax on any increased difference in price.

Gift certificates do it all

Gift certificates make great presents for those on your list who are a bit harder to shop for. The recipient can pick out what they want from a particular store.

Sales tax is due when an item is purchased with a gift certificate, but the price of the certificate can be used to pay for the sales tax as well.

And if you are interested in giving a gift certificate, sales tax is not due when you buy a gift certificate.

Getting decked out

Are you wanting to dress up like Santa or Mrs. Claus this year? Tax is added to the purchase of holiday costumes. Likewise, costume rentals are subject to the sales tax. So, you'll be paying tax on any hats, boots, elf ears, red suits or antlers you rent.

Party Package Fun

What to do on New Year's Eve? Party packages are fun, one-stop ideas. These packages may include dinner, drinks, entertainment and party favors. Just keep in mind sales tax is collected on party packages.

Time-Saving Hints For a Homemade Holiday

'Tis the season once again to deck the halls . . . but who's got the time? Not to worry. Even if you're all thumbs, a few quick, inexpensive tips can help you capture the holiday spirit and leave you time to share warm moments with family and friends!

- No need to spend a lot of money on decorations; use seasonal garlands and branches to dress up doorways, fireplace mantles and banisters.

- Stuck for a gift for someone on your Christmas list? Make an elegant holiday gift basket. Cover basket with pine cones and bright berries using Velcro® brand fasteners instead of hot-gluing. Line with red or green dish towels and fill with an assortment of homemade candies or cookies, breads and coffee cakes, even a bag of coffee. Or, bake your favorite fruit or nut cake in a clean coffee tin; then wrap when cool with holiday paper.

- Create door "jingle bells" using a graduated set of three red ribbon strips (with a six-inch difference in length); top with a bright seasonal bow.

- When company comes, decorate that extra folding table with swags of ribbon or colorful cloth, or garland left over from the tree. Tie bows with jingle-bells to stemmed glasses for an added yuletide touch.

- For an easy table centerpiece, fill a holiday basket with brightly-colored ornaments, or with small, inexpensive gifts to give your guests after the meal.

- There's nothing like homemade ornaments to spruce up the tree, and the kids can help. Spray paint a circular 3" round straw mat; decorate with pine cones and Christmas Santas cut from felt. Children can create their own festive ornaments out of spray-painted ice cream sticks arranged in the shape of a star. To avoid a glue mess, have kids use Sticky Back® Velcro® brand fasteners for both ornaments. Add bows and a ribbon loop to hang them on the tree. Also, string cranberries and popcorn to fill in gaps in the branches.

- Missing an open fire to roast chestnuts over? Spread them on cookie sheets, slit the bottoms, and bake until soft in a 425 degree oven.

- While visions of sugar plums dance through their heads, youngsters can sleep under sheets and comforters decorated with colorful, felt Santas and snowmen or other holiday shapes. Attach with Velcro® brand hook and loop tape, the shapes can later be easily replaced with other holiday symbols throughout the year.

Then and Now

Once a year we turn the clock forward an hour and then again we turn it back an hour—but time is still the same.

Once a year, at Christmastime, we turn the page of time back 2000 years. The impact of that event that shook the world would do the same, today, were its people receptive.

There is a need for food, shelter, love and understanding from birth until death, today, the same as 2000 years ago.

Especially at the holiday season, let's have our hearts open to help others to have their basic needs fulfilled, and let these thoughtful feelings last all year through.

Magi Paintings

The Three Kings of the Orient, the Magi, have been depicted by many famous artists: Leonardo da Vinci, Rubens and Durer, Botticelli, and Veronese. The kings' splendid colorful robes are in deep contrast to the roughly-clad shepherds.

Artists did not put crowns and regal dress upon the Magi until after the eleventh century. A large number of attendants accompanied them. Often the painted faces were of contemporary people in the community.

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells

We've come a long way since the horse-drawn carriage, but our commitment to family traditions and old-fashioned values remains the same.

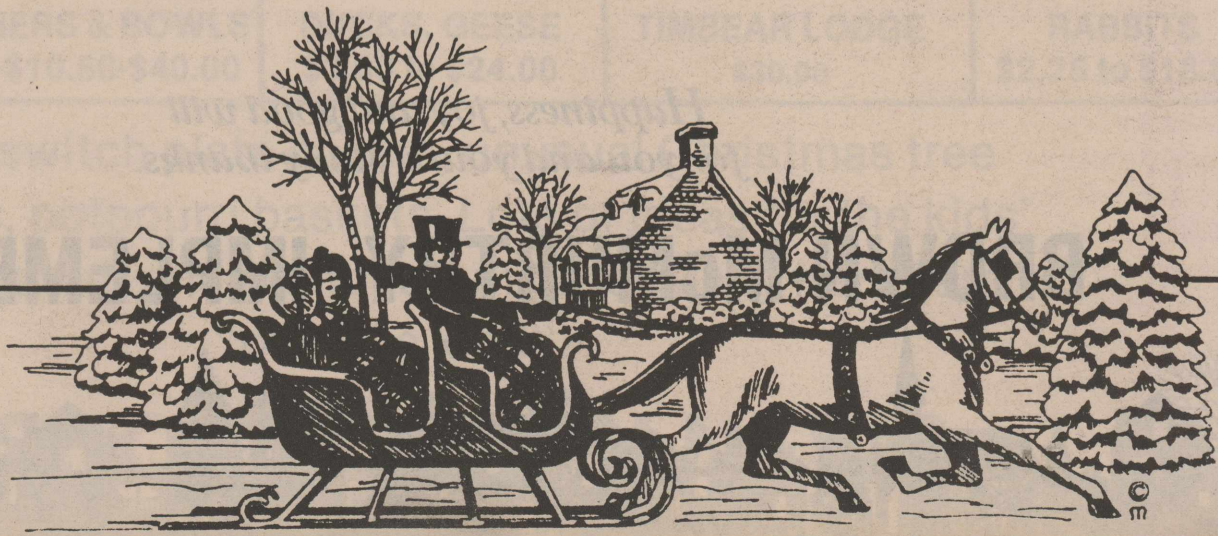
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First Grade Students Write Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I wut a bik and a wach and thank you. luv, Chase.

Dear Santa,
I want a marmaid doll and sume taps an a barbe hows an sume girl blocks an birthday barbe.
Kassie Strange

Dear Santa,
I hoep you have a good chrtsmas this is what I woet I weet a peel it gun and a big box uv pelits and leav vis and hot shot. I lik you Santa.
Monty

Dear Santa
i hope you will giv me a rascr bed i see you nes time.
Red

Dea Santa
I want to see you again. I want a bike. clos toys for
Daisy Maritnez

Dear Santa,
I lize you. you are my faifrt. I belevne you can i see your rane dirrs. by see you next year. and I wont Bubles my waking pup.
frum Bobby

Dear Santa,
I wot to see your rands dear Santa i wot geigoe.
Adrian Cruz

Dear Santa,
I wat a cry baby and I wat a go go my wolkin pup.
Samantha
I love you

Dear Santa,
Can I please have Go-Go my walking pup, a Quint house a bike Hawaian fun Barebie you may choos How are your rein deer?

Love Bryn
Ps. a little kitten. bath time barbie,

Dear Santa
remot cun trol car and a trtle van and a b-b gun and a Santa sute and hat and a bag and a Leynrdo
John

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and Captin America action figures. I hope that you have a good Christmas. please sind a toy my sister and me tell meif I have been good I hope you get worm I hope you have enough wrapping paper I hope the kids have been good
from Joseph

Santa,
I want boots, a cowboy hat and a play

gun.
Your friend,
Clifton

Dear Santa,
I wont a jambox and a rockbox doll house and a sewing machine and a sewing machine go go my walking dog and some rengs and a dress and bath time fun borby and a stockn foll of candey
from Jenny

Dear Santa,
I want a Go-Go my waking pup. Barbie Motor hoese. Nintendo. I lovue you.
Tarran Forbes.

Dear Santa cloas
I wote a wotadr baby frum Santa Cloas is my frand Dear Santa tell your efzs that mere christmas. I love you.
April

Greeting Cards

The first of the year in France is the time of the greatest festival and is to the native of France what Christmas is in America. This is the great family day and the most cherished of all red-letter days on the calendar.

The greeting card custom is more extensive in France at New Year's than it is in other countries at Christmas. It is almost duty to mail greetings to every acquaintance. The average person will feel neglected if he does not receive at least a hundred cards.

New Year's is, in fact, a homecoming with relatives and friends, gathering for the purpose of dining and saluting the newborn year.

Follow The Star

Everyone is familiar with the story of the Magi who brought gifts to the Infant Jesus, but we actually know very little about them.

Although they were not given names in the Gospel narrative of St. Matthew, today we know them as Melchoir and Balthazar, the older kings, and Gaspar, the young king.

According to St. Matthew, they were "wise men" who sought Jesus by following a star:

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

"Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

"... they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

Tuck A Lot of Love In

Before you get out that beautiful Christmas wrapping paper and shiny ribbon, please remember to tuck a lot of love inside each Christmas present.

The gift may soon be worn-out and its usefulness be past—but always we can be quite sure that the love we tucked in will last. And though the gift may be small, the love that's tucked in will change it into something rich and rare.

Please tuck a lot of love in, this Christmas!

Looking Ahead

Traditionally, New Year's Eve is a time for looking ahead, as exemplified in earlier times by "dipping" customs.

While the family gathered about in eager anticipation, the head of the family would close his eyes, flip open the family Bible and indicate a passage with his finger.

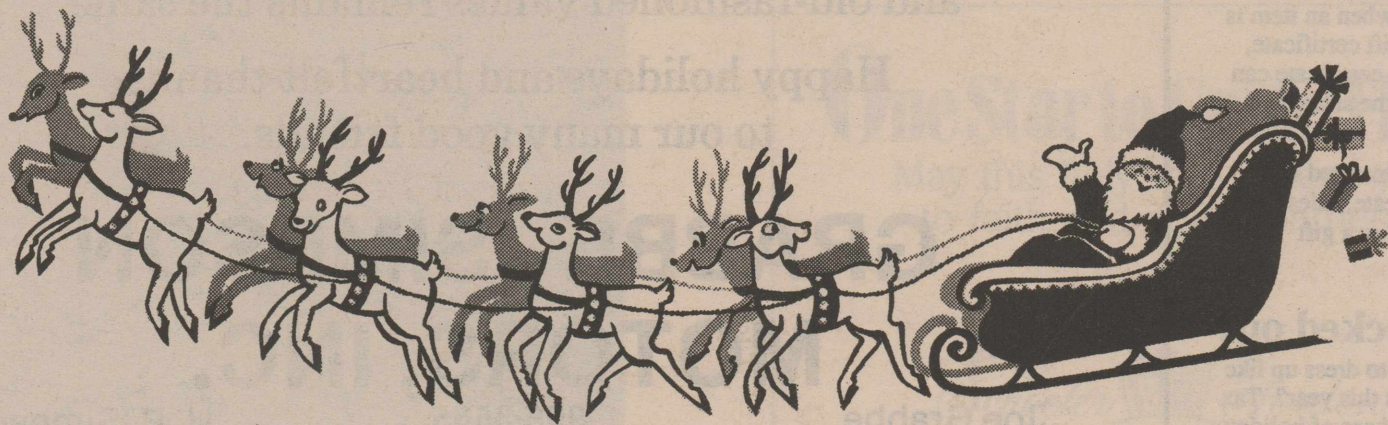
The text of the passage was supposed to indicate the luck—good or bad—which would come with the New Year.

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Third Grade Letters On Their Way to Santa

Dear Santa,

I want a bike for Christmas. My sister wants a real car for Christmas. My other sister wants a Barbie for Christmas. My brother wants a four wheeler for Christmas. My mom wants a blacket for Christmas. My dad wants a new car for Christmas.

Your friend,
Cindy Allen

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie doll, a pool and a Game Boy. My sister wants a barbie car, video, VCR and tapes. My mom and dad want a water bed and 1,000 dollars.

Your friend,
Erica

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a B-B gun and a new pump for my bike. Tyra wants a pump too. Mama wants a make-up kit.

Martin

Dear Santa,

I would like a clock radio, All American Barbie, Pretty Crimp and Curl, stilts, new clothes and what ever. Please make sure my family has a Merry Christmas too.

Thank you,
Brooke Garvin

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like for chrstmas a Pocket Rocker and a Magic Nursery and a Party Kitchen. For my baby sister want to give her a talking baby. I want to give Vanessa a camera. I want give my dad a new tool chest and my mom I want to give her some boots.

Merry Christmas
Catherine Reyna

Dear Santa,

I would like a jambox, clothes, clock radio, doll, and some games. My sister wants a waterbed. My mom wants makeup. My dad wants Levis.

Thanks again
Julie Weaver

Dear Santa,

I want rollerracers, stilts, a Nintendo, a cowboy shirt, Lock up Lagoon, a pirate set, and a Game Boy. My brother wants a screwdriver. My sister wants a dollhouse and a sewing machine. My mom wants kitchen stuff. My dad wants his eye to get better.

Merry Christmas,
Tyler

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like this for Christmas. I would like a Magic Nursery baby, yo-yo, peg, clothes, game boy tap, a carousel horse for mom, a rope for dad, and a basketball goal for Zach. And just a Mary Christmas.

Love,
Sally Baldwin

Dear Santa,

I want a jambox, a TV set, a super niniendo, a VCR, and a bike. For my baby sister, a Barbie Doll and some mittens too. Red wants a bike, some glue colers, and a Game Boy. C. J. wants a toy truck, some cars and a car that moves by it's self. For Destiny, a watch, some books and a TV set. For mom, a mirrow and a diamond ring. For dad, some gloves and tools.

Merry Christmas,
Isaiah Henry Ivory

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Dear Santa,

My Mame is Clint Ivory. I want a four wheeler a bow and arrow, and a computer. My brother wants a car and My Mom wants a New car too. My Dad wants same tools and the lost thing I want My brother Jon to have is a gun.

Your friend
Clint Ivory

Dear Santa,

I've been a good boy. Please can you send me some presents? Please! I want a go-cart and a Super Nintendo. I hope my mother and dad get a new car and my bother gets a Nintendo game.

Merry Christam!
Adrian

Dear Santa,

I want a fashion barby. My brother Jamie wants every boy toy on TV. My mom wants to get out of the house. The end.

Your friend,
Diane Garza

Dear Santa,

I want some roller blades and a tape case. I would like Some books and a Game Boy. I hope my famly has a merry cristmas.

Thank you, love
Katy

Dear Santa,

My name is Aaron Wederski. I am from Silverton, Texas. What I want for christmas is a gameboy, some games to it too. I want a Nintendo game, Marieo 3, Back to the future II, Magur leage bace ball. for my mom she would like a new diamond for her ring. my dad would like a tool set. I think my sister Kelsy would like a barbi. Wendy would like a new baby.

Merry Christmas to all.
Aaron Wederski

Dear Santa,

I want a Freestyle Pro Bike. It does cost lots of money. For my brother I want to give him a Gameboy. For my mother I could give her a new refrigerator. I would give my dad a big tool box.

Steven

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing? I hope you are doing fine because I want a few stuff from you. I want a Barbie Dream House and a Barbie and Barbie clothes. And a Ken and Ken clothes. I want a Baby Alive and my brother Cord wants a raddle, some shoes, clothes and socks. My sister Lori wants a Go-Go My Walking Pup. My mom wants some pajamas. My dad I think needs some new golf stuff. I want a diary and some clothes and an electric blanket.

Merry Christmas,
Taylor

Go Owls!

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JINGLE BELLS
CHRISTMAS**

Enjoy this festive season,
Celebrate the day,
May your holiday ring out
With joy in every way.

With resounding good cheer we
wish all our friends and customers
a very merry Christmas.

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Little Things for A Healthier Environment

In a recent Good Housekeeping Institute survey, women were asked what they believed to be the three most important problems facing the country today. The environment was mentioned by nearly one-third of respondents — ranking second only to drugs — with solid waste cited by 78 percent as the most troubling.

One simple and effective way to

fight the solid waste problem is through source reduction. As the Environmental Protection Agency's top priority for managing solid waste, source reduction is one of the best solutions to this country's solid waste problem. The message is simple: if there's less packaging being used, there's less to bring home and less to throw away.

"We've found that purchasing more environmentally-responsible products, such as those with less packaging, is something people can do personally to have a positive impact on the environment," said Dr. Paul Demko, director of environmental studies, Good Housekeeping Institute.

Procter & Gamble is one manufacturer that has taken a positive step toward source reduction with cartonless versions of Secret and Sure deodorants and antiperspirants. By eliminating outside packaging on these two products alone, 3.4 million

pounds of packaging will be kept out of landfills each year. That's 80 million cartons, or enough to reach from Los Angeles to Singapore, and back, if laid end to end.

"Today's consumers are changing their attitudes and behavior to support this kind of action by manufacturers," said Dr. Demko. "It's definitely a step in the right direction when companies respond by giving the public more product choices."

According to the Good Housekeeping Institute survey, nearly two-thirds of respondents specifically look for products based on their environmental impact. More than 68 percent have actually changed their purchasing patterns.

As the environment continues to be a top concern, more and more Americans want to know how they can help. Shopping with better packaging in mind is just one way to make a positive impact on the environment. Following are some of the other "little things" you can do to "make a difference."

At Home

- Conserve water and energy by turning off faucets and lights when not in use
- Give old magazines a second life by donating them to hospitals, barbershops and laundromats
- Recycle used motor oil and car batteries at a local service station
- Donate old clothes to charities or shelters; turn those in bad condition into dust rags
- Return hangers and protective covers to the dry cleaners for re-use

At Work

- Adopt a permanent coffee mug
- Conserve paper by using both sides for notes and messages and by making two-sided photocopies
- Start an office-wide recycling program
- Share newspaper and magazine subscriptions with co-workers

At The Store

- Bring your grocery and produce bags back to the supermarket for re-use or carry a cloth bag
- Shop with source reduction in mind. Look for products with little or no outside packaging



'The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord'

(Psalms 33:5)

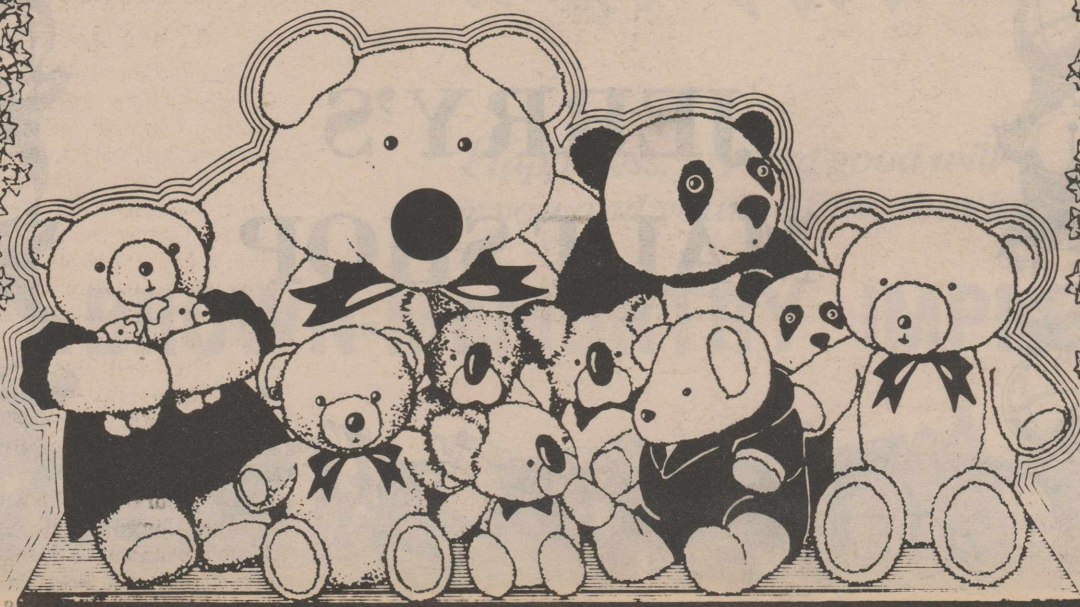
Christmastime offers us time to reflect on the beauty of creation as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. We're pleased to join with you in prayer, and to offer you our thanks.

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Holiday Cookie Decorating is in the Bag

Children love to get involved in what's happening in the kitchen. Holiday cookie baking is certainly no exception. Few seasonal joys compare with the festive fun of baking and decorating holiday cookies with your children.

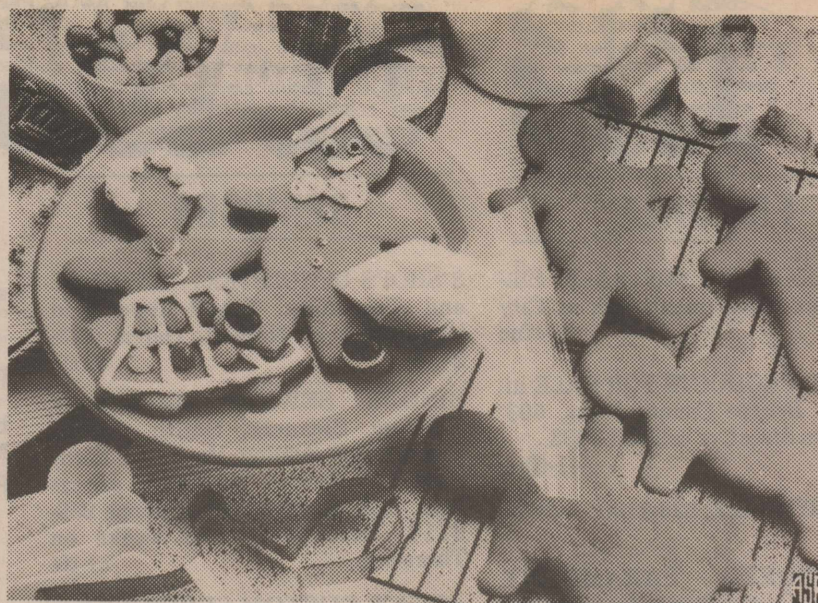
One great way to get into the spirit of the season is by baking traditional holiday favorites, such as spicy, delicious "Gingerbread People." They're perfect for any holiday gathering. They also make lovely gifts.

The easiest way to get your kids creatively involved is to let them help frost and decorate the cookies after they've been baked. They can

use Ziploc® storage bags to pipe icing designs on the cookies. Simply fill a pint size storage bag with frosting, twist bag above the icing to force it toward one lower, non-zippered corner (this helps eliminate air), and seal the bag. Ziploc storage bags with the Gripper* zipper are the easiest closing bags available. You can actually feel the zipper grabbing hold for a tight, secure seal.

Next, take a pair of scissors and snip 1/4-inch of the bag at a lower, non-zippered corner. Now, let the kids pipe frosting onto the baked and cooled cookies. The bags make cleanup a cinch.

For another quick, scrumptious



way to decorate holiday cookies, place nuts or peppermint candies in a plastic storage bag and seal the bag. Then, using a dull, heavy object, crush the nuts or candies. After frosting, sprinkle the colorful, crushed ingredients on top for a beautiful finishing touch. Or, try placing shredded coconut in a plastic storage bag along with food coloring for a simple and festive cookie decoration.

For more tips to help make holiday baking and other family projects easier and more rewarding, write for a free copy of GET A GRIP ON IT ALL. Send your name and address to: GET A GRIP ON IT ALL, Department #3600-M2, P.O. Box 78980, New Augusta, IN 46278.

Meanwhile, follow this mouth-watering recipe and rediscover the simple, nostalgic, joys of holiday baking as a family affair.

Gingerbread People

- 1 1/2 cups dark molasses
 - 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
 - 3/4 cup water
 - 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
 - 7 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Buttercream Frosting

(recipe follows)

Decorations: Glacé cherries, miniature marshmallows, raisins, currants, sliced almonds, colored sugar, chocolate sprinkles, miniature chocolate chips, shredded coconut, crushed peppermint candy, red cinnamon candies, gumdrops and other assorted candies.

Beat molasses, brown sugar, water and butter until smooth in large bowl. Combine evenly flour, baking soda, spices and salt. Stir into molasses mixture. Refrigerate dough in a quart size storage bag until

dough is firm, about 4 hours.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Roll 1/4 of the dough on generously floured surface to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut cookies with large gingerbread cookie cutter. Bake on cookie sheets until cookies are light brown on the bottom, about 10 minutes. Cool on wire racks before decorating.

Makes about 1 1/2 dozen large cookies (8 x 5 inches).

Make Buttercream Frosting in various colors. Simply fill each pint size Ziploc storage bag with the colored frosting, seal, snip a corner and pipe frosting onto cookies. Decorate cookies as desired with fruits, nuts, candies, etc.

Buttercream Frosting

- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened
- 4 cups confectioners sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 5-6 tablespoons milk
- Food coloring

Beat butter in medium bowl until fluffy; beat in confectioners sugar, vanilla and enough milk to make piping consistency. Divide frosting into small bowls and tint with food coloring.

Makes about 3 cups frosting.

Three-Dimensional Tree Lighting

Instead of merely draping your Christmas lights along the outer shape of your tree, placing these lights can be a real art. Begin with your largest and brightest bulbs; attach them to the thickest branches as close to the trunk as possible. Start at the top and spiral downward, leaving the electric plug nearest the wall outlet.

The medium-sized bulbs come next. They will be attached to the branches farther from the center. Then comes the tiny bulbs to be threaded along the branches' outer edges.

Now your tree lights will truly be three-dimensional. And the effect will appear as though your tree is light and airy enough to float up through the ceiling to join the starlight of the heavens.



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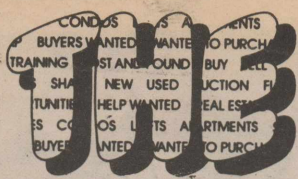
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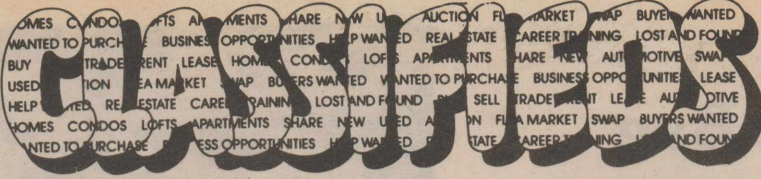
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Thanks each and everyone for expressions of sympathy in the death of "MaMaw" Rhoderick and her son, "Bungy". Most of all thanks for your prayers during this time.

May God bless each of you, as He blessed all of Briscoe County. As MaMaw would have said, "It's a great place to spend 81 years."

The Rhodericks

Social Security In Briscoe County

by Mary Jane Shanes

The Social Security Administration (SSA) will change its toll-free telephone number as of October 1, 1991. The new number is 1-800-SSA-1213.

We are giving early notice so that people will not be taken by surprise when they call. We want people to be on the lookout for it and note the change before they have to use it.

The SSA number change resulted from Congressional legislation that requires Federal Government agencies to convert to a new telecommunications system called "FTS 2000." Since the new system is managed by a different service carrier than the agencies had used in the past, SSA had to change its toll-free number.

Since its nationwide implementation two years ago, the 800 number service has become a popular option for people who have Social Security business. Callers find that their requests can be handled easily, conveniently, and expeditiously by phone. In many instances, their business can be completed at the time of the initial call. Recent studies show that more than two-thirds of the 800-number callers prefer using the telephone over having to visit a Social Security office in person.

SSA also offers a telephone response unit that uses an automatic script to

speed the processing of certain routine requests. Using a pushbutton telephone, you can: request an application for a Social Security number; obtain a request form for a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement; request written verification of the amount of your Social Security benefit or Supplemental Security Income payment; order publications; and listen to general information about the Social Security programs.

With the assistance of a teleservice representative at the 800 number, you can change a mailing address, make an appointment to apply for benefits, report a missing check, or simply ask a question.

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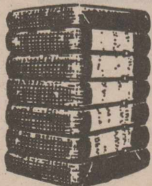
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