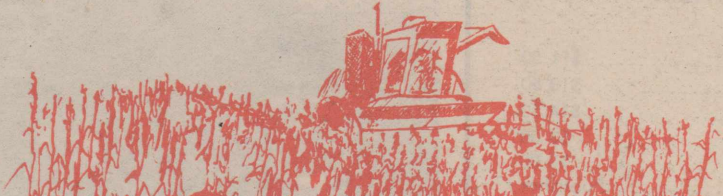


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Christmas Wishes

by Lawana Cruse

*Another year is almost gone and Christmas time is near,
It's time to think about this sacred season of the year;
To wish for all our loved ones and for those
we do not know*

The very best of everything the good Lord can bestow.

*Real things, like love and kindness toward our fellow man,
Though he may be a stranger, we need to understand
That love and true compassion may be our best defense,
And this world needs a great big dose of
plain old common sense.*

*The very best things you can have aren't found
beneath the tree:*

*Things like good health and loving friends
and a country that is free.*

*A family is a gift from God and there is no place like home;
We all need a place of solitude when we
get too tired to roam.*

*In this old world we'll always have sorrow, grief and pain;
We can't be strengthened just by sun,
we have to have some rain.*

*So may these Christmas wishes be yours
all through the year,*

And let this sacred season be filled with Christmas cheer.



There is a lot of love in the Christmas decorations at the Danny Edwards home. In sign language, the family expresses "I love you" to passersby.

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Silverton EMS Forced to Curtail Patient Transfers

Due to personnel shortage, Silverton EMS is being forced to make changes concerning patient transfers.

There can no longer be patient transfers for non-emergency reasons (visits to the doctor, etc.). The EMTs and Paramedics regret having to discontinue this part of your volunteer ambulance service, but they cannot risk being out of town in case of a true emergency.

If you have a doctor's appointment and need help getting from your house into a private vehicle, the EMS personnel are still available to assist you in any way they can.

New Vehicle Law Effective January 1

A new law that goes into effect January 1, 1994, will eliminate the need for commercial vehicle operators to have their commercial vehicles undergo dual inspections. The new inspection program, to be overseen by the Texas Department of Public Safety, will combine the U. S. Department of Transportation inspection with the State of Texas safety inspection.

Beginning January 1, inspections obtained at other than an official commercial Texas State Inspection Station will not be accepted.

Commercial motor vehicle means any self-propelled or towed vehicle except a farm vehicle with a gross weight, registered weight or gross weight rating of less than 48,000 pounds used on a public highway to transport passengers or property when: the vehicle or combination of vehicle has a gross weight, registered or gross weight rating in excess of 26,000 pounds; or the vehicle is designed to transport more than 15 people including the driver; or the vehicle is used to transport an amount of hazardous materials requiring placarding under the federal Hazardous Materials Transportation Act.

Students in the third through the sixth grades presented "An All-American Christmas" program on Friday before they were dismissed for the holidays. The musical was directed by Robin Boedeker.

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JOYOUS NOEL

Holiday Closing Plans Announced

Christmas holiday closings are being announced, and those who plan to be closed Thursday and Friday, December 23-24, include Briscoe County Courthouse offices, City of Silverton and Briscoe County News.


Briscoe County Farm Bureau will be closed from December 23 at 12:00 noon until Monday, December 27.

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A Voice From the Country



Earl Cantwell
Gems & Allegorys

Hello, Raton, New Mexico, "The land of the Christmas trees and the home of the Burks!!"
 For what it is worth: "This bears my best wishes and deepest love."

Christmas living is the best Christmas giving . . . A wise man said, "The Christmas spirit that goes out with the dried-up Christmas tree is as worthless" . . . Little Janie was being taught that it was the proper thing to do to write a "thank you" letter to all those who had given her presents at Christmas. She seemed to do very well until she came to Aunt Martha's gift. Finally she finished her note which read: "Thank you for your Christmas present. I always wanted a pincushion, though not very much" . . . The first Christmas after little Linda learned to read, she was allowed to distribute the Christmas gifts on Christmas Eve. According to the family custom, the one who handed out the presents was allowed to open the first package. After all the gifts were distributed with loving care, Linda was looking around the tree and among the branches. Finally Father asked, "What are you looking for, Dear?" To which Linda replied, "I thought Christmas was Jesus' birthday and I was just wondering where His present is. I guess everyone forgot him, did they Daddy?"

(An apt parody) 'Twas the night after Christmas, when all though the house. Not a creature was stirring but a hungry grey mouse. The stockings all empty on the floor had been flung, the toys were abandoned, no carols were sung. The children were snuggled all close in their beds while Daddy held ice to their heads, and Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, retired after midnight to catch a short nap. When out on the street there arose such a fuss, we knew in a moment, it was Dr. Pill's bus. It rattled and clattered like coal in

the clink, his motor was smoking, his horn had a voice like a sledge hammer blow, and his four wheels were chugging in the new fallen snow. He was making his regular midnight Christmas call to check on our pulses, our tummies, and all. As he came up the stairway, his eyes twinkled bright, but when our groans reached him, he cried out "Good night!" He bent to his bag, and the chain "cross his belly shook" as he searched for his old menthol jelly. He ransacked his satchel for cough syrup and pills, and enough analgesic to cure all our ills. With a smile on his face, a quick jerk of his head, he plastered and pasted and put all to bed. He turned on his heel and cut out the light. He put on his earmuffs and pulled out of sight. We heard him exclaim, ere he left us that night, "Now keep under covers, pipe down and sleep tight!"

And may I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Airman James Hall, Jr. Completes Training

Air Force Airman James M. Hall, jr., has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Hall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hall of Silverton.

Clarendon College Releases Honor Lists

Clarendon College students were recognized for their academic accomplishments with the release of the President's and Dean's Honor Roll lists. The President's List highlights students taking 12 or more hours and maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Those students named to the President's List for the fall semester include Kenneth Bridges, Clarendon; Jennifer Grimland Garrison, Silverton; Suzzette Henson, Clarendon; Michalena McMahill, Clarendon; Stacie Murdock, Memphis;



Vince Cruz and Tyra Younger represented the Sixth Grade as they donated the money the class members would have spent exchanging Christmas gifts to Salvation Army committee member Jack Strange.

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Tiffany Owens, Wellington; Tina Patterson, Wellington; Cathern Perryman, Matador; Lisa Robinson, Memphis; Jana Tippett, Estelline.

Receives Degree

William Clay Schott, son of John and LaQuetta Schott, received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from West Texas A&M University on Friday, December 17, at the convocation in the Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum. Following graduation, Clay and his wife, Tracy, and son, Cole, are moving to Friona, where he will be employed by Hi Pro, a division of Friona Industries.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:
 Enclosed is my check for \$14.50 for one year's subscription to your paper. After being away from Silverton for a little over thirty years, we still enjoy the paper. For the information of Jeff Morris, we went on the roller coaster with our paper this summer. Received all the way from Monday to Friday for awhile. It finally settled down to Monday and has remained steady for the last few months. I have Parkinson's and get around with the aid of a walker and a

wheelchair. Leota has Alzheimers. Otherwise, we are in good health. I have learned to be happy with the things I can still do and not fret about what I can no longer do.

I hope this finds the Sarchets in good health and also the rest of the good folks in Briscoe County. Mary, please forgive the typing and for goodness sake, don't print this letter verbatim. Clean it up, please.

Yours,
 Conrad Alexander

Go Owls, Lady Owls!

Silverton EMS Has Meeting

Silverton EMS held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 14. Those attending were Dale and Pat McWaters, Betty Stephens, Emmett Tomlin, James Dunn, Faye Perkins, Janice Hill, Connie Smith, Tom Burson and Diamond Williams. Plans were discussed for the new ambulance station, and it was decided that a work night will be scheduled for December 28 at 7:00 p.m. Anyone willing to help scrape or caulk is invited to bring a wire brush or paint scraper and join the EMS in this work.

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Varsity Teams Take Pair of Wins at Kress

The varsity Owls and Lady Owls earned victories over the teams at Kress on Tuesday night of last week.

The Lady Owls began the night's action with a 48-43 victory. Dedra Johnston led the scoring with 12 points and Christa Tucker scored 10. Also adding to the score were Molly Bomar, nine; Shannon Weaver, six; Lori Brannon and Leslee Weaks, four points each; Brandi Brunson, two points.

Lady Owls 11 23 33 48
Kress 9 28 39 43

The Owls followed with a 60-48 pasting of the Kangaroos. Stoney Hubbard had the hot hand and scored 26 points for the Owls. Matt Francis added 16 and Lance Holt also scored in double figures with 10. Braden Towe added six and Zane Henderson rang up a pair of points.

Owls 13 27 41 60
Kress 11 29 35 48

On Friday night, the teams from Whitharral came here for a pair of games, and romped up and down the boards for a pair of victories.

The Lady Owls dropped their game 33-13 after a scoreless first quarter. Dedra Johnston and Lori Brannon led the scoring with five points each, Leslee Weaks added two points and Shannon Weaver tossed in a point from the line.

Lady Owls 0 5 8 13
Whitharral 10 19 24 33

The Owls didn't fare much better, having a very cold night and taking a 61-49 beating. Francis led the offensive effort for the Owls with 20 points. Towe hit four three pointers for a total of 12 points and Lance Holt added 10. Hubbard put up three points, while Kevin Womack and Phil Patino added two points each.

Owls 5 20 29 49
Whitharral 20 35 54 61

The teams won't be working out for the next several days due to Christmas and UIL rules, but will resume action on December 30 when they travel to McLean for games beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday to . . .

December 23—Iris Burson, Earlyne Hutsell, Kim Mayfield, Jeannita Ellison
December 24—Jack Robertson, Berle Fisch, Sally Grimland

December 25—Dorothy Bomar, Donna Estes, Joe Grabbe, Peggy Strange, Merlene Stephens

December 26—Molly Brooks, Ed Baker, Lindsey Jennings, Abigail Reyna, Sloan Grabbe

December 27—Lydia Hutsell, Ellen Edwards, Holly Glenn, Denny Hill, Dara Ramsey, Fern Parker

December 28—Kathi Perkins, Mary Chris Garcia, Braden Towe, Walter Bean

December 29—Van Breedlove, Buddy Brown, Gid Mayfield, Pat McWaters

Happy Anniversary to . . .

December 27—Mr. and Mrs. Jay Towe, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Grimland

December 28—Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Martin

December 29—Mr. and Mrs. Barry Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hutsell

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Jake

Dear Santa,
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Joze. I want a play armae soot. I want a
TV my self. I want sum walkie takies.
Santa, I luv u is evre bite olrite. I want
too no huominy randr u hav. I want too
no how many elfs u hav. Rite back too
me. I want a picher uv yor famle.

Luv,
Max

Dear Santa,
I wpt a Barbe with a car and I wot
sume books uv mrrmaid and Buty and
the Beast and littil Aladin and I wot a
bike and I wot sume shoes.
Danielle

Dear Santa,
I wunt a barbe and a giles game and I
wunt a picher from yuw and I wunt a
picher and frum yor family and a gold
car.
Frm Janet to Santa and I like yoow.

I like Santa because He had a
Rudolph red nose and His name wus
Rudolph. I wot a Kite four christmas.
his slaye is red and a rill cat. I Like his
Elfs.
Susan

Dear Santa,
I Wot for Christmas is a vedeo

Painer.
Beau

Dear Santa,
I want a rill pupy. I want a tensped
too. I want a broom skart with a silk
blous. I ned sum tenyshoos. I want a
barny tape birthday.
Kayla Renee Mote

Dear Santa,
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truc for Toria Barby doll for Krista a
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hous.
Love,
Brittany

Dear Sata,
My bruthre wos a nuriar storm and I
wot stretchman and me and my bruthre
we wot sagu jenusinis.
Love,
Krista


Dear Santa,
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fun howse a barbe foten pol token
boarne a set uv Aladdin.
Love,
Whitney

Dear Santa,
I wont a seaja CD.
Chris

Dear Santa,
I want a majik sdream party and a big
Barny and a game that is kold donte
wake dady and a troll and a golde car
and a game muose trup and a barby.
Kelsie

Dear Santa,
I want a tockboy only.

Dear Santa,
I wot a Pelitgun and a rmocatrcar and
a Santa Soot and a Sord and a robnhood
soot and a ril mshngun and my On teve
and my On telufon.
Zack
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Connie Smith received a donation from Seventh Graders Donny Burson and Jared Holt on behalf of the Silverton Ambulance Service. The students had a party but donated the money they would have spent exchanging gifts to the local Emergency Medical Service.

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OBITUARIES

J. H. (BUCK) WESLEY

Funeral services for J. H. (Buck) Wesley, 87, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the Silverton Church of Christ, with the minister, Ted Kingery, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Don Auten, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Tulia. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery at Tulia by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wesley died Thursday, December 16, at Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia. For the past several months, he had resided at the Tulia Care Center.

Born at Memphis on August 17, 1906, Mr. Wesley married Mabel F. Langston in Happy. She died in 1977. He also was preceded in death by a son, Lonnie Wesley, in 1979.

He was a retired farmer, a member of the Silverton Senior Citizens and was a retired Green Thumb worker.

Survivors include three daughters, Elvira Weaks of Tulia, Mildred Mouser of Plainview and Jomarie Weaks of Joes, Colorado; two sons, Crawford W. Wesley of Tulia and Edward H. Wesley of San Angelo; two brothers, Bill

Wesley of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Luther Wesley of Canyon; 20 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bill Brooks, Gary Weaks, David Wesley, Randy Wesley, Victor Weaks, Dale Wesley, Eldon Wesley, Steve Wesley, Chris Wesley and Roy Lynn Brooks.

EXTENSION TOPICS FOR TODAY

by Ronda Alexander
Briscoe County Extension Agent
Home Economics

Know Your Community

The third step in developing "hospitality habits," is to KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY. It is your responsibility as an informed citizen of Briscoe County to be aware of what our community has to offer. If you don't know what is available in your own

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Oh, how I love Christmas
Family comes from far and near!
And brings with them pretty packages
And all their Christmas gear..

But... Where's the Baby Jesus?

Oh, how I love Christmas
The beautiful cards to sing and hear!
The holly, bells, and mistletoe,
But we leave out something I fear..

Cause... Where's the Baby Jesus?

Oh, how I love Christmas
But dear God, this be my prayer,
Help me never to forget
The most important gift of all;

And... that's the Baby Jesus!

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Scholarship Program Targets Rural Areas in Need of Health Care

A new Community Scholarship Program (CSP), administered by the Center for Rural Health Initiatives, is a federal, state and community

community, how can you expect visitors to find out about these attractions?

Whether or not you have lived in the community for seven days or 70 years, you still need to be familiar enough with the community to give directions. Not only do the directions need to be correct, they also need to be easy to follow. If giving directions is not one of your better abilities, then you should at least be able to refer the visitors to someone that can.

You should also be knowledgeable about local attractions. Don't overlook the things we take for granted on a daily basis; remember that old saying, "the grass is always greener..." Well it is true! There will always be someone who is interested in things that do not interest you. Keep yourself informed about main events, and special and seasonal attractions. Knowing the dates when they occur and a person to contact can also be helpful information for visitors.

One of the most important things you can know about is the local businesses. Be able to tell what they offer and where they are located. It is true that they depend on you to support them. But, you also depend on them to be there for you, so do your part to help them out! Finally, don't forget about our local Chambers of Commerce. If visitors have questions you can't answer, refer them to the Chamber. You may contact the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce at 455-1456 or the Silverton Chamber of Commerce at 823-2125. They should be able to answer your questions as well as inform you about what Briscoe County has to offer.

partnership which supports students who are committed to returning to their rural communities to practice primary health care. The purpose of the program is to increase the availability of primary health care in rural Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) in Texas.

The CSP is open to physician assistant and nurse practitioner students and to students in their third or fourth year of medical school. Students are nominated for the program by community-based sponsors. A sponsor must be located in a rural Texas HPSA and commit to funding 35 percent of the student's educational expenses as well as to providing a full-time practice opportunity to the student when he or she is ready to practice. The Center for Rural Health Initiatives and the National Health Service Corps provide the remaining 65 percent of the funding.

A student must be a resident of the rural HPSA in which the sponsor is located. In return for the payment of educational expenses, the student agrees to provide one year of practice to the sponsor for each year of scholarship, for a minimum of two years.

For more information, contact the Center for Rural Health Initiatives in Austin at 512-479-8891.

The warning signs of stroke are: 1) Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg on one side of the body; 2) Sudden dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye; 3) Loss of speech or trouble talking or understanding speech; 4) Sudden, severe headaches with no apparent cause; and 5) Unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls, especially along with any of the previous symptoms. If you have one or more of these symptoms, the American Heart Association says, "Don't wait! See a doctor right away!"

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Hear the joyous songs of people
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And celebrate His birth this day*



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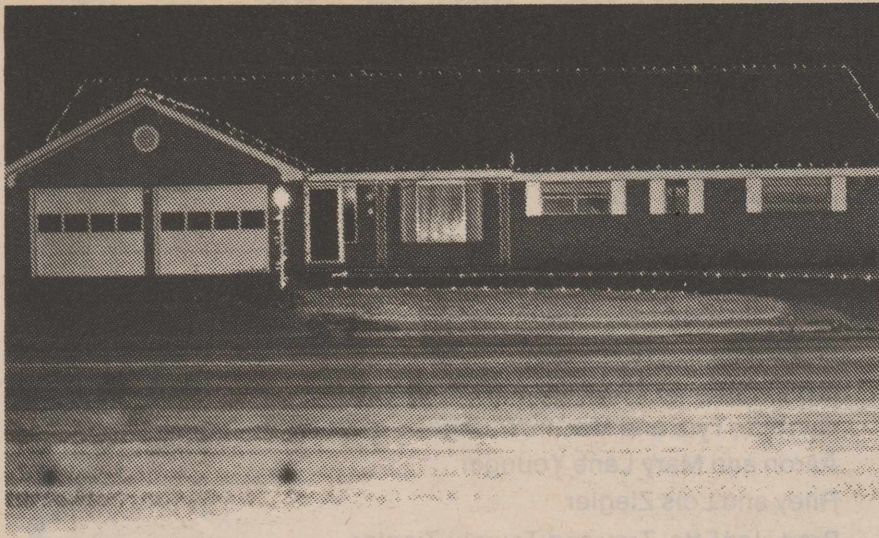
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May Your Home Be Blessed This Holiday Season

Here's to a future that knows no ill,
 A world filled with brotherhood, peace and good will.
 Where every child has a place to call home,
 And a person is judged on his merit alone.
 While this may seem like a pipe dream to some,
 We admit there's a lot of hard work to be done,
 And the best place to start is where we are living,
 By sharing the spirit of this season of giving.

Those whose names appear on these pages extend to you their personal wishes for your happy holiday season. They have donated to the remodeling fund to provide a new home for the Silvertown Public Library instead of sending greeting cards locally.



The home of Lane and Paula Garvin, Brooke and Kurby has been brilliantly lighted with Christmas decorations this season. Located on Highway 86, the home extends a cheery "welcome" to those passing through town.

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Dear Santa,

I want Home Alone 1 and 2 and Aladaen movies. and a cris cros Pleas. an a stereo too. I want a lot of candy. thank you Santa. the door will be unlocked come thru it. there will be a coke mayby candy I hope you get It duliverd in time. Come at midnigt I will be aleep So will my brother. My address is Noth Bradfoot 104

Your friend,
Eric Minyard

and cookies for you.

Love,
Daniel Gaskins
Ropesville, TX

Dear Santa

I have been very good this year. I am 6 years old. Why do you come down the chimney? You are very hansom. Ples Bring a Baby needs me.

Love
Holly Beth Gaskins

Dear Santa,

My name is Daniel. I am 3 years old. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a horse and some tools. My sister Holly Beth and I will leave milk

Dear Santa,

My name is Cade Skyler Holt. Please put something in my stocking. I really want a BIG candy cane and a red Hot Wheel. I'd like a train (please wrap it for me) and I'd like a black cowboy hat under the tree. Please bring Jared a black cowboy hat, too. Bring Lance a porch swing, Jeremy a rope, and bring Zeb a black cowboy hat, too.

I'll leave you a big candy cane for a snack. It will be on the kitchen table.

I'd like to know if your reindeers can talk, also. I love you.

See ya,
Cade

Dear Santa,

I want a Wolverine with claws and a Batman. Thank you very much.

Love
Thor

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Snow White and seven dwarfs and a Doll House — Big One. Thank you much!

Love
Tory Ann

Dear Santa,

Well, Its that time of year again. I'll be honest, I haven't been that good. Matter of fact the high school girls wouldn't even babysit me. They called me Dennis the Menace. What do you think they meant by that?

I hope you will bring me some toys for me and my sister anyway. This is what I would like to have: A batman signal jet, the games KnockOut and Lickin' Lizards, Sega Game Gear, a red Power Ranger.

For my sister, Kelsie, please bring her a Little Tykes Party Kitchen, Disney action figures, a Barney tape and whatever else you think she might like.

Hope you have a safe trip and we'll leave you some milk and cookies and some doughnuts.

Love,
Kiefer Dean Dutton
5 yrs old

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a new bike, and a walkman, a trampoline, Super nintendo, mickey mouse sheet set, toss pillow, comforter, duffel bag, little mermaid fish tank, baseball chair, VCR, lip telephone, Alledon handheld game, little mermaid car, magic copyer, Color Blaster, pre computer 2000, crayola calculator, Beanbag, poliroid captiva, boombox, snow dome, lava light, purple girls rebocks purple arostep, looney tunes jacket, baseball night jersy, American girls collections, an Addy doll and accessories, fish, cooking utensels, music insterments, gerbles and gerble cage, desk, fish food, make-up, sweats, Christmas tree watch, better blocks, Earing holder, crying cabbage patch kid, airlines tickets to walt disney world and for Tom to be well.

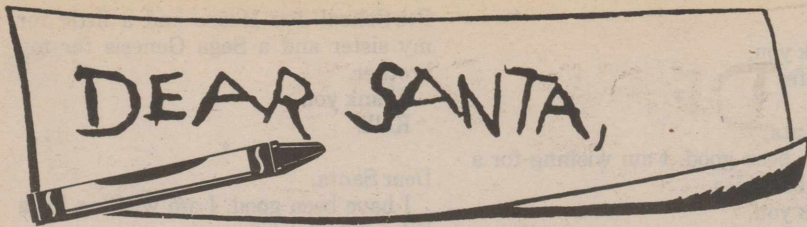
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Season's Greetings



Our warmest wishes for a delightful Yuletide to all our fine patrons. We enjoyed doing business with you and we hope to see you again in the future!

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Dear Santa,
 Do you bring gifts to persons in their SECOND CHILDHOOD? If so, all the things I want won't quite fit in MY stocking, but you can put a little of each in EVERYBODY'S stocking! I need two new eyes that can see only GOOD in those around me; two new ears that can REALLY listen to those hurting people that just need to talk. And Santa, I need a really BIG heart, so that it can hold enough LOVE to give away to everyone I meet, regardless of their social status, nationality, church preference (or even NO Christian affiliation) or their political party. And especially big enough to love those who don't love me.
 Give me two new hands (without arthritis, please) that are ready to do for others what needs to be done. Please don't forget a new mouth. It must be a mouth so SMALL that it has no room for gossip, but so LARGE it will have a kind word for everyone it meets. And Santa, if I'm not asking too much, let that mouth be able to sing better than the old one does. Please!?

You might need to bring me a little less candy and nuts this year or else you'll have to bring me bigger clothes next year.

Santa, this last wish is awful big, but please bring every family in the world a renewed vow to love each other, and treat each other as they want to be treated. Bring them a new-found desire to read God's word so they can find out to lay hold on the JOY and PEACE that can make the Christmas Spirit a YEAR LONG way of life.
 By the way, Santa, I've moved since

last year. I'm in the Gingerbread House on Braidfoot and my stockin' is the red and green crocheted one. I'll leave a plate of warm gratitude for you on the cabinet with a cup of hot instant appreciation.
 Please don't forget all my friends who are also in their childhood, second time around.
 Love,
 Grammy Francis

Dear Santa,
 I am five years old and I have tried to be good. Please bring me an easy bake oven, a beauty shop doll, a Princess Jasmine gown, a yo-yo, and a new slinky. Please remember to bring my brother and cousins something.
 Thank you,
 Ami Dunn

Ho Ho Merry Christmas—
 Please Mom bring me a gopher game. And a flip railroad track. I'll leave you some M&M's 'cause you'll be hungry.
 Love,
 My Name is
 Butler

To: Daddy Santa
 Snowflakes glistening unto the ground
 Asleep in my bed I will be
 As you place presents in their spot
 Under sparkeling lights on the tree
 In the morning light I will wake to find
 Many new wonders to see
 But the best present I have found yet
 Is the love you have given to me.
 Love, Tate

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a stobe and sink, an icebox with budda and keshup in it. A

doctor baby and telephone
 Please bring my brother, Trey, some clothes.
 I love you,
 Townlii

Dear Santa,
 I would like a three-wheeler, 1-2-3 Bike and goodies in my stocking.
 Love, Matthew Grabbe
 P. S. I'll have some oatmeal raisin cookies and milk when you get to my house.

Dear Santa,
 I am a 1½-year-old little boy. I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas I would like a power wheels quad racer, a grain drill to pull behind my tractor, a little tikes workshop so I can help my dad fix things, a bean bag and some wooden puzzles. I will leave milk and cookies on our kitchen table for you.
 Love, CoDee Grabbe

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We're happy to have this opportunity to express our gratitude and offer our very best wishes to all of you at this joyous time of year. Thanks!

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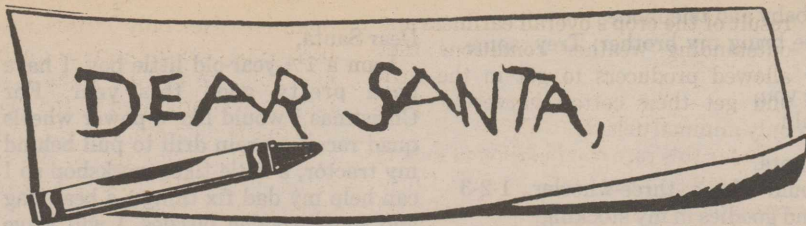
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... And To All A Good Night!

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Dear Santa,
I have been good. I am wishing for a Bat Zero Set, Roller Blades and an Airplane Star and a small Santa Claus

toy.
Thank you,
Kiefer

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I am wishing for a Doll and Barbies.
Thank you,
Claudia

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I am wishing for a

Pre-School Joy House and a little for my sister and a Sega Genesis for my brother.
Thank you,
Kelli

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I am wishing for a Bike and lots of Toys.
Thank you,
Jamie

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I am wishing for a Christmas Card Santa Claus book.
Thank you,
Lucy

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I am wishing for a Barbie and a movie, "Beauty and the Beast."
Thank you,
Lydia

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I am wishing for a Barbie Kaboodle and a Barbie.
Thank you,
Courtney

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I am wishing for a Robot.
Thank you,
Vincent

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I am wishing for a Bike, Turtle and a small Santa Claus.
Thank you,
Jonathan

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I am wishing for a Bright Barbie Doll and a brother and sister Barbie and a baby doll.
Thank you,
Lou Jessica

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I am wishing for an Oven Bake Set and a Barbie Car.
Thank you,
Wendy

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I am wishing for a Bow and Arrow and a Car, and a Gun.
Thank you,
Zackary

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I am wishing for a Baby Needs Me doll and light-up shoes and a Snow White toy.
Thank you,
Brittany

Rural Carrier Associate Examination Planned

The Lubbock Office has announced the Rural Carrier Associate examination will be open to the general public beginning January 3, 1994 through January 7, 1994, for the Childress Area Eligibility Register (AER).

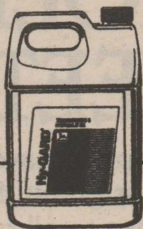
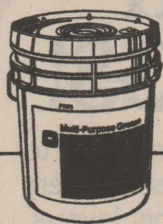
Offices included in the Childress AER are Childress, Chillicothe, Clarendon, Crowell, Lakeview, Memphis, Paducah, Quanah, Quitaque, Roaring Springs and Silverton.

Interested persons may apply at the Lubbock Personnel Office, 1515 Avenue G, Lubbock; the Amarillo Personnel Office, 2301 Ross Street, Amarillo; or at one of the offices served by the register during the week of the open announcement.

No applications will be accepted before or after these dates.

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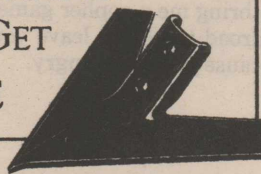


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Clifton Stodghill represented the Silverton Cemetery Association as he accepted a donation from Eighth Graders Kenzie Burson, Molly Brooks and Lacey Brunson. The students donated the money they would have spent exchanging Christmas gifts.

Briscoe County News Photo



With better than 95 percent of the High Plains crop harvested, cotton

producers and ginners across the area are looking forward to something which doesn't come very often—a Christmas holiday without cotton in the field waiting for harvest.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG), the excellent crop being enjoyed on the Plains is the

result of the crop's overall earliness and outstanding weather conditions that allowed producers to get in the field and get their cotton harvested with only minimal delays.

So far this rare combination of events is allowing many area gins to finish processing their part of the 1993 crop before the Christmas holidays. Many more are expecting to finish before the new year begins. Only a few are planning to be operating into the month of January.

All indications still point to a near record crop for the High Plains.

In Silverton and Quitaque, the total number of bales that had been ginned as of Monday, December 20, was 49,480 bales.

The December USDA crop estimate remains 3.45 million bales from Texas crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S. These two districts are often used as a yardstick of overall production in the 25 counties that make up the High Plains.

"This crop has the potential of setting a number of records," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald

Johnson. "Not only is this one of the best crops ever in terms of quality, it is also going to end up being one of the biggest ever produced on the Plains."

Johnson adds that, so far, marketing of the 1993 crop also is moving at a rapid pace. No firm numbers were available at press time; however, Johnson says that in talking to a number of producers during the past week, most report a majority of their cotton already has been sold or arrangements are in the process of being made.

STAPLE® SECTION 18 REQUEST TO BE SUBMITTED BY TCP

Information received December 17 indicates a request for a Section 18 label for the herbicide Staple® on cotton is being submitted to the Texas Department of Agriculture by Texas Cotton Producers (TCP). The request is being developed in response to cotton producer requests from across the state.

Producers interested in writing letters and supporting this request may do so by addressing them to Mark Trostle, Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin.

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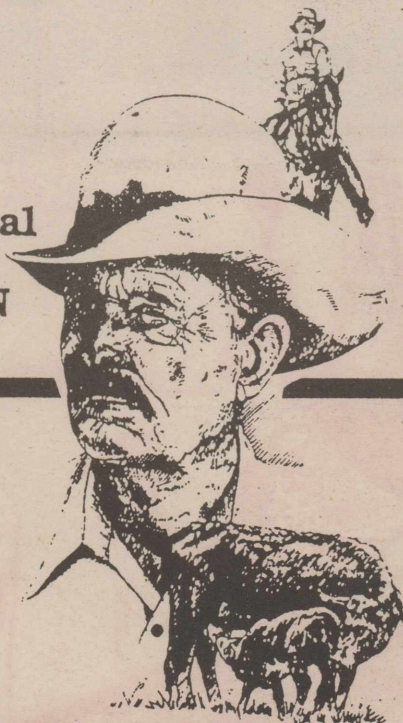
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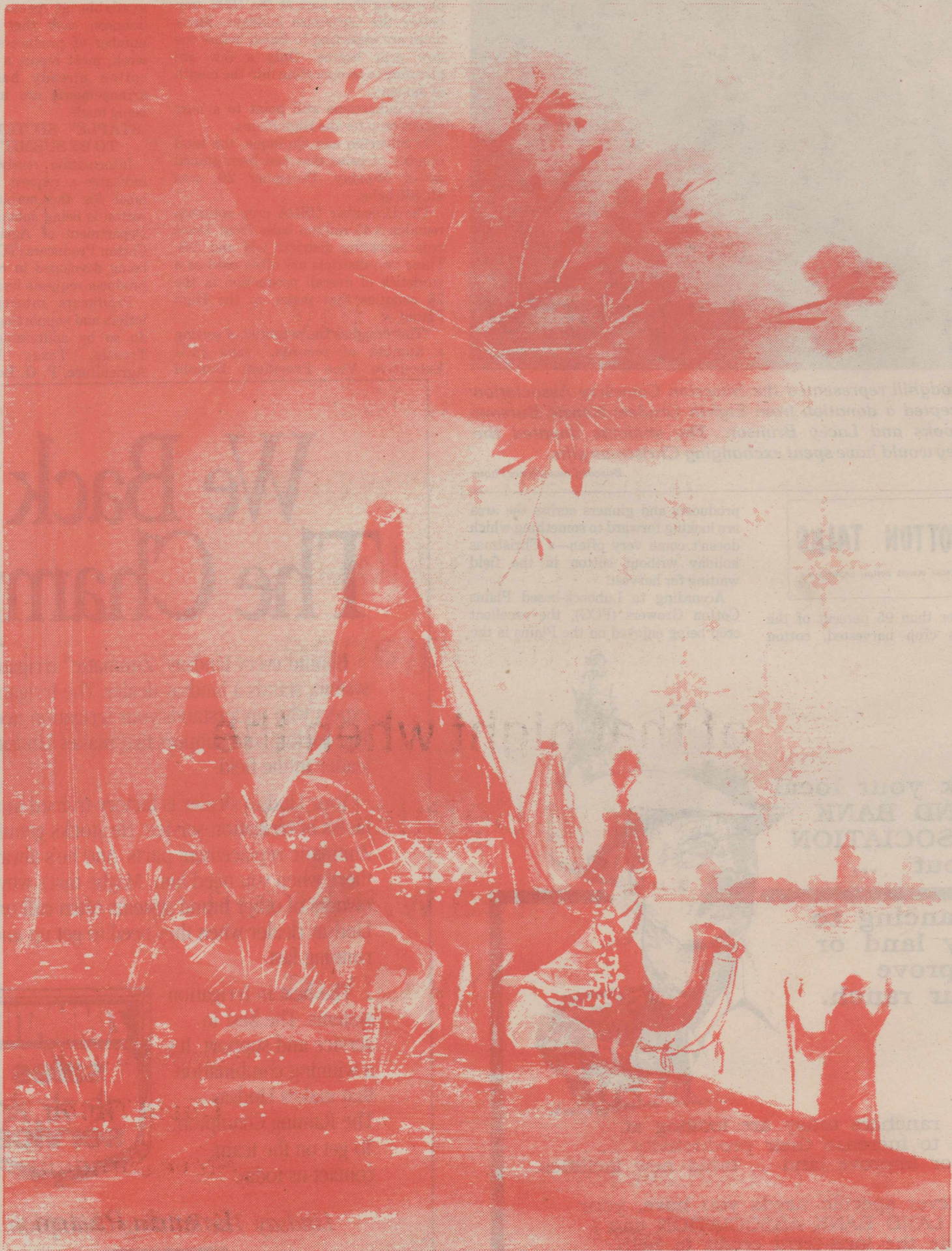
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**Lo, the star, which they saw in the east,
went before them, till it came and stood
over where the young child was.**

—Matthew 2:10

Season's Greetings

Let there be joy
 at Christmas,
 when all the world
 is warm and loving
 in remembrance
 of that night when the
 Star of Bethlehem
 led the three wise men
 to the Holy Child.

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Beverly Minyard

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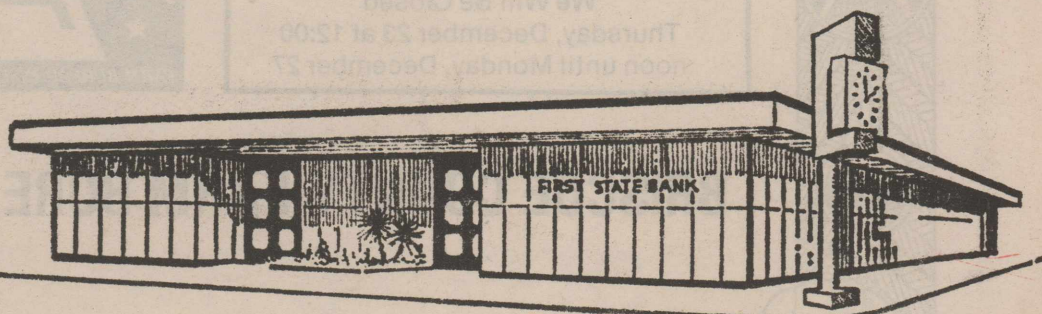
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TELCOT Report
A Weekly Summary of Cotton
Marketing News
 For the Week Ending
 December 16

To the surprise of most market watchers, a key reversal in cotton futures on December 10 was virtually

ignored by the market just days later as futures shrugged off the losses and were once again off to the races. Meanwhile, sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton on the TELCOT electronic marketing system responded by remaining at healthy levels through the trading period ended December 16.

On Friday, December 10, New York cotton futures came down off contract highs to close as much as almost one cent lower on the day. To many in the trade, the move signaled a key reversal

from the market's recent bullish trend. But, on Monday, December 13, the expected failed to happen as futures ended with only minimal losses, and the bears' hopes fizzled in the face of continuing demand and strength. The December 10 market reversal also failed to impress world prices, as they remained unchanged over the weekend following the reversal. In addition, U. S. export business saw a slight recovery during the same period, as evidenced by sales of several thousand bales of Texas

cotton to Hong Kong.

One market watcher commented, "The invitations to a bear party were all signed, sealed and delivered, but, the bears must have been disappointed that more sellers didn't show up." But, there was more disappointment to come for the bears, as futures ended with gains of almost two cents over the next two trading sessions.

A report on December 14 predicted world consumption would exceed production by about 4.6 million bales. Traders said the news helped fuel existing bullishness, as did indications of a continuing rise in world cotton prices. An overnight price jump of one cent per pound among the five cheapest world cotton growths in the Cotlook Ltd. "A" Index on December 15 seemed to confirm ideas of crop problems or tight supplies in certain countries. Traders said such developments could pave the way for a potential increase in U. S. export sales. The market took a breather on December 16, as prices closed fractionally lower. But, traders felt the market soon would renew its upward move, adding that a short break from recent rallies was healthy for a bull market.

In the past week, harvest of the Texas cotton crop was nearing one of the earliest completions in modern times, according to trade sources. Early in the week, the state's crop was 97 percent harvested, ahead of 83 percent a year ago and 85 percent as the five-year average. Some gins had completed operations for the season, while others looked forward to finishing by late December. "Only 20 to 25 of the more than 200 gins on the High Plains are expected to be operating in January," reported one source.

Producers in Texas and Oklahoma continued to be blessed by a trade with a strong appetite for cotton grown in the area, as 65 to 70 percent of this year's record crop already had been marketed by mid-December.

Gains in New York cotton futures encouraged sales on the TELCOT electronic marketing system, with 128,750 bales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton sold in the five-day trading period. Sixty-eight percent of the week's volume occurred on December 14 and 15, coinciding with the significant gains in cotton futures.

One industry source points out that sharp advances in New York cotton futures in the past week have been on the cotton grower's wide in the face of an adjusted worldprice (AWP) which, by all indications, continues to climb unabated. These gains in futures have countered sharp advances in the AWP, allowing producers to maintain relatively favorable equity levels. The AWP through the week ending December 23 is 45.37 cents per pound, up a whopping 118 points from the previous week and resulting in a producer option payment (POP) of 698 points.

The National Cotton Council (NCC) early in the week recommended a final 1994 acreage reduction program (ARP) set-aside rate not to exceed 11 percent, versus USDA's preliminary set-aside of 17.5 percent. The move followed release of USDA's December supply/demand report, which was closely in line with the agency's November report. NCC maintains that a 30 percent stocks-to-use ratio can be achieved with an 11 percent ARP, assuming abandonment of six percent, yield of 665 pounds per acre, 1.5 million acres outside the farm program and a 90 percent participation rate. NCC also points to continuing strong domestic demand, favorable export prospects, the possibility of yields below the 680-pound level USDA uses, and the chance that non-program acres could fall below USDA's estimated levels.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HALLELUJAH!

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Looking Back

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

December 22, 1983—Dear Santa, Please bring me a radio and headphone and a Baby Skate and a TV and a Cimpanzee. Love, Kami Martin. Merry Christmas! . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me for Christmas an Atari, a bicycle and a doll. I love you, Santa. Brandi Breedlove . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a Dallas Cowboy football suit with socks. And some pocket games, some Atari cartridges, and some GI Joe things. Also, a mini bike. Braden Towe . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a GI Joe Base and GI Joe Tank and a remote control Fairbird and a football. Jess Brannon . . . Dear Santa, I want you to bring me a Speak and Spell or a Speak and Read, or a Speak and Math. I want a Kimberly Skating Doll that comes with clothes and skates or any kind of doll. And I would like you to bring me Atari Ms. PacMan. Love, Kayla Ramsey . . . Dear Santa, It's Christmas. How's your reindeer? I am so happy. I want some walkie talkies and something in my stockin. Love you, Krista Ziegler . . . Dear Santa, I want a Boombox, a football and a waterbed. Love, Casey Frizzell . . . Dear Santa, I want a Motorcycle, a Cliff Hanger and a Longnose Truck. Love, Lance Holt . . .

December 20, 1973—Dear Santa, I want a Baby Alive and a Barbie Friend Ship. I have been a good girl. Goodbye! Love, Tammi Edwards . . . Dear Santa, I am six years old and I have been a pretty good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a Crissy doll, Easy Bake Oven, a stuffed animal for my bed, and a surprise. Love, Kori Baird . . . Dear Santa, I have been a good girl all this year. Please bring me a Putt-Putt train, Weebles and a Newborn Baby Tenderlove. Love, Missy Minyard . . . Dear Santa, I would like a combine and a road grader for Christmas. Love, Jamie Frizzell . . . Dear Santa, I am a little boy two years old and I have tried to be good. So, please bring me a big truck and an airplane. Also, please fill my stocking. Don't forget all the other boys and girls. Thank you, Teddy Hubbard . . . Dear Santa, I am eight years old and have tried to be good this year. Please bring me a large play tent, a "free spirit" 10-speed bike (boys) and a Big Jim Rescue Rig. Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Monroe Hill . . .

December 19, 1963—Dear Santa, I want some guns and two trucks. I want an air rifle. I am eight years old. I am in the second grade, and I am a good boy. Rickey Minyard . . . Dear Santa Claus, Give me some heels. I want a play dress. I want a purse. Thank you, Celia Martin. P. S. Don't forget I have been a good girl and I want a doll . . . Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl four years old. My name is Becky and I have been pretty good. Please bring me a baby doll with some clothes, some dishes with a coffee pot and some clothes for me. I would also like some apples and oranges and grapes. Thank you very much, Becky Perkins . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a little red wagon and a train to ride. I have been a good little boy this year. Remember all the other boys and girls, too. Love, Bobby Scott McPherson . . . Dear Santa, I would like a stuffed pig. And I would like a guitar. Your friend, Susie Parker . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl seven years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a doll and a cooking set. Also I want some doll clothes. Love, Lori Francis . . .

December 24, 1953—College students home for Christmas include Misses Mary Lou Belling and Kay Steele, Messrs. Richard Tunnell and Pat Northcutt, Texas Tech; Billy Tennison, Howard Payne College; Jaye Turner and Kenneth (Red) Stephens, Tarleton

State College; Misses Janis Turner and Helen Vaughan and Mr. Wayne McMurtry, West Texas State College; Mr. Joe Dell Hutsell, San Marcos Academy; Delbert Mattheus, Texas Lutheran College . . . E. C. Newman was taken to the local hospital early Wednesday morning for emergency treatment . . . H. P. Rampley had his gall bladder removed Thursday of last week at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock . . . Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dudley were overnight guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Graham and son, Wednesday of last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Arnold and children and Gene Arnold are spending the Christmas holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Arnold, and other relatives . . . Miss Jo Ann Hollingsworth became the bride of Jerry Wayne Clayton in a single-ring ceremony Saturday, December 12 . . .

December 30, 1943—The first snow

of the year came Monday and was accompanied by considerable wind. The total amount registered by the official gauge was .36 of an inch . . . Robert Isbell, 4-H club boy from the Lakeview community, won the County Meat Animal contest . . . Those attending the Girl Scout Mother-Daughter Banquet were Mrs. True Burson and Betty Nan, Mrs. Rusty Arnold and Clenda, Mrs. Joe Mercer and Thelma Gean, Mrs. Bobbie Edwards and Juanita, Mrs. O. M. Dudley and Jeanne, Mrs. Chas. K. Herndon and Betty Jean, Ima Jean Morris and Mrs. J. S. Fisher, Mrs. Tony Burson, Mrs. John Hutchinson and Miss Anna Lee Anderson . . . Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Vaughan and family were guests in the Arthur Grewe home Sunday evening . . . Mr. and Mrs. Obra Watson spent Saturday night and Sunday in Lubbock with Mrs. Watson's mother . . . Mr. and Mrs. Berle Fisch, Mr. and Mrs. Bood Myers, Mr. H. T.

Myers and Ellis and Neeley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Fisch . . .

Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Francis spent Christmas Day with relatives at Hart . . .

December 2, 1926—School affiliation in jeopardy; PTA urges more home study . . . Thelma Jean, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Arnold, was seriously scalded this week when she fell into a boiling pot of suds while watching her grandmother wash . . . Briscoe County Hatchery installing 24,000-egg capacity incubator here . . . Miss Ruby Redin spent the weekend with her mother and returned to her school Sunday afternoon . . .

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Christmas*

Joy To The World, The Lord Is Come



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ACS Funds Colon Cancer Research

Researchers announced December 2 that they have identified the genetic flaw that causes as many as one in six cases of colon cancer, as well as a number of other fatal cancers of the uterus, ovaries and other organs. The American Cancer Society funds the research of Dr. Burt Vogelstein, leader of one of the two teams credited with this discovery.

Volunteers and donors from throughout the Panhandle of Texas, including Briscoe County, raise money to support this and other national American Cancer Society research programs. Pat Popham, District 29 Crusade Chairman from Canadian, states, "We are proud that the dollars we raise through neighborhood community crusades, galas such as the Hutchinson Oil Patch Extravaganza, bikeathons and other special events as well as through our Love Lights a Tree and memorial program come back home to the Panhandle in this way. Thousands of our friends and neighbors benefit from this and other ACS research findings." Last year the American Cancer Society also returned \$1,070 in patient services to patients in Briscoe County and \$15,708 in public education.

These researchers state that they have found the gene responsible for INHERITED colon cancer and predicted that this would allow high-risk people to be aggressively screened

in order to detect the disease, or its precancerous form, at a highly curable stage. This gene also may be linked to other cancers including ovarian, uterine and stomach.

The American Cancer Society's guidelines for screening for the early detection of colon cancer include for both men and women at average risk:

- (1) Having a regular cancer-related checkup; and
- (2) Having a digital rectal examination every year after age 40.

For people with a family history of colon or rectal cancer or ulcerative colitis, these tests may need to be performed more frequently as prescribed by their doctor.

For more information on colon cancer, screenings and research, contact your local American Cancer Society office, 353-4306, or call toll-free, 1-800-ACS-2345. The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to controlling cancer through research, education and service.

'Cedar Fever' Attacks Part of Texas Winter

According to allergy specialists, Texas is not unique in its number of natural irritants for allergy sufferers; however, the fact that people in other states suffer from itchy eyes, runny noses, sneezing, headaches, general fatigue and other symptoms hardly improves an allergic Texan's outlook.

For many Texans, one of the most

miserable seasons of the year has arrived with the first onset of cold weather. At about the time of the first frost, "cedar fever" will descend with the wind-blown pollen that causes it.

Cedar fever is an allergic reaction to pollen of the male mountain cedar. The mountain cedar, which is actually two species of juniper, is indigenous statewide, but is especially concentrated in Central Texas. In a typical year, these wild shrubs release pollen from mid-November to mid-March.

Dennis Perrotta, chief of the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) Bureau of Epidemiology, said that cedar fever is second only to ragweed allergy in the number of Texans it affects. "The severity of cedar allergy may be greater in individuals than is ragweed allergy," he said. "Even people able to resist other allergies may suffer from cedar fever. Also, the severity of their reactions may vary from year to year."

For people with numerous allergies, cedar fever may compound earlier reactions to ragweed and fall elm pollen in November, and be further aggravated by oak, elm, pecan and other pollens in March. In addition, humidity at any time can increase the number of mold spores—another allergen—in the air.

"People in the midst of a pollen allergy attack may wonder about its seriousness. If there is any consolation for them, it is that while most reactions are uncomfortable, they are temporary. Relatively mild cases may be controlled with over-the-counter antihistamines," Perrotta said.

Perrotta added, however, that anyone with severe or persistent symptoms should consult a physician. He said that prolonged irritation of the sinuses or throat can predispose a person to infections, or may be signs of another illness. Also, anyone with a history of recurrent respiratory disease may need to seek treatment by an allergy specialist.

WEATHER

DECEMBER 24-HOUR READINGS

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	68	27	
2	68	27	
3	62	25	.63
4	62	24	
5	59	25	
6	58	29	
7	51	29	
8	58	29	
9	64	28	
10	73	41	
11	63	33	
12	58	32	
13	70	39	.22
14	50	28	
15	54	23	
16	35	20	
17	54	29	
18	46	21	
19	48	21	
20	61	27	
21	44	21	
Total Precip. for December			.85
Normal Precip. for December			.68
Total Precip. for Year			15.60
Normal Precip. for Year			21.22



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When Christmas approaches, we turn our thoughts to you, our dear friends and patrons. We send you our heartfelt blessings and our hopes for renewed togetherness among all of nature's creations throughout the world. Thank you for your ever-loyal support and friendship.

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Second Graders Ask Santa For Special Gifts

Dear Santa,
How are you and your reindeer?
Please bring me a surprise.
Love,
Tyler Reed

Dear Santa,
I loved the last present. This year I would like a SEGA GENESIS or a Super Nintendo. I would love Game Boy.
Love,
Brandon

Dear Santa,
Please Bring me 2 base balls and 1 bat. I am wishing for a lot, so just give me what you think I need. I really want a remote control 13-inch TV and some legos train and some Base Ball cards.
Love,
Trace

Dear Santa,
I really don't know what I want. So just bring me a surprise. How are you? I want a rocking chair. But if that's too much that's okay. How are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I hope you're doing fine. So what ever you think is best for me I'll take. Oh, have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Daryl-Ann

Dear Santa,
I want a go-Cart and a ninja-turtle.
Love,
Clifton

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and also I want a IBM and also I want a Go-cart.
Your friend,
From Johnny

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want some of these for Christmas:
A TV jambox, noon shoes, Game Boy, a Garth Brooks tape, a Dallas cowboy jacket, a Phone, a sling Shot, a B.B. gun, light bulbs, dominoes, camera, puppies, a Buffalo foot ball suit, a Bull's jacket, a new String of lights, a bell, a kite and a helmet.
Love,
Payton

Dear Santa,
How are you? I live at 900 Pulitzer, at the curve in Silverton. How are Dasher and Blitzen? Well I want a TV, handcuffs, flash-light, and pellet-gun.
Love, Edwen
Joseph Al Buch
Junior

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a talk boy and a camera and would you please tell me about your reindeer? I will put some cookies and milk under the tree.
Love,
Kody Joe Rhoderick

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer and Mrs. Claus? I would like a sega and Aladdin game to go with it and a Gigglead go, too, and a surprise please.
Love,
Meladie

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me My Size Barbie and Santa would you please bring me the movie Aladdin and Home Ward Bound.
Thank you, Santa.
Love,
Tara Shane Smith

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and the Elves and the reindeer? I would like an elephant doll.

It must be fun to ride in a sleigh. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and I hope all the people at the North pole have one too. Tell Frosty the Snow Man hello for me.
Love,
Stormy Brannon

Dear Santa,
How are you?
I want a Sega Genesis for Christmas. Please bring me a Santa Suit and all the Power Ranger and megasaurus.
Love,
Marcos

Dear Santa,
Please would you bring me a hula hoop, a Nintendo, a jump rope, a doll, a camera, a Flashlight, and a Game Boy, a Barbie, a music watch, some make-up, a ball, and a skateboard, a Scramball, and Candy Land?
Love,
Beth
Live in Silverton

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a play B.B. gun, a play pellet gun, a play

pistol, a gameboy, a slingshot, a santa suit, a Nintedo, and a camera.
Love,
Joseph K

Dear Santa,
I really want a stereo and a game Boy and games to go with it. I want a bean bag, a sling shot, a camera, a B. B. gun, a new coat, an Aladdin tape, a Dallas Cowboy suit, and a Santa Claus Suit.
Love,
Eric

Dear Santa,
How are you today? How are your reindeer? How are your elves, too? Would you bring me a hula hoop, Aladdin tape, Nintendo, a Christmas suit that has Santa on it, some blue jean pants with a shirt to it too, and I want a surprise, too.
Love,
Crystal

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Would you bring me a Santa Claus Suit, a Game Boy, a fun ride, a keepsake Knife, a sling shot, a surprise, Air Jordans, a basket ball, Dallas Cowboy Suit—the whole suit, a computer, a flag, sun glasses and a

dictionary.
Love,
Caleb Luke Francis

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Would you bring me a bean bag and a book and a surprise? Oh, I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I hope your reindeer do, too.
Love,
Lori

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me a surprise, and a Sega Genesis. How are your reindeer? How is your wife, Mrs. Santa Clause? My sister wants a barbie car. And My brother wants a slingshot and a Genesis. My mom wants a million dollars, and my dad wants a million dollars, too. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Kelsy Leigh Wederski

Dear Santa,
How are you, Santa and how is Mrs. Clause? How are your reindeer? I don't know what I want. Are your elves helping you make the presents? I hope your family has a good Christmas. Oh, bring me a surprise.
Love,
Danielle

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Kindergarteners Write to Santa

Dear Santa,
I love you. Hope you have a safe trip. How are your reindeer? Could I have a race car track, a teepee and a pottery maker. I'll leave you cookies. Can I also have a bead maker so I can make belts? Can I have a car? Can I have a baby reindeer too?
Love,
Gid Mayfield

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a race car track if you can bring me one. Can I have a teepee? I'll leave cookies out for you. Has it been showing there? Is it cold at the North Pole? I'll see you next Christmas. I wish I could see your reindeer except I can't ever go to the North Pole. I'll leave you out something to drink with your cookies. I wish I could ride in your sleigh if I could see you a bunch more.
Love,
Tanner Rance Young

Dear Mr. Claus,
I want a car for Christmas Does Mrs. Claus give candy? I want a doll with little baby dolls, and a little reindeer. I love you.

Angie Nicole Lewis
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Dear Santa,
I would like a puppy with puppies, and a Barbie.
Love,
Keely

Dear Santa,
I would like Mario paint. Take a picture of each reindeer. I want some roller blades with elbow pads and knee pads, and I want 2XL with 3 of the tapes. Please bring me Key Force. Have a safe trip. Please give me a picture of your sleigh. Take a picture of one of your elves so I can see what they look like.
Love,
Ethan

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeers? I hope Rudolph's nose is still bright. I would like to have a toy rifle, a remote control doll and a toy dog.
Love,
Holly Vernon

Dear Santa,
I want Skipper and the sea twins. How is your red nose reindeer? I'll leave some different color ice cream out for you. Also some milk. Santa, I love you.
Melonie Johnson

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a train, batman and a criss-cross crash.
Your love,
Joshua Maciel

Dear Santa,
I would like a air pro hockey, num chucks, bean bag and that's all.
Your friend,
Yance Forbes

Dear Santa,
I love you! If you don't make me my boots, I don't care. I will get something else from you. I don't need toys because I already have a lot. I might take some ear rings if you have some.
I love you,
Bye,
Sage Brannon

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a backhoe truck. I will have chocolate chip cookies out for you and your reindeers.
Love,
Jessie Reynolds

Santa Claus,
What are you doing? You have cookies and milk for Christmas Eve. I like Rudolf the red nose reindeer. I want to see Rudolph, but I think of Jesus too. I want a my size Barbie and 3 triplets, a cabbage patch and my sister wants the same thing I want. I hope you have a New Year. Merry Christmas.
I Love you Santa,
Camisha Wilson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a toy doll and a new bicycle. And most of all I would like a real baby puppy.
Love,
Hanna

Dear Santa,
I would like to see how your reindeer are doing. I would like to have three baby rabbits.
Love,
Seth

Dear Santa Claus,
Bring me a game for my Game Boy. I love you. I would like to have a little deer, and a dinosaur toy. Are you at the North Pole? Are you cold? How are your reindeers? Try to bring me a castle toy, too. Do you have yoyos? I would

like one.
Love,
Albert

Dear Santa,
I am going to leave you some soup and cookies for your reindeer.
Love,
Thor

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Sega Genesis and a bike.
Love,
Ramon Martinez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a car.
Love,
Jose

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like some Jingle Bells and a rubber snake.
Love,
Jesus

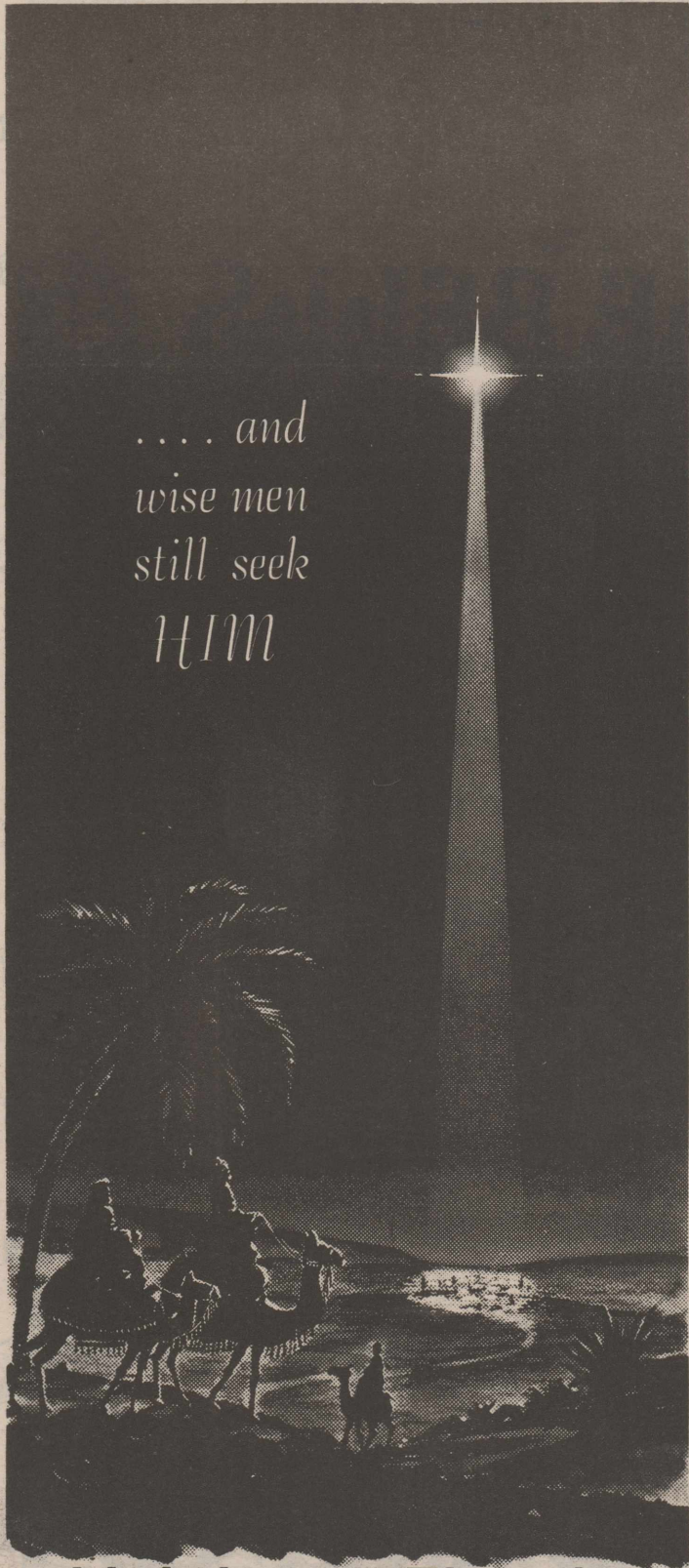
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I would like a bouncing ball and a playhouse for Christmas.
Love,
Deigo

Dear Santa,
I would like a Super Nintendo and toys for Christmas.
Love,
E. J.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a barbie doll and a piggy bank.
Love,
Tori

Dear Mr. Santa,
How are the reindeers doing? Rudolf, Doner and Blitzen. I am being nice, so I would like a new tractor to play with. I would also like a bull dozer because I don't have one. And how are you doing on the trip?
I would also like a new (real) Christmas tree and I would like a picture of your elves and I would like a bell for my brothers.
Love, Santa Claus,
Jacob

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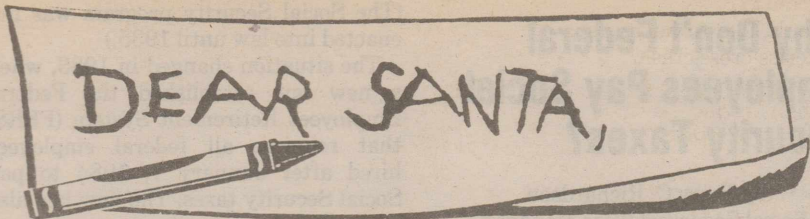
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Third Graders Write to Santa

Dear Santa,

I want Gak, a Bike, TV, Sega games, a Sega game gear and everybody getting what they want. The best thing I want is a TV please.

John Arnold

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is the play school doll house. I know there are two of them, but the one I like best is the one that talks. And another thing I want is baby gigales and go with the remotcontrol. I want to get my mom a ring and a necklace. I want to give my dad a coat and what I want to give my brothers is some boots. They like boots. I hope they like them.

Love,

Daisy Martinez

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a sing-along tape recording, the game Thin Ice, a Fantastic Flowers and a bicycle and some skates for Maria and a bear for Ben and Sidney and some new shoes for David and a remote control reindeer for Junior.

For Jimmy to kind. And for the grown ups not to be so wild and crazy.

Sincerely,

Pamela Castillo

Dear Santa,

I hope I get a candy cane in my stocking. I also want a gameboy with some discs to go with it. The discs I want. I want to three turtle wons. Don't let the sleigh fall. I hope it snows so I can sled.

Adam Enloe

Dear Santa,

I hope I get a jam box, a bean bag, a dream phone, and some new cloths. I also want a barbie fountain pool. Please bring me an American girl, too. Tanner wants a go cart, and Tyler wants a bean bag, too. I don't know what my mom and Dad want. Just bring them something. I really hope my Grandpa doesn't die.

Jenny Young

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Twenty-Two, a Sterio, coat, and pants. I hope I get all of them too. I know you are fat.

Monty Wood

3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a game gear and for my mon If you can get her some perfome. If you can, get my dad some work boots. And get my baby brother a botman. Get my big brother a football and my big sister a case of books. Please give my baby sister a doll.

Red Ivory

Dear Santa,

I want a walkman, jambox, and a bean bag chair. I also want a movie of Alladin and charms with a charm bracelet. Please give mom a robot to help with the housework. Please give dad a week off. Give Matt a gameboy set case. Give Clay a eletric toothbrush. Give Blake a toy truck. That is all.

Kassie Strange

Dear Santa,

How are you? For Christmas I hope I

get a bean bag, or a dream phone, mall madness. I hope for the triplets or mew clothes. Will you bring dad some new sock and moma a bear. Gid wants a race car. Will you bring Mrs. Nance a 1,000 dollars so we can go to Africa for safari. I hope it snows.

Love,

Bryn Mayfield

Dear Santa,

I want a Texas Tech bean-bag chair, a basketball, and a basketball goal. Will you please give Mrs. Nance a new purse. And I want Pure Country in my stocking.

Tarran Forbes

Dear Santa,

I hope I get a new gameboy game. I want a remote control car, a master blaster, and a surprize.

Chase Comer

3rd grade



The home of Calvin and Carolyn Shelton was one of those that was beautifully decorated for the holiday season. *Briscoe County News Photo*

Dear Santa,

I would like a gameboy and a nerf aro storm and 1000 \$ dollor to my teacher because she will take us on a trip. My friend, Adam, a nerf storm and a race track. Dustin, a nerf storm and a racetrack and John a car and a TV. Give Jenny a doll and Pam a doll and Daisy a doll.

Adrian Cruz

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a nerf arrowstorn, super nintendo, big race track, and a computer if you can please bring me these things.

Dustin Hale

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Each Christmas, the home of Johnny and Mary Asebedo is beautifully decorated with many lights and other holiday symbols.

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Why Don't Federal Employees Pay Social Security Taxes?

by Terry C. Richardson
Social Security Office Manager
Plainview, Texas

"If Social Security is such a good program, why don't Social Security employees pay into it? I often get this question, especially when I'm speaking before public groups," says Terry Richardson, Social Security Manager in Plainview.

I tell them that more than 1.2 million federal employees pay Social Security taxes just as other wage earners do. I also explain that not every federal employee is permitted to pay into Social Security. If they were hired before January 1, 1984, they had to be covered by the Civil Service Retirement System—a program established in May 1920 to provide federal employees with a pension after many years of service.

(The Social Security program was not enacted into law until 1935.)

The situation changed in 1983, when a new law established the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) that requires all federal employees hired after January 1, 1984 to pay Social Security taxes. The new law also gave all federal employees on duty at the time an opportunity to join FERS. Although more than 100,000 employees switched to FERS, those who had many years of government service chose to stay with the Civil Service retirement plan.

It would be difficult to compare Social Security and the federal employee retirement systems. Although both provide a monthly check when you reach a certain age, the eligibility requirements differ. Your Social Security benefit is a percentage of your earnings averaged over most of your working lifetime. A worker with average earnings can expect a retirement benefit that represents about 42 percent of his or her lifetime earnings. Social Security never was intended to be your only source of income when you retire or become disabled. Instead, it is intended to supplement other kinds of income you may have, such as a pension from your employer as well as savings and investments. On the other hand, either federal plan provides an annuity to replace a substantial part of the employee's income when he or she retires. To do this, the eligibility requirements for retiring from federal employment are based on age, years of service, and the employee's highest salary for three years.

As the years go by, the number of employees covered by the Civil Service plan will drop, and, eventually, all federal employees will be paying Social Security taxes.

Many people don't know that members of religious orders who have taken a vow of poverty may still be eligible for Social Security benefits. These members who have taken vows of poverty have no earnings to report and pay no Social Security taxes. (Social Security benefits generally are based on your average earnings over your working life.)

But even in these instances, the services an individual performs for a religious order may be covered under Social Security if the order waives its exemption from Social Security taxation. This means the order would pay Social Security taxes for its members.

While no wages are paid to the members of the order, the "fair market value" of their meals, lodging, clothing and other benefits are deemed to be their wages.

If a religious order elects to take advantage of this part of the Social Security law, it may even elect back coverage for its members for a retroactive period of up to 20 calendar quarters—five years of coverage. (40 quarters of coverage generally are needed to be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits.)

Whether a religious order opts for Social Security coverage or not, individual members of that order might still be eligible for benefits under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. SSI payments, which are administered by the Social Security Administration, are not based upon an individual's work record. They are paid to individuals with little or no income who are 65 or older, blind, or disabled.

Individuals with questions about members of a religious order's eligibility for Social Security or SSI benefits can call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, or visit our office in Plainview.

Join The Chamber!

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

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Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
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A&M Researchers in Need of Fencing to Run An Experiment

They need fence—lots of fence—at the Y Ranch south of Crowell.

Some 45 miles of fencing and at least 15 cattle guards are being sought by researchers at the Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Vernon, which operates the Y Experimental Ranch, as the key elements in an ambitious project to find more economical ranching methods.

Dr. Jerry Cox, the center's resident

director, estimated the cost of the fencing and equipment needed for the research at \$250,000—more than the center's annual research budget—and said researchers are seeking funding assistance from ranchers or anyone "interested in supporting new and innovative research programs."

Cox and brush control specialist Dr. Jim Ansley, livestock nutrition expert Dr. Bill Pinchak, and range ecologist Dr. Richard Teague recently explained the project's objectives and cost details.

State Rep. John Hirshi, D-Wichita Falls, who supports the project, attended the meeting. He said, "The experiment's ultimate goal is to make

ranching more viable into the next century." Some of the costs of ranching, such as for brush control, he said, "are driving people out of the business, and older ranchers are questioning whether there's a future in it."

The A&M experiment, Hirshi said, could help "find ways to cut the costs of ranching without reducing the number of cattle you run," for producers in the Rolling Plains as well as anywhere else.

Hirshi said he supports the basic concept of the proposed experiment, as a public-private partnership.

In a letter to Hirschi, Cox said scientists from the Vernon center visited more than 76 Rolling Plains

ranchers to help identify the problems that pose the greatest limits to "their ability to maintain an economically viable ranching operation."

Topping that list were, in order: brush control, drought, grass and animal productivity, and profitability. Cox added, "To date, research has not provided a solution to these problems."

Cox said that through discussions with ranchers, researchers, Extension specialists, consultants and politicians in surrounding western states and in Washington, D. C., the A&M scientists determined that "selected problems were nationally important," and designed an "economically and environmentally based grazing strategy."

That strategy is based on three concepts:

- ★ Chemical and mechanical brush control methods are either environmentally unacceptable or too expensive, at a time when some estimates say brush and marginal vegetation can reduce potential livestock production in some areas by 50 percent.

- ★ Rotational grazing (and resting) can be used to accumulate forage, as commonly done in Asia and Africa. During droughts, forage is stored in a "forage reserve," a base which allows ranchers to maintain the core breeding herd and reduce feed purchases. Following wet years the reserve is burned for brush control and to improve forage quality.

- ★ Controlled, prescribed burns can help control woody brush (which can crowd out desirable grasses and contribute to soil erosion), and create a mesquite savanna, or a relatively low density of large trees, that would free more forage space for livestock while providing a habitat for a variety of wildlife.

Ansley, Teague and Pinchak and staff at the Vernon center have long worked together on developing these same concepts, as part of an over-all grazing strategy.

In September, Cox said, the Vernon staff presented the grazing strategy to 12 Texas ranchers, and with their approval, developed an experimental design to "scientifically compare the new grazing strategy with commonly used grazing systems."

Cox noted that previous grazing experiments in the United States have been carried out on relatively small pastures, but that the sheer size of the Y Ranch—over 38,000 acres—will allow the experiments to take place in ranch-sized pastures (2,000 to 4,000 acres) that "introduce a 'real world' element to the experiment without sacrificing a testable scientific design."

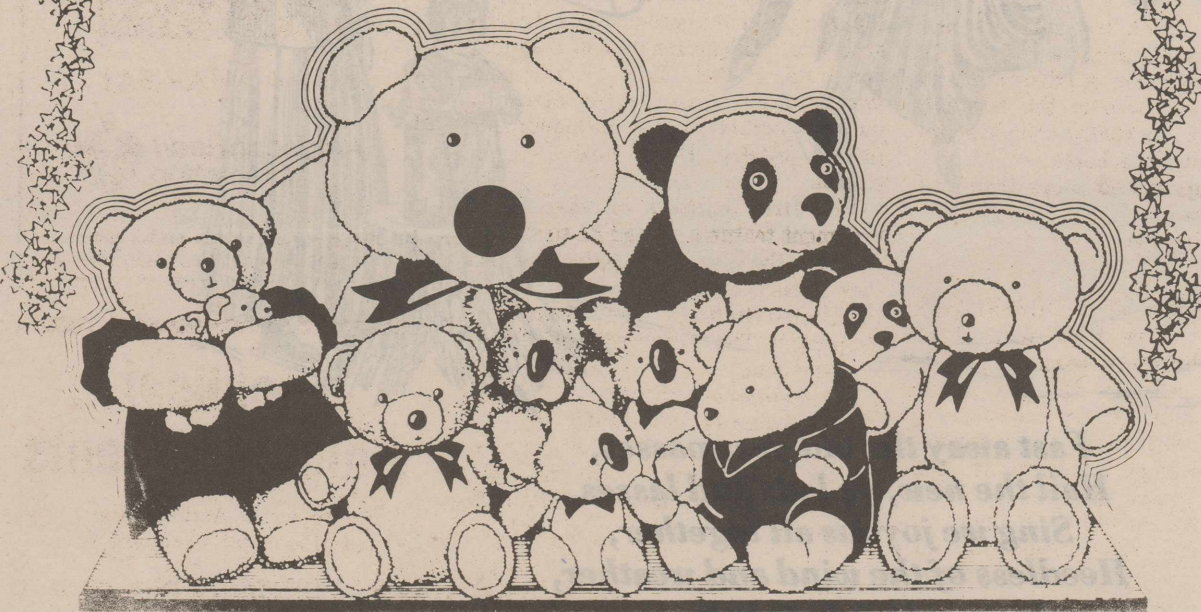
Hirshi noted that a friend of his who ranches near Wichita Falls uses the same methods outlined in the strategy, and that, "Using the paddock system and frequent rotation, he has had superior results."

Cox said Texas A&M will provide the funds to run the experiment, and that cattle will be provided by an Amarillo man.

A Bear-y, Merry Christmas

Cheer-filled tidings of the holiday season!
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, You-all!

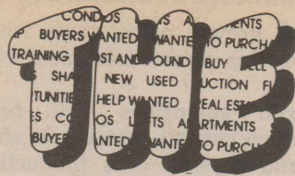
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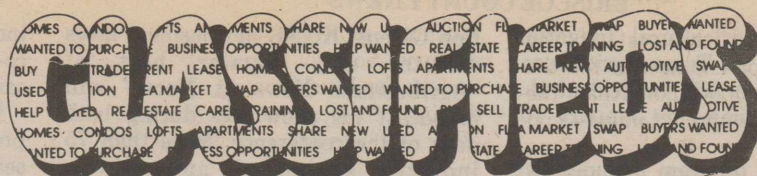
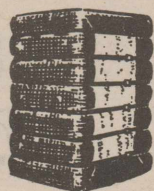
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Christmas trees in Texas may now be
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according to Martin Miazza, designer of
the exclusive series.

"We expect the third edition Texas
State Ornament to enjoy the growing
popularity of our previous issues in the
series," Miazza said. "The limited
edition state ornament series is now
available in the states of Mississippi,
Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and
Tennessee where previous editions are
still sought by collectors."

The 1993 ornament features the
Texas Longhorn Steer with the words
"Christmas in Texas 1993" on it. The
Texas ornament is available either in
polished pewter or in pewter with a 14
karat gold overlay.

The Texas ornaments are oval cutouts
approximately 2 1/4" x 2 1/2" and may be
hung on the Christmas tree or worn on
a cord as jewelry during the holiday
season. Each ornament comes with a
free gift box.

Miazza, who has been in business
since 1966, says he is fortunate to have
Maurice Milleur reproduce his designs
each year. Milleur, a native of Belgium,
has lived in the South for the past
twenty years where he has earned a
national reputation for his handmade
pewter jewelry. He is now a U. S.
citizen.

The first edition of the Texas
ornament features a large #1 to signify
that it is the first in the series and also
that Texas is considered number one in
the United States by many of its loyal
supporters. The second edition showed
the Lone Star.

For additional information, contact
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Conference and Trade Show Set For Jan. 10, 11

The annual irrigation conference for High Plains growers and equipment dealers has been around for more than two decades, according to Leon New, Extension Service irrigation specialist and conference chairman. But this year the conference takes on a new look.

"The 1994 conference will be quite different because we're encompassing all of Texas and going out to other states as well," said New. The Irrigation Conference and Trade Show, sponsored

by the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will be held at the Amarillo Civic Center on January 10, 11.

The expanded program includes two full days of seminars and workshops and a much larger trade show, according to Mike Stephens, TAlA president from Lubbock.

"We are targeting a much wider audience ranging from the Texas agricultural producer and equipment dealer to their counterparts in five neighboring states with some dealers coming from as far away as Minnesota and North Dakota," said Stephens.

Rep. Pete Laney, Texas House speaker, will deliver the keynote address at Tuesday's noon luncheon.

Bob Givens, KGNC agribusiness news director and popular host of "Agribusiness News at Noon," will broadcast his show live during both days of the conference. More than 75 industry equipment and service vendors will be on hand for the trade show.

New said the concurrent sessions will run both days and provide in-depth programs on innovations in chemigation, business management, marketing, and state and federal regulations—all of which have application for producers and dealers.

"On Tuesday, we are placing a heavy emphasis on six major commodities, including corn, grain sorghum, wheat, peanuts, sugar beets and cotton. All six commodities are further represented by

individual grower associations which co-sponsor this year's conference," New said.

Research scientists will brief producers on current research in short season and dryland corn production, breeding programs, crop physiology, managing production, and marketing. Three CEUs may be earned by participants on Monday and four on Tuesday.

Other supporting hosts, including KGNC-Radio, are the Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Peanut Producers Board, Texas Wheat Producers, Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association, Texas Grain Sorghum Producers, and Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

All conference sessions including the annual TAlA awards banquet are open to everyone. There is no charge to attend and participants will pay only for meals. Cost of the noon meal is \$10 on Monday and \$15 on Tuesday. TAlA banquet meal ticket price is \$15 per person.

For more information, contact Leon New at 806-359-5401 or your local irrigation dealer or County Extension Agent.

VA 1994 Insurance Dividends Announced

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced it will pay more than \$51,362,000 in dividends in 1994 to 127,076 Texas veterans holding active veterans' life insurance policies.

These dividends are made possible because veterans are living longer than originally predicted, and the insurance trust funds are earning high yields from investment in long-term government securities.

"This is good news for veterans and an economy in need of this kind of positive stimulation," said Waco VA Regional Office Director Dr. Lois High.

The national payout of \$955.9 million is comparable to dividends paid in recent years, with \$963.8 million paid nationwide in 1993 and \$1 billion paid in 1992. The 1994 payout will be credited automatically to some 2.5 million policyholders on the anniversary date of their policies.

Policyholders may choose to receive a check or select one of nine alternative dividend options. VA is cautioning veterans that only those policies that have been kept in force receive annual dividend distributions.

The dividend amount will vary according to age, type of insurance and duration of the policy. No applications from individual policyholders are necessary.



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