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Christmas Greetings



'Christmas Traditions'

By VANDA KING
Editor

After visiting with several local folks, I found that most prefer the old time Christmas celebrations when the entire family gathered for the fellowship. Another factor, which has changed, is the size of families.

Lucile Callaway shared her memories of when her husband's family, consisting of ten boys and five girls, gathered annually at this joyous time of the year.

She noted that everyone would stay overnight and pallets were made all over the house to accommodate the visitors. This would be a time of eating, laughing, and having a wonderful time.

She mentioned that the meals were cooked on a wood stove. Can you imagine the hours that went into a dinner?

One of the most entertaining holiday treats took place back in 1946, when the Callaway family came up with an idea to fascinate the children with talking animals, which could only be heard after midnight on Christmas Eve.

The men had gone hunting earlier and they would hide in the pasture near the cattle waiting for the arrival of the little ones. The children were surprised to hear the conversations and talked about the experience for years.

A unique tradition started by Lucille's family, the Martins, is what they refer to as "Christmas Eve Gift." The idea is to be the first one to call another family member and say "Christmas Eve Gift" in order to receive a gift (gag gifts).

You have to be clever in doing this, so the family became masters at disguising their voices, calling all hours of the day prior to Christmas Day, and even pretending to be the telephone operator to sneak in the message. They say Lucile is accomplished at this feat. She's been known to fool her own children.

The telephone rings constantly, as each one tries to beat the other to the draw. Doesn't it sound like fun? The younger generation continues the tradition to keep the spirit of Christmas alive.

Gaynelle Callaway, Benny's wife, explained that only gifts for the children in the family are given and the adults exchange homemade desserts. The men have to prepare their own baked goods. She said Rocky Callaway made her a delicious chocolate fudge pie one time, and the sweet gifts serve a dual purpose as desserts for Christmas Day lunch.

Daisy Holcomb's family gathered each Christmas for years and planned fun activities. My children still talk about the time we attended. Santa Claus was there and he handed out a

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Pioneer Country Christmas Celebration

Legacy Gifts, located in the Pioneer Community, will be having a Pioneer Country Christmas Celebration on Tuesday, December 22, from 5 to 9 p.m. Live entertainment, craft and antique booths, food and drink concession, hayride and fun will abound.

Booth spaces are available for

crafts, antiques, and concessions by contacting Nelda Weiss at (817) 725-6677.

A 10 percent sale at Legacy Gifts will also be a highlight of the evening.

Everyone is invited to join in the holiday celebration.

Benefit New Year's Eve Dance For Jeremy Tennison Dec. 31

A Benefit Dance for Jeremy Tennison is slated for Thursday, December 31, beginning at 8 p.m. at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center in Cross Plains.

Admission will be \$5 per person. All the proceeds will be donated to Jeremy to defray medical expenses. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tennison of Cross Plains.

For reservations or additional information call (817) 725-6870 and leave a message on the answering machine.

Donations for Jeremy may be made at The Movie Store on Main Street or at the door the night of the dance.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the worthy benefit to assist this local family.

Steele Makes Track All-State

Cross Plains High School and Middle School Cross Country Coach, Mack McConal, finally got the official word from the Texas Track and Field publication. Connie Steele was listed among the 14 class 1A girls selected for this well-deserved recognition.

She competed last month in the State Cross Country Meet in Georgetown against 108 other girls, finishing a strong 8th place (that was confirmed). The top time in the state was 12:01.

Steele's time was 12:55.

Two other girls from this area also were placed among the elite group of 14 All-Staters. They were Ginger Petty from Evant and Janet Davidson from Priddy.

Connie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Steele of the Rowden Community.

School Holidays Announced

Cross Plains School students will be dismissed at 2:45 p.m. Friday for Christmas and New Year Holidays. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4, at 8:10 a.m.

Special Order Bake Sale

Lori Dillard, local cheerleader, will be having one final bake sale before she leaves on her trip for London, England.

Instead of having the regular bake sale, they will be taking orders at your request. Basically anything you want!

Contact Barbara Dillard at 725-6141 before 5:00 p.m. or Lori Dillard at 725-6522 after 5:00 p.m.

She will be leaving the 26th of December.

School Board To Meet Tonight

The Board of Directors for the Cross Plains I.S.D. will meet in regular session tonight, December 17, at 7 p.m. in the faculty room of the high school.

The following items will be discussed:

1. Annual audit
 - A. Colyer and Lowry, CPA, Brownwood, Texas
 - B. Huckabee and Donham Architects
 - A. Elementary renovation
 - B. Gym floor
 - C. Auditorium roof
 3. Cross Cut school property
 4. Open forum
 5. Consider update on elementary computer lab
 - A. Network computers
 - B. Software
 6. Administrator's report
 7. Financial report
 8. Pay bills
 9. Executive session (if necessary)
 10. Return to open meeting
 11. Adjourn.
- Notice of the meeting was served by M. Lee Thompson, Superintendent.



GIFTED/TALENTED CAST — Rhonda Swift (from left), April Hogan, Glenda Evans, Tamara Flippin, Brock Walker, Mark Trammell, Sabrina Taylor, and Jason Fleming.



GIFTED/TALENTED CAST — Janel Stephens (from left), Sam Nixon, John Worsham, Karen Dunn, Jolena Fleming, Mindy Mitchell, Kristy Bowden, and Nathaniel Swift.

G/T Students Presented 'A Christmas Carol'

By CAROL ATCHLEY

A special treat for the Cross Plains Middle School, High School, and some of the Elementary students was the performance of "A Christmas Carol" on Friday, December 11. The gifted/talented students, under the direction of Joe Coppinger, presented

the 45 minute play.

The students have been working on the play for many weeks now, but only during their short 30 minute homeroom meeting time and a couple of evening practices. It was a welcome break during the week of 6 weeks tests and finals preparation.

The cast included:
Scrooge: Jason Fleming
Young Scrooge: Brock Walker
Bob Cratchet: Mark Trammell
Collection Lady: Glenda Evans
Young Scrooge's friend: April Hogan
Tiny Tim: John Worsham
Tim's brother: Sam Nixon
Tim's sister: Jolena Fleming
Tim's sister: Karen Dunn
Tim's mother: Tamara Flippin
Scrooge's nephew: Sam Nixon
Ghost of Christmas Past: Sabrina Taylor
Ghost of Christmas Present: Rhonda Swift
Ghost of Christmas Future: Janel

Stephens

Marley's Ghost: Nathaniel Swift
The curtain, prop, and light crew were Justin Richey and Chris Wood.

Woodmen Of The World Meeting

The Woodmen of the World #4242 will have their regular session on Monday, December 21, at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center, beginning at 6 p.m.

All members and prospective members are invited to attend.

Courthouse NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Bill Johnson, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
Larry Lee Young, DWI.
Maunie Dorene Brumbaugh, assault on a peace officer.
Charged with theft of property by check: Edwin Huddleston, George C. McWhorter, Kyra Robinson, Kendra West, Bobby Rhodes, Darla L. Marre, Earnest R. Berartz.

NEW VEHICLES
David & Maria Means, Abilene, Dodge Housecar.
Charles Ranne, Clyde, Dodge PU.
Alice Sharp, Wichita Falls, Ford 4 dr.
Jeff & Diane Parris, Dyess AFB, Dodge Wgn.
Leo & Eloise Brandt, Coleman, Dodge PU.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
Don Lane, presiding

Civil Filing
Divorce filed:
Davis, Dennis Eugene & Lynda Karen, and in the interest of minor children.

Civil Minutes
In the matter of marriage, George, Linda Lou & Gerald Gene, case

dismissed without prejudice.

Kimberly Ann Mason vs Clyde Nursing Home, dismissed with prejudice.

State vs Bobby G. Seals, dismissed without prejudice.

Elmdale Oil Field Equipment dba Mauldin Sales vs J. R. McCormick, court orders compelling answers be filed by 1-4-93.

Divorces granted:

Sanders, Gary Franklin & Linda Ann. Hoisington, Belinda Gail & Jeffery Lee.

Rouse, John Dale & Angela Michelle.



Felix Mendelssohn was only 17 when he wrote the overture to *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



A lantern fish has organs or glands that give off light.



Christopher Columbus planted the first lemon trees in America in 1493.

Cold Weather Tips

It looks as if winter has arrived and cold temperatures can present problems to indoor and outdoor pets. Here are a few reminders that can help you and your pet enjoy the season with minimal risk.

INDOOR: The bedding area should be draft free.

If he gets wet while outside, thoroughly dry off your pet to prevent catching a chill.

Warm furnace air may cause your pet's coat to become dry and brittle. Keep him from sleeping too close to warm air vents. If the air in your home is particularly dry, you might want to place a couple of small pans of water near the vents to add a little moisture. If you have a fireplace or wood burning heater your pet likes to curl up in front of, make sure he is properly protected from popping cinders and ashes.

Indoor pets exercise less during colder days, so remember your pet needs adequate exercise.

Salt and other chemicals used to melt ice or to give humans traction can irritate and burn your pet's feet. Be sure to check its feet after every walk and wash the pads carefully. Chemicals can also burn the pet's mouth and throat, so make sure you get there first before the pet licks itself clean.

If your pet is a small or short haired breed and you notice him shivering when he's outside, you might want to put a sweater or old T-shirt on him.

OUTSIDE: Housing should be facing away from the wind, water-proofed, draft free and the door should have some sort of covering over it. He should have plenty of bedding, straw, blankets, and/or rugs.

Ideally the bedding should be placed on a platform just a few inches off the ground. Since the dog will be warming its winter home with its own body heat, the structure is best kept small — no more than 12 inches longer or three inches higher than the dog's body.

On colder days cats like to curl up on a warm car engine. Be sure your cat is not under the hood (honk your horn or give the auto a solid bang) before starting your car.

Depending on your pet's weight and current health status, you might want to increase his food rations by one fourth. Extra carbohydrates and starches provide the additional fuel and energy needed during colder weather.

Pets should never drink chilled or icy water. It may upset the stomach and bowels.

One of the most common problems seen this time of year is antifreeze intoxication. People changing their car's antifreeze in preparation for winter should guard against accidentally poisoning their pets. Animals are naturally attracted to ethylene glycol's sweet taste. Consumption of little more than two teaspoons per five pounds of body weight can be lethal for most dogs or cats. Ethylene glycol, a colorless, odorless, active substance in antifreeze, is broken down by the body into a number of toxic substances. Signs of poisoning include, "drunk and disoriented" behavior, fluid in the heart and lungs and kidney failure. Affected animals can be treated if the owner sees their pet drink antifreeze, but rapid attention is critical.

OBITUARY

Vernon Dewey (Duke) Mitchell

Vernon Dewey (Duke) Mitchell, age 74, died Friday morning at 12:08 a.m. in Humana Hospital, Abilene, Texas. Duke was a longtime resident of Cross Plains and Callahan County. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; one son, Dale; his daughter-in-law, Myrna; one sister, Ollie Smith of Rising Star; and three grandchildren, Valerie Chambers of Coppell, Justin Whitsitt of Millington, Tennessee, and Mindy Mitchell of the home.

Funeral services were held at Higginbothams Chapel and burial at Cross Plains Cemetery on Saturday, December 5, 1992 at 2:00 p.m.

Pallbearers were Everett Clower, Keith Clower, James Wolf, Jay Rankin, Freddy Tatom, and Roy Stambaugh.

Lynn Daniel

RISING STAR — Lynn Daniel, 83, died Monday, December 7, 1992, in a Brownwood hospital.

Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Pioneer Cemetery with Gary Adams officiating, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mr. Daniel was born in Clinton, Ga., and moved to Rising Star 32 years ago from Denver City. He had been a roustabout for Humble Oil Company for 20 years before retiring. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Julie Daniel of Rising Star; a son, David Eugene Daniel of Cedar Hill; four daughters, Betty Ellen Chapman of Cortez, Colo., Ruby Angela Patterson of El Paso, Barbara Lynn Athens of Lake Brownwood, and Bonnie Sue Neel of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Millie Morgan Connel

CISCO — Millie Morgan Connel, 88, died Friday, December 11, 1992, in a Baird nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Kimbrough Funeral Home Chapel with Gary Adams officiating. Burial was in Scranton Cemetery.

Mrs. Connel was born in Scranton. She attended Randolph College and Texas Tech University and taught school at Deer Plains and in Scranton. She also worked at Lemore Drug Store in Cisco.

She was a member of the Cross Plains Church of Christ and the widow of W.E. Connel.

Survivors include a sister, Bama Fleming of Cisco; two brothers, James Morgan of Clyde and Lewis Morgan of Cisco; and several nieces and nephews.

William Weber

William H. Weber, 89, died Saturday, December 13, 1992, at his home.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Monday in St. John's Episcopal Church in Brownwood with the Rev. William Ilgenfritz officiating, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains. Burial was at 2 p.m. Thursday in Tucson Memorial Park, Tucson, Ariz.

Mr. Weber was born in Merriman, Neb., and was a barber.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha White Weber of Cross Plains; one daughter, Wilda Holland of Cross Plains; one foster daughter, Helen Thomas of Tucson; two sisters, Winnie Nicklin of Tulsa, Okla., and Dorothy Lessert of Martin, S.D.; one brother, Johnny Weber of Brady, Neb.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Pallbearers were William Holland, Joe Holland, Tom Glynn, Ray Whatley, Jr., John D. Montgomery, and James Holland.

Calvin Poindexter

LAWN — Calvin Poindexter, 87, died Sunday, December 13, 1992, in a Coleman hospital. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, December 14, at Lawn Baptist Church with the Rev. Price Mathieson officiating. Burial was in Oplin Cemetery, directed by Fry-Bartlett Funeral Home of Tuscola.

Mr. Poindexter was born in Oplin and lived in Callahan County until 1954, when he moved to Lawn. He

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Gustine Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Kuhns of Gustine; three daughters, Betty Sue Scott of Brazos, Marie Leddy and Cindy Bagott, both of Grand Prairie; one son, Ray Blevens of Mineral Wells; two sisters, Cora Stinett of Clyde and Juanita Courtney of Comanche; two brothers, J.R. Edwards of Arlington and Edwin Edwards of Cottonwood; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Leo T. Baum

GREENVILLE — Leo T. Baum, age 78, died Sunday, December 13, 1992, in Greenville.

Services were held Tuesday, December 14, at 2 p.m. at Coker-Matthews Funeral Chapel with Rev. Terry Bowman officiating. Burial was in Memoryland Memorial Park.

He was born in Callahan County to the late George T. Baum and Frances Virginia Brightwell. Baum was a retired sheet metal mechanic for E-Systems, Inc. and a member of Highland Terrace Baptist Church.

Preceded in death by his wife, Annie Canady, one sister, and two grandchildren.

Survivors include one son, George Baum of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; one daughter, Annell Harper of Greenville; one brother, Leonard Baum of Abilene; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.	
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County Jobless Rate Falls To 4.1 Percent In Oct.

Callahan County's unemployment rate fell six-tenths of a percentage point between September and October 1992, according to unemployment figures released Tuesday, November 24 by the Texas Employment Commission.

The county's unemployment rate now stands at 4.1 percent, down from the 4.7 percent recorded in September of 1992.

Of the 5,724 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 5,490 had jobs during October 1992, and 234 didn't, giving the county a jobless rate of 4.1 percent.

According to Mary Scott Nabers, commissioner of the TEC in Austin, Callahan County's unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in September 1992. Of the 5,745 civilian labor force in the county last month, 5,474 had jobs while 271 or 4.7 percent did not.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County include: 4.0 in August, 5.1 percent in July, 5.3 percent in June, 4.4 percent in May, 4.7 percent in April, 5.3 percent in March, 5.7 percent in February, 6.1 percent in January 1992, 4.8

UNEMPLOYMENT		
	Sept.	Oct.
Callahan County Unemployment	4.7%	4.1%
Total Labor Force	5,745	5,724
Total Employed	5,474	5,490
Total Unemployed	271	234
Texas Unemployment	7.5%	6.8%

percent in December 1991, 4.6 percent in November, and 5.1 percent in October, according to Ms. Nabers figures.

The statewide unemployment rate was placed at 6.8 percent in October 1992.

"Hopefully, this month's lower unemployment rate will get us back on a downward trend," Commissioner Nabers said as the employment commission released the state's jobless statistics for October. Texas posted a 6.8 percent rate—down from 7.5 percent in September.

"The rate is also promising because it is below the year-ago level of 7.2 percent. This is the first time this year that the current rate has been below its year-ago equivalent," Nabers said. "However, October's 6.8 percent rate should still be viewed as only a step towards economic recovery. Much of the economy is still weak, which could mean more months of high unemployment."

"We are accustomed to seeing lower jobless rates as this time of year because of preparations for the holiday season,"

Nabers said. "Last year there were two consecutive decreases in the rates in November and December and we fully expect to see that happen again. Right now, people seem to feel more confident about the economy and that should result in good Christmas retail sales. If we can just hold the rate in January, we will really feel good," Nabers said.

Total employment increased moderately over the month to an estimated 8,104,300 in mid-October. Overall job growth accelerated somewhat in October. Final staffing of local and state schools and colleges was completed, adding 28,000 jobs in local and state governments over the month. Services, trade, manufacturing and mining experienced more moderate expansion pushing the total number of nonfarm

salaried jobs up by almost 50,000 jobs between September and October.

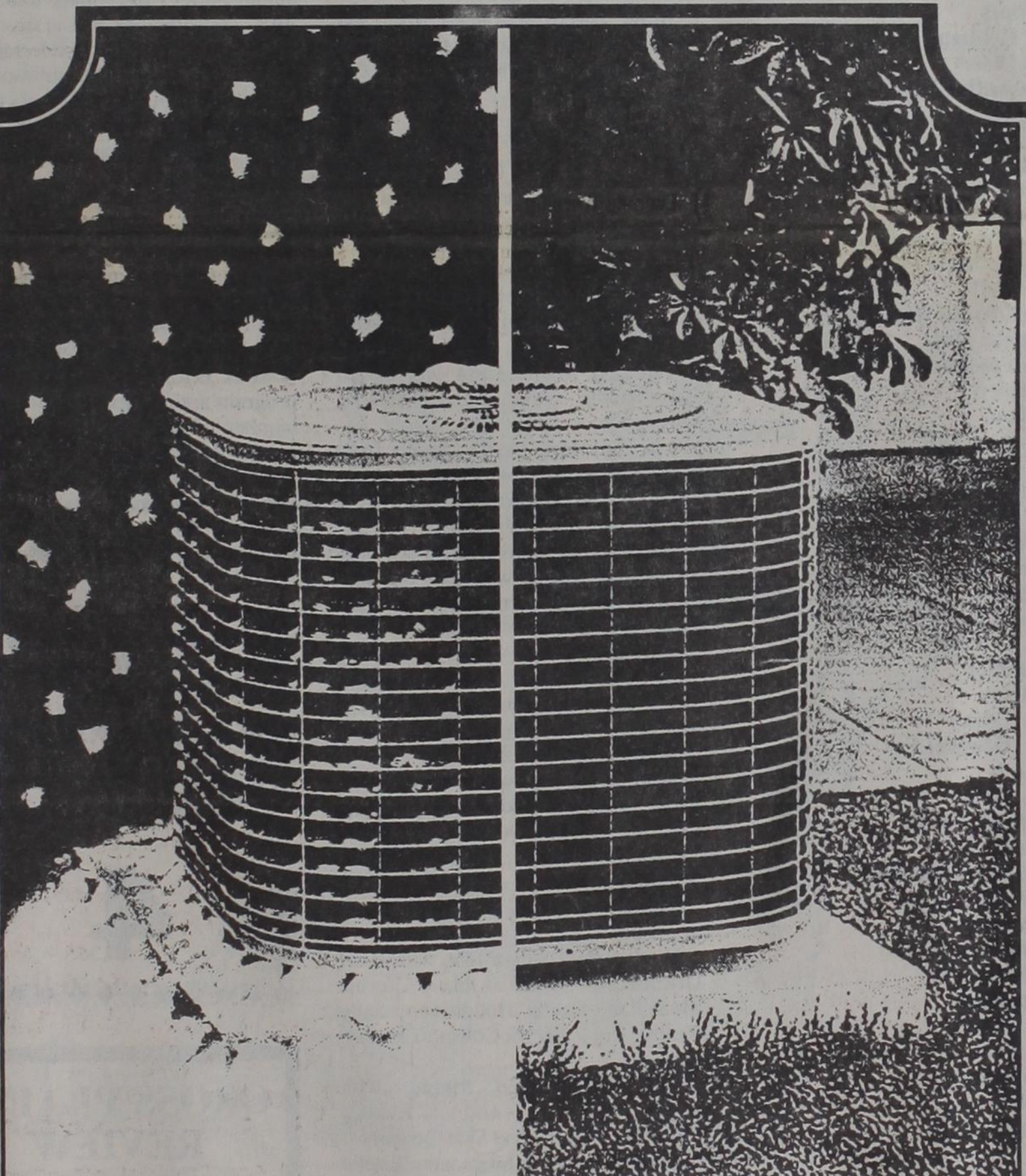
The areas with the highest unemployment rates in October were McAllen-Edinburg-Mission with a rate of 15.7 percent, Brownsville-Harlingen at 11.3 percent, El Paso with a 9.8 percent rate, and Odessa at 9.4 percent. "These areas

experienced a great deal of decline in unemployment," Nabers said. "Unemployment in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, for example, fell 1.4 percent while Odessa's rate dropped 1.2 percent. Areas such as these, hit hard by the recession, have been waiting a long time for this kind of good news."

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By TERRI BUSHNELL

Lois and D.J. Turner and Basil and Mary Dunlap were in Brownwood doing some shopping Friday. They celebrated Lois' birthday with a birthday dinner while there.

Leonard Long is home after a week's stay in Humana Hospital. Leonard and Christine's son, Rodney of Gaitherburg, Maryland, visited with them for a week.

Paul Walker visited with his parents, Doris and Andrew, over the weekend. The Walkers received calls from all their children this past week and all is well.

Miriam Kuebler's Sunday dinner guests were Cindy and Jim Kuebler and daughters, Lynn, Winnie and Robin, and Jim and Roberta Coffey. Jim and Roberta are leaving for Mojave Valley, Arizona soon.

Jack and Lovera Strickland attended a Christmas Party at Lake Coleman. Tommie and Charline Connelly and Jack and Lovera Strickland attended the Coleman Post Office party.

Tommy Gene Burns of Breckenridge and Lanette Burns visited in Round Rock over the weekend.

WEEKLY Health Tip

WIDENING ARTERIES

Patients with severe heart disease were put on very low fat (10% calories from fat) vegetarian diets, a moderate exercise program, stress management, and non-smoking regimen. After one year, total cholesterol levels dropped 30% and LDL by a whopping 40%, while coronary arteries actually widened by 10%. Conclusion: with a correct diet and life-style changes, the passages in coronary arteries can actually be enlarged.

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Thank You

All businesses and individuals who contributed in any way in making Santa's arrival and the Christmas Village such a great success in 1992.

Thanks to those decorating businesses and homes for the season.

Thanks to those donating arts, crafts, and baked goods.

Thanks to those involved in the "Living Windows", "Hayrides" and "Santa's Arrival".

Thanks to those who came to visit.

Your participation has truly made Cross Plains a "Caring Community Looking Towards The Future".

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Down Home

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toy to all the children and then distributed gag gifts to the adults.

The tall tales and laughter from the gag gifts were something else. I remember my grandmother, Ethel Anderson, sitting on Santa's knee.

Then performances began with various presentations such as a magic show, a tap dance, or maybe just a cart wheel. Anything to get into the act.

The family sang Christmas carols and relived funny experiences with such enthusiasm. They truly know how to have a good time!

The Albrecht family, who live in the Cottonwood area, are such a creative group. Jeanie Foller told me about when her mother, Amy, made red, green, and blue popcorn balls, wrapped them in clear plastic, and hung them on her Christmas tree. This made a beautiful tree in colorful array. When the children and grandchildren arrived, they plucked the popcorn balls off for tasty treats.

My children mentioned one Christmas when they were taken for a ride to try and catch a glimpse of Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer. They recalled driving over the pasture in pursuit of a red flashing light in the sky, which (at the time) they were sure was Santa and his famous reindeer.

When they arrived back at the house, St. Nick had already stopped by and left their toys on the back porch (just the opposite of his usual delivery). They even remembered receiving Pretty Ponies, the little pink barn, and all the accessories.

It is about time to make more Christmas memories. Here's wishing you a Happy Holiday!

Garden Club Christmas Luncheon

The program titled "Take Time To Decorate" was on display everywhere when sixteen members gathered at the Garden Center for a delicious luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on December 11.

The Social Committee was in charge of the decorations and planned luncheon. Gretna Payne was chairman with Lois Garrett, Maurine McCuin, Dorothy Webb, and Helen Tillotson assisting.

Marie Stambaugh gave the welcome and Joyce Odom the invocation.

Following the meal, President Pannice Oglesby conducted the business meeting.

Joyce Odom was in charge of the program of handcrafted decorations. Julene Franke had a display of "Things to Trim a Tree," made of dried flowers, cinnamon sticks, decorated balls, and an arrangement in an antique carriage lamp.

"For Times of Gaity," by Lois Henderson and Maurine McCuin, used fresh mint in glass and milk glass containers for the food preparation center. "For Times of Joy," by Exa Williams, was a design featuring a candlelight stained glass angel, gold colored contrived poinsettias against a red background.

Joyce Odom truly displayed her unusual talent of making beautiful things from junk. Her display of trimmed trees featured "Baubles, Beads and Wreaths," all from tin cans, wooden spools, beads, a chair spring, plant material, and fabric. Every display was a thing of beauty.

Rolan Jones was in charge of the door prize.

Next meeting will be January 15, 1993.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER 18
Mrs. Lester King
Max Miller
Cindy Chapman
Dwayne Clark
Deltha Hollingshead
Sheral McCorkle

Sharron Petty
Daniel Ingram
Sharron Ann Gage
Mrs. Jack Thomas
Jayln'DaNee Koenig
Samuel Ray Fritchlee

THE PIONEER PATCHWORK

By IRMA MILLER

The Quilting Circle ladies were privileged to have their Christmas party in the home of May and D.P. Jones on Tuesday. Guests at the party were Jewel Foster's daughter-in-law, Norma Foster, and her mother, Mrs. Eunice Ford of Paris. Almost all of the quilting club were present at the party.

Visiting D.P. and May Jones on Saturday was Mr. Randy Wroble of Abilene.

On Thursday, Frankie and Oliver Smith and Jean Fore visited Frankie's daddy in Ranger, and Thursday night attended the Band Concert in Rising Star. Saturday night the three went to Cisco to the musical. On Sunday, all three, along with the Smiths' daughter, Shirley Rankin of Rising Star, attended the Christmas concert in San Angelo, where the twin grandsons of the Smiths, Joey and Scott Nance, were singing in the choir. It was a very enjoyable concert, and the children were beautifully dressed.

Jean Fore, Lottie Sooter, and Frankie Smith went to the West Texas Rehab brunch on Saturday and saw the quilts displayed there. It was to be telecast on Harry Holt's TV program.

On Sunday afternoon Laverne Hutton and her sister and brother from Clyde visited with their mother in Cross Plains. Laverne entertained the Hutton family on Sunday night at a sandwich supper in her home. Wanetta was home for the event.

Visiting Joe and Nell Fleming on Wednesday was Mr. B.J. Anderson of Rising Star. On the previous Thursday, JoVeda, their daughter of Byrds Store, came and spent the day with Joe while Nell went to visit a friend in Cross Plains. Nell enjoyed this treat very much. Sunday morning visiting the Flemings were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Overman of Andrews and Sunday afternoon were Jay and Ernestine Rankin; JoVeda and Bill Watson of Byrds Store; Jim and Charlene Fleming and children. Sam Fleming of Cross Plains visited Saturday morning.

DECEMBER 19

Ruth Letney
Weldon McCorkle
Melissa Parrish
Max Watson
Dwayne Wilson
Don Gardner
Mrs. Betty Jones
Dee Barr
Mrs. Joe Coppinger
Malinda Winfrey
Greg McNutt
David Reed
Betty Mitcham

DECEMBER 20

Robert Ray Simons
Don Penn
William Reynolds
Bonnie Sheppard
James Lawrence
Rocky Champion
Ted Don Archer
Peggy Lee
Becky (Hicks) Lockyer
Patricia (Meador) Hopkins

DECEMBER 21

Allen Woody
Jackie Monsey
Cranz (Skipper) Nichols, Jr.
Jimmy Crawford
Eddie Hedrick
Beth Meador

DECEMBER 22

James Illingworth
Peter Perry
Cody Joe Slinger
Mrs. B. Crow
Gary D. Gilland
James Goble
Jerry Walker
Thurman Furry

DECEMBER 23

Bo Barr
Bobby Sipes
Roselyn Holmans
Douglas Dallas
Mrs. Kenneth Thate
Janet Rister
Weston Jones
Cliff Waddell III
Kenneth Sowell
Jason Beauchamp
Barbara (Purvis) Batton
Lauretta Johnson
Tommie Neff
Star (Dodds) Burleson
Mrs. Bertha Hoyt
Lawana Freeman
Ida Whitney
Brian Haun
Vanessa Ann Taff
Sheila McPherson
Loura Johnson

DECEMBER 24

Courtney Taylor
Tonya Steele
Dena Jo Nickerson
Mrs. E.B. Webb
Justin Richey
Mike Moore
Frankie Letney
Christy (Dewbre) Fox
Judy Steele
Patricia Webb
Gertrude McIntosh
D.P. McCorkle
Carol (Foster) Bectold
Mrs. Albert Hughes
Ethel Eastham
Mrs. Emma Morgan
James F. Bassett
Jim Alexander
Lacy J. Koenig
Christy Driskill
Brandy Hutton
Rita Falkner
Theresa Adams

FACTS & FIGURES

About 46,000 people die on U.S. highways each year and 300,000 to 500,000 more suffer serious injuries. Studies have shown that alcohol is involved in at least 60 percent of the accidents—and another contributing factor is the use of illegal drugs such as marijuana, heroin and cocaine.

A 1987 National Transportation Safety Board study of fatally-injured drivers of heavy trucks involved in 182 crashes found that 33 percent tested positive for drugs. Helping to get drivers under the influence of illegal drugs off our highways is the Drug Evaluation and Classification program of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Several thousand officers in about half of the states and the District of Columbia have been trained to conduct tests to determine what category of drugs a driver has been abusing.

Outstanding Rural Scholar Recognition Program Deadline April 2, 1993

AUSTIN — Now is the time to apply for the Texas Outstanding Rural Scholar Recognition Program. Applications for recognition are due by April 2, 1993. Even though that seems like a long way off, if your community is interested in sponsoring an individual in the Outstanding Rural Scholar Program, this is the time to

start the process.

The Outstanding Rural Scholar Recognition Program is a forgiveness loan program designed to help Texas rural communities "grow your own" health care professionals by sharing the cost of an individual's education with the state. Rural communities can sponsor individuals for educational programs leading to degrees in health care profession. Individuals can be sponsored to study medicine, dentistry, optometry, pharmacy, chiropractic, psychology, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, nursing, or any of the allied health professions.

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA EDINGTON
Activity Director

Burrtrr, we do believe winter has hit. Not much stirring going on around here.

The residents will be having their Christmas program Sunday the 20th at 2:00. Rev. Phillip Schaefer will be reciting the Christmas Story for us and the music will be provided by our regular Wednesday morning singing group. The residents, with Santa's help, will be exchanging gifts. We would like to invite all family and friends to come and help share some Christmas cheer with us.

Clara Coburn is back from the hospital. Welcome home, Clara. We missed you.

Bob, Cookie and Brian Robinson from Clyde visited J.P. and Nettie Clark.

Cody Hounshell visited Tud Hounshell.

Ila Mae Marshall visited with Valeria Rouse and Marvin Cade.

Claudell Joy visited with Ruth Joy. Visiting daily is Jeanel Purvis.

Billie Joyce Matthews from San Angelo, Sarah Brashear, Garland and Elva Dupriest from Rankin, Doris Goble, and Eddie Faye Dillard visited Valeria Rouse.

Billy and Karen Strickland from Glen Rose and Dorothy Eubank visited with Zenovia Strickland, Clara Coburn, and Jeannette Wiginton.

Bob Wallace visited with Lucille Stone and Jo Boatright.

Rolan Jones, Barbara Young, and Alma Illingworth visited with Midge McCall.

Ted and Mable Fann and Jewell Thompson were here visiting everybody.

Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Colson from Baird visited Annabel Vaught.

Frank and Ginger Orr from Fort Worth visited Octavia Orr.

Dan Ingram from Fort Worth and Daisy King visited with Inez Ingram.

M.L. and Earlene Hughes from Baird visited Lillian Smith.

Jo Boatright was visited by Wesley and Sheila Hilburn from Abilene, Peggy Hilburn, Susan and J.R. Sibley, and Bob Wallace.

Activities during the week:

Monday: Bingo winners were Annabel Vaught, Midge McCall (2), Lucille Stone, Dorothy Thomas, Estelle Breeding (4), and Vera Belyeu. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class. Popcorn and dominoes.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Pearl Greenwood, Clyde Linker, Vernie McMillan, Ozella Huddleston, Sally Roady, and Ruby McCowen. Exercise class.

Thursday: Linen folding with Rohni, Rachel, and R' Evelyn Childers. Domino and Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Bingo winners were Estelle Breeding (3), Sylvia Smith (3), Vera Belyeu, Midge McCall, and Ressa Glover. Afternoon singing with Sister Ruby and Bobby Jack McCowen.

Sunday: Church service with First Baptist.

All nature whispers its joyous message of the Christmas Season.

Sponsors determine what health care professionals are needed in their communities. Sponsors then nominate individuals for the Outstanding Rural Scholar Recognition Program to pursue study in those health care professions. Nominees who are recognized as Outstanding Rural Scholars become eligible to apply for forgiveness loans to cover the costs for their tuition, educational and living expenses. Fifty percent of the loan comes from the sponsor and the other fifty percent comes from the state. The loan is repaid by the scholar on a forgiveness basis. For each year the scholar is sponsored by the community, the scholar owes one year of health care service back to the community.

To nominate an individual, the community sponsor needs to be an entity with council members or a board of directors, trustees or commissioners which is responsible to and representative of a rural community. An individual can not be a sponsor. The sponsor must be located in one of the 205 Texas counties designated as "non-metropolitan" by the federal government in its most recent census. The sponsor must also have the legal authority to raise funds and accept gifts, contributions and grants. Finally, if your nominee is selected for a forgiveness loan, the sponsor must agree to provide 50% of the individual's costs for tuition, educational and living expenses (as determined by the school).

The benefit of the program for sponsors is that the state shares half the cost for "growing your own" health care professionals. By participating in the program, rural communities can better plan for their future health care needs. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, April 2, 1993. The program anticipates an increase in the number of applicants this year. It is recommended that sponsors submit their applications as soon as possible. For more information and an application, call the Center for Rural Health Initiatives at (512) 479-8891.

The word lake comes from the Greek word *lakkos*, meaning hole or pond.

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God's Good News to Somalia - Christ

Confirmed by numerous written authorities, America's soul was clearly and specifically Biblical Christianity beginning with her colonizing Pilgrim and Puritan fathers. Their faith and practice was clearly that God-given faith of every convert to **Christ as Risen Lord** in the light of the written Word of God. This was their foundation, light, life and motivation. The civilizing colonization of morality, laws, education and trade with the traditional family life structure at its core that emerged from the small New England beginnings is this country now called: America. It is these specifics of **Christian discipleship** directing all of life that is raged against and opposed by a multitude of groups including the national Democrat Party, media personalities like and including Dan Rather, NEA oriented and Tax-supported state schools and educators, Psychologists and Sociologists, Environment worshipping greens, sodomite -approving and feminist Clergy, to identify a few avowed opponents to the Biblical Christian faith.

For several decades, a very serious, persisting **pagan insurgency** has been waged in America. It has not been the **conspiracy** as suggested by some, but it has been **wide-ranging warfare**. It's roots are ever very influential: the unconverted pagan heart each is born with, the **natural inborn enmity** against God and convenience chosen over duty and vows. Thus, all their atheistic, Christ-opposing works, associations and ungodly developments follow. Nonetheless, the world remains **Christ's governed world** and each reaps according to that sown, not what is imagined, desired or vainly promised. A major influence contributing to the insurgency's growth has been the traditional Christian church pulpits filled with saltless, light-lacking pastors who continue to exhort **silence to evil**, reproof of moral reproofs and unending tolerance of all thought **except** biblical Christian doctrine! It has been further assisted by the **error of misdirected full-time Christian service** limited to sterile **churchy programs** as family, work, education, property, medicine, law, morality and government are left to the insurgents. Thus the road to **America's atheism** and greater civil strife was paved ... by the insurgents and the silence of a multitude of organized churches! (The recent reproof by nearly a dozen Southern Baptist state conventions of Bill Clinton's and Al Gore's contrasting church membership claims and immoral political positions is a blessed salty, enlightening development. WORLD, 11/29/1992A.D., p.4.)

Is it not at least incongruous that on Dec. 4, 1992A.D. American troops are committed to **Somalia** with the justification of **feeding starving Somali children** while the incoming President: Bill Clinton promises support and total endorsement for the **murder of 1 1/2 million unborn American babies** annually and with taxpayers funds! At **Occidental College** in California, some nonwhite students **whine and lie** saying "People of color have to work twice as hard ... kill ourselves to get where we want to go." ^{Wall Street Journal, P.1A, 12/21/1992A.D.} Thankful, they are not! At the same school, administrators selectively fret over these racial and ethnic secondary differences while blatantly ignoring the primary distinction of **historic Christian morality vs pagan moralities and hypocrisies** as they admit **no success** in having a campus specifically and knowingly dedicated and demonstrating **peace and righteousness** among men of good will.

(How could they with the **Prince of Peace**, His yoke, rule and law scorned, ridiculed and outlawed!) ^{Read Psalm 2}

Finally, contrary to the insurgent's dishonest pagan denials of America's obvious blessedness and their new education rhetoric that in earlier days America's **genius** was that of assimilation, **America's strength** was her Biblical Christian specifics and the willing acceptance of its discipline with God's grace and mercy! Such blessedness and success remain **still visible and effective** in every home, school, business and community wherein it is specifically followed! Just as Somalia's children will not be temporarily fed except order be initiated via the rigors of enforced martial law, even so, neither in Somalia, Russia nor America shall an enduring, desirable, just and **peaceful prospering society** long exist except the **King of Kings** and His revealed rule of law be both desired and adopted by those ruling. Such is the **known genesis and fruition of American culture** ... so hated, deplored and opposed by America's pagan insurgents but believed, prayed, sung, lived and taught by **Christ believers** of every age in every land. ^{Psalm 1, Psalm 2, Matt. 2:6-14}

A Blessed Christmas to all
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Santa Letters



Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa
My name is Michael Lee. Santa I would like to have a head phone radio and a cassette of Billy Ray the one who sings Achy Brachy heart and also if you have enough money I would like a bike.
And would you bring my brother Larry a cassette radio and a Garth Brooks tape. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies on the kitchen table for you?
Oh, ya; would you bring me a car set and a ranch set.

Love
Michael Lee

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me Super Nintendo, Hammerhead, Mario Two. I'll leave you some milk and cookies.

I Love You!
J.D. Cook
Kindergarten

Dear Santa
I wat Caif Baby, Beauty and the Beast Doll, Talking Barbie, Treasure Troll, Beauty and the Beast game. Thank you very mosh.

Love
Lindsay

Dear Santa,
How are you. I am fine. I would like to have harmonica, shiney, with case, real. How is Mrs. Claus, fine I hope. Please don't froget my brothers.

Love,
Christopher David Sliker

Dear Santa
I would like a black cowboy hat and a belt and two long sleeve cowboy shirts and some boots and some pants.

Your friend
Jon Doyle Beauchamp

Dear Santa Clause,
This year I want a horse. And a swimming pool. And a Barbie van.

Thanks Sicerely
Falon

I hope that every one else gets ther present.

Dear Santa,
I want new skates. I want a new dress. I want a new doll. I want a new purse. I want some new play money.

Dear Santa,
Please give me blue jeans and 2 neat short sleeve shirt. And a digital watch.

Gary Combs

Dear Santa,
My name is Marcus. I have been a good boy this year. I would like a trampoline, motorcycle, a football suit with football and a soccer nitendo game.

Love,
Marcus Williams

P.S. Don't forget the other boys and girls in Cross Plains, Texas.

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing good. I want a bike and a basketball and a goal. I have been pretty good.

Dusty Dickson

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie. I want a barbie house. I want barbie cloths. I want black rober boot. I want a new bike. I want new cloths.

Teralyn Terry

Dear Santa,
I wish I could have a walking puppy and a watch and some pencils.

Kim

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa, I have been a good girl. I would like a baby doll, troll watch, blue jean skirt and a Singing mermaid and Santa I'll leave you some goodies.

Nicole

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter that turns in to a skateboard. And I want a bat man and a Davy Crockett and Ralphael.

Andy

Dear Santa,
Hi. Hope your well. I would like a Barbarie and clothes, a Set of Sweats of Barbarie and Ariel, P.J. set, Beauty an Beast, a doll for Kay.

Wanda Jones
Age 6

Dear Santa,
My name is Jennifer. I have been a good girl this year. I want Puppy Surprise, Dream Phone game, Thin Ice. I want the Collectors Christmas Barbie.

Jennifer Young

Lacy

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a football and football suit. super duper double looper. Mario watch. super soaker 200. jean jacket. mini typhoon II. and moon shoes and fast tracks.

Wesley Price

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter. also a bebe gun. also a motorcycle. also a 22 gun.

Aaron

Dear Santa,
How is your day going? Hope all is well with you, Mrs. Santa Claus, the Elves and the Reindeer. How is Rudolph doing?

I have tried real hard to be good this year and help my Dad. I know you like boys and girls who try to be good and help out.

Here is a little list of things I would like for Christmas — a UFO Turbo Blimp, Sparkin' Hot Rods, Trouble Tracks, Fisher-Price Wood Workshop. Most of all I want a Merry Christmas for me, my Dad and sister and all my grandparents. Have a nice flight with Rudolph and the Reindeer!

Dillon Heath
Kindergarten

P.S. I'll have milk and cookies waiting for you!

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike. I want a toy car that runs.

Thank you, Santa
I Love You
James Clark
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I love you! I was a good gril this year. I would like some new colors and

color books. a pair of lace up boots black. a new shrit and pants. a doll that talks.

Bring my brothers and sisters some thing good.

Bring my Granny Autry some thing to make her feel better. She has been real sick.

Love You,
Laura Johnson
Kindergarten

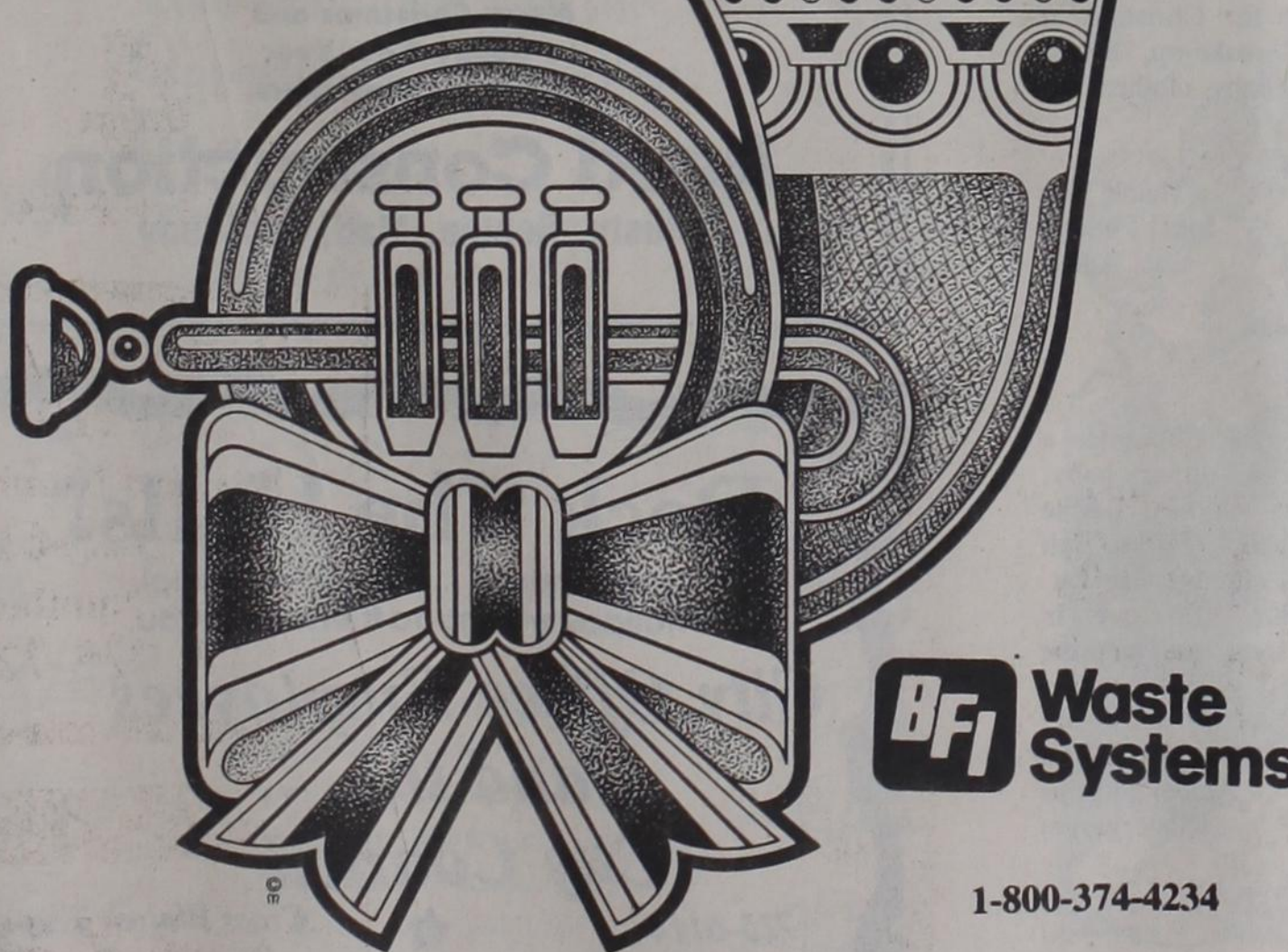
Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old and in Kindergarten this year. I've tried hard to be very good.

Would you please bring me a My Size Barbie, a Velveteen Rabbit, and a bicycle?

There will be cookies and milk for you by the tree.

Karen Ross
Kindergarten

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Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a remote-control backhoe. I have been pretty good most of the time. Would you also bring my little sister some play make-up so she'll let mom's alone?
I would like a radio-light for my bike to. Oh, ya, there will be a Dr. Pepper and some cookies on the table for you.

Thanks
Heath Walker
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a necklace and a ring. I would also like a bicycle. I want a little T.V., a dresser for my doll. I have been kind of good for you all year. I promise to be better. I love you Santa Claus.

Love you very much
Misty Callaway
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie Doll house, girl and boy doll, Baby doll dressing table, Teddy Bear that talks, most of all new clothes. My clothes are too short. Play dishes will also be nice, play bus.
Don't forget my sisters DeAnna and Donna. We have all been good this year.
I will leave you cookies and milk. DeAnna wants some jeans. Donna wants some jeans and shirt also.

Marie Besselaar
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Bicycle with training wheels and basket, Doll stroller with two seats, Doll High chair, Doll bassinet.

Kali Phillips
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like BeB gun, turtles, skates, bike, games.

Sean Trussell
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want a Slime Machine, play tools, Candy Land, gun, teddy bear, new shirt, jeans, neat shell, walkman.

Brandon James
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I thank you for the bike you gave me last year. I want a ninja turtle and Batman, a big football, TOX Gun.
Bring all my family what they want. Thank your elves for fixing the presents, and be careful while you fly! See you Christmas!

Gregory Johnson
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll and a doll house. Also a bicycle.

Becky Isbell
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I have been a great kid. My Papa said I was. Please bring me a bee bee gun, a red big foot like dusty has, a merimum turbo shooter, turbo nanner, a deer gun raffle to shoot them deers down with. Come in our back door cause we left our chimmeney at our house in Early.

Kyle

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, playhouse, and a Barbie Doll.
Santa I have been a good girl all year long.

Laci

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been a good girl this year. I would like a new baby, some clothes, a watch, and some games. Please remember my brother Zach. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love You,
Stephanie Edington

Dear Santa,
Yes, I have been good this year. (I knew you'd want to know that) so here is a hint on what I would like for Christmas. A baby that say over 100 things and more, a trampoline for me and my brothers, a giggle wiggle troll doll, some Beauty and the Beast things, a California Roller Blade Doll, a Barbie Doll that's 3 ft. tall and I can wear her clothes, a Snow White tape, mouse-trap game and anything else you might want to leave. Please don't forget my two brothers Jarad (who wants a gun) and Coby (who wants everything). Please, Please, Please remember Baby Calvin in Deleon since this is his first Christmas. I want it to be special cause he is so special to me.

Love you muches and forever
Kelsee D'ves Richards

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a radio or a dump truck for Christmas.
Thank you.

I Love You Santa
Eddie Rose

Dear Santa,
Please bring me for Christmas a make-up case and make-up, boots, western hat, skating baby, clothes, cry baby.

Thank You
Maci Phillips
Age 5

Dear Santa,
Please bring me for Christmas a make-up case and make-up, cry baby, skating baby, boots, clothes, Barbie car, crayons for school, Barbie doll house, Barbie dolls and western hat. And please help our troops over in Africa come home soon. And help the Somalians.

Thank You
Amber Phillips
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a pair of hunting boots, flashlight, and for my little sister a baby Mickey Rattle and a soft baby doll.

Blake

Dear Santa,
How are you? And how are Rudolph and the rest of the Reindeer? Fine, I hope. When you come to Texas, would you please bring me some toys? I would really like to have some pirate legos and a Cobra, GI Joe Hall of Fame guy. But anything you bring me,

I'll like. Please don't forget my brother, Nicholas. He said he would really like a walkman and a Nerf Master Blaster. We have been pretty good this year, but if it is okay, don't ask Mom and Dad!

I will leave some cookies and milk out for you. I love you. Santa!

Thomas Dimitri

Dear Santa,
I want a front-end loader, a battery operated tractor, and new black shoes. For Melissa, I want a little front-end loader. For Mom, I want a new black shirt. For Dad, I want new shoes and a tool set. For Greg, I want new pants, new white shoes, a shirt, and a battery tractor and front-end loader. I like you Santa and I hope you bring presents. Thank you, Santa for bringing presents.

Travis Black

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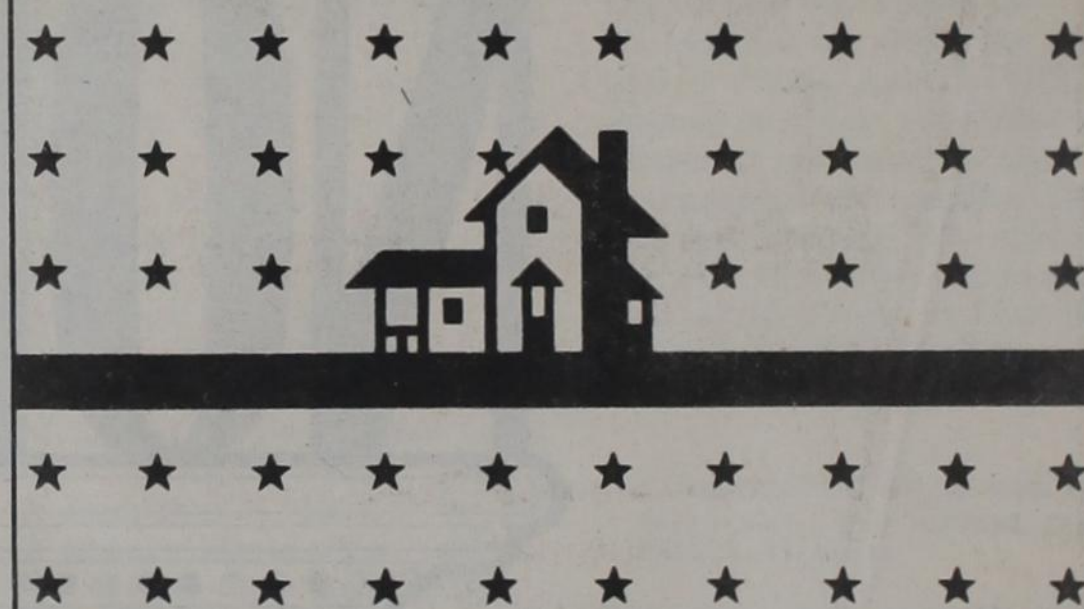
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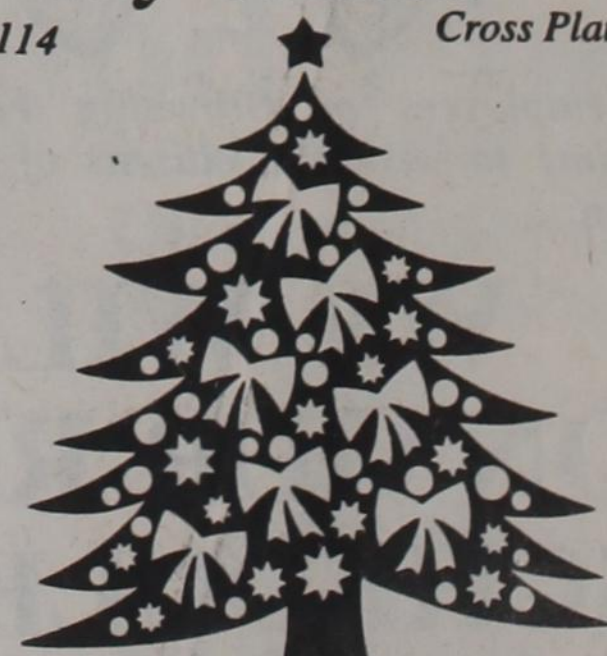
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Dear Santa,
I want a Goofy, a Pluto, and a Mickey. Goofy should have on red and black shoes. Pluto should be yellow and Mickey should have on a red suit. I also want some clothes. They should be jeans and shirts. I want a train that says choo-choo. If you have a clown, I would like one of those too.
I have been very good. I have been just playing. I need to let you know that I will be at my Mimi Weiss' house on Christmas. She lives in Cross Plains, Texas.
Hope to see you at Christmas but of course I will be in bed.

Love,
Heath Mayo

Dear Santa,
Can you please, please give me a bike. I will send you a paper that shows what it looks like. I will send you some money because it cost alot.

Your friend,
Rusty Combs

Dear Santa,
I'm wanting a Californin Roller Baby, and Beauty and the Beast Game, Beauty and the Beast tent, Roller Blades. Thank you, Santa.

Love
Ashley Cook
Age 8

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle and California Roller Baby and a Beauty and the Beast Game and a One Line Skates and Crimpanacurl and Barbie Motor Home and a Barbie Lemo.

Love
Charly Canales

Dear Santa,
I would like to see Rudolph. Please

bring me a Nurf Missle Launcher. I would like a go-cart. I need a four wheeler to. I want a Claw Master Truck. I need a hoolahoop. And a Merry Christmas to you.

Love,
Dustin Martin
Age 7

Dear Santa,
I want you bring me a walkman and I want you to bring me a crisp and corl, and the grat mace betere. And bring my dad a new pair of boots. And some pants and a hat and a shirt and some new tool to. And I want you to bring my Moma some pots and pans. And a new dress and some new shoes. And bring me and my cousin a bike and some new close and me and my sister close. And bring Laselaly and her a game and bring Chiez a dog and a riddle.

Thank you
Citanya Scott

Dear Santa Claus,
This is what I want for Christmas is a
1. walkman
2. Falcons footballhelmet
3. crossbow
4. baseball card set
5. and basketball
Well, I haft to go now.

Merry Christmas!
From Joseph Dillard

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a new bike, a phone of my own, a color tv big screen of course and a porche a real one NOT! Next, I want Cross Plains to have six feet of snow and some new dolls and a crib for them. Well that's all for now.

Thank You Santa,
Jenny Pancake
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you have a good crismus. Hear is what I whant for crismus, I whant a walkman, a goldchain for doyes, a new thooth and a new knife. See you this crismus.

Your friend
Jason James

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am find. I don't won't all the important stof like sokes and all that you now what I mean. All I whan't this year is a Barbie porche, and roller skaets, and if you have time this year I would like a roller skate Barbie. And then I would like a ring in my stoking. Well I will see you tomor- ror NOT! How about nexts year.

Love
Sarah Nixon

P.S. Writ bake.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year and for Christmas I would like twister the game, Little Miss Magic Jewely, Californa Roller Baby, Mall Madness, Beauty and the Beast dolls, Radio, I would also like for you to bring my brother a drum set. Please don't forget KK, Chase, Brett, Trent.
Say hi to Rudolph for me and I'll leave you some milk and Snicker Doodles on the pool table.

I love you
Candice Bailey
3rd grade

Dear Santa Claus
I want a walkman and a Wynona tape for Christmas.

Love,
Angela Swift

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like set fo jeuses and theys things a role bote, skip stick, supper intedole, JV, VCR, Chuck Nors moves, bebe gun, 22 gung, a tendum truck, new shoses, a jactes, football, and a foot jersey, and a new clouses.

Love,
Joseph Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,
For Chrismus I want a new bike, a soccer ball, Indiana Jones set of books. I want the robot 2-XL.

Your friend,
Shane Sharpe

Dear Santa,
Could you please get me a football, baseball, triple cd radio, Air Jordan's, Dallas Cowboys shirt, fast track, turbo Hammer, Juke Box, Roller Blades, Home Alone.

Thank you,
Aaron Norris

P.S. I'll leave you milk and cookies. Could get Jesse a Baby Roller Blade, totally hair Barbie, Roller Blades, Starlite, Cross Plains Buffalos Cheerleader suit. Jesse will be thankful.

Dear Santa Claus
I would like a walking horses, Beauty and Beast and the sleeping bag little mes magic, jilew don't feed the gader, cradle dintecci frog soccer.
Thank you. I will leve y mike and cookes.

Love
Nici Higginbottom

Dear Santa,
I would like Baby Sitters club dolls and Teen Tak Barbes. A new pare of boots, new clothes, and spind the night with Silvia. I want a desk for my room. I want pouer weels and a baby doll name baby feel so reel. I want a new sister. I want a new radio. I want new clothes.
And for Misty ot get better. A new bike and a Garth Brooks shirt, tape, and walkman, and Buty and Beast dolls. And Prince Arick with Ariel. And a little mirmade school bag.

Your friend
Jennifer Canales



Peace · Love · Friendship

Wishing you and yours a world of peace this Christmas.

NUTTY ACRES
DAN AND NANCY CHILDRESS

SILENT NIGHT

Season's greetings and sincere good wishes for the best of holidays!
Thank You for Your Patronage.

Dale Mitchell Building
Dale, Myrna, Justin, and Mindy

Merry Christmas

The best of wishes for a Happy And Prosperous New Year. We want you to Know that we appreciate Your patronage and the Opportunity you've given Us to serve you!

Lakeway Grocery
Bill and Barbara Young

Good times, good friends, good cheer... we hope that you'll experience them all this Christmas and throughout the coming year. Thanks to all our customers.

Jack's Place
West Highway 36
Cross Plains

Jack and Wanda Martin

Happy gifting time is near! So-o-o — better be good for goodness sakes, when Santa Claus is here!

Connie's Cuts & Curls
Connie Kirkham, owner/operator
Lillie Dillard
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PK's

We're wishing you a generous serving of good health, good cheer and happy times to last the year through!
Thanks, friends:
Jean & Dwayne Wilson
Deana Strickland
Debbie & Nikki Wilson
Sissy Worley
Kala (Pill) Key

NOEL

Thanks, friends, for the support you've shown us in the past. It is our special wish that your Christmas be merry in every way.

Dairy Queen
From All The Folks At Your ...
Cross Plains Dairy Queen

Have A Safe Holiday!

We're happy to be of service to the folks in our area, and wish you our best this holiday season!

CHARLIE'S TRUCK AND TRAILER REPAIR
East Highway 36 and Ave C Cross Plains
Charlie and Linda Strength
Keith Kelly

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Dear Santa,
I need a pair of shoes, pants, and a shirt. I also want sum roller skates, and I want a frontender for my brother, and for my mom and dad I want a teshist, and for my sister I want a trackor. Thank you Santa.

Greg Black

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baseball, a football, and Rudolph the red nos reindeer.

Michael Gregory

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Will you bring me a Twins, a Barbie, a Barbie ball, and a boom box.

Amanda Rivard

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Bring me a toy jeep, a basketball, a train, and a soccer ball.

Sammy Gardner

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Bring me some Roller skates and a china doll. Please bring me a basketball.

CheyAnne McDorman

Dear Santa,
Please will you get me a soccer ball and will you get me a baseball and I want a basketball and football.

Jordan Hataway

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a dirt bike, western clothes, boots and a western hat.

Brandon Phillips

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a radio, soccer ball, a trampoline and roller skates.

Audrey Purvis

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Will you please bring me a Santa Claus doll, a Twin, and Rudolph the red nosed reindeer.

Tessa Winters

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Batman uniform, Santa Claus doll, an elf doll, and a soccer ball.

Josh Nelson

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Baby Heartbeat, a bird, a Crimp and Curl Bab, a Crimp and Curl Pony, and a Big stuffed reindeer.

I Love You
Brittany Apple

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me Baby bones and that's not all. Incredible Crash dummies. and a Aladdin Genie and a bicycle.

Jeri Hinkle

Dear Santa,
Please will you dring me a boom box, a four wheeler, a motorcycle, and a basketball.

Andrew Taff

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun, sub boat, and a jump rope.

Thomas Stephenson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Batman uniform, a bicycle, and a Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer.

Jeff Champion

Dear Santa Clause,
How are you? This Christmas I would like Super Soaker 200, Power Laser Gun, Bruno the bad dog, 12" inches Cobra Comander, Crash Dummies Crack Ups and a Sword. I'll leave you cookies and coca-cola.

Love,
Russell Thomas

Dear Santa,
How are you? Iam fine. For this Christmas I would like my size barbie, crimps and curly pony and cabbage patch kid, rappin' rocker barbie, Stacie, make me pretty styling head, magic sounds house neptune fantasy barbie, teen talk barbie, totaly hair barbie, barbie furnitur, dream builders, video painter, scatterories, and nintendo do plus vidio games. I will leave you cookies and coca-cola.

Love,
Shena Thomas

P.S. I'll understand if I'm too expensive.



May the



of this holy day
and the joy it
brings stay
with you
throughout
the year.

Odom's Motel
Nell Bowden



Santa's on his way to fill your hearts and homes with the joy of Christmas. Our sincere good wishes to everyone.

Sylvia's Hair Shack

Sylvia Switzer, Owner

Phone 725-6333



Having a Rousing
Good Time!

Best times to be
had by all this
Christmas
season. To all our
wonderful
patrons we say
Thanks!

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Baird, Texas



Away in a Manger

As we celebrate His triumphant birth,
may we take this time to express our
joy and faith in all mankind.

Bob & Sally Roady
725-6394

**JOY
TO
ALL**

The bells ring out the happiness of the season. May you share in its joys.

**C & C
Enterprises**
(817) 725-6200

Benny and Gaynelle
Callaway

Dear Santa Claus,
Hello! How is everything? Fine I hope for a Big Christmas Eve Night. I've been a pretty good boy by brushing my teeth, dressing myself, picking up toys, going to Sunday School, and helping with Sis Sis. So I appreciate it if I could have some toys, no, alot of toys on Christmas Eve, I would like to have turtles, thats Teenage Mutant Turtles, turtle van, I like to have Batman things too, but I know I'll be happy with what I get. Oh for my baby sixter thats 1 yr old and plays with me alot, she's brushes her teeth too and been real good by being mom's little helper. She would like to have lots of babies (baby dolls) and we have lots of tea parties and she would like to have some more dishes. But as I was saying we'll be thankfull for what we get. Keep warm on Christmas Eve, Thank you Santa Claus.

William Christopher Clark, 3 gr.
Anna Marie Clark, 1 yr.
Mr. & Mrs. Bowen Clark, kids



An old-fashioned
wish for health,
wealth, happiness!

Season's Greetings
from all at

Bryan's Variety

Although it's
been said many
times, many ways
... Thank you and
Merry Christmas!

**Freddy Tatom
Repairs**
725-6370



With all good thoughts for a holiday of sheer joy and unbounding love. To all our customers we say "Thank You"!

Hinkle TV Service
Cross Plains, Texas



Greetings of the season to you and yours.

Gene and Bettye Greenwood

Margaret McNeel

Pam Glover

Greenwood Insurance Agency



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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Nerf missile launcher, The Grape Escape, and a football. I have tried to be a good boy. I am in the 3rd grade. I am also 9 years old. Have a safe trip Tell your 8 reindeer and Rudolph and Mrs. Claus hello. I will leave you some milk and cookies for you. Thank you.

Your friend,
James Ross

Thanks, Santa.
Love,
Byron McNutt
2nd grade

P.S. There are some cookies and milk by the tree.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Ice Craem Maker and some One Line Skates. But one thing I do want is a Four Wheeler and a Go-cart. And California Roller Baby, and definitely a Tournament Table. And a Lemo four my Barbies. And a new Bicycle and a tape of Home Alone 2. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Marissa Black
Age 7

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a California Roller Baby and A California Roller Blades and a Ice Cream Maker and a new

bicycle.
Love,
Mary Stephenson
age 8

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I like his nose. My name is Mykea Shyenne Douglass and I would like for you to bring me a Roller Blade Baby and a Barbie Jeep. Also a microphone to sing Achey-Breaky Heart. Please don't forget my Bubba's pool table and a new car for my mommy and Aunt Kami. Come by Grannie Telo's for milk and cookies.

I love you,
Mykea

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Karen Scott, I will be 4 years old, I have been kinda good this year. Please bring me a Barbie, Skipper and Stacie doll, and a kitchen. I Love you, I can't wait 'till Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish I could have a b-b gun and I want a snake and a bulldozer and a knife.

Dear Santa Claus,
Can I have some handcuffs? Can I please have a cop car that is remote control with a steering wheel? I also want a basketball and football.
Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, thank you for all the toys.

Love,
Brenton McNutt
Kindergarten
P.S. If you can, please bring me a shotgun with deer bullets and dove bullets.

Dear Santa Clause;
I would like a Little Mermaide game for my Nintendo and a tape player with a microphone for Christmas. I have been extra good this year, even in the hospital both times. My brother Josh wants crash dummies and a crash car. He was extra good too, even in the hospital. Please leave my sister Connie something nice. Cause she was good too! Will you bring my brand new cousin Andrea lots and lots of toys? This is her first Christmas, and she was very good too. Mon and Dad say all they want is for everyone do be well. Especially all children. We're going to help mom make Christmas cookies. I get to decorate them and I'll leave some just for you!

Love,
Jonathan Nelson
age three

Dear Santa,
My name is Christopher Beaty. I would like a Batman toy for Christmas. I would like a radio flyer wagon. I want lace-up boots. I would like new clothes, too. I would like moon shoes, moon shoes are shoes that you can bounce on.

Christopher Beaty

Next Stop... Christmas!

Old fashioned wishes for friendship and fun this Yuletide. We're so very glad to know and serve you.

R. L. and Billie Barnett

Barnett Garage

Keep our warmest thoughts for a wonderful Christmas with you this year. Many thanks for your support.

A. H. McCowen Construction

Alton and Joan

Hear the Bells!

Ring in new joy for the Holiday Season.

Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May peace, love and happiness be your gifts at Christmas and throughout the coming year. Thank you for your patronage.

Texas Farm Bureau
Ron Bagley, Agency Manager

Joyous Holidays

Chiming in with this expression of our hopes for you at Christmas — joy to all!

From Dub Meador & Family
D&B Carpet and Carpet Cleaning
725-7720

JOY

Here's a very special wish for you at Christmas. Thank you for your patronage

T&K Tire and Alignment

Tommy Webb & Family
Randy Baker & Family

HO! HO! HO!

May the joy of peace, love, health and prosperity be yours this holiday time. Thanks to all our wonderful customers!

CROSS PLAINS BUSINESS SERVICE
and
THE BACK ROOM
(817) 725-7712

SILENT NIGHT

... holy night. We pray for the blessings of the Infant Jesus upon you and your loved ones at Christmas.

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Eddie Curtis — County Sheriff
Cubelle Harris — 42nd District Clerk
Allen Wright — County Attorney
Joe Ingram — Commissioner, Precinct 4

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a 2XL Robot and a Tournament Table, a Nurf Missile Launcher, a Gameboy, one line Skates, a Go-Cart, a Mega man 3 Game, a bicycle, a train set, a watch.

Love,
Jaron Paul Hataway
Age 8

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph. This year I would like to hve a Tournament table for me and my brother. And I would really like to have a E-Z-2-DO fashon machine, and I kinda need some clothes so I would Like to have some clothes that have trolls on them. I would kina like to have a easel I bet your probably tired of cookies and milk so I will leave you some Christmas rice kricpis and a Dr. Pepper.

Your friend
Emily Winfrey
Age 8

Dear Santa,
Have you had a good Christmas?
How is your elves, Santa? There my list, California Roller Baby, I Ice Maker, Crimp and Curl, Beauty and the Beast Game, and Barbie Motor Home.
Hear is My baby sister, Go-Cart and whasr and dryer, Barbie Lemo, Roller Blades.

Have a Merry Christmas to Santa.

Love,
Sheila Marie Bell
Age 7

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a play gun and a Nerf bo and arrow. And may I have a bullet proof vest, Terminator and a play dinosaur. A turtle game, a Rudoph tape, a toy Santa that can walk and talk and run and a jack in the box and a play dog that can bark.

Your friend,
Ben Faries

Dear Santa!
Hear is my Christmas list. Please

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Wishing you a bright and glowing Holiday Season, filled with warmth and good feelings.

Judy's Hair Place
725-6665
East 15 and Ave A
Cross Plains, Texas



bring me a tournament table. Please bring me a Nurf missile lancer. Please bring me a four wheeler. Have a Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Cole Koenig
Please bring my gifts. I am 7.

Dear Santa,
Are you having a good Merry Christmas? Here are some things that I want for Chistmas. I want a Barbie tent and a Beaut and the Beast Game and a new bicycle that has a bottle to drick out of.

Love,
Dani Rivard
I am 8 years old

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me a Barbie Doll Set, an Ariel Doll, a doll that walks, a pet cat, a new house, and a teddy bear that glows in the dark. Pease remember my brother and sister and all the other kids that have been good this year. I will have cookies and milk for you.

I love you,
Raynell Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi how are you doing I'm fine. Did you know I don't want the important stuff like socks. I bet you know what I want is two or tree trolls for Christmas. Ok I don't want any more toys ok. Waht I want is some western clothes like rocky mountains or silver lake pants. I would like it if you bought me 2 or 3 western shirts.

Love your friend,
Sara Ramirez

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa I want a Cincinnati Bengals football jersey, rollor skates, a tree in my back yrad, a new bike, crayons, a Reindeer, a football cup, a football, a ten dollar belle, a Reindeer book, football cards, and a raccoon. Mary Christmas and a happy new year.

Love you,
Joshua Hopkins

Dear Santaclaus
I have been very good this year. Please bring me a Barbiedoll, and a book because I want to read and learn more English. Please bring my little sister a little toy. Bring Loli a doll and bring my brother some cars.

Thank you Santa Claus
Violeta Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all year, except for once or twice. Mother says I'm now forgiven for those.

At my pre-school in Lubbock, I have been "real" nice. So could you please bring me a Nintendo, a hot skate, kneepads and helmet, and a bicycle like my cousin, Drew's (if you don't run out of bikes). I also would like a Nerf bow and arrow set and lots of books for boys my age. I am four now, but will be 5 on February 5.

My grandmother helped me write this. She and Grandad just moved to Cross Plains. I can hardly wait to visit them.

If you have any dollars left, please bring something for my Mom. Most of the time she was good.

Your friend,
Zachary Mosley

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old and am very good boy. If you could I would like to have a Bullet-Gun, a Pistol. Please bring something for my brother, Cole, and sister, Libby.

Thank you
Clay Koenig



Lettuce farming probably began in Persia as early as 55 B.C.

...

Children are educated by what the grown-up is and not by his talk.

—C.G. Jung

PEACE

The best gift at Christmas time is the gift of love! Merry Christmas!

Stroud Shamrock
Guy & Elsie Stroud

On The First Day of Christmas

Happy holidays to one and all!
We appreciate your business...

Brownwood Television Cable
(800) 527-2576

JOY

A cheery hello to all our many friends, with warmest wishes for a very happy Christmas season.

Susan J. Schaefer
Certified Public Accountant
Phillip, Susan, Tonya, Starla, & Benjamin Schaefer

Joy

We extend to each and every one of our customers our bouquet of Christmas hopes: peace and love and prosperity to one and all!

Tim's Floral & Gifts
(817) 725-6220
Tim Dillard

Happy Holidays

It's a time of joy and cheer, and we're happy to share it with you.

**RR Operation Inc
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Richard Wilson

Taylor County Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Merkel, Texas

With thoughts of thanks for your very kind support, go our hopes for a very special holiday, abundant in love and good cheer.

Holiday Roundup

Have an ol' fashioned Christmas and a grand ol' time! Thanks for your support, pardners!

Johnson's Dry Goods
725-6211
Noah and Bobbie

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**Wrap It Right
For The Holidays**

Since you've taken the time to choose the perfect holiday gift, why not take a few more minutes to ensure that it arrives safely by wrapping and addressing correctly. Follow these helpful tips from the U.S. Postal Service throughout the year to make sure your packages are carefully delivered:

- Select a container strong enough to protect the contents during handling. Fiberboard containers are generally strong enough to ship most materials. Your local post office offers packaging products designed to make sure packages are delivered safe and sound.
- Leave space for cushioning. The container should have enough space to hold the contents plus cushioning to prevent damage. Liquids should be sent in leakproof interior and exterior containers. Items which have an odor should be placed in a container which is impermeable to the contents.
- Prevent contents from shifting and absorbing shock by using good cushioning materials such as polystyrene, shredded or rolled newspaper, bubble plastic and fiberboard inserts.
- Use reinforced tape—DON'T use twine and cord; they tend to catch and bind in mail processing equipment.
- Mark the address and zip code clearly and make special markings to alert the Postal Service to packages that are fragile or should not bend.
- Include a return address label in the package prior to wrapping and sending.

Three times early rising makes one whole day.
—Chinese Proverb

Dear Santa,
I want an arcade game that has pool and air hokey. And a Dallas cowboy 22 with E. Smith suit with acop and jacket that has Dallas cowboy. And monster face. Cowboy hat belt and boots. And tv vcr. The movie Ernest scared stupid and two walky tokeys and a football. Baseball card locker alumate card kit, master collector all sport card storage system. Clasic uncut sheets of 1992 Draft pick and sum pump, and a 10 speed, trampoline.

Your friend,
Jason Beauchamp

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a toss across game, and a Dump truck, and loader, and a cowboy hat and some boots. And my sister Cristy would like a grocery basket and a baby doll. We will leave you some milk and cookies by the tree.

Your friend,
Cory and Cristy Beauchamp



At Christmas, and throughout the year, we extend our thoughts of peace and brotherly love to all. Our customers are the best!
Ellen's Closet & Hughes Upholstery
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Graffiti is the Italian word for "scribbling".

**Seasons Greetings
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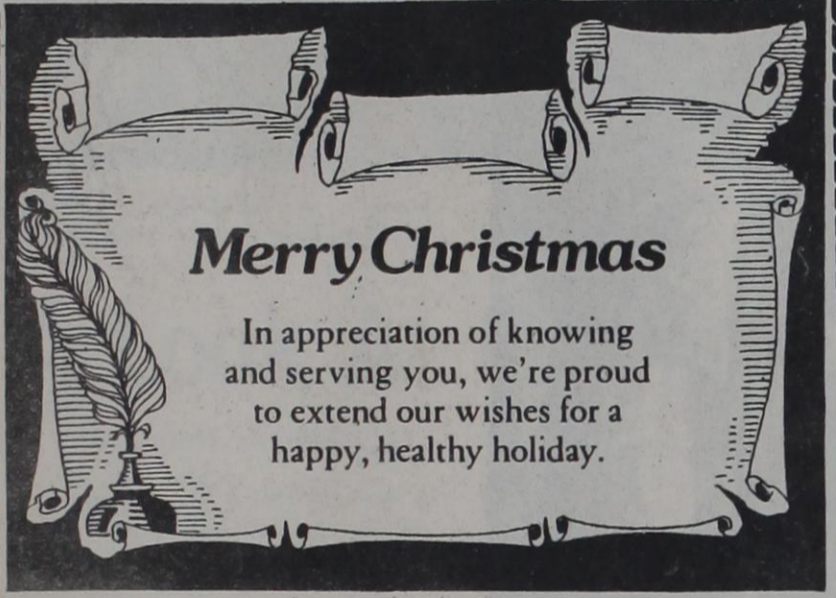
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Have you read a good book lately?

**Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year**
Cross Plains
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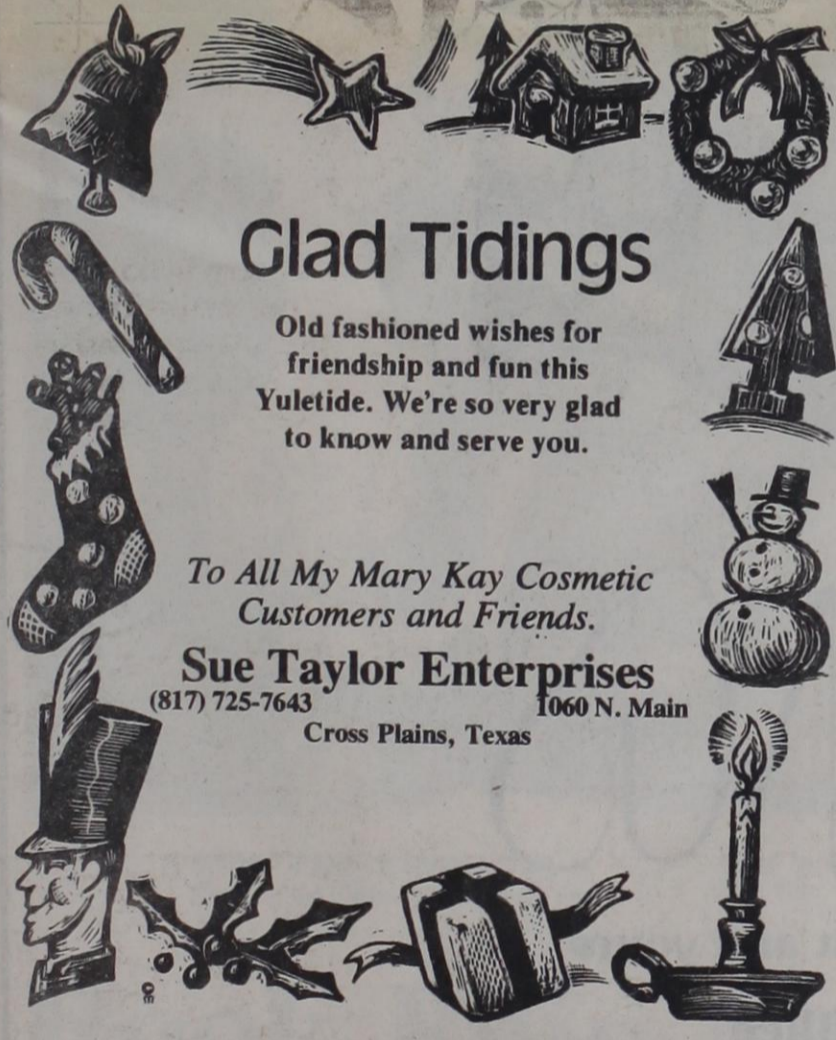


Merry Christmas

In appreciation of knowing and serving you, we're proud to extend our wishes for a happy, healthy holiday.

Ross L. Jones
Attorney At Law

9th and Main
Cross Plains
(817) 725-6747 Coleman (915) 625-2146



Glad Tidings

Old fashioned wishes for friendship and fun this Yuletide. We're so very glad to know and serve you.

To All My Mary Kay Cosmetic Customers and Friends.

Sue Taylor Enterprises
(817) 725-7643 1060 N. Main
Cross Plains, Texas



Deck The Halls

Your friendship and support mean a lot to us. Have a very, Merry Christmas!

The Movie Store

Best Wishes

Best wishes to all for a happy and joyous Christmas!

Dr. Billy T. Carpenter

and staff —
Pat

Debbie Sherry
Frances Norma



Merry Christmas



With warmest greetings, we send to all, our dearest hopes for peace and joy!

Season's Greetings From Mrs. Ray Lee, The Staff and Residents At

Colonial Oaks Nursing Home



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the joy and peace of that first Christmas be with you and yours
this season. Our wish is for all hearts to be filled
with gladness, contentment and the desire for real brotherhood.

Our gratitude to the kind, generous people we serve.

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Don Tabor *Vanda King*
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STUDENT REVIEW REPORTER

Carol Atchley



GUEST SPEAKER — Darron Koenig spoke with several high school students about computer careers including Renetha Carrouth (from left), Josh Harrell, Brandon McGuire, Tiffany McKenzie, Bettina Gomillion, and Bucky Williams.

A Look At Computer Careers

By CAROL ATCHLEY

Darron Koenig, a 1979 graduate of Cross Plains High School, recently returned to his alma mater (as several graduates have) to talk with the students about different career opportunities. He spoke with not only Mrs. Jo Rhodes' 7th grade careers class, but also many of the high school students. His presentation was regarding word processing and other computer related career opportunities. The presentation was sponsored by

West Texas Utilities. Koenig is a Software Product Support Manager for Central and South West Texas Services in Dallas. He brought with him several different computer devices with which the students were able to get some hands-on experience. The students also had the opportunity to ask Koenig any questions they may have relating to the equipment or his work, or other computer opportunities. Koenig received a BBA in Information Systems from Abilene Christian University and an MBA from Amber

University. He is also a Certified Data Processor and has worked for over ten years in the data processing industry including banking, stock brokerage services, and public utilities. While at CSW, he has worked on the development of several large computer systems that are currently in use by WTU and CSW. Darron is the son of James Oscar and Lucille Koenig and lives with his wife, Kim and two children, Melissa and Daniel, in Sunnyvale, east of Dallas.



BOOK FAIR CUSTOMERS — Many of the elementary students purchased books during the annual C.P. Book Fair.

Book Fair A Tremendous Success

By CAROL ATCHLEY

One of the most popular and successful programs at Cross Plains Elementary and Middle School is the annual Book Fair, and this year was no exception and the final calculations are done. The Book Fair was held recently, giving students in Kindergarten through the 8th grade the opportunity to purchase books for their personal use. There is always a wide variety of books and other materials from which the students could choose. Many students purchased more than one item. There are basically two goals in having the Book Fair each year. One, it encourages the students to read more by providing the opportunity to buy books of their own at reasonable prices. Secondly, it generates money for the elementary library, which in turn allows the library to purchase additional selections which are then

available for the students to check out. In addition to the students being able to purchase books, the faculty had the chance to select \$25 worth of books or materials that could be used in their classrooms. All of the elementary teachers took advantage of this opportunity, as did most of the middle school faculty.

Collegiate Athletic Scholarships Available

Over 100,000 collegiate athletic scholarships are available each year to male and female high school and junior college student athletes. Contrary to popular belief, students don't have to be all state to qualify. Much of this money goes unused. A new publication with forms, sample letters, and tables of factual information is available for student athletes. It takes

them step by step through the important process of getting an athletic scholarship and includes college and conference listings. For information on how to get a collegiate scholarship, send a #10 self-addressed, stamped envelope to the National Sports Foundation, 611A Willow Drive, P.O. Box 940, Oakhurst, NJ 07755.

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High School Basketball Results

By COACH BILL BOYD

VARSITY BOYS
December 8, 1992

SCORE:
C.P.: 83
Zephyr: 60

STATISTICS:
QTR. TOTALS:

1ST
C.P.: 25
Zephyr: 13

2ND
C.P.: 13
Zephyr: 8

3RD
C.P.: 26
Zephyr: 21

4TH
C.P.: 19
Zephyr: 18

FREE THROWS:
(Cross Plains)
Attempts: 58
Made: 30
Percentage: 52%
Total Ft. Points: 6/17 35%
3 Pointers Made: 7/14 50%

Highest Scorers: Matt Reed, 22 points; Jason Fleming, 16 points; Brandon Smith, 15 points; and Michael Cowan, 12 points.

We executed well and rebounded better than we had the past couple of ball games. Our success this year has been surprising to some, but it is amazing what hard work will do for you. Earl Meroney will be out until after Christmas. His all around hustle will be missed. Come on out and support our students.

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS
December 8, 1992

SCORE:
C.P.: 24
Zephyr: 53

STATISTICS:
QTR. TOTALS:

1ST
C.P.: 6
Zephyr: 14

2ND
C.P.: 5
Zephyr: 15

3RD
C.P.: 10
Zephyr: 14

4TH
C.P.: 3
Zephyr: 10

FREE THROWS:
Attempts: 38
Made: 9
Percentage: 27%
Total Ft. Points: 4/13
3 Pointers Made: 0/6

Highest Scorer: Justin Terrell, 11 points.

We played hard, but did not shoot the ball very well. We are a little short on numbers, so I think our fatigue hurt our shot. This is a fun group to coach and watch. Come out and watch the J.V. play. You never know who may show up in a uniform!

VARSITY BOYS
December 11, 1992

SCORE:
C.P.: 70
Cisco JV: 39

STATISTICS:
QTR. TOTALS:

1ST
C.P.: 15
Cisco JV: 4

2ND
C.P.: 24
Cisco JV: 13

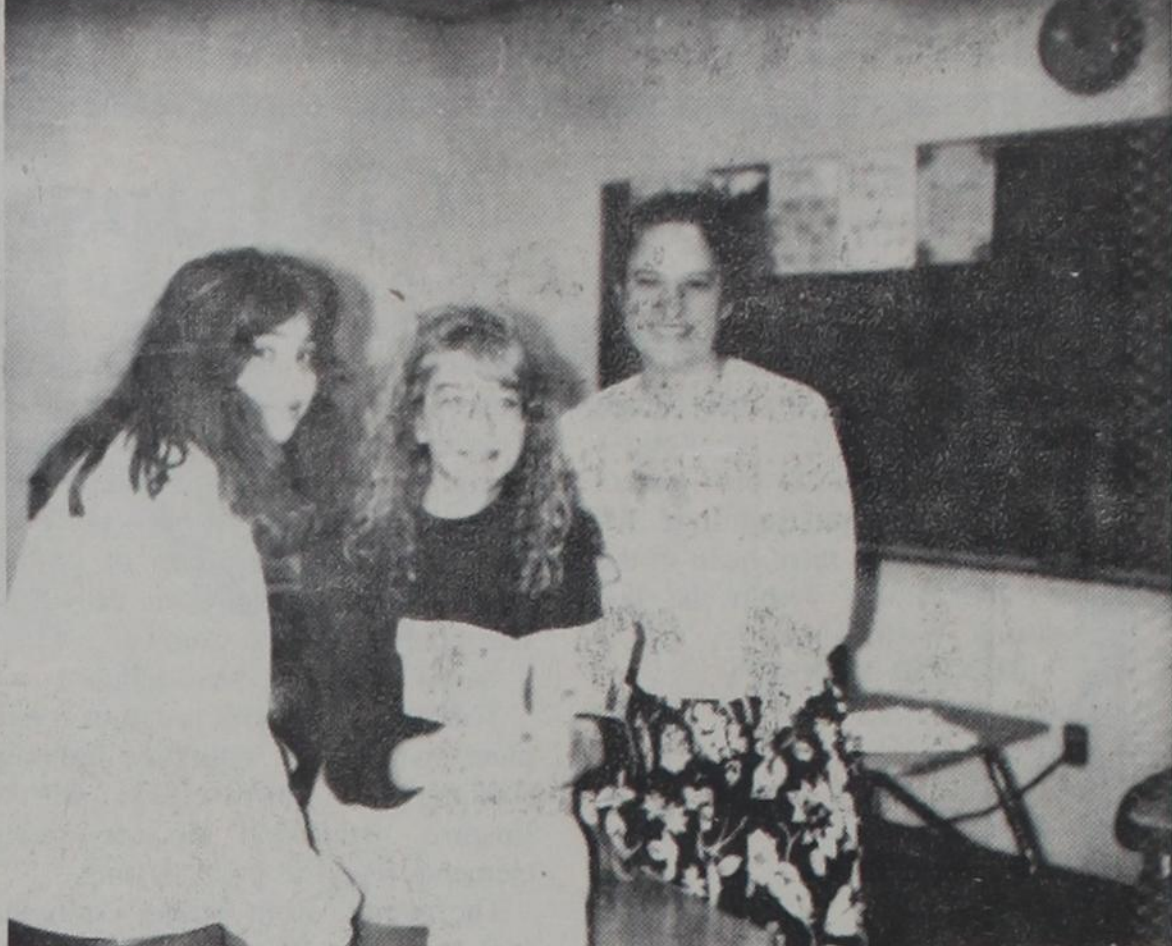
3RD
C.P.: 16
Cisco JV: 6

4TH
C.P.: 15
Cisco JV: 16

FREE THROWS:
Attempts: 61
Made: 28
Percentage: 46%
Total Ft. Points: 9/16 56%
3 Pointers Made: 2/8 25%

Highest Scorers: Matt Reed, 17 points; Donnie Dillard, 12 points; Jason Fleming, 10 points; and Brandon Smith, 10 points.

We scheduled Cisco last March and then this October they called and said they had a tournament conflict, so they sent their J.V. and Freshman team. We played in spurts and I coached in spurts! I think we were let down, because we were playing their J.V. and not their Varsity. Also, the kids



STUDENT TEACHING — Linda Wilson (right) helping two of the G/T students with some of their work, Kristy Bowden and Mindy Mitchell.

She's Now Ready For The Real Thing

By CA

She's been here only since the beginning of September, but it was nearly as if she had been part of the faculty for a much longer time...and she will be missed now that her student teaching time has been completed. Linda Wilson has been working with Cross Plains High School and Middle School Language Arts teacher Joe Coppinger as student teacher from Abilene Christian University in Abilene. In that position as student teacher, Wilson has worked with the 6th grade, freshmen, sophomores, seniors, and gifted/talented students. She jumped right in and did almost all of the work that a regular teacher does...preparing lesson plans, preparing materials, presenting lessons, grading, and going on field trips.

Mrs. Wilson said she particularly enjoyed teaching writing skills and felt that all of the classes she worked with were above average at all grade levels. She also said that she learned something from each class and remarked, "They all presented their own special challenges." Watching and being able to actually see the students improve their writing skills was what Mrs. Wilson felt was the best part of her student teaching experience.

The hardest part for her, on the other hand, was her first week when everything and everyone was so new, and it was quite an adjustment to make with all the work to be done, etc. Mrs. Wilson is married to Bill Wilson. They have two young children, Billy and Della, and live in the Cross Plains area. She received her BA degree in English Literature from St. Edwards University in Austin in May 1991. With only a couple of months of summer break, she started on her teacher certification program at ACU in the fall of 1991. Now with having completed the student teaching, she only has the paper work left to complete to become a certified secondary Language Arts teacher. As of yet, Mrs. Wilson has not sent out any applications.

According to Mr. C., "Mrs. Wilson was one of the most gifted student teachers you could find anywhere. Both the students and I benefited and learned from her being here at Cross Plains." In talking with Mrs. Wilson, she conveyed her very deep appreciation for the "enormous amount of support" she received from principals Leonard Wood, Margie Sowell and the entire staff, and particularly Mr. Coppinger.



LITTLE SHOPPERS — Barbara Sowell, Connie Swift, and Ann Kit-chens helped the elementary students with their purchase at the annual C.P. Band "Christmas Store."



DECISIONS, DECISIONS — With all those choices, it was hard to decide just what to buy at the "Christmas Store."

HOW CAN I ADD UP TO A QUINTILLION... IF THERE ARE 17 ZEROS MISSING ON MY CALCULATOR?

C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

BASKETBALL

Continued From Page 13

were upset about the scheduling problem brought up at the last minute dealing with Tuesday's Evans game.

We will be facing extremely tough competition in this weekend's Eastland Tournament. In our bracket is Ranger, Merkel, and Stamford. All three of these teams have been in the region's tournament within the last two seasons. Wish us well!

JUNIOR VARSITY

December 11, 1992

SCORE:
C.P. 51
Cisco Fr. 52

STATISTICS:
QTR. TOTALS:

1ST
C.P. 9
Cisco Fr. 16

2ND
C.P. 15
Cisco Fr. 12

3RD
C.P. 14
Cisco Fr. 10

4TH
C.P. 13
Cisco Fr. 14

FREE THROWS:
Attempts: 52
Made: 18
Percentage: 35%
Total FT. Points: 3/7 43%
3 Pointers Made: 4/11 36%

Highest Scorers: Justin Terrell, 17 points; Scott Cheshire, 11 points; and Jarrod Harris, 8 points.

We shot the ball well and rebounded better! This is a fun group to coach. I was told Friday that the J.V. could not go to Evant, although it had been on the schedule since last May. These kids are just as important to me as the Varsity and I feel that if the powers that be feel the J.V. shouldn't play, neither team should go! These kids run the same amount of lines and work just as hard as the Varsity and, therefore, deserve the same privileges.

Since I have been in coaching I have emphasized the team aspect of the sport of basketball. I feel any other move regarding Tuesday's Evant game would have been contradictory!

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'Curtains'

This field trip involved 34 Cross Plains High School students, mostly juniors, and a few sophomores and seniors. They left school at 8:30 on Tuesday, December 8, for the Paramount Theater in Abilene. There, they were able to see 5 short plays performed by a travelling group of professional actors and actresses called the Chamber Repertory Company, which is based in Boston, Massachusetts.

The purpose of the program (complete with full settings, lighting, costumes, and sound effects) was to "inspire discussion of the many elements found in great writing."

The authors from whose works the students were able to see excerpts were Pie, Irving, Jacobs, de Maupassant, and Twain.

The Paramount was filled with students from schools around the area and CP was fortunate in arriving early and getting great front row seats, according to the trip's sponsor, Robbye Fullen. The plays they saw in the 2-hour program were "The Tell-Tale Heart," "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," "The Monkey's Paw," "The Necklace," and "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County."

After lunch and a little time at the Mall, they made it back to CP in time for the last bell.

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Friendship and neighborliness are meaningful words to people of the Cross Plains country. This was plainly evidenced last Wednesday as fire of unexplained origin broke out on my place east of town. Fanned by strong winds, the blaze would have been uncontrollable had not so many concerned people responded to the need for help.

Thanks to the volunteer firemen and those who brought equipment and a genuine desire to do the job. To thank each of you individually would be impossible, but your efforts will be long remembered.

O.B. Edmondson

CARD OF THANKS

Card Of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to everyone for their expressions of love while I was in the hospital and since returning home. Thank you for the flowers, cards, food, visits, and calls.

Bill Strickland and Family

Card Of Thanks

We would like to thank Austin Jackson and the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department for distinguishing a fire on our land near Bill and Linda's home. Your quick response to our need for help was greatly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Flippin Bill and Linda Wilson

Card Of Thanks

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MINUTE MUSINGS

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

Glancing back over several issues of this column, the weather is my first item of interest — and boyeee, we have some heavy weather hanging over us this morning!!

I didn't go to Sunday School and church yesterday on account of the weather — and I wish I had gone. I truly missed the blessings which I received each Sunday in the House of the Lord!

My good neighbor, Sally Roady, called me yesterday at noon. She had missed me in church, and wanted to know if I were ill. Bless her heart, I appreciate her concern.

Betty Beggs and Novella Barton went shopping on Friday. On Wednesday, Betty attended a Bible Class at Barbara Swinney's home. Their guest speaker was a missionary, really a 'power-house,' Betty added.

This morning Sally Roady reports that they visited Ms. Nettie at the nursing home nearly every day. They talked to Cindy and Charlie on the telephone. They also talked to Beverly of Brownwood on the 'phone. They visited Mr. Mack Childers in the city. Art and Bertie Roady of Abilene were here last week. He helped Bob with some roofing work.

Several numbers were not answered this morning — others did not have anything to report. I appreciate their cooperation, anyway.

I received a card and note from a friend of many years. She thanked me for a favor I did for her more than sixty years ago. Bless her heart — she is still one of my favorite friends!

Sales & Use Tax

The state sales and use tax analysis for Callahan County has been reported for the second quarter of 1992 by State Comptroller John Sharp's office.

Sharp reported gross sales, for all industries in Callahan County, for the second quarter of 1992 at \$11,245,722 which is 2.1 percent lower than the gross sales of \$11,490,221 reported during the second quarter of 1991. Gross sales are the total amount of all sales, leases and rentals of tangible personal property and all labor and service charges made during the reporting period.

Use tax purchases for the second quarter of 1992 for all industries in Callahan County amounted to \$158,934. Use tax purchases are the cost of all taxable items removed from inventory for personal or business use and all purchases on which no Texas sales tax was paid or use tax accrued.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax in the second quarter of 1992 in Callahan County was \$4,496,303. The amount subject to state sales and use tax is calculated by taking taxable sales and adding use tax purchases.

The number of business locations, in Callahan County with a sales and use tax permit who filed a return, are 224. There were 225 permits issued during the same quarter last year.

The gross sales for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the second quarter of 1992 was \$6,868,675 which is 3.5 percent lower than the 1991 second quarter gross sales of \$7,114,411.

The use tax purchases for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the second quarter of 1992 was \$4,852.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax for the second quarter of 1992 was \$3,107,138 for the retail trade division in Callahan County.

The number of reporting outlets in the retail trade division in Callahan County totals 126 for the second quarter of 1992. There were 131 reporting outlets during the same quarter last year.

ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS

Two more weeks until Christmas and to a small child it probably seems like years. Children, today, have toys that were unheard of in an older person's life. I wonder if they really enjoy them more than the once homemade doll and little red wagon.

Baby Jesus was born in a stable with no pillow for His head. His mother wrapped Him in cloth from her clothing. He received gifts from the wise men that were led by a star, slipping away quietly after presenting the gifts to Mary and her child. We are thankful for His birth. We believe in His mission on earth.

Gene Mauldin visited Dorse and Lee Harris in Baird during the week. Dorse had eye surgery this week.

The community is remembering Blain Odom who is in Humana Hospital after becoming ill at his home.

Bud and Dixie Ingram of Cross Plains visited Joyce Odom one day this week. They hunt rattlesnakes, but did not see any on the Odom hillside.

Christine Bower of Abilene stopped by the Gene Mauldin place Thursday

after checking her parents' graves in the Belle Plains Cemetery. Christine is a former resident of the community.

Brad and Michal Watson of Arlington spent the weekend in the Robert Watson home. The family planned to put up their Christmas tree today.

James and Dorothy Reynolds attended a prayer service in the Cherry Heights Baptist Church in Clyde Monday night.

Vernie Belle Mauldin attended a special tea and showing of quilts that will be auctioned at the Civic Center in January. She reported a lot of quilts were already ready with numbers and names of the quilters. Also, TV workers were there to do their part. Bill and Susan Hayes will show the quilts at the Civic Center during the Telethon.

Edna Dye and other members of the Abilene Porcelain Art Club met in the new home of Joe and Sharron Allen in the Potosi area. The house has recently been built. Sharron is a niece of Edna.

Bob and Kathy Dye had most of her family in their home for a Thanksgiving dinner and visit.

Dalton Poole and his young son camped out and hunted on the Burks place this weekend.

New Hotline, Reward Program Attacks Arson

A new statewide hotline and reward program could help insurance companies and law enforcement agencies put arsonists out of business.

By telephoning 1 (800) 835-6422, callers can provide information on any fire suspected to be arson or on any instance of insurance fraud. If the information leads to the arrest of a suspected arsonist, the caller will be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.

The hotline and reward program was established by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, the National Insurance Crime Bureau and a Texas Advisory Council on Arson.

"The Texas Commission on Fire Protection would like to thank the Board of Directors and members of a Texas Advisory Council on Arson for their leadership and guidance in making this cooperative effort possible," said Ernest A. Emerson, Texas State Fire Marshal. A Texas Advisory Council on Arson is a non-profit organization of professionals and individuals with an interest in investigating and preventing arson.

"Arson-for-profit is big business in Texas," Emerson said. "The information we expect to receive through the hotline can give local jurisdictions the information they need to prosecute arsonists. The effective use of this information may also assist the insurance industry in protection against fraudulent claims and in turn reduce the rising cost of insurance protection."

Similar to a crimestopper tip line, the arson hotline will be staffed 24 hours a day. Trained personnel with the National Insurance Crime Bureau will receive the calls and forward information to the State Fire Marshal's Office, a division of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. State Fire Marshal's Office staff will then disseminate information to appropriate local fire and law enforcement agencies.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau will also administer the arson reward program.

Additional information on the arson hotline and reward program is available through the State Fire Marshal's Office in Austin. (512) 873-1700.

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MINUTE MUSINGS

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

Glancing back over several issues of this column, the weather is my first item of interest — and boyeee, we have some heavy weather hanging over us this morning!!

I didn't go to Sunday School and church yesterday on account of the weather — and I wish I had gone. I truly missed the blessings which I received each Sunday in the House of the Lord!

My good neighbor, Sally Roody, called me yesterday at noon. She had missed me in church, and wanted to know if I were ill. Bless her heart, I appreciate her concern.

Betty Beggs and Novella Barton went shopping on Friday. On Wednesday, Betty attended a Bible Class at Barbara Swinney's home. Their guest speaker was a missionary, really a 'power-house,' Betty added.

This morning Sally Roody reports that they visited Ms. Nettie at the nursing home nearly every day. They talked to Cindy and Charlie on the telephone. They also talked to Beverly of Brownwood on the 'phone. They visited Mr. Mack Childers in the city. Art and Bertie Roody of Abilene were here last week. He helped Bob with some roofing work.

Several numbers were not answered this morning — others did not have anything to report. I appreciate their cooperation, anyway.

I received a card and note from a friend of many years. She thanked me for a favor I did for her more than sixty years ago. Bless her heart — she is still one of my favorite friends!

Sales & Use Tax

The state sales and use tax analysis for Callahan County has been reported for the second quarter of 1992 by State Comptroller John Sharp's office.

Sharp reported gross sales, for all industries in Callahan County, for the second quarter of 1992 at \$11,245,722 which is 2.1 percent lower than the gross sales of \$11,490,221 reported during the second quarter of 1991. Gross sales are the total amount of all sales, leases and rentals of tangible personal property and all labor and service charges made during the reporting period.

Use tax purchases for the second quarter of 1992 for all industries in Callahan County amounted to \$158,934. Use tax purchases are the cost of all taxable items removed from inventory for personal or business use and all purchases on which no Texas sales tax was paid or use tax accrued.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax in the second quarter of 1992 in Callahan County was \$4,496,303. The amount subject to state sales and use tax is calculated by taking taxable sales and adding use tax purchases.

The number of business locations, in Callahan County with a sales and use tax permit who filed a return, are 224. There were 225 permits issued during the same quarter last year.

The gross sales for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the second quarter of 1992 was \$6,868,675 which is 3.5 percent lower than the 1991 second quarter gross sales of \$7,114,411.

The use tax purchases for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the second quarter of 1992 was \$4,852.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax for the second quarter of 1992 was \$3,107,138 for the retail trade division in Callahan County.

The number of reporting outlets in the retail trade division in Callahan County totals 126 for the second quarter of 1992. There were 131 reporting outlets during the same quarter last year.

Personals

Suma Dill's visitors were Erma Floyd, Johnnie Bland, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dill, Tim Dill, all of the community; Joe Howser of Abilene, and Gaylon Duggan of Rising Star.

Candles once cost so much that only wealthy people could afford them.

ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS

Two more weeks until Christmas and to a small child it probably seems like years. Children, today, have toys that were unheard of in an older person's life. I wonder if they really enjoy them more than the once homemade doll and little red wagon.

Baby Jesus was born in a stable with no pillow for His head. His mother wrapped Him in cloth from her clothing. He received gifts from the wise men that were led by a star, slipping away quietly after presenting the gifts to Mary and her child. We are thankful for His birth. We believe in His mission on earth.

Gene Mauldin visited Dorse and Lee Harris in Baird during the week. Dorse had eye surgery this week.

The community is remembering Blain Odom who is in Humana Hospital after becoming ill at his home.

Bud and Dixie Ingram of Cross Plains visited Joyce Odom one day this week. They hunt rattlesnakes, but did not see any on the Odom hillside.

Christine Bower of Abilene stopped by the Gene Mauldin place Thursday

Senator Gramm Announces Loans To Aid Farmers

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm has announced that farmers in Jones County are eligible to apply for low-interest loans to help recover from the impact of excessive rain and drought which occurred between January 1 and August 1, 1992.

For those who cannot obtain credit through normal channels, the U.S. Farmers Home Administration will make loans available at below-market interest rates to family farmers.

In addition to the above counties, seven other Texas counties have been named as contiguous counties and therefore eligible for assistance. The counties affected by excessive rain and drought are Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Nolan, Shackelford, Stonewall, and Taylor counties.

The FmHA, which will supervise the loan program, is charged with providing aid to the farmers and ranchers in order to assist their economic recovery from natural disasters.



OIL NEWS

New Tests Callahan

Greg Turner, Cross Plains, will drill No. 1 Bruce Clark to 500 in the Regular 1.5 miles southwest of Cross Plains on a 15-acre lease. Spots 450 FSL and 2,295 FWL, Block 73, Comal CSL.

Fast Results in the Classified

New Hotline, Reward Program Attacks Arson

A new statewide hotline and reward program could help insurance companies and law enforcement agencies put arsonists out of business.

By telephoning 1 (800) 835-6423 callers can provide information on a fire suspected to be arson or on any instance of insurance fraud. If the information leads to the arrest of a suspected arsonist, the caller will be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.

The hotline and reward program was established by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, the National Insurance Crime Bureau and a Texas Advisory Council on Arson.

"The Texas Commission on Fire Protection would like to thank the Board of Directors and members of a Texas Advisory Council on Arson for their leadership and guidance in making this cooperative effort possible," said Ernest A. Emerson, Texas State Fire Marshal. A Texas Advisory Council on Arson is a non-profit organization of professionals and individuals with an interest in investigating and preventing arson.

"Arson-for-profit is big business in Texas," Emerson said. "The information we expect to receive through the hotline can give local jurisdictions the information they need to prosecute arsonists. The effective use of this information may also assist the insurance industry in protection against fraudulent claims and in turn reduce the rising cost of insurance protection."

Similar to a crimestopper tip line, the arson hotline will be staffed 24 hours a day. Trained personnel with the National Insurance Crime Bureau will receive the calls and forward information to the State Fire Marshal's Office, a division of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. State Fire Marshal's Office staff will then disseminate information to appropriate local fire and law enforcement agencies.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau will also administer the arson reward program.

Additional information on the arson hotline and reward program is available through the State Fire Marshal's Office in Austin, (512) 873-1700.

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