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The Merkel Mail

Christmas Edition, 1984...Merkel, Texas

MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM THE MERKEL MAIL STAFF

CLOY, MELANIE, KIM & JOEY RICHARDS

DALE, BELLE, CLAY & SUZIE HAMMOND

MARTHA SUE JUSTICE



I remember a lot of December 25th's, Parade is Saturday

by Cloy A. Richards

In the over the river and through the woods department, the gang and I went to Fort Smith, over the weekend to see grandma, and other relatives there.

We hadn't been in two years and had a good trip. I missed the Stock Show but had prearranged for Iris Amerine to take photos. She did a good job and I hope we reproduced the photos well enough to do them justice.

I sat down and thought of writing my perennial take-off on **The Night Before Christmas** but couldn't come up with any suitable themes.

Don't take that wrong. So, this week it is Christmas Past.

I remember a lot of Christmas days in my past. In my early years we usually went to see Nanny and Dajji (my dad's parents), I remember a couple of them very well.

My grandad was a Southern Baptist preacher, in both Central Texas and Southeastern Oklahoma. Always in small towns, I mean small.

We spent most of our holidays in Oklahoma, and I remember some of the wonderful gifts they received from the congregation of the churches, as well as the gifts they gave.

Dajji was always in top form for his Christmas services. Man, that guy could tell stories. He also had special reasons for joy at that season because his first born son, my dad, was born Christmas Day. (yes, he's one of those "double gift getter's, when finances permit).

I also remember going with my grandad a couple of times to deliver fruit baskets in one of his many Ford Falcon's, to people in the church.

I also remember playing ping-pong at the church with my uncle and my dad. Both were and still are, pretty good at sports and we used to have some mean games. Of course, when I was young they were playing the game with me "in the holiday spirit" so they were good games.

Yes, we had some good times in Oklahoma.

Later on in life, maybe 7 or 8, we started staying in good 'ol College Station and had many good times there. I remember one funny occasion, when I returned home kind of late on Christmas Eve and dad was jumping up and down, jingling change in his pocket, to drown out the noise of a poodle puppy he was giving my sister. I also remember the next morning when her stocking started mysteriously moving, and to her still half shut eyes, did appear, a tiny poodle.

For the past nine years I have especially enjoyed watching Joey and Kim open their Christmas presents. They get a kick out of it, and it's always fun to watch my mom open gifts, she really enjoys some of the crazy things she ends up with.

You don't have to tell the grandson of a Southern Baptist minister what the real meaning of Christmas is.

I know, I have been told.

But some of the merriment of the Christmas season is centered around the special things that happen, whether they be the joy of people giving and receiving gifts, whether they be the kinds that are wrapped in paper, or the kind we got in a manger many Merry Christmas Days ago.

Memories of Christmas past, present, and the one that will be history soon, are what December 25th's are all about.

Evelyn Martin offered some Christmas thoughts that I wanted to share:

Christmas time is very old That takes on newness every year It's such a jolly season A time we hold so dear.

Hello greetings and many smiles We see them everywhere They add so much joy & peace And there's a sparkle in the air

The youngsters and oldsters alike They know much joy and cheer And share in this festive season A time they hold so dear.

So as we renew acquaintances And share with relatives and friends

May we always put Christ in Christmas For a tradition that will never end.

Christmas, 1984
By Evelyn Martin

Remember, we have a 5 p.m. Friday deadline for the edition that will be in your mailbox next Thursday and at the various friendly merchants around town that sell **The Merkel Mail**.

We promise to be here Thursday and Friday if you have things you need to get in the paper.

We will be closed Monday and Tuesday.

It may have been a "perfect" day for the Merkel Stock Show, (i.e., bad weather) but it was a lousy day for a Christmas parade. So, it will be held Saturday, at 10 a.m.

Same stuff we have been telling you for two weeks, now, it will be Saturday.



A service certificate and pin were presented to Walls employee Carolyn Goins, for five years of service at the Merkel facility, making the presentation was Ron Istre, vice president of Manufacturing for Walls.

City Hall sets Christmas, New Year schedules

City Hall will be closed Monday and Tuesday for a Christmas Holiday. Trash pick-ups will also not be performed on those two

days. City Hall will also be closed on Jan. 1st and no trash will be picked up this day either.

Trash pick-ups will be delayed but they will be taken care of by the weekend for the next two weeks.

School board looking at additions to elementary school here

The Merkel School Board held a regular meeting Tuesday morning and decided to obtain estimates for additions to Merkel Elementary.

The additions include eight additional classrooms at Merkel Elementary and the construction

of a metal building over the slab at Merkel Elementary.

Current plans are to add the facilities with local money, an estimated \$300,000. That amount would chew up a surplus that MISD officials had been trying to hold, to get the school through

annual cash flow problem periods.

Board members also received a letter of retirement from Bill Tate, a teacher at Merkel High. Tate has been with the system 22 years and will retire at the end of the year. Board members also approved a leave of absence for Jill Casey.

Methodists set Christmas show

The First United Methodist Church of Merkel is proud to present **The Little Shepherd of Bethlehem**, a Christmas musical Dec. 23 at 6 p.m.

All the children of the church will be included in the program. To set the mood of Christmas the Pre-School class will sing their special songs. Then the children from Kindergarten through the fifth grade will present the musical. The main characters will be portrayed by Brett Sipe, Austin Hill, Kris Harris, Richard Seymore, Dana Hammond, Zak Byers, Lillian Leach, Dawn Henslee, Julie Harding and Shelly Seymore. All the children will sing in the choir, assisted by some of the older youth and a few musical instruments.

The production is under the direction of Mrs. Phil Seymore, Mrs. Rodney McClintock and Mrs. John Henslee. The sets were created by Mrs. Bob Tumlinson and Mrs. Mac Sipe. Costumes were made by Mrs. David Seymore and Mrs. Glenn Reed.

The church is sure this Christmas play will bring out the Christmas message of Jesus' birth

and the hope for peace on earth and good will toward all men. The public is cordially invited to attend

and share in the celebration of his holy season. Merry Christmas to all!

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Texans of all ages are frequent readers of the local newspaper. Did you know that the majority of Texans read newspapers?

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Merkel FFA stock show held in 'normal' weather here Saturday

It was perfect Merkel stock show weather here Saturday (cold and wet) as the Merkel FFA held their annual stock show. The following is a complete list of their results.

Sheep Division
Medium Wool
Lance Perry, Josh Mashburn, Perry, Perry, Church Peterman, Shayla Harding, Peterman.
Crossbreeds
Lance Perry.
Southdowns
Melissa Harris, Kris Harris.
Grand Champion Lamb: Lance Perry, medium wool; **Reserve Grand champion:** Josh Mashburn medium wool **Showmanship:** Chuck Peterman, Melissa Harris.

Steers
Class One
Jim Wade, Christi Wade, Wade Toombs.
Class Two
Randy Toombs, Brent Toombs, Josh Mashburn.
Grand Champion steer: Randy Toombs; **Reserve champion steer:** Brent Toombs, **Showmanship:** Wade Toombs, Christi Wade
Breeding Cattle
Casey Ellison, Debbie Pack, **Grand Champion heifer:** Casey Ellison; **Reserve champion:** Debbie Pack; **Showmanship:** Debbie Pack, Mandy Pack.
Rabbits
Bucks
Rodney Sittler, Russell Doan, Joey Rushford, Dayna Brown, Suzie Hammond, Mike Myers, Hammond, Michael Rodriguez, Clay Hammond, Josh Mashburn, Mashburn.

Does
Suzie Hammond, Mike Myers, Russell Doan, Michael Rodriguez, Hammond.
Grand champion: Rodney Sittler, **Reserve Champion:** Suzie Hammond; **Showmanship:** Myers, Hammond.

Market Swine
Class One
Cassie Townsend, Chuck Peterman, Natilie Schucknecht, Robert McFadden, Townsend.
Class Two
Chris Cutler, Cutler, Marty Windham, Clay Hammond, Lorena Pack, Mitzi Shelton, Cassie Townsend **Breed Champion:** Chris Cutler, **Reserve Champion:** Chris Cutler.

Chesterwhites
Class One
Melissa Harris, Brad Cochran, Dusty Farmer, Kris Harris, Farmer, M. Harris, K. Harris, Kevin Mitchell.

Class Two
Dusty Farmer, Farmer, Shane Smith, Chuck Peterman, Destrly Pack, Steve Williams, Farmer, Farmer.

Class Three
Russell Morgan, Dusty Farmer, Farmer, Farmer, Billy Ray Riley, C. J. White, Joe Murphy, Mitzi Shelton.

Class Four
Russell Morgan, Ricky Riley, Dusty Farmer, Billy Ray Riley, Ricky Riley, B. Riley, B. Riley.
Breed Champion: Russell Morgan, **reserve champion:** Ricky Riley.

Durocs
Class One
Lynn Hays, Kevin Mitchell, Jay Williams, Kim Greer.

Class Two
Jimmy Collier, Tarita Williams, Jay Williams, Doug Collier, Kim Greer.

Class Three
Lynn Hays (first 4 places), John Beaur, Doug Beaur. **Breed Champion:** Lynn Hays, **Reserve Champion:** Lynn Hays.

Hampshires
Class One
Criswell Whisenhunt, C. Whisenhunt, Amber Whisenhunt.

Class Two
Amber Whisenhunt, Criswell Whisenhunt, David Ray, Brian Rhodes. **Breed champion:** Amber Whisenhunt; **Reserve:** Criswell Whisenhunt.

Poland China
Class One
Jerry Vinson, Melissa Harris, Kris Harris, Ricky Jowers.

Class Two
Lyle Baker, Mandy Pack. **Breed champion:** Lyle Baker, **reserve champion:** Jerry Vinson

Spotted Poland China
Class One
Chris Cutler, Cutler, Nicky McCasland, Linny Neith.

Class Two
Lyle Baker (first three), Chuck Peterman, Baker. **Breed champion:** Chris Cutler; **reserve:** Lyle Baker.

Crossbreeds
Class One
Amber Whisenhunt, Criswell Whisenhunt, Lynn Hays, Chris Cutler, John Paul Dudley.

Class Two
Steven Bauer, Clay Hammond, Hammond

Breed champion: Amber Whisenhunt; **Reserve:** Criswell Whisenhunt.

Grand Champion Market Hog was shown by Lynn Hays and the **reserve champion** was shown by

Amber Whisenhunt.
Chris Cutler was the **showmanship owner** and **Lynn Hays** was **reserve showmanship.**

Gilts
Class One
Randy Dudley, Robyn Dudley, John Paul Dudley, Robyn Dudley.
Class Two
Lynn Hays, Amber Whisenhunt, Todd Smith, Criswell Whisenhunt,

Todd Smith, Criswell Whisenhunt, Kerry Miller, Melissa Harris.

Class Three
Amber Whisenhunt, Lynn Hays, Lisa Harding, Steve Williams, Kriste Smith

Grand Champion breeding gilt: Lynn Hays, **reserve:** Amber Whisenhunt.
Swine Showmanship: Amber Whisenhunt, **Reserve:** Criswell

Whisenhunt.
The overall showmanship winner for the show was Chuck Peterman and the Reserve Showmanship award went to Lyle Baker.

The annual event was sponsored by the Merkel Livestock Association and the Vocational Agriculture teachers are Billy Riley and J. T. Naron. The General

superintendent for the show was Benny Melton. The officers and officials of the the association are President-Robert Harris, Vice-President-Dale Hammond, Secretary-Treasurer-Vickie Hays and Kathryn Whisenhunt and the announcer was Jerry Gibson.


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93-1tc

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Real Estate
For sale: 2 bedroom mobile home. 1st house West of the County barn on S. 8th. John Webb 806-637-6942.
92-2tp

For sale in Merkel, 2 bedroom house. Large corner lot. Southside, new paint, new plumbing. Owner finance 676-5888.
93-4tp

+3 bedroom house with acreage, water well, all conveniences, good location, will consider camper trade-in. 676-5636.
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Public notice
THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: BILLY J. GOBER, JR., Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 14th day of January, 1985, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said Court, on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1983, in this cause, numbered 38,598-A on the docket of said court, and styled, Abilene National Bank, A Texas Corporation, Plaintiff vs. BILLY J. GOBER, JR. Defendant. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:
Abilene National Bank, A Texas Corporation are Plaintiffs and Billy J. Gober, Jr. are Defendants

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:
Plaintiff requests the Court to enter Judgment against the Defendant for the sum of \$2,551.36 because Defendant has failed and refused to pay this sum or any part thereof. Said sum is due on a Promissory Note executed on September 10, 1983. Plaintiff also request Judgment against the Defendant for Attorney's fees in the sum of \$800.00, post judgement interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum until fee paid, and for all cost of suit, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 29th day of November, A. D. 1984. Attest: Rilla Mahoney Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal)
92-91-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: The following named persons, if living:

C. T. Foster and the unknown heirs at law, devisees, and assigns of C. T. Foster, and if the named persons be not living, to the unknown heirs and personal representatives or assigns of such persons, Defendants, Greetings:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before Monday, at 10:00 p.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration

of forty-two days after the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of January, 1985, A. D., to the Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court on the 26th day of November, 1984, A. D., in this cause, numbered 39,027A on the docket of said Court and styled: "MID-TEX RESOURCES vs. C. T. FOSTER and the Unknown Heirs at Law, Devisees and Assigns of C. T. Foster."
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows:
Plaintiff has filed a suit to place mineral in receivership pursuant to Article 2320-B Vernon's Civil Statutes of Texas, under the following described property: 109.6 acres out of the Southwest part of Section 1, Block 18, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, Taylor County, Texas;
As is more fully shown in Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit, said land being situated in Taylor County, Texas.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of issuance, it should be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 26th day of November, 1984.
Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, Taylor County, Texas (Seal)
91-83-4tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 101st Judicial Court of Dallas County, of the 5th day of December, 1984, by Writ of Execution of said

101st Judicial District Court of Dallas County Texas, for the sum of Eighty Nine Thousand Eleven Dollars and 59-100 and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of Margurite B. Creighton in a certain cause in said Court, No. 80-7909-E and styled Marguerite B. Creighton vs. W. E. Ellis Individ. and Ellis Premium Budget Co., placed in my hands for service, I, John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 12th day of December, 1984, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows to-wit:
Exhibit A
137.58 acres, more or less, out of the D. B. Corley Survey No. 4, situated in Taylor County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows:
BEGINNING at a point 842.4 vrs. South 15 deg. East and 10 feet North 75 deg. East from the Northwest corner of said D. B. Corley Survey No. 4, for the beginning corner of this 137.58 acre tract of land;
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§ Mandy Pack won the reserve breeding cattle showmanship award while Dabbie Pack [right] won the championship at the Merkel Stock Show Saturday. Iris Amerine [All photos]



§ Rodney Sittler had the Grand Champion Rabbit.



§ Brent Toombs [center] had the Reserve Champion Steer.



§ Wade Toombs [left] and Kristy Wade won the cattle showmanship honors. Wade was champ and Kristi was Reserve Champ.



Casey Ellison had the grand champion heifer. With him is Candice Henslee.



§ These are the winners in different categories of the swine show. [Back row from left] Chris Cutler, Lynn Hays, Chuck Peterman, Dusty Farmer, Lyle Baker, [Front row] Amber and Criswell Whisenhunt.

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Holton Jones services held Friday

Holton Leslie Jones, 87, of Merkel, a retired farmer, died at 2:50 p.m. Wednesday at Humana Hospital, Abilene. Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at Elliott-Hamill Funeral Home in Abilene. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here.

Born March 8, 1897 in Houston County, he married Nola Faye

Jeffrey Dec. 20, 1909 in Abilene. He moved to Merkel from Roby in 1978. He was a member of the Southern Baptist Church of Dolan.

He was preceded in death by a son, Howard.

He is survived by two daughters, Zelma Parsons of Odessa and Ira Belle Westover of Potosi; two sons Burton L. and Donald W., both of Abilene; three sisters, Vera

Smithson of Abilene; Lena Horton of Plainview and Annie Hodge of Atoka, Okla.; two brothers, Atis of Albany and Charlie of Ft. Worth; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Palibearers will be C. D. Herron, Jack McClung, Harlan Jones, John Holton, Roy Herron and John L. Lawliss.

Fortnightly holds Christmas party

The GFWC Merkel Fortnightly Study Club met Dec. 11 with Mrs. Billy Bob Neff as hostess. Mrs. Orvel Hill, president, called the meeting to order and each member answered roll with their most memorable Christmas.

Amy McCoy sang some Christ-

mas songs and Mrs. Evelyn Read played violin solos. Christmas Carols were sung by the group and gifts were exchanged.

Attending were Parilee Gibson, Grace Lee Brown, Mary Collins, Pam Carson, Bess Dixon, Mildred Hamm, Lucy Haynes, Edna Hill,

Madelon Horton, Nina Belle Hughes, Alice King, Aileen Knight, Jan McCoy, Pat Neff, Becky Rogers, Alwyne Sandsuky, Ida Seymore, Anna Belle Shouse, Clara Walla, Maurine White, Lucille Wilson and two guests Amy McCoy and Evelyn Read.

McAninch named to Who's Who

Dave A. McAninch of Mill Valley, a senior at Harvey Mudd College, has been selected for inclusion in the 1985 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

McAninch, an engineering major, is the son of Jack W. McAninch of 394 Carerra Drive, Mill Valley California.

He is also the grandson of Weldon and Margaret McAninch of Merkel.

He was selected by a campus nominating committee and the editors of the annual directory for his academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

He joins an elite group of

students selected from more than 1,500 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Harvey Mudd College, a member of the Claremont Colleges, is a coeducational, undergraduate college of engineering and science.

Doan's have new daughter

Mr. & Mrs. Garth Doan of Bryan are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Dec. 12. Kristy Renee weighed 6 lbs. 7 ozs. Paternal grandparents are Vaughn and Sue Doan of Merkel and maternal grandparents are Charles and Nina Toney of Noodle. Paternal great-grandmother is Fay Doan of Merkel.

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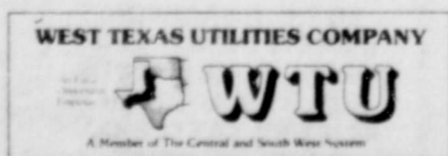


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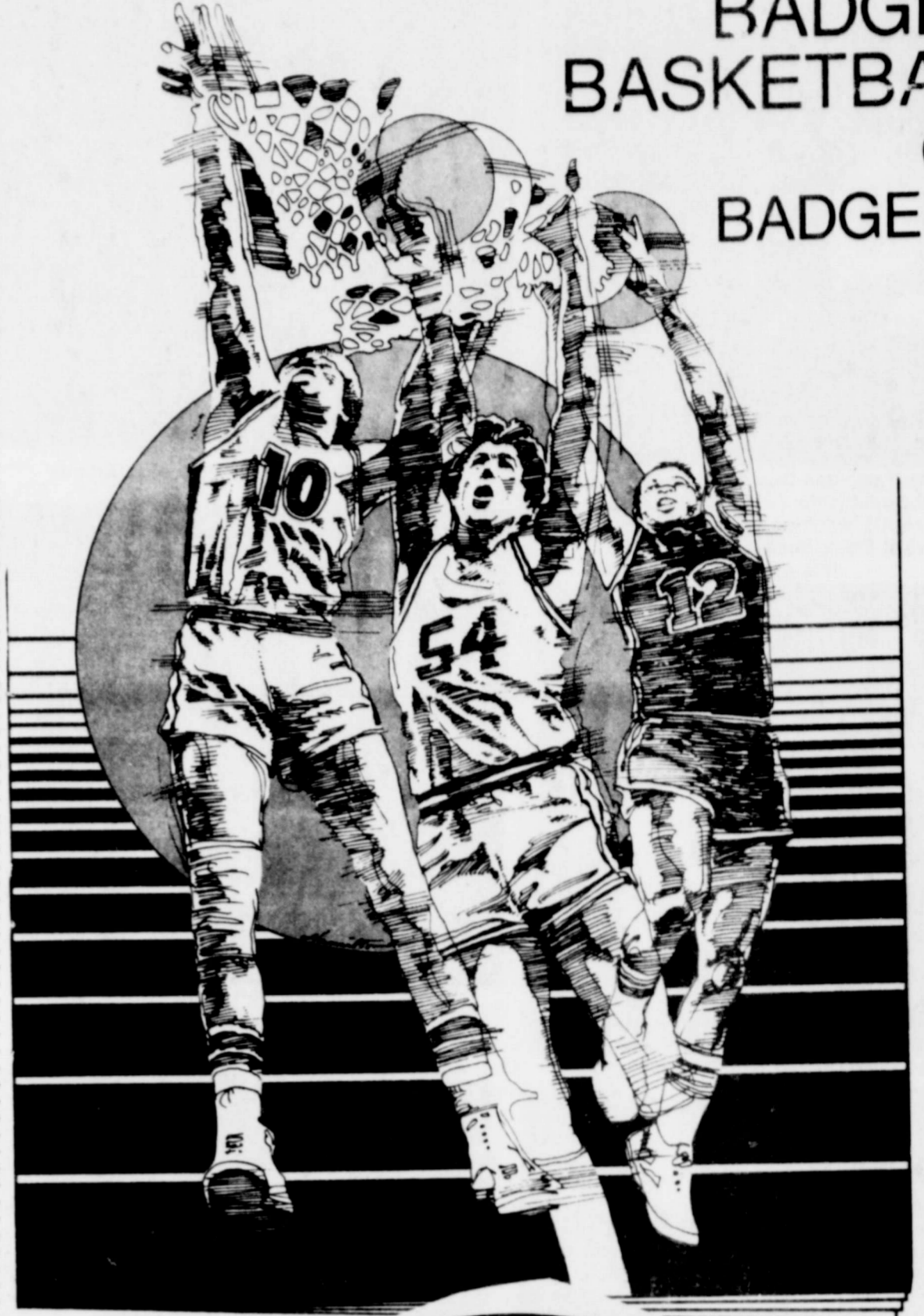
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write to
you know
who



§ Editor's Note: The following are letters written by first grade students at Merkel Elementary to Santa Clause. We did not edit for spelling because that's part of the appeal. One more note: We came across a letter that was sent through the Merkel Post Office last week and it was a real charm. It was addressed to Santa and it had no return address or name. Inside the envelope was three crayon colored Christmas decorations and no letter.

§ All the letters Started with the obligatory "Dear Santa".

Mrs. Henderson's Room
I wish for a goo goo baby and a Care Bear. We have sum cookies for you. I am 6.

Love, MarJoe
I want a grumpy Bear, and a soccer ball, and a goo goo baby, and a cabbage patch, and a radio, and a puzzle, and a Star Lite, and a pack of crayolas, and a stuffed Santa. I am 7.

No name
I wish for a Cabbaged Patch doll and a Care Bear, and a goo goo baby, and a radio, and a Ken Barbie doll, and a bike, and a Rainbow brite doll, and a telescope and a computer and a pony set, and a soccer ball, and a ballerina doll, and a stralite doll. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I hope I see Rudolph.

Love Beth
I want a big 4 wheel and a telescope and that is all. I love Claus, I am 7.

Love Rhett
I want a sticker collection and a cabbage patch doll, rainbow brite doll. I want a my Little Pony sleeping bag.

Love Jessie Niell, I am 6
I want a 4-wheeler, watch, Care Bear, Cabbage Patch, telescope.

Love Chris
I have been a good girl. I would like a star lite, Rainbow Brite, Care Bear, Cabbage Patch, Dolls, Books, Barbie, Ballerina, Poochie Doll, Pony Clothes, My Little Pony Doll, sea pony. I love you Santa. I love Rudolph.

Kenee Wanagas
I want a radio, I want a puzzle, I want a Cabbage Patch. How is Mrs. Santa? I love Santa

Love Wendy
I have been good, I want a bike, and a walkie-talkie, basketball goal. I hope that Rudolph is doing fine.

Nathan Byers
- I want a Care Bear. I want a radio, I want a Cabbage Patch, I want a 3-wheeler, I want a water bed, I want a watch, I want a goo goo baby, I hope I see Rudolph! I won't forget to give you some cookies. And milk.

Love Amy
I want a Cabbage Patch, and a sewing machine, water bed. I have been a good girl. Look for the milk and cookies. How is Mrs. Claus?

Love Tabi Reed
I want a 3-wheeler, Star brite, and Robot. And a Care Bear I will leave sum milk and cookies. I like Rudolph.

Love Holly
I want a soccer ball, and a rainbow brite doll. I have been a good girl. I hope I see Rudolph, I want a computer to.

Love, Cela
I wish for a 4 wheeler, battle armor, He Man. I have been a good boy. I like you Santa.

Love Brian
I want a Cabbage Patch and a computer and a bike. Oh, Santa I have been a good girl!

Love Lanee
I would like a Bee Bee gun and a

3 wheeler, bike, computer, walk-e-talk-e.

Love Ryon R
I want a Barbie, and a Care Bear and a Bike, and that's all! How's Mrs. Santa?

Love Denise
I want a computer, and a walkie-talkie, and a water bed. Don't forget the cookies and a watch. I hope you have a good time. I am a good girl!

Love Rachel
I wish for a Care Bear and a radio Cabbage Patch, and a Rainbow Brite. I have been a good girl. I like you Santa, and I wish for a Starlite.

Love Mandie
I want a bike, and a watch, and a doll, and I have been good too and a Rainbow brite, I want to see Rudolph. I want to see you Santa.

Love Rebecca
I want a new bike and a toy goo goo baby and a Big Care Bear! And a Rainbow brite and a cabbage patch and a soccer ball. I love you Santa.

Love, Molly
Mrs. Dozier's Room
How are you? How is Rudolph and your other reindeer? I hope you did have a happy year with Rudolph and the other reindeer. I want a jambox and a tv.

From Sandra Juarez
How are your reindeer? How are your elves? I want a Love a lot bear I want a Cheer Bear. I want a Rainbow Brite with her horse.

Love, Brandy Casper
I want a Bigfoot and some cars, I want a jam box.

I love you, William Lowell
I love you. How are you? How is Rudolph? Do you like Christmas. I love you. I am six years old.

Jimmy Rodriguez
I love Santa Claus and the reindeer. I want to see Rudolph the red nose. Santa, I want some cars.

Love, Eric Stegemiller
Has Rudolph and Mrs. Claus been good? Please bring me a Big Foot and I am 7 years old.

Love, T. J. Dohogne
Say Hi to Rudolph and the other reindeer. Bring me anything.

Love, Christi Danielski
I won't to be with you and I will be good with Rudolph the reindeer. I want a bear.

Love you, Scooter Harris

I love you. I want to see Rudolph the red Nose reindeer. Santa, I want a Cabbage Baby, and a rainbow brite with her horse. Shelle Leamon

Me, Ricky, and Misti love you What are you going to get me? Are you going to get me toys?

Love, Candice Williamson
Hi, I want a bike, I want a Care Bear. I want a little pony and Cabbage Patch kids.

Love, Jill Wilson
My name is Andy. I want you to bring me a BMX racing bike and a jambox.

Love, Andy Lee Miller
How is Rudolph? I want a Care Bear, I'm six.

Love Ren Meeks
My brother want a gobot a superman and a jeep. I want a jam box, a walkie talkie and a box of colors. I am six years old and my name is Ryan Holmes.

I want a Care Bear and a My Little Pony. I want some stuffed animals.

Love, Becky Wanagas
I love you. How is Dasher and the reindeer? Thank you for the toys you brought last year. I am 7 years old.

Love, Jamie Hester.
I want a jam box and lots of little stuffed animals. An that's all.

Love, Crystal Beaird
How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph the red nose reindeer? I love you. I am six years old. You can get me girl stuff.

Love, Shera Dee Hammond
I love you. How is Rudolph the red nose reindeer. I want a Cabbage Patch and that is all.

Love, Liz Acuna
How is Rudolph? How is the reindeers? Last year was fun.

Love, Kenneth Hatley
I love you. How are the elves? I want a weight set and a jam box.

Love Chuck Oustad

Merry
Christmas

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Let's hope Santa makes all your dreams come true this Christmas!
Have a happy Yuletide!
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GLAD TIDINGS
As the Wise Men looked to the Star of Bethlehem, so let us follow its holy light.
THE SANDUSKY'S
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Christmas Joy
Glowing candles and stars that shine;
Throughout each home, the scent of pine;
Christmas music that fills the air;
Bring warm wishes to loved ones everywhere.

Wishing you and yours the joy of Christmas!

HICKS AUTO SUPPLY

Best Wishes
Christmas carols are being sung
And children are excited,
Mistletoe is being hung
And everyone's delighted -
It's time for turkey and mince pie, too,
And time for sending greetings to you!
A Happy Holiday Season to you and yours . . .

MAX MURRELL CHEVROLET

Tidings of Joy
Through the years, man has sought peace. Let us seek it where it must begin...with-in our hearts. May Christmas bring that peace that passes understanding.
PALMER PONTIAC & GMC

Greetings
There's no better time to wish our friends the best! Merry Christmas!
HANDY FOOD STORE

MERRY CHRISTMAS
May your Christmas be filled with good will, abundance, and the tranquility of faith.
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MERRY CHRISTMAS
Ho-ho-hope that Santa's good to you this Yuletide!
HOME STATE BANK TRENT

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Just want to say that you're wished the best of holiday seasons! Thank you for your patronage in the past.
BRAGGS

Happy Christmas Holidays
While bells are ringing through the night
And glowing candles shine so bright,
Our wishes warm come to pray,
"Peace and love this Christmas Day!"
Wishing you much happiness this holiday season.

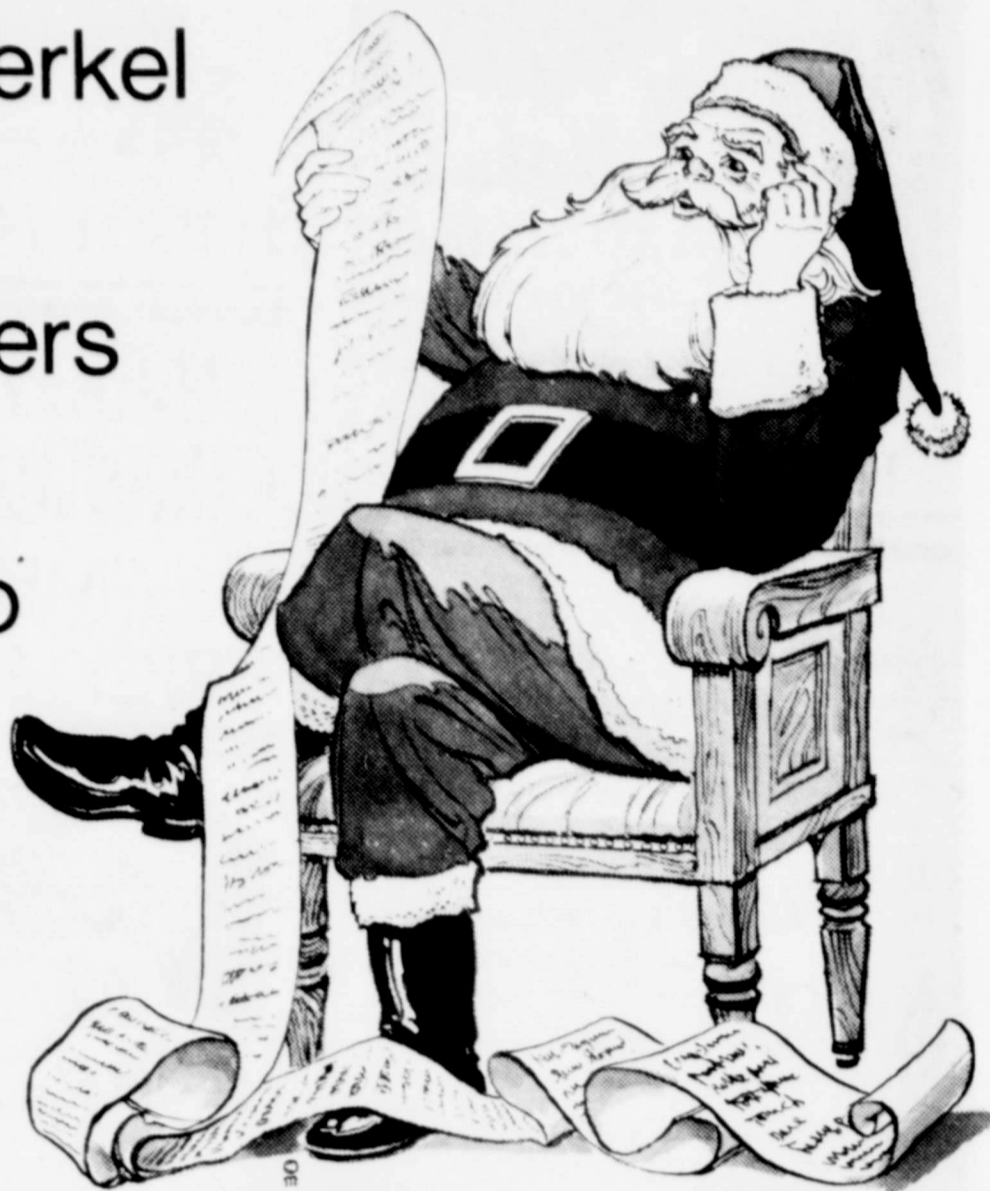
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Love, Melissa Estrada
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Love, Cullen
I love you! Please bring me a jambox.
Love, Shean
Tiny tears, I love You! Please bring me a doll.
That's me a bird for my mother. A blue bird.
Love, Michele
I love you! Please bring me a school house.
Love, Mistie
Barbie, Cabbage Patch doll, my Pony cat bike. Dog bait.
Love you, Nicole
I love you. Please bring me a 6 X 6.
Love Oscar
Please bring me a 4 X 4 and I want a my Little Pony.
Love, Noe
I love you! Atari and jambox. I Love you.
Klint
I love you! Please bring me a Cabbage Patch doll.
Mandy
I love you! Please bring me a bike.
Love, Joe
I love you! Please bring me a cabbage patch doll.
Love moma Ravan
I love you, please bring me a Motorcycle and me a bird.
Love, Bubba
Remote police control motorcycle.
Love, Michael
I love you! Please bring me a He Man and a jambox and a gun 6 X 6, 4 X 4, 7 X 7
Love, Audrey
I love you! Please bring me a cat and a leash.
Love, Bryan
I love you! Please bring me a cat.
Melissa
I love you! Please bring me a bike plane car dog 6 X 6, 4 X 4
Love, Robbie
I love you! Please bring me a machine gun.
Love, John Martin

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DUBOSE TEXACO

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To all of our customers: best wishes for a happy holiday. May our friendships continue.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

'Tis the season to be merry and to express our sincerest wishes that this Christmas be a joyous one for you!

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BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

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Christmas Blessings

Here's hoping your holiday tree is piled high with goodies!

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Christmas Greetings

Among our Christmas blessings, are memories most dear; The thoughts of happy times we've had throughout the year. And so, it's not surprising that as the old year ends . . . Our hearts are filled with gratitude, and happy thoughts of friends.

ABILENE FARM SUPPLY

Our Thanks to You

May your Christmas tree be filled with garlands of love, bells of hope, tinsels of charity and wreaths of wonder.

Happy Christmas.

HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT

Warm Wishes

As the spirit of the season rings out everywhere
Signs of Christmas are in the air.
For you and all you hold dear

Merry Christmas

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Come, let us adore Him!

Once again, hearts are lifted in hope and joy, renewed by the message of Christmas. Let us be glad!

THE HAMMOND FAMILY
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May the blessings of Christmas abide with you

The message of Christmas is one of hope and joy. Let us rejoice in the newborn King.

MILTON, ANN, GAIL,
GARY, CARL & TONY

HI VAL FARM & HOME SUPPLY

Make your Christmas spirits last all year

by Russell McAnally

It became necessary to travel South from Lampassas recently on a mission I was reluctant to take. It turned out to be a blessing and I want to let you in on a good story. It was time to refill the gas tank and while passing through a small but very prosperous town of Burnett we saw unleaded gas advertised for a dollar and five cents per gallon. We pulled in to the small, convenient type store and station, delighted to get a bargain. As I was trying to decide whether to put in the gas and then pay, or pay and then put in the gas later, a man came from the store, in the rain, to tell me I was to get the gas and pay later. He went back into the store and I "filled her up."

After getting the tank filled, I went into the store to pay for my purchase. The girl at the cash register was ready to take my money when the man who came out into the rain, came to the front of the store from the back, where he was visiting with friends. As the lady took my money, this man asked how it was with me and if everything was alright. I had my change and was turning to leave when the man put his hand on my shoulder and told me he appreciated my purchase and to come back this way again sometime. I went back to my car feeling better and thankful for a friendly face while away from home. I even remembered that back home here a Fina man by the name of Ricky always said "I appreciate your business— have a good day."

I did not know whether the Burnett store man is that friendly all the year or was just in the Christmas spirit. His friendly manner seemed sincere and contagious. We see a lot of that kind of friendly atmosphere at Christmas time. I had the feeling that the Burnett man had the Christmas spirit all year long. Why shouldn't we have that kind of spirit all year long? Wouldn't it be a much better place to live? One of the greatest things ever said about Jesus was that "He went about doing good." Some people may not realize that the Christmas spirit we are talking about is really— The Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Preceptor group holds two recent meetings

The Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at Taylor Electric Nov. 20 where members enjoyed the Kathryn Cawley Lone Star Gas Christmas program.

The theme of her program was Christmas Memories to commemorate the company's 75th anniversary. She shared her favorite recipes selected from 50 years of holiday programs and package ideas from the last 20 years.

They also met December 4th in the home of Jocille Brady. After a short business meeting, the program was given by a guest.

Catholic church sets holiday schedule

The following is the Christmas schedule for Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church here:

Christmas Eve: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

I wish it could be Christmas time all the year with people loving people and seeking to do good for everyone. Another way to say it would be to wish that everyone would be as friendly all the year as a politician is at election time. The election is past and Christmas time turns into the New Year and most of us get back to our old ways. It generally, simply boils down to all of thinking about self, what we need, what we want, and a new way to get it. Then at election time, and at Christmas, for a little while we start thinking about others, and our need for them and their need for us. This is what Christianity is supposed to be all about. Christ-

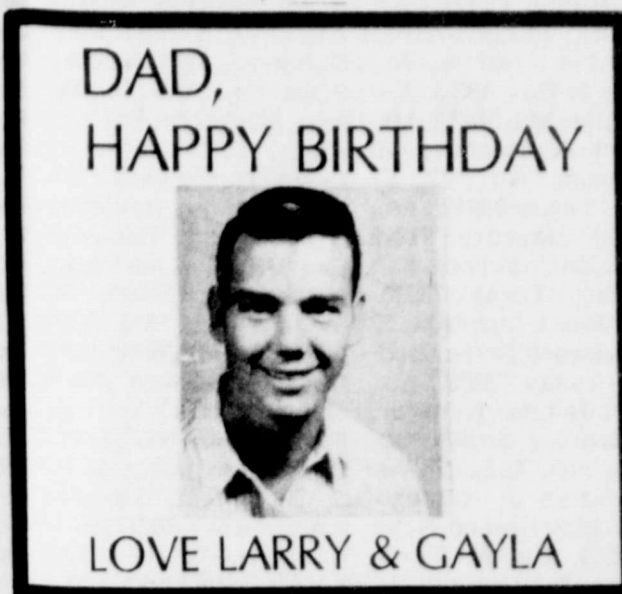
Charlotte Starbuck.

Mrs. Starbuck did a demonstration of an etched, leaded, stained glass panel. She showed members step-by-step directions of how to cut the glass, put the pieces together like a puzzle and to solder the joints on both sides. Hooks and chains were soldered on so the panels might be hung on a window. The finished piece was a lovely work of art.

Attending were Blanche Hewitt, Kathy Leverich, Jane Carson, Betty Satterwhite, Ruth Tipton, Mamie Steck, Betty Conley, Opal Garner, Louise DuBose, Mrs. Starbuck and Mrs. Brady.

Confessions: 8:30 Christmas Carols Te Pasada and Blessing of the Crib, followed by a 9 p.m. mass. Christmas morning an 11 a.m. Mass will be observed.

mas will mean more to us if we are Christlike all the year.



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Please take notice that the depositions will be taken on or after January 7, 1985, which will be on or after the fourteenth day after the first publication of such notice.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 17th day of December A.D., 1984.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal) 93-1300-2tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Kenny Hill and Debra Hill, Respondents,

Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable County Court of Law of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of the Plaintiff, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 30th day of April, 1984, against Kenny Hill and Debra Hill, Respondents, and said suit being numbered 14,385 on the docket of said Court, and entitled, Abilene National Bank, A.

Texas Corporation vs. Kenny Hill and Debra Hill.

A brief statement of the nature of this cause is as follows, to-wit: Promissory Note as is more fully shown in Petition on file in this cause.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 21st day of November, A.D. 1984.

Attest: Janice Lyons, Clerk, County Court at Law, Taylor County, Texas by Vicki Rister, Deputy 91-65-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Gene Gartman, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable County Court Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of Jan. A.D. 1985, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 5th day of September A.D. 1984, in this cause, numbered 14,586 on the docket of said court and styled Interfirst Bank Abilene, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Gene Gartman, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A Suit on Installment Contract as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 28th day of November, A.D. 1984.

Attest: Janice Lyons, Clerk, County Court at Law, Taylor County, Texas, by Marie Gill, Deputy. (Seal) 91-61-4tc

Service vs. Dale Cox, placed in my hands for service, I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 4th day of November, 1984, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All undivided interest of Dale Cox Operator LOT 1 OF GRIMES COUNTY SCHOOL LAND No. 147 Located 2 and 1-2 miles Southeast of Merkel, Texas Railroad Commission No. 19058 This will include LEASE HOLE INTEREST, Pump Jacks, storage tanks, casing, tubing, rod etc. Interest of .35 per cent.

SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:30 a.m. This Sale Will Be For Cash Only, A Cashiers Check May Be Accepted From A Taylor County Bank and levied upon the property of Dale Cox, and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1985, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Dale Cox.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, by Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court for the sum of Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Two Dollars & 58-00 Dollars, and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of William Earl Bounds d-b-a Bounds Well Service in a certain cause in said Court, No. 16,006-B and styled William Earl Bounds d-b-a Bounds Well

Texas, by Marie Gill, Deputy. (Seal) 91-61-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Ricky Walker, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of Jan. A.D. 1985, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 5th day of Sept. A.D. 1984, in this cause, numbered 14,591 on the docket of said Court and styled Interfirst Bank Abilene, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Ricky Walker, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A Suit on Installment Contract as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 29th day of Nov A.D. 1984.

Attest: Janice Lyons, Clerk, County Court at Law, Taylor County, Texas, by Marie Gill, Deputy. (Seal) 91-62-4tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, of the 25th day of October 1984, by Writ of Execution of said 104th District Court for the sum of Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Two Dollars & 58-00 Dollars, and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of William Earl Bounds d-b-a Bounds Well Service in a certain cause in said Court, No. 16,006-B and styled William Earl Bounds d-b-a Bounds Well

Witness my hand, this the 4th day of November, 1984.

John W. Middleton Sheriff Taylor County Texas by Eddie W. Swanson, Deputy. 93-95-3tc

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Witness my hand, this the 4th day of November, 1984.

John W. Middleton Sheriff Taylor County Texas by Eddie W. Swanson, Deputy. 93-95-3tc

request to the Court to determine what parent-child relationship exists between the child and James Vernon Snyder, and that such parent-child relationship be terminated.

Said child was born the 22nd day of August, 1982, in Cordell, Washita County, Oklahoma.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 6th day of December, 1984.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal) 93-85-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: JAMES VERNON SNYDER Address Unknown, Respondent:

GREETINGS -YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, law, and the mandates at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer seal of said Court at the petition of Christian Abilene, Texas, this the 6th day of December, 1984.

Rilla Mahoney, Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal) 93-85-1tc

150CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of WAYLON DALE SNYDER, a Child", the nature of which suit is a

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