

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS was expressed by Lee, Gabe and Christi Robinson as they give thanks for the coming of Christ. They are pictured in the Methodist Church sanctuary. They give thanks at the altar of the decorated church. (Review Photo)

## School Board Views Proposed Band Uniforms

The Abernathy School Board met Monday, December 5 at 7 p.m. for their December meeting. The main topic of discussion was new band uniforms.

Band Instructor George Riddell and band members John Vandygriff and Bobby Morgan were present to display the proposed new band uniforms. Two band uniform companies made prototype uniforms for AHS band members and Morgan and Vandygriff modelled them for the school board.

Riddell showed school board members why these were ideal uniforms. The board decided to wait until the January board meeting to make a decision on the uniforms. Riddell will make another presentation at the January board meeting. Then the board will decide what course of action they will take concerning this subject.

It was mentioned that the present uniforms are 16 years old.

The minutes of the November meeting were quickly approved without discussion.

Under action items, the board decided to call for bids on the proposed addition to the power mechanics building. The new addition would include two 40 ft. by 30 ft. classrooms to be constructed on the west side and connected to the present structure.

Projected cost of this project is approximately \$55 thousand.

Special Education transfers were approved. They are Abel Cantu from New Deal, Kimberly Martinez from Hale Center, Franklin Johnson from Hale Center, and Arthur Fraire from Olton.

The board authorized a bonded stamp for School Board President Richard Howard. Howard stated that it will save time and trouble if school employee checks only have to be signed and stamped, rather than signed twice.

The board set the January board meeting for January 9. The meeting is usually held the first Monday of each month, but that would fall on January 2, the day after new years and a

holiday. Therefore, the meeting was moved back a week.

The board approved a request by the Abernathy FFA Chapter to have a turkey shoot December 17 at the Country Club. Proceeds from this shoot were to go to the Abernathy Senior Citizens Center.

The enrollment report revealed that Abernathy Schools presently have 1,004 students enrolled, 18 less than at this time last year.

School collections are coming along better than they were last year at this time, according to Earl Carter. The school has collected 2.47 percent more taxes than it had last year at this time.

The board received several letters of appreciation for holding the Teacher Appreciation Banquet. Many school employees sent the board thank you notes for having this banquet in their honor. Members of the FFA chapter thanked the board for making the trip to the National FFA Convention possible. And Billie Harrison thanked the board for giving him Abernathy I.S.D.'s votes, which elected him for another term to the Hale County Appraisal Board.

### Other Business

Two visitors, Laura Phillips and Todd Barrick, both AHS student council representatives, were present at the meeting to observe.

## Record Cold Temperatures Stun Area

Record cold temperatures stunned the Abernathy area this weekend and early this week.

A cold front moved into this area Saturday, which brought 1/2 inch of snow at the most, some sleet, freezing mist and the coldest temperatures this area has ever witnessed for this time of year.

Temperatures dipped down to 8 degrees early Sunday morning. It got even colder early Monday morning as the low was 7 degrees.

Abernathy received light snow Sunday and Monday and freezing mist (ice storm) Tuesday. The high Sunday

was only 14 degrees and Monday 21 degrees. By Wednesday morning, the temperatures had dipped to a low of 5 degrees, a dense fog remained in the area, and hoar frost had formed on all the trees, as well as power lines.

Many residents west of New Deal woke to find the inside of their homes a chilling 39 degrees, since power lines were breaking one after another around the area. A representative of South Plains Electric Coop reported that the power has been out since around 2:15 a.m. Wednesday and men were out working on the lines. However, he had no idea when power would be restored. "Seems we get one line back up, and another one breaks," he stated.

The Review heard some reports of water pipes freezing and that many locals were not able to get about because their autos would not start. In the Abernathy area some residents have also reported problems with their electrical service.

## ON THE COUNTY LINE

BY KEITH TOOLEY

**TWO MARTIANS LANDED** on earth. They walked into a hardware store and purchased a can of lye, some steel wool, a gallon of carbon tetrachloride, and a dozen crowbars. "Will that be all?" asked the clerk. "Yes," they answered. "We're just picking up a few treats for the kids back home."

**WE WERE READING** in the Tulia Herald about the Payment In Kind program costing the federal government \$16 billion.

This sounds like a lot of money, but it really isn't if you consider that the U.S. national debt is now \$1.3 trillion. And the feller who is the editor of the Tulia paper is right, we would like to see farmers stay in business regardless of the cost. Besides, we want to continue to eat and there are not enough rabbits or pheasants to go around if farmers go out of business.

**DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON**, it is important to remember what the Christ in Christmas is for. Christmas is a time in which we reflect on the birth of Christ.

Christmas is so commercialized that we sometimes get sidetracked and dwell on presents, decorations, holiday clothes, food, Santa Claus, etc.

These are all important and add to the fun and excitement of Christmas, but Christmas was made possible first and foremost by the birth of Christ. We will strive to keep this in mind this holiday season.

**A MINISTER** had reached that point in the service where the collection was to be passed. "And now, brethren," he said, "let us all give in accordance with what we reported on Form 1040."

**WHAT MAKES** a truly successful executive is not intelligence, education, lifestyle, or background. The principal factor that determines an executive's success is his or her ability to deal with people.

**FOR THOSE OF YOU** who might have missed this item over the holiday, it is now required in New Mexico that all infants and youngsters be restrained with seat belts while traveling in motor vehicles. Those found in violation of the new state law will pay \$100 to the New Mexico state government.

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## Council Approves City Farm, Airport And Insurance Bids

The City Council met Monday, December 12, and discussed and acted on several important items of business, such as the city farm and airport leases and insurance.

Mayor Pete Thompson called the meeting to order and minutes of the November 14 meeting were approved without discussion.

### City Insurance Bids

The council looked at the bids submitted for the city's 1984 insurance coverage. Only two companies submitted bids: Hubbard Insurance Agency of Abernathy and Farmers Group Insurance (John Hatchett Insurance Agency) of Lubbock. Burl Hubbard and John and Bill Hatchett were present to answer any questions the council might have about their bids.

After lengthy discussion, the council concluded that the Farmers Group Insurance bid needed to be examined further to see if it met all the specifications required by the city. The council decided to hold a special meeting Monday, December 19, and accept one of the insurance bids then. The council met last Monday, in a special meeting, but did not award a bid to either company. Both companies were permitted to re-submit their bids and the council will make a decision prior to January 1.

### City Farm and Airport Leases

The council reviewed the city farm and airport lease bids which were submitted.

Only one bid was submitted for the city farm lease. Jeff Oswalt gave a bid of \$2,000 to lease the city farm for a year beginning January 1, 1984. This is a two-year lease. Oswalt won the bid two years ago, as well, but paid \$3,000 for it last time.

One council member stated that the \$2,000 bid is fair when you consider that Oswalt is just buying water. Oswalt plans to plant wheat on the farm.

Max Crowell, who has had the airport lease for the past five years, put in his bid to renew this lease for the next five years at \$7,500. Crowell was present at the meeting and the only person to submit a bid on the airport lease. The council accepted the bid made by Crowell, but stated that they would expect Crowell to make his payments on time and see to it that the airport is cleaned up.

### Employee Salaries Increased

The council approved a 1984 city employee salary increase. The salary increase had previously been written into the 1983-84 budget.

The council approved the salary increases. This was not an across the board salary increase. 15 city employees will get increases and the increases average 4 percent.

### Other Business

Librarian Evaughn Hackler was present at the meeting to make a

request to the council. Hackler requested that the city expend another \$100 a month to pay other library employees for their work at the library. She said that if the city will allocate \$100, the county might match this amount and the library could have \$200 more each month to operate on. "We are presently operating with minimum funds," Hackler said.

Hackler also mentioned that the library circulated 5,733 books to readers this year and that there are presently 11,763 volumes at the library.

The council will discuss this matter and respond to Hackler's request at the next city council meeting.

The council considered a petition for annexation of 1.56 acres, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hannel, into the city limits. The 1.56 acres to be annexed into the city are located on the northwest side of town adjacent to the I-27 service road. The council approved this annexation.

They next considered a proposal for a municipal service plan for newly annexed property. This service plan is required to be filed for any newly annexed property. Then they approved an ordinance setting the first public hearing on the proposed annexation of the Hannel property for January 9.

The council considered the 1983 Texas Community Development Grant offer of \$85,000 to the city. The council authorized the city to enter into this agreement with the State of Texas to accept this grant.

The city manager was authorized to advertise for bids for a high pressure hydraulic sewer cleaner for the city. The projected cost is \$15 to \$17 thousand.

The city manager was authorized to advertise for bids for the 1984 street seal coat project. The projected cost of this project is \$25 thousand.

The council received for discussion the city zoning ordinance study. Planning consultant Steve Fanning is presently drafting a proposed city ordinance for Abernathy.

The council considered purchasing a long-range computer to be used for utility billing, budgetary accounting and payroll. Council members thought it would be a good idea to look into a computer system. They requested more information on the types of systems and costs.

The council signed a cooperative purchasing agreement with the City of Lubbock. This gives the city the opportunity to bid on equipment and supplies jointly with the City of Lubbock, which will save the city money.

They next reviewed and discussed an Abernathy Airport Development Plan submitted to the city by the Aeronautics Commission.



Photos From Santa's Visit To Elementary School...More Photos Inside



# Society and Features

## Hobgood-Whorton Vows Exchanged Dec. 10

Jorene Hobgood and Michael Whorton exchanged wedding vows Saturday, December 10, at 4 p.m. in the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. Leon Carroll of Pagosa Springs, Colorado officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray Hobgood of Happy and JoAnn Whorton of Lubbock and Bill Whorton of Lubbock.

The double ring ceremony was performed before the

fireplace, which was accented by candelabras entwined with greenery and pink bows.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal length white gown of Chiffonette trimmed with re-embroidered chantilly and alencon laces. The gown featured a Queen Anne neckline outlined with pearl and sequin encrusted alencon lace, which cascaded down the front of the chantilly lace covered bodice. The shadow sleeves featured dinner sleeves detailed with alencon appliques and sheer outer sleeves of chiffonette gathered onto fitted lace cuffs. The a-line skirt of chiffonette was enhanced with pearls and sequins, and was edged with re-embroidered chantilly lace, which circled the semi-cathedral train. The waist length Mantilla veil of illusion was also edged in chantilly lace and embellished with lace appliques and pearls.

For something borrowed, Jorene wore a pearl necklace, belonging to the groom's mother. Something new was her gown and something blue was the traditional blue garter. For something old, Jorene carried the Bible her mother had carried at her wedding. She also wore a penny in her shoe minted in the year of her birth.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Gay Hobgood, sister of the bride, from Austin. Gay wore a burgundy dress with a ruffled collar and sleeves. Jason Hobgood, brother of the bride, lit the candles and Jeff Robertson of Lubbock, greeted guests at the door.

The groom was attired in a grey tuxedo. Serving as best man was Chris Mindham of Dallas. He also was attired in a grey tuxedo.

The reception followed the ceremony. Serving the guests were Debra Robertson and DeAnna Bowen, both of Lubbock.

The house party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Sims, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bryan, and Jill White, all of Happy.

The couple will be at home in Lubbock.

It takes two cups of shelled peanuts to yield a cup of peanut butter. Twelve ounces of peanut butter will measure one cup.



Mrs. Michael Whorton

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Here's hoping your holiday will be wrapped in laughter and decorated with love. Thanks for your kind patronage.



### Hairbenders

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## Sunshine Group Enjoys Christmas Dinner

The Sunshine Group met December 15 with 27 people attending. They enjoyed all the usual activities such as the prayer, minutes, songs, birthdays, etc. and some Christmas music. Blanche and HB Coggin couldn't be present, but she decorated one table in Christmas theme. The group always enjoys the decorations.

Rev. Riddles, from First Baptist Church, read a Christmas story which was written by the man who owned the stable where Christ was born. "I have heard a lot of different

Christmas stories, but this is the first time I had heard it written by this person." Everyone enjoyed it very much. Then he passed a box around, filled with jars of spiced tea with pretty bonnets on them. Then everyone enjoyed a good dinner.

A little more about the bottle of tea. I had a tea party and served it to two members of the Christian church, one Methodist and one old Presbyterian. This is the way it is done in America.

Those present were: Mrs.

C. Brewer, Dot von Struve, Furman and Lois Shipman, Reita Smith, Frances Howard, Dixie Pittman, Vera and Bill Pope, Katherine Dye, Ethel Petty, Ollie Selke, Fay Ann Nelson, G. W. Nelson, R. A. Lutrick, Pauline Stone, Bernice

Smith, Mildred Bundick, Floyd Shipman, Lillie Mae Shipman, Mrs. Talbott, Maybell Glass, Bernice Conn, Betty Reynard, Rev. Riddles, Mrs. Riddles and Minnie Northcutt.

Merry Christmas to all. Granny Dot, Reporter.

## Methodist Church News

Guests at the First Methodist Church Sunday, December 11 were: Faye Pope and Rick Thomason, both of Abernathy.

A mole can dig a tunnel 300 feet long in one night.

## Lakeview Locals

By Mrs. Norman Matthews

Rev. Jesse Nave was the featured speaker last Wednesday night during services at Lakeview Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Montgomery visited relatives in Levelland Friday. They also visited their niece Patty Montgomery in Littlefield. Friday night they attended a Christmas Party in Hale Center, where Mrs. Montgomery's sister, Clara Desmond stays.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Mitchell of Albuquerque, New Mexico visited her mother, Mrs. S. M. Harrison, over the weekend.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Driver of Big Spring, visited her sister, Mrs. Oleta Gilmore, over the weekend.

Mrs. N. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Matthews and Randy attended com-

## Those To Remember

M. M. Bell is in Methodist Hospital.

Rick Thomason was dismissed Saturday from Methodist Hospital.

Sam Wade is in Methodist Hospital. He is doing better.

Clayton Enger is home from the hospital.

Cecil Amerson is home from the hospital.

Bruce Mason is in Lubbock General Hospital.

Jeff Oswald has been dismissed from Methodist Hospital.



LUNCHEON FOR HONDA EMPLOYEES...Abernathy schools held a luncheon for all the HONDA and special services employees at the school Administration Building last week. The teachers are from various schools throughout the area under the HONDA program administered by Abernathy I.S.D. (Review Photo)



## Struve's Pre-Christmas Sale

Free Gift Wrapping

### Men's Department

All Dress Shirts	Van Heusen Campus	25% Off
	Entire Stock	20% Off
Hager Slacks	Entire Stock	20% Off
Men's Resistol Hats	Reg. Stock	20% Off
Men's Resistol Hats	Stagecoach Collection	1/2 Price
Sweaters	Men's Young Men's [entire stock]	25% Off
Work Boots	Style #1177 Red Wing Reg. \$74.95	\$42 <sup>95</sup>
Work Boots	Wrangler Western	Drastically Reduced
Shirts	One-Rack Net & Velour	1/2 Price
Neckties	by Wembley - Entire Stock	25% Off
Shirts	One Rack Van Heusen Cashmond	25% Off
All Western Boots		20% Off

### Ladies & Girl's Department

Corduroy Pants	1-Rack Cheeno	25% Off
Women's Coordinates		Reduced
Corduroy Pants & Skirts	1-Rack Junior	1/2 Price
Junior Blouses	2 Racks	Reduced
Sleepwear	1-Table Wendy Lee	20% Off
All Women's Pants		25% Off
Dress Pants	1-Rack Little Boys'	1/3 Off
Shirts	2-Racks Little Boys'	1/3 Off
Dress Shirts	1-Shelf Little Boys'	1/3 Off
Denim Group	Fem-Form	1/3 Off
All Women & Junior Jeans		25% Off

BARGAIN STORE WILL ALSO BE OPEN SATURDAY

## Merry Christmas Struve's Department Store

298-2505

314 Main St.

## Merry Christmas

In the true Yuletide tradition, we'd like very much to express our warm appreciation to all of you who've been such a pleasure to serve.



Rita Houston, Billie DuBose, and Montez Rogers Vivian Carmichael, Rhett Riley, Katherine Houston,

## Billie's

917 Ave. D 298-2826

### Contest Honors Town's Birthday

To celebrate the town of Abernathy's future 75th birthday, the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a

Diamond Jubilee celebration. In conjunction with the celebration, the chamber is

sponsoring a motto contest among junior high students. All entries must be received by December 31.

The junior high students are trying to create an emblem and motto dealing with "The Palm of the Plains." The winner's motto will be published with a booklet to be sold as a souvenir. It

will be the official "logo" for the celebration. A rat can go longer without water than a camel can. Cherrapungi, India has an annual average rainfall of 432 inches—36 feet.



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### Letters to Santa



Dear Santa, I have been a pretty good boy. I want a litel froger game, and light Bright, and stopers 4x4.  
Love, Santa, Pecos Shafer

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I want skates, a bike, a pear of shoes, and Rodolph. We will leav cookies for you.  
Love, Dana Shafer

Dear Santa, I want a wach and a jacket. Dear Santa, Please bring me the hold chlech of Gi. Joe. Dear Santa, I want a car maker.  
Love, J. C.

Dear Santa, I have been good and so has my sister. I want a tv and my sister want a baby and ofcars. My momthr want a now tv to.  
Love, Richard

Dear Santa, I have been good. I want a bike and a clock. Olswoat a litte ber.  
Love, Juan

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. We will leave you soom milk and cookeis. I want Zoor.  
Love, Lare Attebury

Dear Santa, I want a dog for Christmas. I want a watch. I want a T.V. I want a deer gon but I will not yous it ylon I will yous it win my Dad is with me.  
Love, Brian

Dear Santa, I have been good this year Santa. I want a baby that cries, watch and skaes. And my bruth waths a gun.  
Love, Aurelia Flores

Dear Sant, I want a witch and castl

Gruslskull. I will leave you cookeis.  
Love, Tony

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Santa I want a bike for Christmas and a babydoll and also a frnd.  
Love, Isabell

Dear Santa, I have been good this year and I want presens. In won of my present I want a stuft antomal. In the uther won I want a surviver recerd and a bike and the most theng that I want is a tedeber.  
Love, Maricella Ramos

We will leave some cookes and milk.

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy but I have been a litll bad. Now les git to the toys. I want train, tellsep and this time dot get the doll mistsup in my stoing.  
Love, James

Dear Santa, I want a doll that eats and a trampaling and a tedy ber and a pool and swings and a pink bike.  
from yor frined, Elizabeth Bazan

Dear Santa, Sata I want a gray sled a color tv a racing car set. love, Duggan Barcheers Merry Christmas Santa.

Dear Santa, I would like to have a cuputer, a b.b. gun a piar of monokls and numbers up. But I want more but I cant thank of any more right now.  
Thanks Santa, Zack Patton

I hope you can read my righting.

Dear Santa Claus, I have been waiting for Christmas Eve. I want a wach for Christmas. I hope you are feeling well Santa Claus.  
Monica Betancur

Dear Santa, This is what I want--a

new bike, some games for our computer and a picture of you and your otograph and lots more.  
Love, Rachel Waits

Dere Santa, i whant a doll that crys and moves her leges and i whut some ear phones too so that is whant i whant for Christmas. oh i forgot something to i what a sewing machine to so clothes a to make so blows. The End.  
Love, Veronica

Dere Santa, I want a lot of stuff for Christmas like a radio and ear phones and a litll waterbed too. And some tapes too. And atary and a litll wright puppy that is if my mom will let me have one. Oh and baby alive and a litll moor food and a litll moor dipers so if she wets.  
Love, Angelia Ater

Dear Santa, I want a football and a electric train and a home computer and he-man and skelter and castle Grasco and battlecat and a Gold car and eight cars.  
Love, Felix

Dear Santa, here is wat I want for Christmas. chris cros crash rase track, ji joe electric train set and he mam and battle cat golden egle 18 teen wheeler and castle grasco.  
Love, Robert Jackson

Dear Santa, I want a bike and video game's and skeletor and footall. The and.  
Omar

I love you Dear Santa.

Dear Santa, I want easle Grasco and new dirt bike a set of crayola.  
Your freind, Staven

Dear Santa, I would like a control car and sreletor and mountain master and a gold car.  
Love, Mark Galvan

Dear Santa, I want mountain master and a control car and a Merry Cristmas to you.  
Love, Danny Lopez Jr.



May the joy of the first Christmas be yours... and may the New Year bring you everything you wish for.

## Merry Christmas

from your friends at First State Bank Shallowater.



## Food Bank Provides Valuable Service

The South Plains Food Bank, which officially opened its doors on November 20, 1983, is the newest in a network of thirteen Texas Food Banks. The Food Bank, located in Lubbock, is a central clearing house that collects, stores, and distributes surplus and salvage foods that would otherwise rot or be destroyed.

The Food Bank provides surplus foods to eligible organizations and agencies

in the South Plains that supply food or prepared meals to needy persons free of charge. Organizations that can receive surplus foods include senior citizen programs, churches, child care facilities, youth homes, and other certified community service agencies.

Surplus foods, donated by wholesalers, retailers, farmers and private citizens, are often not saleable because of either errors in packaging or distribution, or because

the sale date has expired. The food is still wholesome and all foods must be inspected before it is redistributed. Donations of food to the South Plains Food Bank are tax-deductible and the Texas Legislature has passed a "Good Faith Donor" law to protect food donors from liability.

Former Lubbock Human Relations Commission director Carolyn Lanier is the executive director of the South Plains Food Bank.

SPAG Board president, Hale County Commissioner Henry Rieff, is serving on the Food Bank's Board as secretary, and Lubbock County Judge, Rod Shaw, who is also a member of the SPAG Board of Directors, is serving on the Food Bank's Advisory Council.

For information on donating and receiving surplus food, call the South Plains Food Bank at (806) 763-3003.



### Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike for Christmas and I want a baby skate doll. My mom and dad and not frod it. Thank you. I am nine yares old.  
From,  
Tracy Torrez

Dear Santa Cluas,  
I want a bike for Christmas and a baby skates and a doll for Christmas. I love you.  
Love,  
Amy Hannel  
I love ya!

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a NFL booball and I want a Heman weapon set and I want a Heman and a skeltor for Christmas.  
Love,  
Michael Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I like you Santa. i want a gan and a car and a truck fod me and a box to pat a crayolas.  
Love,  
Juan Almaguer

Dear Santa Clas,  
I want a home computer and a bike a wach a dog a parakeet that talks and the hole He-man and the master of the wayve one by one.  
Marry Christmas,  
Santa Clas  
Esteban Lopez

Dear Santa,  
On Christmas Eve I want casigrayscol for Christmas Eve. And ran-man, trop-jaw and skeltor and two gi Joe. love your friend,  
Ralph Ponce

Dear Santa Clase,  
I want a doll and ball I like to play white a ball is fun to play white.  
Kendra Guerrant

Dear Santa,  
What I want is a Y. wing fiter and a soker ball.  
Your frind,  
Heath Manney  
P.S. I love you.

Dear Santa Claw,  
How are you? I am fine. I want a remote control airplane, with fuel. I want a radio with earphones. The End.  
Your pal,  
Jason Hubbard

Dear Santa,  
I want a Castly Grasco He-man and skelatar battly-cat and I want a Atari and I want a computer.  
Love,  
Charlie

Dear Santa Claus,  
What I whant for Christmas is a Ken and Barbie close and shoes and raidio and earphones and some knee and arm pads for my roller skates. by-by.  
Rebecca Boyd

Dear Santa,  
I want a pac man witch, pro football with tee, basketball with goal and net, castle-grasco, atari with cartridges, radio with earphons, home computer, heman battle cat skelator, electric trim. Merry Christmas Santa Claus!  
Love,  
Eddy Champion

Dear Santa,  
I want a castle Grasco, team murry X20r bike, Atari 20,000, He-man battle cat Skelator.  
Shane Wilson

Dear Santa,  
I want a water bed a computer tape a electric train. Gijoe plane football suit, battle cat, Skelator race car track, puppy dog, santa claus pleas con't forget my cat and my brother and mother father.  
Love,  
Linc Lutrick

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Sweet Miss and a baby sleepy and a trampoline and one more thing New Wave Am/FM Headset stereo ear phones. I love you Santa.  
Love,  
LaShae Martin

Dear Santa,  
I want a watch and a foot ball. And a basket ball and a basket ball goal, and pitfall and pac man for my atari. And battle cat and He-man and Skelator will that is it.  
Love,  
Marcos Lopez

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Mer-man with a Castle Grayskull and a Atari cartridge of Frogger and Donkey Kong and a electric race track.  
Love,  
Mike Schaaup

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a home made Natalie doll. And ear phones with a littel radioe. But besides that I dont care.  
Love,  
Amy Steele

Dear Santa,  
I want a three wheelr and I want a bow and aross and a zaxxon game he-man and atari.  
Love,  
Carl George

Dear Santa,  
I want a Cabbage Patch doll. I want a twirly caral doll. And special of all I want a ti computer and cartridge. I want a football. I want a basketball. Have a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Shanda

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a doll and shoes and clothes and some toys, a Atari and cabbage patch doll. I love you.  
Love,  
Leigh Lamb

## Lopes Take Lorenzo Dec. 19

The varsity boys traveled to Lorenzo Monday night, December 19. It was a good game, and Abernathy won it 75-72.

In the first period, Lorenzo came out strong and put 25 points on the board to Abernathy's 13. The Lopes turned it around in the second period, scoring 27 points to Lorenzo's 16, for a close halftime score of Abernathy 40, Lorenzo 41. Coming back in the third

period, the Lopes held on, scoring 24 points to Lorenzo's 13. Lorenzo attempted a turn-around in the fourth period, by making 18 points to Abernathy's 15. The Lopes were victorious with a final score score of Abernathy 75, Lorenzo 72.

High scorers in this game were Ed Teal 31, Chester Cooper 20, Sammy Galloway 13 and Larry Perkins 10 points.

### YEAR-END TAX STRATEGIES FOR FARMERS...

Farmers and ranchers have only a few weeks left to review their income tax situations and to consider certain strategies for reducing tax dollars. In many cases, 1983 income taxes will be affected significantly by the government's PIK (payment-in-kind) program and severe drought conditions, notes an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. A general recommendation for tax planning is to try to level out taxable income from year to year to avoid jumping through several tax brackets from one year to the next. 1983 tax tables reflect a 10 percent reduction from the 1982 tax rate, while the tax rate will be reduced another 5 percent in 1984.



The first white woman to become an Indian chief was Harriet Maxwell Converse who was made a chief of the Six Nations Tribe in 1891 in Tonowanda, N.Y.

## 51 Persons Could Die In Holiday Auto Accidents

The Texas Department of Public Safety has estimated that 51 persons will be killed on Texas streets and highways during the Christmas holidays. The estimate is based upon previous holiday death statistics and the number of hours during which motorists are anticipated to travel.

"Last year, 44 persons were killed in traffic accidents during the actual holiday period. However, persons injured in various accidents across the state brought the final death toll to 52," said Colonel Jim Adams, director of the DPS. Adams said while Texas is experiencing a significant decrease in traffic deaths statewide this year, the holidays can reflect a deadly time for motorists.

"As of noon, Friday, December 16, we had an 11 percent reduction in traffic deaths and that is 412 fewer people killed. We attribute the reduction to increased DWI enforcement, widespread attention to the

drinking driver and a renewed effort by drivers to obey traffic laws.

The DPS director said that holiday weekends are dangerous times to travel. "We find the volume of traffic increases. Also, we still have some drivers who insist upon drinking and driving and others who exceed the speed limits. These drivers are risking accident involvement," he said.

DPS statistics show that DWI and speed are the two main contributing factors to traffic accidents in Texas.

"We'll have additional available troopers to assist the motorists and to be especially watchful for the drunken drivers and those who speed."

Adams praised local police authorities for their work in reducing the traffic death toll and he applauded the various local programs to help keep the drinking driver from getting behind the wheel.



SANTA MADE THE ROUNDS last Friday in Abernathy and is pictured taking orders. (Review Photos)

### Christmas Joy

Topping our menu with rich Christmas greetings to all of our friends and patrons.

**Country Kitchen**

May all things that symbolize Christmas in all its glory be yours to share with dear friends and loved ones. And to our many friends like you, "thanks."

### Christmas Greetings

Clayton & Merle Enger

## Then It's Too Late

*Why is it? A man wakes up in the morning after sleeping on an advertised bed, in advertised pajamas. He will bathe in an advertised tub, wash with advertised soap, shave with an advertised razor, have a breakfast of advertised juice, cereal and toast [toasted in an advertised toaster], put on advertised clothes and glance at his advertised watch.*

*He will ride to work in an advertised car, sit at an advertised desk, smoke advertised cigarettes and write with an advertised pen. Yet this man hesitates to advertise, saying that advertising does not pay. Finally, when his unadvertised business goes under, he will advertise it for sale.*

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*Let the world rejoice for the glory that His birth brought to all mankind, the hope and promise of peace that is ours, the love and brotherhood that is for all to share. Christmas today is a reminder of the spirit and message of the very first Noel, when angels and kings exulted in His coming, and the meaning of everlasting faith. May the glorious inspiration of that holy night rekindle warmth and wonder in your hearts as you celebrate Christmas with those you love.*

*We are pleased to express our deepest appreciation for your loyal support.*

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Dear Sant,  
I hope you come to see us in Christmas and I want a doll and I want a boll and I want a baby.

Dear Santa,  
I want a boy monkey, and a care Bear, and a smurf. Hula hoop.

Your friend,  
Summer

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a doll that tlak and cries and baby skate and a huoe.

Leticia Cardenas

Dear Santa,  
I want a pair of good skates and a star to put on our tree and a teddy bear.

Your friend,  
Leslie Settle

Dear Santa,  
I want a perse form Christmas perse. I want a bike then I want a car.

Jonathan

Dear Santa Claus,  
I wish I had a three wheeler and a double barrel shotegun.

Your friend,  
Leremur

## "Our Move To The Plains"

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following article was contributed to the Review by Jerry Adams. It belonged to his mother, Betty Adams, who passed away in 1973. The historical article was written by Fritz Struve, Sr. and is his personal account of when he and his family moved to the northern plains of Texas in 1901 in a spring wagon. We did not edit this article, written in 1901, and it is printed below as it was originally written by Struve then.

By Fritz Struve, Sr.

In 1901 we married on April 2nd, about June 1901 the home place was sold, our part from mothers estate came to a little over \$900.00. I had saved \$156.00 out of my 2 years wages working for my brother Clements in his store in Marble Falls Tex. I had one horse and Manna had one horse which father had promised her if she would marry one of his boys, that was over a year before we decided to marry. (my horse named "Palmer" and Manna's horse named "Hans")

We left Marble Falls Nov. 1st, 1901 in an old spring wagon we had at home, which I had fixed for camping and traveling. Manna's sister, Gerty, was then living at Plainview Texas, about 5 miles out. On a previous trip out to the plains, I bought 320 acres of land for \$500.00 with a well and dug-out on it one mile west of where Gerty lived.

The first night out from Marble Falls we camped close to Lampasas. I had built a chuck box on the back end of the wagon. Father told me that it would make the wagon full heavy, and so it did. So that night I tore out the box and threw it away.

By the way, when we left Marble Falls, we left with the best wishes of friends, and the prediction that we would be back in six months.

The second night we stayed at Lometa Texas. We drove into a wagon yard which was about 7 or 8 inches deep in mud. So we decided not to stay there, and after watering the horses and buying a gallon of water for a dime, we drove out and camped outside of town.

The next night we camped close to Brownwood Texas. The fourth night we camped along the road close to a farmers house. The fifth night we camped close to Coleman Texas. The sixth night we camped close to Abilene Texas. The seventh night and 8th night at Stamford Tex with my sister, Clara.

After resting a day we proceeded west. Close to Stamford we filled our water jug with wind-mill water and watered our team. We were told that would be the last water we would get that wasn't gyp for 50 miles. The 9th night we camped in Stonewall County close to a stone wall at a water hole of rain water, which gave us good water for the horses. The 10th and 11th night between Stonewall and Espula, or Spur Ranch, where we spent the 12th night. Manna's dog "Pluto", which we had taken along failed to follow us and we had to drive back to pick him up about 2 miles back.

The next night we camped on the Caprock close to Floydada (the 13th night). On breaking camp that morning it began to rain and it rained on us all day. That day we came to within 1 and 1/2 miles of where Girty lived when the horses could go no farther. So we had to camp out there for the 14th time.

We had no experiences of any note on the whole trip, everything went off smoothly.

Brother Steffen, also was staying and camping in the Doug-out. We immediately proceeded to haul lumber out and build a shed for the horses and a small house (14 by 24 ft) in which we lived for 9 years.

About the middle of December I drove to Canyon after a load of coal. When I arrived at Canyon the town was out of coal and I had to wait 3 days before a car of coal came in. I could only get one ton of coal then.

About seven or eight others who were at Canyon to get coal drove about 18 miles toward home and camped. The next morning we were covered with 3 inches of snow and the thermometer down to 7 below zero. Our food was all frozen hard. After feeding the team started out and drove 35 miles that day and froze one of my big toes, after walking most of the way. The results of which I have not gotten over yet after 55 years.

I came on home next day with my load.

The greatest event so far came on the 14th day of Jan 1902, when Wanda (Lottie) was born.

FJS

**NOTE:** It is also noted that during the 9 years spend in this small house, that shelter was given to travelers, from 1 or 2 to a dozen or more at a time, during severe blizzards. Putting their bedding on the floor anywhere could find space, and staying until the blizzards were over. (Some of these left their own company to be eliminated - "bed-bugs").



AND WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS? Santa not only visited with the kids Friday, but many teachers has gift requests. (Review Photo)

**Christmas Joy**

Let's join together this year in peace and harmony... with love and happiness for all mankind.

Joe Thompson  
Implement



THE CHILDREN LINED UP to visit with Santa last Friday in front of City Hall. He was escorted around town by the Abernathy Volunteer Fire Department. (Review Photo)

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas a atari and a doll and one more tang same clos.

from Rosalinda

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want the rest of the He-man stuf and a set of walkie-talkie and I want a 24 boys size 10 speed bike.

Love,  
Cory Loper

**CHRISTMAS**

It's a lovely time to express our wishes of thanks and friendship. It's been our pleasure to serve you all!

Bill's He and She

## Rejoice

May the meaning of His birth enrich your lives as you once again rekindle your faith in Him. Many thanks and sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas.



Sixty Six Butane & Fertilizer  
Bobby and Missy

Dear Santa,  
I want three dollars and a botton for Christmas. But that is not all I want. I want a Glow worm too. But I want Happy Returns. And Munchichi the girl doll.

Your friend,  
Kristi Edwards

Dear Santa,  
I would like the folowing itoms, Castle Gray Skull, manglord, maladaktil, mangladores, He man, Tila, man-at-arms, Skelator, beast-man, batle cat, Atak-Trak. Thanks a lot!

Love,  
Joel



A Very Merry Noel, Dear Friends!  
Rod & Barbara Ellis

## Greetings Christmas

Join us in leading the way towards renewed faith in the good of mankind.



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## The First Noel



May the radiance of Christmas lead you to joy and peace everlasting. Gratefully, we extend our season's greetings.

Abernathy Farmers Coop Gins





ONE OF THE MANY CLASSES at elementary school Santa visited last Friday. Each student was given a bag of treats. (Review Photo)

Dear Santa,  
I want baby alive or atlete Garfield of Strawberry Shortcake (blows kisses) or my frind Kimberly.  
Love, Jody Lynn Steele

Dear Sant,  
I want a new bike and a doll and record player and I wish you a merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Christina Ann Macias

Dear Santa,  
I want a sweter and a pair of pants and a care-bear book and gown, winter Sunday dress and a new winter coat, and some pair of cordrouroy pants and to baby dolls a boy and girls!!!  
Love,  
Prim Ryan

Dear Santa:  
I want a baby skates doll, I have been a good girl all year, I love you Santa,  
From,  
Melanie Riojas

## Grandson Of Former Local Couple Writes Book

Jon Holmes, in an effort to set the record straight about Texans, has written a book entitled "Texas: A Self-Portrait." Published by Abrams Art Books, it is "an extravagant celebration of Texas life, from the misty past, to the skyscrapered present, from the teeming prairies to the Alamo...this rip-roaring volume has it all: Texas style, Texas wit, Texas art, Texas sports heroes, Texas cattle brands, and Texas good home cook-

ing!" Containing nearly 500 illustrations, including 100 in color, the hard-back book is available at book stores for \$45.

Holmes began his research for the book in 1976, studying in 13 states - archives, halls of fame, museums, volumes of "Who's Who" and the Library of Congress. He said this book is "the first ethnically balanced picture of Texas. For example, it points out that Bill Pickett of

Texas was the only black ever named to the Cowboy Hall of Fame. "I've written about women, blacks and Hispanics, who have never been written about in Texas history before."

Born in Lubbock, Holmes is a writer, editor, and photographer whose work has appeared in numerous national and international publications.

Holmes graduated from Texas Tech in 1969.

His is the grandson of Mrs. Isaac Holmes and the late Isaac Holmes, who farmed just north of Abernathy.



TEXAS: A SELF-PORTRAIT - Jon Holmes displays his recently published book during a visit to Hale County he spent his summers as a youth. It's all about how others see Texans and how Texans see themselves. The book was written from the perspective of a native Texas author and illustrated with views of the Lone Star state.

Dear Santa,  
Gabe Robinson wants..... All of the Star Wars figures, 3-sleepio case, Chewbacca belt, a Glamor gal. And Ive been a good boy every year. I would like to see you somenight.  
Gabe

## 'Christmas For Kids' To Air Dec. 25

December 10, the Christmas for Kids Concert was presented. KAMC taped the programs and they will air on Christmas Day. Sixty-eight band students from Abernathy participated in the program. In all, over 900 students from nearby

schools participated in the program.

All proceeds from the concert are put in the Christmas for the Kids fund to buy presents for orphans in Lubbock and Hale counties.

From Antelope Outlook

## Land Bank Associations Announce Merger, Oswalt Elected Vice Chairman

The Federal Land Bank Associations of Floydada and Plainview have announced the merger of two associations into Caprock-Plains Federal Land Bank Association.

The associations will continue to serve Briscoe, Floyd, Hale, Motley, and a portion of Hall Counties. The central office will be located in Plainview; however, the Floydada office

will continue to be fully staffed in order to serve the long-term agricultural and rural residential credit needs of farmers and ranchers in the area. A representative of the association will also continue to be at First National Bank in Quitaque each Tuesday.

At a recent reorganizational meeting, Stuart Dixon of Matador was elected Chairman of the Board and

Jerry Oswalt of Abernathy, Vice Chairman. In addition to Dixon and Oswalt, the board of directors will consist of Carroll Garrison, Silverton; Mal Jarboe, Floydada; Don McCulloch, Plainview; Homer Roberson, Petersburg; and Dean Turner, of Matador. Dorris Jones, Floydada; S. M. True, Jr., Hale Center; and Graddy Tunnell, Plainview; were elected Director Emer-

iti of the new association.

G. M. Howell was elected President of the Caprock-Plains Federal Land Bank Association and Tommy Ogdan Vice President. Linda Bowman and Andrea Hayes will continue to staff the Plainview office located at 629 Baltimore and Jo V. Bingham will remain in the Floydada office at 105 South Wall.

G. M. Howell stated the merger of the two associations will not diminish the service of the organization in making long-term real estate loans to area agricultural producers, and will permit better organization of administration and loan making functions.

## Ortiz Shoots For State Title In FTA Contest

With a \$1,000 scholarship at stake, Tony Ortiz will compete at state in February. With one record from Abernathy already in hand, the first area Mr. FTA from Abernathy, Tony is reaching for another, the first Abernathy male student to take the State FTA award.

As a high point FTA student from Abernathy, Tony Ortiz viewed State FTA competition last year. Seeing the three finalists at this FTA competition made

Tony realize, "They did nothing that I couldn't do better."

Tony then sat down and began constructing his speech for the contest. With help from Marilyn Vieregge, sponsor, Tony produced a speech entitled, "Today's Adventure, Tomorrow's Future." At this year's district meet, Tony placed first out of five contestants.

Due to error during this district meet judging, Tony was not announced as first

place winner. Tony, along with his sponsors, immediately after the awards assembly, protested that his scores warranted a place and the mistake was rectified.

In reality, he had actually beaten the top shown scorer by fifty speaking points.

Tony plans to stay three days at the Hyatt Regency in Austin, Texas, along with three high point students not yet named, and sponsors, Mrs. Gough and Mrs. Vieregge.

Here's wishing you a season bright in joy and friendship. We're grateful for your support throughout the year. MERRY CHRISTMAS

May you enjoy this special holiday season. Scott's Furniture & Appliance

## PEACE ON EARTH

May this Christmas see fulfillment of prosperity and brotherhood for all mankind. Our thanks to you, loyal friends, for your continued patronage.

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Best wishes to all our beloved friends for a holiday filled with warmth.

**First State Bank**  
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## Merry Christmas

May this holiday be filled with magic moments, best wishes... along with our deepest thanks for letting us serve you!

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## A MERRY HOLIDAY

A time to sing joyfully, as we extend our best wishes to all.

**Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber Co.**



**SANTA CLAUS WAS VERY POPULAR** at the elementary school last Friday. He is pictured being mobbed while walking down the halls at the elementary school. (Review Photo)



Across the globe, our faith in Him lives on.

Ceramic Peeples

Dear Santa,  
I want baby alive and angel face barbe. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I have been good all this year. My bother he has been climbing all over me. So don't bring him any toys.  
Love,  
Melinda

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good gral this year.  
I want some sikes, and a doll, and a watch, and my sister wants a watch to, and we will leave you some cooks and some milk.  
Love,  
Janie Castillo



Merry Christmas From The Staff At The Abernathy Post Office

## Turners Write Santa Letter

Dear Santa, friends, loved ones, and anyone who will listen:  
Well, another year is drawing to a close and upon reflection, we could have done without this one! I mean this has been a real bumper! The only way to end a year like this is with a laugh and a little love from my friends. So let me tell you all a little tale!

To begin with, farming was not what we should have done this year. Or last year! Or the year before that!...but we did! First thing last winter we got lots and lots of snow, just to fox us out so we would think we were going to make a good crop and we would plant cotton again. Mother Nature doesn't like to be fooled, but she sure gets her jollies fooling us! But we are hardy people, we are the stuff America is made of, we are the American Farmer and we never give up. Right? Right!

Well, we planted cotton all over and it didn't rain all summer. I mean the careless weeds never even showed up at all; now that is dry! Right! Well of course we paid outrageous electric bills all summer just to keep that stuff alive! Well we thought we had won again because when it is hot and dry, but cotton has enough water, then you get a good grade and make more money like they do in California.

You might even say we were happy then. Well almost. The only problem was a killing frost in September! Yes! That's what I said! Killed half of our crop dealer than a door nail. But we are hardy people! We are the stuff that America is made of. We are the American Farmer and we never give up! Right? Right!

Well as soon as we dried our eyes, we got busy getting our rigs ready so we could get right in the field and gather what was left. We waited patiently for the stuff to open up so we could rake in our year's work! You'll probably laugh when I tell you that the day we started stripping the crop, a huge hail storm came and wiped out the rest of that stuff. Can you believe a hail storm in October! But, we are hardy people. We are the stuff that America is made of. We are the American Farmer and we never give up. Right? Right!

Well as soon as we dried our eyes we go out and plant wheat everywhere we can find ground, in between the fifteen inches of rain we got. And we go out and buy cattle, cattle, and more cattle! Well, the first load of cattle stepped right out of the trailer and never slowed down until they reached the nearest town. Those suckers traveled faster than a supersonic jet! And that was the best behaved bunch of cattle that we brought in here! I mean, we have a cow here known as "Smoking Joe." She can whip any horse in the county.

Did I mention that when the hail storm hit, a barn blew over and killed five cows. 100 mph winds can blow over anything it wants to! Well at least now we eat steak!

Speaking of eating, I have been on a diet for several months and Benney says I have turned into a crazy person. You see, I quit smoking last November and I quit enjoying food in August, so now I can breathe deep, but when you take away a woman's cigarettes and her food, there is only one thing left for her to crave and have all she wants off! So now he is hunting a night job. I sure hope this doesn't blow my diet! My grandson is perfect in almost every way, but he has stayed with me so much that we have to furnish clothes pins to everyone that gets around him because he is so spoiled. Jania, his mother, got a real good job and it is a real good thing, because Bobby, his father, doesn't think he can afford to keep farming just for the practice!

I sewed all summer long making all my Christmas gifts this year because I thought it would save money and homemade gifts are always such a joy to get! Well, the other day one of my neighbors came by and saw all them set out on my bed and said, "I see you have rounded up a lot of things for the rummage sale this year." I could see five months of my life pass before my eyes, but I am a hardy person. I am made of the stuff America is made of, an American Farm Wife, and I never give up. Right? Right!

Well, Cindy came home from college last weekend and said, "Mother, I think I'll just chalk this semester of college up to experience." You know what that means don't you. Two thousand dollars for fourteen fun-filled weekends!!!!

But you know we have a fine family, except for Cory (but when he gets his braces off and his hair grows back, he'll look all right). And, we have our health, except for Benney's cough. Anyway Christmas always makes me feel that special brotherly love and giving spirit. So what happens! Today I went to town to buy a tree. I picked a beautiful one and loaded it by myself (all ten feet). I stopped at a store to get more decorations and some fool stole my Christmas Tree!!!!MY DAMN CHRISTMAS TREE!!!!

Merry Christmas to all of you from Benney, Elfa Cory & Cindy Turner

P.S. Santa, you don't normally hear from West Texas Farmers, but this year we made an exception, so please hear our cry from the wilderness.

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Fine I hope.  
Santa, this year I hope you can give me a necklace and a ring. I want a Barbie doll and Barbie Loves McDonalds, too. Please get me a Strawberry Shortcake sewing machine if you can.  
Santa, also try to get my two year old brother Jeremy something. He likes everything.  
Thank you and I'll see you at Christmas.  
Love,  
Diamond Lucero

Dear Santa,  
My name is Logan Neve. I am seven years old. What I want for Christmas is a new BMX bike, 3 packs of arrows, a USA Track 1 truck, and a remote control race car. I have been real good this year. The only reason I have been in trouble this year is because other people pick on me. I haven't been to the principal's office yet. I will leave chocolate milk and cookies for you on the T.V.  
Love,  
Logan

Season's Greetings To Our Friends



Chambers Funeral Home  
Joe and Amber

## 7th Girls Stomp Muleshoe 36-15

The 7th grade girls basketball team played Muleshoe here December 12, beating them 36-15.

The Abernathy girls kept control of the court all evening as they came out for a 3-0 lead over Muleshoe in the first period and out-scored Muleshoe 6-3 in the second, for a halftime

lead of 9-3 over Muleshoe. The 7th girls came out strong again in the third quarter, scoring 18 points in the third period and in the fourth period, the girls scored 9-6, for a final score of 36-15 over Muleshoe.

High scorer was Tisha Cox with 8 points.

Dear Santa Clos,  
I wod like a bike and a doll that can opin and shot hra ess and I wod like a care Bear book. I like you.  
Love,  
April K.a.n.k.

Dear Santa Clase,  
I have a few things but not to much. First Id like some cloths for belle then I'd like a monkey that comes with cloth on.  
from,  
Deena Morales

Dear Santa,  
I want a strawberry sortcake doll that you sweenz it's tummy and it blows you a kiss and a care bare and a glow worm.  
Your friend,  
Sherri Lamb

Dear Santa,  
I hope I have ben good this year. I want a baby alive, close, shose, barby house, barby and that is all.  
Love,  
Jodi Savage

In the Christmas tradition, we wish you all a fun and festive season! Many thanks to one and all!

Brightbill Heating & Air

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## Cotton Council Plans 1984 Survey

Cotton growers again will be asked this season how much acreage they will devote to the crop in 1984.

The National Cotton Council said its third annual planting intentions survey will go into the mail about the first of the year.

Cotton farmers are surveyed by the council every year so that early intentions will be available to growers

and other cotton industry members for possible adjustment of plans, officials said.

"Farmers and other industry members need to know how much acreage to expect," said council economist Joe Wyrick, "and the earlier that information is available, the more valuable it is for planning purposes."

Wyrick said the U.S.

Department of Agriculture formerly polled growers in January to determine cotton planting intentions and surveyed a second time in March or April.

But the USDA consolidated its efforts three years ago into one February survey.

"We are asking cotton producers to answer the survey forms as soon as

possible after receiving them in January," Wyrick said.

The results will be widely publicized in newspapers and cotton publications, he said, and through farm shows on radio and television.

Results of the previous two surveys by the council were within two percentage points of actual plantings, the cotton economist said.

## Hance Demands Change In Cotton Grading System

U. S. Rep. Kent Hance, D-Texas, for the second time in less than five months, demanded that the Secretary of Agriculture consider two additional grades of cotton for inclusion in the loan program.

In a letter to Secretary Block, Hance said that "many farmers in Texas are being punished by an antiquated system of cotton grading. The immediate im-

plementation of two new loan eligible grades would eliminate much of the disparity created by the current cotton grading system. In many cases, a judgement call made by someone in the

government classing office is the reason for a substantial discount in prices received by the cotton farmer. The disparity is created by the distinction made in classifying some cotton as below grade.

"Cotton that is designated as below grade is ineligible for the loan program, receives a lower price and is of little benefit to the producer. Additionally, the 'green card', which is the government classing office grade, affects only the first sale of the cotton. After the cotton leaves the farmers' hands, the 'green card' grade is of no value. The implementation of the two new loan eligible grades would eliminate this discrimination against cotton judged below grade by a government classing office."

The Texas Democrat, whose congressional district is one of the most prolific cotton-producing areas of the world, closed by saying, "I realize no cotton grading system can completely satisfy all concerns, but the use of an antiquated grading system that so obviously discriminates between various classes of cotton must be changed. With the current economic problems plaguing the agricultural community, every attempt must be made to ensure farmers the best available commodity price."

Toys are learning tools, says one leading authority on child development.

**COTTON TALKS**  
FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.

LUBBOCK, Friday, December 16, 1983

According to officials of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., January 20 should be clearly marked on every calendar at every farm, gin or other establishment in this area that relies on cotton for its continued existence.

January 20 is the date set for Cotton Incorporated's annual meeting for the Southwest region, and PCG holds nothing back in stressing its importance. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center and close with a barbecue luncheon at noon, courtesy of American Cyanamid Company.

"It looks like for now we've finally gotten our cotton supplies in line with demand, and prices have responded accordingly," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, "but it's going to take a maximum effort from CI and all concerned to create the market demand needed to accommodate a production increase in 1984 without pushing prices back down. And that's what CI is all about."

In the past, CI has held a single annual meeting at its Raleigh, N.C. research headquarters, providing an opportunity for only a limited number of cotton people to view the organization's market development activities.

This year the Lubbock meeting is one of four being held across the Belt, Johnson said, making it practical for thousands of producers to hear a first-hand update on what's being done with the money they have invested. And, he continues, there'll also be an "input session" in which the producers who pay the bills at CI can offer suggestions for making CI's work more effective "directly to the people who are in a position to act on them."

Synthetic competition is expanding the promotion of its fibers to \$80 million just for 1984, Johnson reminds, "and cotton producers need to know what's being done, and to voice their opinions on what should be done, to counter this and other threats to our fiber's future."

Subjects to be covered by Cotton Incorporated staff at the meeting include consumer advertising, retail merchandising, international marketing, product development and production research.

To help them get an idea of how many to expect for lunch, CI is asking that producers and others indicate their intentions as soon as possible and has provided self-addressed cards for that purpose. Cards are available from PCG at 36th and Quirt Avenue in Lubbock, or producers may call PCG at 806-762-0553.

## Gas Deregulation To Drive Up Farm Energy Costs

Of all types of energy used by Texas farmers next year and beyond, natural gas will be the most costly due to deregulation.

Farmers can expect to pay 6 to 9 percent more for natural gas next year for crop irrigation and drying and 16 to 20 percent more by 1986. Fertilizer produced from natural gas is expected to cost 10 to 15 percent more by 1985 over this year's planting season prices.

Industrial prices for natural gas tripled from 1975 to 1982 and may double again by 1986, points out Dr. Forrest Stegelin, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. It's due in part to the current National Gas Policy Act for decontrolling gas prices.

Increases in natural gas prices have a major impact on farming, notes the economist. In 1981 U. S. farmers used about 80 billion cubic feet of natural gas for crop irrigation and drying while four times this amount went

into fertilizer production.

Natural gas is the basis for more than 95 percent of the U.S. ammonia production and accounts for 75 percent of the variable cost of producing ammonia fertilizer. Doubling natural gas prices would increase the cost of producing ammonia about 75 percent, but would boost production costs of urea and ammonia nitrate only 35 percent, Stegelin says.

Since the larger, newer, more efficient fertilizer plants along the Texas Gulf Coast are already paying higher prices for intrastate gas, they will not incur the substantial price increases from deregulation facing users of interstate natural gas, says Stegelin. Furthermore, they have access to cheaper imported ammonia from Canada, the Soviet Union, Mexico, the Caribbean and the Middle East. Import competition from these regions with surplus gas and a need for foreign exchange of U. S. dollars will hold down fertilizer prices.

**O Holy Night**

Joy and blessings to all, as we celebrate this very special season.

## Struve Implement

RuWayne, Rudolph and Fritz

## Boys Ranch Having Annual Drive

The annual drive to outfit all of the 380 boys of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch with new suits began today.

Purchasing new suits for the boys with donations of \$45 is a favorite way for many friends of the Ranch to help at Christmastime.

"His first suit is something a boy never forgets," Virgil Patterson, Ranch President, said, "We want to make it a happy Christmas, not only for the boys

now living at the Ranch, but also for new boys who will be coming to us during the coming year."

Amarillo department stores cooperate with the Christmas Suit Fund by giving special discounts on boys' suits. Other boys will receive gift packages of clothing that will include shirts, ties, jackets, trousers or other articles needed by them.

"A new suit or clothing

package is the best Christmas gift any of our boys will receive," Mr. Patterson said, "It is a year-round reminder of those who really care."

Donations to the Christmas Suit Fund may be mailed to the Boys Ranch Office, P. O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas, 79174, or be taken to the office at 600 West 11th Street in Amarillo.

It's the season of all things wonderful and magical! May your Christmas be a very special one in every way!

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Wolf Irrigation

**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

The spirit of Christmas lives inside all of us as we remember old-fashioned traditions. May you enjoy this festive Yuletide to the fullest!

**Plains Grain**

James Shannon - Manager

Behold the eternal beauty! Christmas blessings to all our friends.

**Patton's Parts Place**

Donna, George, Zack and Zeke

Thanks, all, for your business and trust this past year. May you enjoy this day.

**Holiday Cheer**

From Your Friends At  
**Hi Plains Drilling**



**CHAMPION COOKS**--Garnering top honors in the South Plains District 4-H Food Show at Lubbock was this foursome from Hale County. From left are Rosemary Shepard, breads and cereals; Mandy Igo, snacks and desserts; Jim Bob Carver, main dish; and Marie Hooper, fruits and vegetables.

## Carver Winner In District

### 4-H Food Show

Originality spiced up some familiar favorite recipes as 131 boys and girls from 20 counties displayed their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills during the South Plains District 4-H Food Show here Saturday, December 10. Four senior winners advanced to the state competition next year.

Winners of the senior division of the contest, held at Texas Tech University, were: Jim Bob Carver, main dish; Marie Hooper, fruits and vegetables; Rosemary Shepard, breads and cereals; and Mandy Igo, nutritious snacks and desserts, all from Hale County. Each received a plaque and

ribbon in addition to advancing to the state contest. The awards were presented by Dr. Catherine Crawford and Billy C. Guntter, district directors with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Each contestant had earned championships in their county to advance to the district meet. The dishes were judged by panels of professional home economists and homemakers. Contestants were quizzed on nutritional values, preparation methods and cost of preparation.

The show is one aspect of the year-round foods and nutrition project in 4-H, explained Mrs. Crawford.

4-H is the youth development program of Extension. The project has eight major goals, Melissa Long, county extension agent for home economics, said. It helps youth understand the interrelation of science, nutrition and food preparation; understand signs of good health and the food needs of different age groups; develop desirable eating habits; and develop skills in buying foods by studying food costs.

It also helps develop skills in management involved in planning, preparing and serving nutritious meals; develop skills in storing foods to conserve nutritional value and insure safety; understand the social and cultural roles of food; and develop leadership, character and effective citizenship.

## A COWBOY'S PRAYER

I ain't much good at prayin', and You may not know me, Lord-  
I ain't much seen in churches where they preach Thy Holy Word,  
But You may have observed me out here on the lonely plains,  
A-lookin' after cattle, feelin' thankful when it rains,  
Admirin' Thy great handiwork, the miracle of grass,  
Aware of Thy kind spirit in the way it comes to pass  
That hired men on horseback and the livestock that we tend  
Can look up at the stars at night and know we've got a Friend.  
So here's ol' Christmas comin' on, remindin' us again  
Of Him whose coming brought good will into the hearts of men.  
A cowboy ain't no preacher, Lord, but if You'll hear my prayer,  
I'll ask as good as we have got for all men everywhere.  
Don't let no hearts be bitter, Lord; don't let no child be cold,  
Make easy beds for them that's sick, and them that's weak and old.  
Let kindness bless the trail we ride, no matter what we're after,  
And sinner keep us on Your side, in tears as well as laughter.  
I've seen old cows a-starvin', and it ain't no happy sight;  
Please don't leave no one hungry, Lord, on Thy good Christmas night-  
No man, no child, no woman, and no critter on four feet-  
I'll aim to do my best to help You find 'em chuck to eat.  
I'm just a sinful cowpoke, Lord- ain't got no business prayin'-  
But still I hope you'll ketch a word or two of what I'm sayin';  
We speak of Merry Christmas, Lord- I reckon You'll agree  
There ain't no Merry Christmas for nobody that ain't free.  
So one thing more I'll ask You, Lord: just help us what You can  
To save some seeds of freedom for the future sons of man!

Dear Santa,  
I want a warterbed and  
ide lick a lear of warterbed  
sheets.  
Love,  
Roddy

Dear Santa,  
I been good. All I went  
for Christmas is cabbage  
pach kid, Cabbage pach kid  
stroler.  
Love,  
Crystal Ponce

## HAPPY HOLIDAY!

*Wishing all of our fine friends  
and patrons the best of every-  
thing for the Holiday Season.  
We thank you for your loyal  
patronage.*

We will be closed from  
Dec. 23 after noon and we  
will reopen Jan. 3

924 Steak House

## Windbreak Trees Now Available

The Texas Forest Service is now taking applications for windbreak trees for 1984 according to Flip Calhoun, chairman of the Hale County Soil and Water Conservation District.

"The tree program is designed to produce high quality, low cost seedlings to land users for the establishment of farmstead and field windbreaks," he stated.

The windbreaks, when

established, help reduce wind erosion, provide wildlife habitat and refuge and add beauty to landscapes. The installation of a well-designed windbreak can reduce a farmstead's fuel cost, as well as add to the homesite's appearance.

Applications may be picked up at the Hale County Extension Office or at the SCS office. For more information, call or drop by the SCS office located at

3109 Olton Road, Winchester Plaza in Plainview, or call 296-2149.

"The brighter you are, the more you have to learn."  
Don Herold

May this happy holiday be filled to overflowing with premium fun!

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Don's Exxon**

Donnie, Jo, Eddie, Oscar and Junior

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. So I want dig game and Pac man game a baseball and a foot ball and some think for my mom.

Love,  
Robby

Dear Santa,

I like a present and a herae, canby canes, and Santa plise put a present for my mom and Dad and all of my famely to. And breng a Christmas tree. And I am good. My name is Christina Cruz.

Love,  
Christina Cruz

Dear Santa,

I want a tenspeed and a waterbed for Chistmas.

Love,  
Tonya

Dear Santa,

Iv been good on Christmas Eav. Iv been wanting a Gi Joe set and a Ataire vito game. And a bran new bike. Well that's all Santa.

Love,  
Michael Jeeter

Over the river and through the woods, we're sending our sincere good wishes and profound thanks for a wonderful holiday season!

**Farmer's Tuco Gin**

As we treasure the childhood memories of Christmases past, we'd like to extend our sincere wishes to you and yours for a holiday filled with happiness.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Abernathy Body Works**

Waymon Jones

## What's the Gas man doing here?



That's Dale Thickstun, Energas' Abernathy manager.

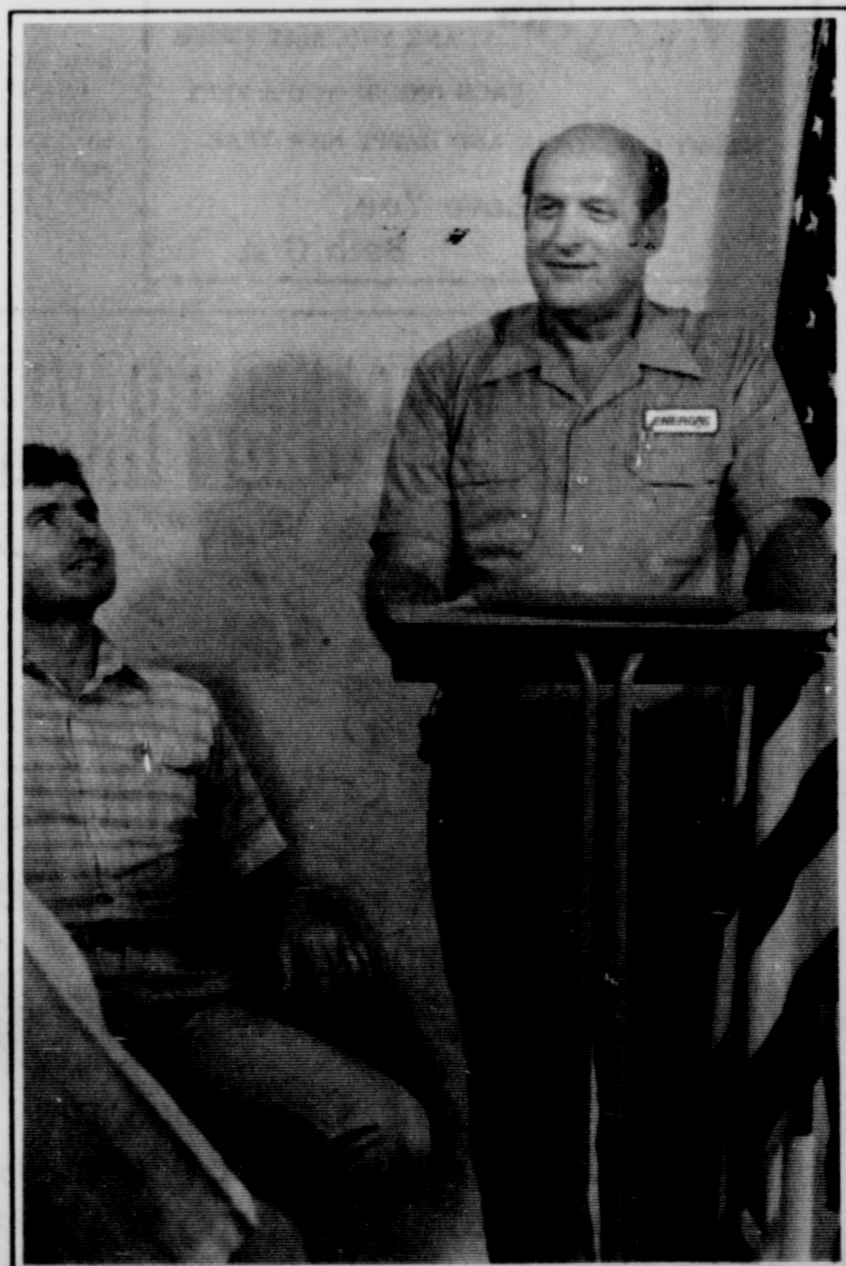
You are likely to find him at any activity that relates to the well-being of the community. He is in business here just like the grocer, the clothing or farm store operator. What happens in the civic life of the town affects him, his family and his livelihood. As an Energas manager, he has a lot of responsibilities . . . and one of them is to help make the town a good place to live.

So, when you see an Energas man at a civic meeting or in your alley, you can be sure he's there for a good reason.

**Energas people can do and want to.**

# ENERGAS

"It's great to have the people of the Abernathy office represent Energas. I am proud of the job they are doing and the spirit in which they are doing it."  
Charles Vaughan  
President, Energas Company



*Dale Thickstun*  
Manager

# Merry Christmas



HELEN WADE, KEITH TOOLEY, LINDA SALITROS

From The Staff At The  
**Abernathy Weekly  
Review**



**Letters to Santa**

Dear Santa,  
Please fill my stocking well. I love you very much. I've been a good boy. So has my brother.  
Jeremy M.

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike for Christmas and a doll a lot of other things and most of all I want a happy Christmas. And Santa I have been a good girl this year. I think this year I will leave cookies and milk for you. Thank you Santa.  
Love,  
Phronda Sanders

Dear Santa,  
I want a walke toce. My sister wons a doll. My drother wons a moder dike.  
Love,  
Tyrin

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. And I wood like to have a record player for Christmas. And a racing track. And a pelet gun. Plus a carchege called dig-dug and a new pro-football.  
Love,  
Carlos Casias

Dear Santa,  
I've ben tring to get Battlecat and Panther for Heman and Skelotore. And I would like to have attack-track.  
Love,  
Billy

Dear Santa,  
I have been telling my mom when is Christmas coming. Then when my mom gets out of work I am going to go see Santa claus. Some people say that they don't like Christmas.  
Love,  
Rachel

Dear Santa,  
My name is Matthew Hernandez. and I wat a Dallas cowboys heimet a rei one to. And I have ben a good boy. I love you Santa. have a good year.

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a present. Hope your Christmas is very nice. Please fill my stocing with candy and toys. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Elise

Dear Santa,  
I have been so nise and I have been telling my mom whan is Christmas. She tolled me that is Dec. 25, 1983. i said ok and i tolled her that am going to mail to Santa love, and he read the letter he tole me that he is going to bring me a doll.  
Isabel

Dear Santa,  
I love you. Your very very nise to people and when Christmas comes I get very excited because your so nise.  
Sincerely,  
Chris Givens

Dear Santa,  
I want a new bike and a doll and a record player and I wish you a marry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Rachel Palacios

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll. I want a lite brite. I want a record. I want a baby angel. merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Christy

Dear Santa,  
I weat the care bears and I wate a doll with a bakest and I weat a rael T.V. for my bed room.  
Your friend,  
Mandy Gist

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll that her name is Kristi and some mony and a blue purse whit a mirrow and a smurf and a smurf whit a watch.  
Your friend,  
Imelda

Dear Santa,  
I wont a boll for Christmas and I wud wont some cloos for my boll. The crors I wont is red and pink and blue and green and orange and blak and yellow and purple and brown.  
Julie McKinster

Dear Santa,  
I've been happy whith the toys you have been giving me. God bless you and merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Chris Lambert

Dear Santa,  
I whant a clife hager and a super clife hager and a elf and a santa claus sute. I love you.  
Your friend,  
Jody T.

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll and it's name is baby skates. I always wanted it but I never got it and this Christmas I hope I get it this Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Sara Garcia Garza

**Sarpalius Recipient Of "Texas Humanitarian of the Year" Award**

State Senator Bill Sarpalius (D-Canyon) has been named recipient of the "Texas Humanitarian of the Year" award by the Texas Humane Federation and the Texas Humane Information Network (THIN).

Federation president John Davenport of Austin, made the announcement at a Wednesday news conference at the State Capitol.

Senator Sarpalius has been the leader of all of our humane legislation since our organizations have had a legislative program. His work on behalf of the dog fight bill, which was passed in 1983, was outstanding. Without his effective efforts we would have had an extremely difficult time in passing this legislation, which will be a protection for animals.

"The presentation of this 'Humanitarian of the Year'

award is from every humane society throughout the state of Texas. It is our way of recognizing him as a leader in the legislature in helping to protect our animals," Davenport said.

The presentation marked the first time the statewide organizations have presented a "Humanitarian of the Year" award.

Doyle Nordyke, representing THIN, said that the dog fight bill, which went into effect September 1, 1983, is already having an effect on reports of dog fights.

"We haven't had a report of any promoted dog fights in the last three months. Prior to that, it was becoming a real problem. It has eliminated many, many cruelties to animals," Nordyke said.

He added that since all states bordering Texas had previously enacted stiff leg-

islation, Texas had been a "dogfight haven."

The new law makes it a third degree felony to promote a dog fight or to own a dog which is fighting.

The law is strengthened in that it provides for seizure of the animal, all promotional and training devices and vehicles used to haul the dogs.

Nordyke said it was not true that the new law will stop the breeding programs of pit bulldogs.

"There is nothing in the legislation which prohibits the ownership of pit bulldogs. It just mandates that they not be used for fighting."

Nordyke added that his organization is convinced that the new law will also cut down on the stealing of animals for the purpose of training fighting dogs.

The two organizations

which they promoted during the session.

In addition to the dog fight bill, also passed was an amendment to legislation that give the Texas Department of Health the authority to act in protecting circus and carnival animals.



**HUMANITARIAN AWARD**--Austin--State Sen. Bill Sarpalius, center, was presented the "Texas Humanitarian of the Year" award by the two state organizations which promote protection of animals. John Davenport, right, and Doyle Nordyke, left, represented the Texas Humane Federation and the Texas Humane Information Network at the presentation ceremony in the State Capitol. The award was for Sarpalius' efforts to put legislation on the books to stop dog fighting as a sport.

**NOEL**  
May the glory of His birth inspire you with Love.

**Markham's Gro.**  
Duane and Joyce Markham

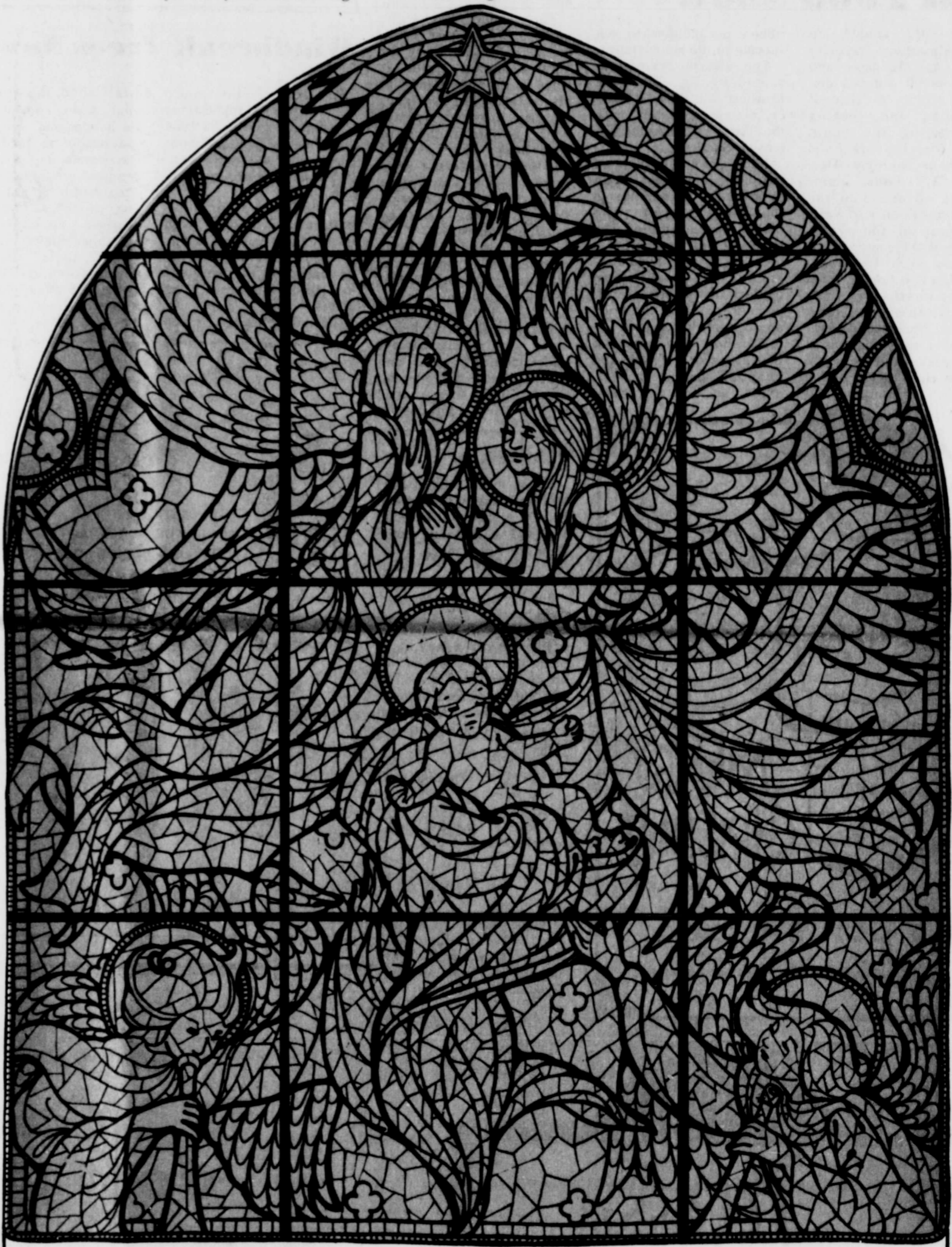
**To all my friends and loved ones, WHO CARED FOR ME AND SHARED WITH ME THIS YEAR, I THANK YOU. MAY I WISH EACH ONE OF YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

**I Love You, Beth Gist**

**A CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

This holy Christmas, may you experience inner peace, joy in your soul and love in your heart. A sincere thanks to all our patrons!

**Abernathy Oil Co.**



May all the colorful sights and sounds of this holy time of year make your day all the more special as you celebrate with those you love. Heartfelt wishes for a wonderful Christmas season to our kind friends.

**holiday blessings to all!**

From The Friendly Folks At

**Thrif-Tee Supermarket**