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Leader closing for Christmas

The Leader office will close at noon today, and remain closed until 8 a.m. Tuesday, in order for the staff to enjoy the Christmas holidays.



Dear Santa
I want anew bike and a six million doller man and a book and a EeVl konvl and a snoopy and a new wagon and a rac track and a go cart and a minnybike
Thomas

Dear Santa
I want a doll.
Love Tammy Berryman

George
Dear Santa claus
I would like a chopper bike, a mighty crane, a rivaton, a tool set, a gas airplane Dear Santa I Love you please come to my house

Dear Santa
I want a green bike and a mickey mouse watch and a baby this and that and a blue cote and skates and games and a cowgirl suit, and somering and necklaces and a toy box from connie Feix address 1300 sunset

Dear Santa
I am 7 years dd and go to Bradford school I wouldd like smash up derdy and a watch. merry cristmas
Love Charles Smith

Dear Santa
I want A pair of sKates. And A easy-baKe oven. And A castle I Love youSanta
LoveDeidre Sadberry

Dear santa I want a camra But my mom and dad want me to have boots and you know wat I want wich suod I talk I am 7 years old Love BryanHayLey

Dear Santa
The boys and girls love you I want a race car trach I wanta Benny Bake
by Joe Don Fin Ley

Troy
Dear Santa Claus
I woulb like a gocart, and a five speed bike, and a little christmas ornament, and some chewing bones for my dog, and dolls for my sisters, and, for my kittens a boll of yarn, and some tools for my father, and some perfume for my mother.

Dear Santa I will Like to have books and a yo-yo and a umbrella and a cow girl hat and a cat and a clock Darla my 8 year oldmy in room 16

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby doll.
And some o dds andends.
I want a jigsawpuzzle.
Love
Vicki Haynes

Dear santa claus
I wanta Baby wont Let go, and a Tender Loving kisses, and a superstar Barbie, and a game.
LoveDee

Dear Santa
I am 8 years old. My name is Christy Cravens. I want a baby come back. And a boton. And a wonderful waterful ring-toss. And a Miss. America outfit. And a Holly Hobby purse with doll. And a tape recorder. And bring all the other boys and girls things to eat ant wear and to play with. I Love you very much.
Love Christy Cravens.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby doll.
And some odds andends.
Love
Vick
P.S. I want a jigsaw puzzle

Dear santa I will like a yo' yo and a satal anda wagen anda mask and a fut booh and a hat and a Brother and a Bolun and a cate and a vieast anda geep and a Donnata anda appal and a bog and a tiay and a snoopy and a BiKe anda Brde. frome Kelly

Dear Santa Claus
I want a new bike.
and a doll.
and I want to see you.
This is want I won't for Christmas.
Love Becky Brumbelee

Stacy
Dear Santa Caus
I would like a babby this and that I havebeen wanting it for a long time would you plesse bring me one. I would like it very mach iF you would bring me one. I wish youa merry chismus and a happy new year From Stacy Boren to Santa Claus. I love you Santa claus

Dear Santa,
I would like a pinball machine and a green and white football jacket and a pair of cleats and a football plus some shoulderpads and a pair of football pants.
Your friend,
James Allen
Dec. 8, 1977

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I have a long list for you. I want a B.B. gun, a Turbo Blast 600, a basketball, a football and tee, a train, some hot-wheels, and a magic set. That all.
Sincerely,
Ronald Young

Dear Santa,
I wish I could go to the real Santa and get a B-B gun and a calculator. I would tell you all I want But. I like to play with my toys. I. will see you at Sike. on Parker Square and you aren't going to have my toys are you? I will see you later. Bye-Santa claus.
Your friend,
Greg Feltman
December 8, 1977

BB Gun Stero
Back hoe
Love George
Tucker
Dec. 6, 77

Dear Santa,
Last year I like all my toys that I got. And so did everybody else. How are you? It must be cold up at the northpole.
This year I would like a bike, camera, calculator and I can't wait till it is Christmas and your birthday.
Sincerely Yours,
Pam Feix
1300
Sunsett
Ave.
Dec. 6,
1977

Dear Santa,
Last year I like the ten speed the minute I got it. I rode it and I in joyed it. This year I would like a b.b. gun. It is at White's Auto Store or it could be any where, I guess.
Your friend,
Scott Boren
Rt 2 Box 74
76367

Dear Santa Clause
I want a Spider Man race track and a watch and four electric cars.
And espeially a Turbo Blast 600 and a Dallas Cowboy Football uniform
LOVE,
ANDY
Keitha
Dec 6, 1977

Dear Santa Claus,
How'e your reindeers Santa?
and Santa Claus, I want a 10 Speed bike, This Christmas and, although, I want a watch, and Subrine.
your, friend
Keitha
Dec. 6 1977

Dear SanTa Claus
Thank you for The doll lasT year. I have been a good girl. So here's my list. I want -- a look aT doll a camera a 3 inch doll some Jewelry T.V. Tennis game How is The norTh Pole?
and Thank you SanTa.
Love,
Kayla
1203 S. Wall Iowa Park Tex.

E. Garden
Dec. 6, 1977
Dear Santa,
I like you a lot.
I got a big doll last year, her name is Anette & my name is Jeanette. I've had a lot of fun with her. The year before that I got a Rub-a-dub & a high chair. Well this year I want a horse, although I won't get it, But it does'nt hurt to hopefor a horse.
Love,
Jeanette Garrett

December 6, 1977
Dear Santa Claus,
I liked the things you gave me last year. Instead of giving things to each other, Christmas is a time to celebrate Jesus' birth. I think Christmas is all about Jesus. I got a baby that away, and a piyya game, and a necklace. All I want is a piano and that's all.
Love
Christina
Dec. 6 1977

Dear Santa Claus
I liked the things you brought last year and here's my list. First I want a Turbo Blast 600, digital watch, punchingbag, 5 speed bike & pinball machine
Your friend
Kirk Martin
R 2 Box 22 Iowa Park,
Texas
76307

Dear Santa,
I'd like to have a mini-bike, stretch man and monster, tent, and a hatchet for Christmas.
Last year I loved the toys you gave me. And Santa I think you are great.
Sincerely
Mark Savage
Rt. 2 box 66 Iowa Park Tx.

Dec. 6, 1977
Dear Santa Claus,
Did you have to give a lot of toys away last year? Did you have to go to a lot of houses' last year?
How are all the reindeers this year? Especially Rudolp the Red-Nosed Reindeer?
And this year I want a 10 speed bike.
Your friend,
Pam Alderson
1202 South Wall

ZIPPY
McDonald
Dear San
I want Bean Bug and truck B B Gun.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby come back, bunk beds, stroler and a telephone and Sun Shine Family Farm.
LOVE
Becky Daymude

DeAr SAhta
I WTA And UMP truck
And roAd GrAder
Love
Bo Fowler

SusaN
Howell
Dear Santa
I woud like a doll pom pomus tendr kisses

Dear Santa bike Little
Professor Calulator Love
Lynn Lanford

Dear Sarta
I Would like a bulldozer
Harger Truck Tractor BB
Gun Jaws
LOVE
Dason

DeAR SA-TA,
I would like A Walkie
TALKies
BB Gun
jAws
PlAy douGh
Love Ken Allen

Jamer
Payton
Dear Santa
I would like a Roaring
Hotcete Race Car Set Jaws
LOVE Jamer

LOV BRYON
McMahon

Drer SAntA
I WOULD
Mini Bike
From Bryon
Walkie Talkies
From Bryon
BB Gun

TheReSA
Hambright

DeAR SAntA,
I Would like A bAton
typewriter chalk board.
DTEARTheRes

Mickey
Feix

deare
SARta
I Woulb like A
Mickey rabio BB Gun
Mickey

Shannon
Bernstein

Dear Santa
I Would likea Jaws
BB Gun
Milkyten
type recor
Love Shannon

BABY
COMe BAck
alive
Baton
Love
Johnie Keller

Brenda Trantham

Dear Santa,
I would liKe a
type recor
der baton
POM pom
s and suit
Brenda T.

Kelli Richardson

Dear Santa,
I Doll Bean
bag char
Baby Come
BAck alive

Dear.Santa,
Last year I didn't like what I get for Christmas. This year I would like a calculator and a new B.B gun, walkietalkie set and a new bicycle.
Your friend,
Jimmie

Dear Santa Claus
I hop I get what I want on Christmas.
I want for gangms of army men and a Tin Can Alley, and a tapepalyer and a pistol.
Your freand, Robin Fulfer

Dear Santa I would like a Doll Tender Love and Kisses
unbreila
Love
Kellye
Ann
Lehman

Dear Santa
I would like a
Makeup Set and Doll
radio
Pom Pomsand
Suit. Love

Dear Santa
I will like a doll
I will like a book's
I will like a disk
I will likea yo-yo
I will like a coloring book
I Love you santa
Shelly Davis

Dear Santa,
I would
Pom Poms
and suit
Baby Come
Bean Bag
Back Record
Kelly Renee
Fullerton

I would
Baby alive
Bar Bie
Things
Dear - Santa
Love
Shelly
McQuerry

Dear Santa I would like a Doll Tender Love and Kisses
unbreila
Love
Kellye
Ann
Lehman

Dear Sarta I Would like a Skates
Umbrella
Love Amy
Alderson

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a Drum set, Studio II, Mine-pool table.
Love
Butch
Vally Vuwe
Rt. 1

Latimer-Panter wedding ceremony is held Friday

Miss Julia Ann Latimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Latimer, and John Samuel Panter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Panter of Burkburnett, exchanged matrimonial vows Friday evening at Grace Baptist Church. The Rev. O.T. (Jimmy) Johnson, pastor, officiated the double-ring service.

The nuptial area was centered with 15-branched candelabra filled with lighted cathedral candles flanked by baskets of pink and burgundy carnations combined with baby's breath. An impressive part of the setting was the unity candle arrangement which reflected the sanctity of the occasion.

Wedding musicians were Kerry Johnston, pianist, and David Fowler, vocalist. The latter sang "Colour My World" and "The Wedding Song". The organist presented traditional prelude

selections and wedding marches.

The bride's father presented her in marriage. She was attired in a lovely chiffon gown designed with an empire waist held by satin ribbon and a smart four-tiered floor length skirt. Her matching chiffon veil cascaded to fingertip length from a cap of Qiana and pearls. She completed her costume by carrying a bouquet of sweetheart roses, pink and burgundy carnations, baby's breath and ivy leaf.

The charming trio of bridal attendants wore long pink crepe dresses accented with pink lace capelets. They wore white picture hats and carried bouquets of red roses. Composing the group were Miss Janet Latimer, sister of the bride, maid of honor, Mrs. Steve Schelter of Burkburnett and Miss Carey Roberts, bridesmaids.

Amy McKinley, the flower girl, wore a long pink dress trimmed with ruffles and a white lace pinafore.

Mark McKinley and Linda Latimer, sister of the bride, lighted the candles.

Michael Johnston served as ring bearer and wore a burgundy velveteen suit with a pink ruffled shirt.

Steve Schelter of Burkburnett was best man. Harold Panter of Burkburnett and Robert Panter of Wichita Falls were groomsmen and ushers were Tommy Panter and Tracy Adams, both of Burkburnett.

Mothers of the bride and groom were given special recognition during the ceremony when the bride presented each with a long stemmed rose. They complemented their wedding gowns with pink orchids.

The wedding reception given by the bride's parents took place in the Fellowship Hall of the church which featured a burgundy and pink decor.

The refreshment table was the center of interest in the room. It was covered

with a pink linen cloth enhanced with burgundy velvet ribbons and centered with a bouquet of pink and burgundy carnations and red roses. The three-tiered cake followed the same color scheme in decorations and the two white doves on top completed the picture.

Reception assistants were Miss Christy Galliton, Miss Le Shelle McKinley; Mmes. Sherwood McKinley, M.K. Johnston, Jerry Robertson and James Yarbrough.

Parents of the groom hosted the rehearsal dinner at Underwood's.

The bride was graduated from Iowa Park High School where she was named to Who's Who in Typing and was assistant editor to the newspaper. She is employed by Midwestern State University. The groom attended Burkburnett High School where he received "Sailor of the Quarter" award. He served four years in the United States Navy and is employed by E.W. Moran Drilling Co.

Following a trip to Quartz Mountain Lodge, Altus, Okla., the newlyweds are at home at 404 W. College, Burkburnett. She wore a burgundy tunic top over winter white pants for travel.

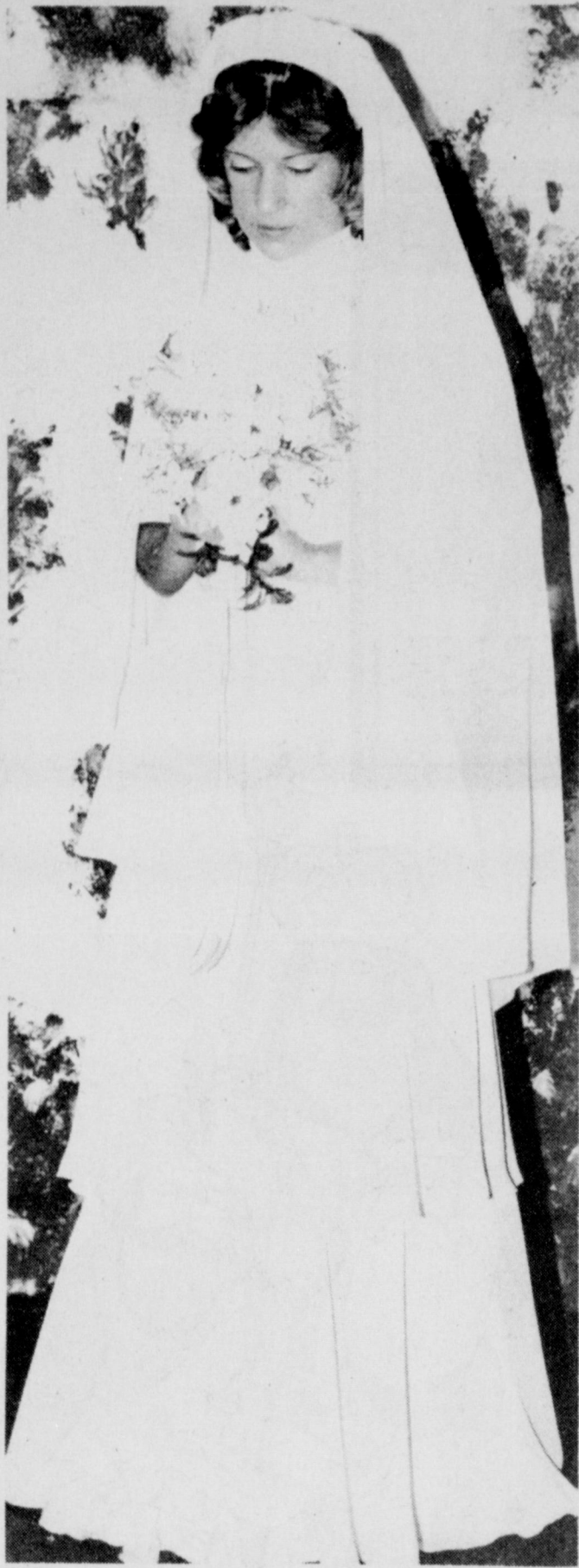
Cemetery group postpones meeting

The regular meeting of the Highland Cemetery Association has been postponed from Jan. 1 to Jan. 8, according to George Richter, president. It will take place at the First Christian Church at 2:30 p.m.

Election of officers for 1978 will highlight the business meeting.

Study Club has meeting

The Modern Music Study Club met with Mrs. John Rentschler Thursday evening for the annual Christmas program and party. Mrs.



MRS. JOHN SAMUEL PANTER

Weatherford-Herchman vows recited in Fort Worth

The Westcliff United Methodist Church in Fort Worth was the setting for nuptials performed Saturday afternoon to unite Miss Lou Ann Weatherford and Dwayne Cole Herchman.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Dorothy Weatherford of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Herchman of Iowa Park.

The Rev. Floyd W. Trash officiated the double-ring service at an altar decorated with poinsettias, Christmas trees, white lilies surrounded by white roses.

Miss Nan White, vocalist, sang "The Wedding Song" for a prenuptial selection and "The Lord's Prayer" while the couple knelt at the altar.

Presented for marriage by her uncle, Jack Skinner, the bride wore a gown of white organza fashioned empire style with ruffles around the hemline extending into a train. Her appliqued lace veil was caught to a cap of lace. Her bouquet consisted of white roses surrounded by green holly and red berries.

A matron of honor, two bridesmaids and a flower girl who participated in the wedding wore long royal blue A-line dresses and carried long stem white roses. Mrs. Sharon Freeman was matron of honor, Mrs. Vicki Weatherford and Mrs. Sharon Ashworth were bridesmaids and Shari Freeman was flower girl.

Mike Herchman of Wichita Falls was best man. Groomsmen were James

Hale and Henry Munchrath, both of Wichita Falls.

The wedding reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church where the bride's colors of blue and white governed decorations.

A bouquet of blue and white carnations formed the centerpiece for the refreshment table appointed with a three-tiered white cake brightened with blue frosting roses. Mrs. Rachel Ortiz and Mrs. Sharon Clifton presided at the table and Roger Freeman served at the bride's book.

The bride was graduated from Southwest High School in Fort Worth and the groom was graduated from Iowa Park High School. When they left for a wedding trip to Oklahoma, the bride wore a black pantsuit. They will be at home at 2906 1/2 Ave. H in Wichita Falls.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Newman from Bigfoot, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Burgess from San Antonio and Jack Weatherford from Port Isabel.



MRS. DWAYNE COLE HERCHMAN

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a bike.

And I want you to bring me a Stretch arm Strong.

I want a Jaws game.

And a hot wheels trak.

And I want a pear of real skates. And thats all Santa. Merry Christmas. And I want a real mickey mouse watch I will Leave you.

Love Monty 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I would Like a baby ALive for Christmas and an Babydoll for my sister Love Christy grad 2nd Christy C.

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E.L. Gallop was co-hostess. Mrs. Kenneth Flowers told the story of "There's A Song in the Air" by Holland, the hymn of the month and led the group in singing the hymn. Mrs. James A. Sewell was accompanist.

A medley of Christmas music including "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear", "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Silent Night" was presented by Mrs. Sewell, organist, and Mrs. Georgia Flanagan, pianist.

Mrs. China B. Smith told "Now Is the Time to Be Jolly", a delightful satire on modern living, to climax the program. The group sang Christmas carols to precede the exchange of gifts from a brilliantly decorated and lighted tree.

Others present were Miss Ethyle Kidwell; Mmes. Delbert Todd, Bertha McDonald, Otis Gay, Johnny Bernstein, Katherine Sue Jacquart and Vern Horsky.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
please bring me a Easy bake oven Santa? tender Loving Kissing doll
please bring my mom a new dress thank you
and for my Dad a new belt and for me a new Barbiedoll and a new skateboard for my brother please

Love Karie
I Love you




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294th Christmas celebrated in Texas

"Christmas Spectaculars in Texas" was the topic of a program presented by Mrs. Dalton Bleeker for Epsilon Eta chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Tuesday evening.

"Christmas has been celebrated in Texas for 294 years", Mrs. Bleeker stated. "The first time it was celebrated was when the king of Spain ordered soldiers to place a cross on the hilltop above the Rio Grande and stop for prayer."

Continuing, she said "When the Christmas season begins it spreads with awesome wonder to almost every Texas city, town and hamlet." She referred to the Christmas in July celebration in Seminole as the probable kickoff for the season.

In Dallas during the State Fair, a "Trim a Tree"

contest is sponsored by the Women's Division where women decorate trees and these are stored until just before Christmas when they are donated to orphanages, nursing homes and other such places.

Mrs. Bleeker mentioned the Miss Teenage Pageant in Fort Worth the first week in December which inaugurates festivities in that city; the Greenville Pilgrimages of Homes; the Albany Nativity which began in 1939; the annual Christmas Boat Lane on the Kernah-Seabrook Channel; the poinsettia show in Mission; lighted

derrick in Kilgore; the Yule Festival in Austin; and the annual camellia show at Port Arthur as some of the most spectacular of Texas Christmas scenes.

"Perhaps the most moving and inspirational traditions take place in San Antonio", Mrs. Bleeker observed as she emphasized the celebrations of Las Posadas (the inns), Las Pastores (the shepherds) and Fiesta de las luminarias (fiesta lights).

Mrs. D.W. Mercer was program leader. Activities of the evening were climaxed with the

exchange of gifts and revealing of secret pals.

The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Allen Gilstrap. Assistants were Mmes. Jack Pennington, Paul Tigrett and Mercer. Mrs. Tom Hunt was a

guest. Other members present were Mmes. Ricky Vanek, Bill Hrncirik, Charles Dudley, Robert Hunt, Kennie Jones, R.B. Faulkner, Jean Proulx, Carlton Hicks, Roy Johnson, James Dyer and Homer Blalock.

Mrs. Woodall leads program

Mrs. Rollins Woodall used stanzas from an article "Time for Christmas" by Fred Bauer to introduce the program numbers and participants as she coordinated the 23 Study Club's annual Christmas program Thursday afternoon. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Joe Singer and the co-hostess was Mrs. T.M. Thaxton. The leader used Christmas is the time for learning, sharing, giving and remembering to present Mrs. Earle Denny who contributed the devotion, Mrs. O.E. Lochridge in an organ solo, Mrs. Singer who directed the singing of Christmas carols and Mrs. Homer Blalock in a book review.

Mrs. Denny chose "Light", the truest symbol of Christmas for the devotional theme pointing to Christ who dispels the darkness and illumines the way.

Mrs. Lochridge played "The Holy City" by Adams and Mrs. Singer led the singing of "Joy to the World" and "Silent Night".

Mrs. Blalock reviewed "The Greatest Salesman in

the World" by Og Mandino, a runaway best seller showing how one can change his life by applying the secrets in ten ancient scrolls contained in the book.

The theme of The Arts and the Bible program was "Lead the Way by Living Our Faith Daily."

The Singer home was decorated throughout for the Christmas Tour of Homes and the religious aspect was preeminent in the Christmas fairyland setting.

The dining table was centered with dried lily pods, yucca seed pods and a variety of dried materials combined with tall red candles and red velvet ribbons arranged on a base of woven pine needles. Miniature cornshuck mother and child dolls formed the accessories for the centerpiece. The table was laid with an antique crocheted cloth over green. Mrs. Chauncey Weiler and Mrs. C.L. Metz presided at the silver and crystal services.

Others present were Miss Titia Belle Blanks, Miss Ethyle Kidwell; Mmes. Sam Hill, T.M. Clark, C.A. Hicks, Fred Widmoyer, C.E. Birk, D.O. James, Earl Watson, E.F. Soell, L.E. Brooks, W.G. Steele and James Sewell.

YH officers given gifts

Mrs. Delbert Wilson, sponsor, was presented with a Christmas corsage and Mrs. Harrell Riggins, past president, was presented with a gift during the Young Homemakers meeting Monday night.

Mrs. Charles Barr presided during the business when plans for attendance at the State YH Convention in Austin in February were discussed.

Thirteen members shared different Christmas dishes and exchanged gifts to close the meeting. The group will meet Jan. 16 when a Chinese auction will be held. A bake sale has been planned for Jan. 17.

Others present were Mmes. Freddie Smith, Randy Heidrich, Leon Bidy, Judy Jones, James Rinehart, Mike Winkler, Jerry Hodges, Paul Callaway, R.L. Redclift and Miss Linda Ayers.



BRIAN HASSE and HILDA ARREDONDO

June date announced

Mr. and Mrs. Odilon Arredondo of Kamay are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Hilda, to Brian L. Hasse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Hasse of Cologne, Minn.

June 23, 1978 is the wedding date selected by the couple.

Miss Arredondo is a senior at Midwestern State University where she is majoring in physical education and belongs to the Physical Education and Recreation Club. She was graduated from Iowa Park High School.

The future groom is a Senior Airman at Sheppard AFB where he is an instructor in a dental specialist course. He was graduated from Lutheran High School at Mayer, Minn. and received a B.S. degree from Hamline University at St.

Friendly Door Lunch Menu

MONDAY, Dec. 26
Baked ham, hominy, spinach, cabbage/apple salad, prunes.

TUESDAY, Dec. 27
Swiss steak/tomato sauce, noodles, peas/carrots, salad, lemon pudding.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28
Oven fried liver, potatoes, green beans, salad, iced cake.

THURSDAY, Dec. 29
Bar-B-Q chicken, Lima beans, crouton tomatoes, salad, apricots.

FRIDAY, Dec. 30
Beef shepherd's pie, whipped potatoes, green beans, slaw, jello.



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MRS. JERRY BOYLES

Iowa Park resident tells story of having died three times

"My Own Miracle - Escape from Encephalitis", a manuscript written about her miraculous recovery from the dread disease by Deborah (Mrs. Jerry) Boyles, sheds the light of truth on why she is called a "wonder child" today.

The former Deborah Bennett, she and her husband and their two sons, Jay, 9 and John, 6, both students at Kidwell Elementary School, live on their farm north of Iowa Park. He also works for PPG and sells tractors and supplies for a hobby. They attend the Floral Heights Church of Christ in Wichita Falls.

Deborah Bennett was born July 30, 1948. She was graduated from Wichita Falls High School and Carter's Beauty School. She and Jerry had been married six years and had two sons when tragedy struck.

She tells the story of the tragedy and her miraculous recovery in poignant words from which this account is taken.

"I am today, well and alive, a walking miracle. I came back from the shadow of death. I am as close to normal as can be hoped for. I talk, drive a car, cook, clean house and live the life of a perfectly normal housewife", she says.

"I work with ceramics, go to church, ride a bicycle. My sense of balance, hearing, eyesight and sense of touch are mine again. It can happen, thank God. It happened to me". These words were written to lend hope to people full of fear for loved ones who have the killer disease of encephalitis.

On Feb. 1, 1974, Mrs. Boyles was admitted to a hospital for tests and observation. After seven days she was released to go home. She does not remember those days, going home, nor did she know that she had encephalitis. The time she spent at home was short because she was admitted to another hospital a week later.

All that day, she was hallucinating, seeing unreal things. Then on Feb. 16, she went into a deep coma and was

put immediately into intensive care. The first three days she had convulsions and seizures which almost ended her life.

"During the coma I was fed through my veins and cared for - even my hair was cared for - as I lay like one dead in bed", Mrs. Boyles stated. "Of course, I don't remember anything of this at all. I couldn't see or hear my doctors, my round-the-clock nurses or my desperate family. My husband and parents, two at a time, could see me.

Continuing, Mrs. Boyles relates in her manuscript how on Feb. 24, 1974, she died three times. Her body functions ended as wonderful nurses worked frantically with her. She was put in a lung machine and later in the day she was on her own again.

But three weeks later, she developed pneumonia. She was given massive doses of penicillin and codeine for relief of pain and a tracheotomy so that air could get into her lungs.

During that time, Mrs. Boyles had 12 doctors and her case was being studied, and is still being studied, by dozens of doctors. She had a doctor for everything, a specialist for almost every major part of her body." But there was no instant cure for me - only good care, time and prayer. It was completely out of the doctors' hands for they had done all humanly possible. Now only God could see me through this nightmare", she shared in her manuscript.

After six weeks of long deep coma sleep, Mrs. Boyles awoke March 30, 1974. The first few things she remembers seeing were flowers, sunlight peeping through the curtains, then her husband and mother. Slowly she came back to life, and a week before she went home she was given a special room in which to see her family who took pictures of her and told her that they loved her very much. She remembers feeling so ugly and skinny and so weak she could hardly talk, but she wanted so much to live and to take her babies home.

Then came the day when she was taken home - at least alive. She had a nurse everyday to feed and care for her while Jerry was at work. Her mother-in-law took care of their sons.

Even at this point the doctors were still not optimistic about her chances of recovery and living a normal life again. They feared that her brain had swollen and been permanently damaged by the unbelievably high fever, and that she would probably be a vegetable and put in a home or institution to be cared for as long as she lived. Chances for her walking were hardly to be hoped for. Her voice was barely audible and when she spoke she stuttered.

As Mrs. Boyles lay in bed at home, all she could think of was that she wanted to be a normal human being again. Later, she heard the doctors referring to her as a "wonder child" because she had lived through the dread disease without any defects. Two others, a young girl and a middle aged man had died of the same illness while she lay in a deep coma.

Anxious to give God the glory for her miraculous recovery, she said "It cost thousands of dollars to get me well, but I know if it were not for God I would not be called a "wonder child" today."

Attesting to the power of prayer she continued "The prayers of literally hundreds of people from all over the world were said for me every day. I was later told that not only the church where I attend, but also friends, family and strangers who had read or heard about me had asked God to help me recover. I believe that He heard and answered those prayers for my chances were one out of a million to live."

The very attractive young wife and mother is filled with deep gratitude for her recovery. One of her motivating desires today is to help people who have loved ones with this awful disease and to tell them that it is possible, not only to live through the trial, but if God wills it to recover as she did.

Chamber discusses town improvements

A discussion on improvements in the community and a report on the Mar. 4 annual banquet were highlights of Monday's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directors.

Pointing out a need to improve the appearance of the community, the streets, and make it more presentable to prospective residents was former Chamber president Charlie Lee. He suggested the need after learning that four

families had recently intended to move here, toured the town, and decided to buy homes in Wichita Falls.

Lee, manager of Cryovac, suggested a task force committee be appointed to figure ways to improve certain properties and begin a positive program, with the committee working closely with the fire marshal, encouraging him to condemn buildings considered fire hazards.

He also suggested the

Chamber work closer with city government and help to show people how tax money is being spent for improvements and benefits of the people.

Bill Steger, who will assume the office of Chamber president when the annual banquet is held, reported preparations for the event have been made.

Joe Griffith, humorist from Dallas, will be the speaker. An Easter theme will be used in decorations prepared by the Garden

Club, Wayne House is ticket chairman, and he will be assisted by Allen Gilstrap, Rip Smith, Keith Aulds and Steger. Price is \$5. Gilstrap is in charge of ticket and program printing. The meal will be served by members of the Future Homemakers of America.

In other business during Monday's meeting, it was decided any Chamber member could borrow the new Santa Claus suit without a fee; and a report on the Christmas parade was made.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa

I want a walkie-talkie; a football bigwheel hot, wheel bike, a motor for my minibike and a lot more.

Love
Bobby Keller
Bradford
Grade 2

Dear Santa Claus

I want a game, pup so please get them for me
Bradford School
Grad 2 Love GaYLa Coulter

Dear Sant clause

I want A baby ALive, and a nursery for the baby ALive, and some lagos
Bradford Elementry
2Grade. Rt. 1. Box 148

Christy K.

Dear Santa Claus.

I want Tippy Tumble; and I want the fuzzy pump, and a toy wordwriter, and I want a marching mickey.

Love,
Christy K.
Bradford Elem.
Age 1 Grade 2

MiKe

Dear Santa
I want a Car and a Jaws game Please be good to my little sister.

Love
Mike Keesling
Bradford Elem.
Grade 2



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our wish to you this happy season: days full of joyous holiday spirit, a heart brimming with good will for all, and a host of friends, both old and new. A very Merry Christmas to you and yours.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Bob,
I think it's great that we had a State Football Championship played here in Iowa Park, but these teams were not from Iowa Park. At the same time this event was taking place in Iowa Park, our Junior Varsity basketball team was winning its first tournament - a varsity tournament at that. These athletes were from Iowa Park. The fact of the matter is they not only won the tournament hands down with no losses, but two of the players were named as MVP and Best Defensive Player of the Byers tournament. I think this should have been the featured sports event of the week and not what happened between two football teams from another part of Texas. If you will take the time to check the varsity basketball team, you will find out it's not only had an 11-1 record, but it has also had players named as the All Tournament Players in the Cooke County tournament which was held in Gainesville. We also have one of the few Varsity teams with an 11-1 record. I would appreciate as I'm sure many others would, a better coverage of our basketball teams. Both boys and girls. How about putting at least the varsity teams schedules in the paper.

Thanks,
Jerry Hutchins
P.S. It would be nice to see something on print about the Byers tournament.

RESPONSE

Dear Jerry:
You are absolutely correct on one

Sales tax rebates up

Sales tax rebates to the City of Iowa Park are up 16 percent. The sales tax collected by local merchants has put \$61,975 into municipal coffers this year. At this time last year sales tax rebates totaled \$53,199, according to the state comptroller's office. The most recent payment to the city was for \$9,487. Across the state, sales tax rebates to cities have increased 19.4 percent since last year.

point. I goofed by not having a story about the junior varsity's winning the Byers tournament, and owe the team and coach my apology. They did an outstanding job and should have received due credit. And special praise should be given to Randall Griffith and Harry Hutchins for the honors they received, as well.

However, as your letter seems to imply, the story was not left out intentionally. I tried to get the information, but time would not permit. A death in my family left me only one day to work on the paper, and we just don't have the size staff to cover everything when one is missing.

First of all, the football game received most of its attention in the issue before the basketball tournament. Results of the game were covered in an 11-inch story, at the bottom of the sports page. And Editor Lewis Simmons was not aware I was out of town for the weekend. However, the event had to receive coverage for two reasons: first of all, any gathering of 1,500 people in town demands it, regardless of the event; secondly, it was the first state championship ever played in Iowa Park, regardless of where the participants were from. And, I must ask, would you have been so upset over coverage, had it been the state soccer championship?

Your other points in the letter only lead me to realize you either don't read the Leader, or forget quickly. The varsity record has been reported in each issue, in our largest type, the past two weeks. The Gainesville tournament was fully covered by story and pictures, with the all-tournament players in paragraph 16 of the Dec. 8 issue. Maybe I was paying attention to the game only, but I don't remember seeing you there. Nor did I see you Friday and Saturday at the Midwestern State tournament, reported in this issue.

The complete high school basketball schedule, for boys and girls varsity and junior varsity, was printed on page 11 of the Nov. 10 issue, and again on page 4 of the Nov. 24 issue. Additionally, in each week's story, the following week's games are reported. How much notice of games do you need?

But you were correct about our not

having a story about the Byers tournament in last week's issue. Those three games were not among the results of 41 basketball games reported in that one issue, and to the players, parents and fans, I apologize.

Bob Hamilton



Humor 'n Whimsey

Joe Riordan

Joe Riordan

By the time the Number One Son was almost four years old it appeared he had chosen his life's work. Looking back on those days, I would have sworn he was going to be a sanitary engineer. He was a compulsive toilet-flusher by nature. He finally capped off this phase in the summer of 1959 on a family vacation to Colorado.

We had been on the road for about an hour when he announced he was ready for a rest stop. Before the rest of the family was out of the car he was into the rest room and had flushed the toilet at least three times. The next two days were replays of the first. It is quite possible the water table from Texas to Colorado dropped several inches as a result of his exercises in commode flushing.

Just outside of the Garden of the Gods at Colorado Springs, he climaxed his toilet-flushing career by locking himself in the rest room of the town's busiest service station. After several pleas from his sisters and me, the Lifetime Helpmate decided to frighten him into unlocking the door. She loudly announced the family was leaving for Denver. The rest of the family played out the scenario by slamming all of the doors on the nine passenger station wagon. I leaned my ear against the rest room door waiting to hear the tumbler fall into place signaling the unlocking of the door.

My ear was greeted by a loud "kiwoosh" as he pressed the toilet

I saw signs of the old pioneer spirit here Friday afternoon when hordes of volunteers pitched in to fight for this community.

This is a very fortunate town today, because we could have lost much of it to the roaring fire. Only because of the volunteers, and a freak change of the weather, which started it all, was a major disaster averted.

Not only did neighboring volunteer fire departments rush to our aid, but residents, young and old, battled blazes which threatened businesses and homes alike.

Had their help, and the wind's change, not come about, we could have very likely lost the entire northeast part of town, including the entire business district.

Let me quickly insert that there were some problems with drivers who failed to consider taking an alternate route to their destination, and the ever-present sightseers, who hampered efforts. Fortunately, none was hampered seriously.

I saw young men taking it upon themselves to stamp out a blaze which saved one home, without anyone giving them any direction or encouragement. I saw others joining

firemen on high pressure hoses, battling the Fina station fire (at some personal risk, too). Many, many others stood ready to help where needed.

One very important volunteered service was by Rusty Rusk, who called out all his big trucks at Park Tanks Service with valuable loads of water which assisted in fire fighting. City equipment was also pressed into service.

Recently I have noticed fears for our nation, based on apparent attitude of our younger generation, and the public in general, should a major confrontation face our country. My fear was that no one would care, and they'd look to others to volunteer in the time of need.

Not so! Friday's observations changed my mind. We are still people who care, and will offer ourselves to defend our homes and community.

That comforting observation may be the greatest Christmas gift I shall ever receive.

Merry Christmas to you all.

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Letters to Santa

Dear santa,
I want a Donnie and Marie set. I Love you santa,
Love,
Tammy Throneberry

Dear Santa, how or you and ms claus? I want a evel Kvel bike and anda mide nite rider and a star wars people and thasaLL. thank you. Marc Jehnsten

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Clause,
I Love you very much and I hope you will bring every thing that I want. I hope that you can find my house.
Love,
Jerri Brown
Brade ford Elem.
Grade 2

Dear Santa, Clous
I want aFarrah Fawcett doll and a Jaws game and a baby heart beat and boots. Donny and Marie set and a Dun in Dice game and that is all. Stephanie Murphy
Bradford
Bradford Elementary grde 2

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Baby This ann That for Christmas. I want an Ice Cream Maker too. I want a Bubble Gum Machine too. I want the Miss America dress up outfit And I want a sewing. Machine.
Love,
Sheri Cravens
Bradford Elementary
Grade 2

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a new base ball bat. I will always Love you from Bradford Elementary Love,
Roy Grade 2

Dear Santa,
I would like a small race track and a cowhide bill fold. Santa if you can get these things pleas do if you can't that will be or rhight. Love,
Mitch Williams
Bradford
2nd grade

Dear Santa Claus,
Can I have a Mandy doll? And can I have a playdough barbarshop? P.S. I want some play dough?
Love,
Bradford Elem.
Lisa Hodges
Age 8 Grade 2

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Spirotot, World globe, finger paint, Etc-A-Sketch, and Baby come back. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Wendy Barr
Bradford Elementary
Grade 2

to. Santa
Dear Santa,
For christmas I want sizzlers two day night race. I want a new baseball bat I want two star trek walkie talkies. And I want a gun rack with Fhreeguns. And I want a System 7. And I want a Micronuat hydrocopter. And I want a Micronuat. And I want a snoopy base ball target game. And I want a soft slugers sword. And I want a Mr. Mouth. And I want a Muhammad Aliin ring. And I want a Blip. And I want an CB. And I want a Comp 4. From Jeffrey Huff
Bradford School Grad 2.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby come back, baby This and that, baby won't let go, Sing a long piano, play house, and a big doll house. Love, Bradford, Elmntey,
Keva Gunter, 2nd

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle and a truck. I Love you Santa Claus
Love,
Richard U.
Bradford
Grade 2

Dawr Santa Claus,
I Love you I hope you will bring me a babby alive and a oven that bakes cakes, and a snowcone maker
from MelissA Fowler
Bradford Elem.
Grade 2

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me a toy Kentucky Rifle and Pistol Set.
Love Jerry Berryman
Brad ford Elem.
Grade 2

Dear Santa Claus.
I hope you bring every thing I want, a doll, a sleeping bag, a jessica doll, and a farre head.
Love Melody Fulfer.
Bradford Elem.
Grad 2

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a giant cookie monster, a Dony and Marie doll, a baby heart beat, a sword with a cover, a bionic beauty center, a giant snoopy, a Dungeon dice,
Love,
Markita Savage
and a pay day. Brad Ford
Elem Grade 2

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a baby come back and some skates to skate onandalunch pail so I can bringit to schoolandtinder lovenkissis and I'd Loveto have a new puppy.
LoveDebi Crawford

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a Doll. and a brde Doll nam and a Veil and a big nam stat.
love
Tammy Hill

Dear Santa
I want a PuPy dog
I want a monky
I want a greenmachi ne. Love
Robert Johnson

Dear Santa
I want A B.B.gun and A walkie Talkie and Astarwars early Birdset
Love, JeffMeller

Dear Santa,
I Wa nt a Donni and Marie set
I Wa nt a angels set
I Wantt a big pup.
Lori Allen

Dear Santa
I want a Bioinc womumen
I want a Brane Braslt
I want a Bioinc man
I want a BaBe o live
Lena LaxTon

Dear santa I want Girulcusterd and a rivaton and a picKup airplan anda Hotwheelsxx500
love,
Kyle Durham.

Dear Santa,
I want a foot ball and a basket ball and a big wheel and a train set. I Love you very much.
Chris Lee

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Santa at the north pole? I want a Evel Knvel BiKe.
Love
Kame Oshiro

Dear Santa,
I want some cars and some trucks and some books and I want a play fishing set
Love
Berry Kaiser

Dear Santa,
I want Bitron and time traveler of the mic ro nauts. Why do you wear a red suit? I have been good. I want the Super man andCapt.
Amarica and Joker
8 inch action
figures.
love,
Scott Williams

Dear santa hare are Some thigs I want. a Bran newpurof shoes. and a Bran new vast. and a Bran new moky. and a united states map. and a walke talke.
Love
Lee Richardson.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and a play kittty and Baby this and that and the Baby that has a boat. Love, Stacy French

Dear Santa,
I will come to see you at Sikes Senter. Ho ware youdoing? I am fine Did you no that I Love you evey much And I will Love you. I want a Donnie and Marie Kitty Elvis record Tapereorder Super Star Barbe Wonder Woman Bionic Woman
Stoller Doll Charlie angels
Love, Charlotte Meadows

Dear Santa may i have a rasing cor set? and a bike. can i have a cor? green machine and a evil knivl. i hop i can have some corsand a motor sickl set.
Darrell Franklin

Dear Santa,
I want a gewrly box. I wish you would bring me a Holy Bible. I wish for a bike. I wish it will bea joyful dayand night.
Love,
LisaG

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a lot of thing for Christmas. Santa, clause give all the children all the toys that they want. Here is what I would like to have for Christmas. I want the sunshine family farm. I want a game it is called Sweet Pickles and the Three Bears and the Ginger Bread mam and the Three Little Pigs. I thank I better go for now.
Love, Teresa.
Brad Frod.
Grade three.

Dear Santa claus,
Hope you have a nice trip. I want some new glodes, Baby This and that, wander women, new sokes, And a Joly christmas with love and kindnus and a happy bith day to Jeaus.
Your friend Pacy

Dear Santa
I wold like a 22gun and 22 setse.
22 pestel and 22 selse.
Love Jamse

Dear sarta
I what a nice gift. I have bean nice I done no what i want. I want some cloes, And i want some shoes to.
Love
Sharon

Dear Santa claus,
Will you bringa b bgun for Chrismas and a little toy truck and bycikel. And a toy set of buidling bloxs. And poster of Kiss.
Love,
James Bowman

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a skatingbord.
Stepheu

Dear Samta
I won't Baide capper. And super star Baide traler.
Love
Stephanie

Dear Santa Claws,
Your presents are very nice. And I don't want much. O.H. I want a Mother horse and it's fole, And a gurt, And a saddel blancket tipe thing.
Yours frind,
Angla Marie Wachsmann

Dear Santa,
I want a Farra barbie and a Farra make up center a pony cart and a stuffed Zebra
Love,
Pam

Dear Santa,
I need a tire for my bike. Will you get it for my front end? Please bring me some eunderclose, socks and shoes.
ILOVE you, Saint Nicholas.
LOVE, Michael
Wayne
Auchmoody.

Dear Santa
I want a pear of shows kinde of high and a pents sowt.
Santa
i hope you have
A Nise Crismus.
Your friend
TinaMicheleReasor

Dear Santa
I wade like two toys for christnas spadman set, and, I don't no the name of the othere toy. I wot.
Your friend
Stacy Ward

Dear Santa
I hope you have a jolly Christmas. And I hope you have lost's of game's to play with and lost's of toy's too. And I relly would liKe a stued annial. And some game any game is all right because I don't want a spial game.
Your friend
Lisa Reeves

Dear Santa,
I hope I have been good enough for sone toys I like. I won't a remotecontrol car for Christmas. I'll be good.
Yours truly
KellyD.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing I would like a game or more and a stuffed animal and some books an a doll house I hope you have a merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Tina Escue

Dear Santa
I want a gewrly box. I wish you would bring me a Holy Bible. I wish for a bike. I wish it will bea joyful dayand night.
Love,
Rogers Rd.
Iowa Park, Texas

Der SanTa, I won a rabet and a pop gun and a nife and a piter fram and a trethe armstron and strehe moster yere frend
Stevens Stiles

Dear Santa
I woud like a pisttle for christmas and some little cars I woud like a minny bike for christmas and a nearth football for christmas and a play gun anda bow-air-owe and a new Trayler.
Your Friend
Eddie

Dear santa, clas
I wold like a bike and a Hawk's gaet and a Drum, sate a nda cow Boy
Boot
LovE Kathy

Dear Santa,
Your presents are very nice. You will find my list on the mantel im sure you will have the presents I want.
Your friend,
Brett W. Hale

Dear Santa Clause,
I would like to have a lot of thing for Christmas. Santa, clause give all the children all the toys that they want. Here is what I would like to have for Christmas. I want the sunshine family farm. I want a game it is called Sweet Pickles and the Three Bears and the Ginger Bread mam and the Three Little Pigs. I thank I better go for now.
Love, Teresa.
Brad Frod.
Grade three.

December 7, 1977
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a footBall, Watch, Stretch Monster, and, Armstrong, a pellet Gun, calculator, and two pairs of boxing gloves. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. and a Happy new year.
Love,
David G. Wallace
Dec. 6, 1977

Dear Santa,
I like the cards and the jumprope. Me and Deidre like the jumprope very much. How is Ruvolph doing? Are they still calling him names? This year I want an old-fashioned doll and some pom poms.
Love,
Renee' SADBERRY
Dec. 6, 1977

Dear Santa,
I gone to a school that had a new decoratoin each year. It had a moon, U.S. Rocket and a Santa Spirit Rocket. If you want some help, I'd enjoy a school full of army stuff.
I hope no reindeers are lost. I live at W. Garden 103.
Yours truly,
Curtis Beeson
Dec. 6, 1977

Dear Santa,
I liked the things you sent me last year. This year I've been good so here is my list. I want a look-at doll with black hair, some jewelry, and a suprise (I hope it is a horse) and what ever you want to put in my stocking.
Your friend,
Dena Beavers
322 S. Bond
Iowa Park
Texas. 76367
Dec. 6, 1977

Dear Santa Claus,
I thank you for the toys you gave me last year, especially the Sizzlers II Silver Circuit set. This Christmas I would like to have a Turbo Blast 600, a calculator, some Hot Wheels, a motorcycle, a new football and tee, and a new pinball machine.
Sincerely,
Donald Young
'208 Hope Lane
Dec 6, 1977

Dear Santa,
Last year I gota bicycle this year I would like a dirtbike. Why do you live in the northpole? I would like for Chrismas a digitalwatch, tank, battle, battle ship, a afx electric racing car set.
Sincerely,
Tony,

Dear Santa,
I want a gewrly box. I wish you would bring me a Holy Bible. I wish for a bike. I wish it will bea joyful dayand night.
Love,
Rogers Rd.
Iowa Park, Texas



DOWNTOWN FINA STATION ENGULFED IN FLAMES AND SMOKE ...operator Terry Ratcliff walks in front, shirt in hand.

FIRE Town threatened by raging blaze

A roaring grassfire, pushed with winds in excess of 50 miles per hour, destroyed a service station here Friday afternoon, and threatened numerous homes and other businesses.

The fire, believed to have been started by sparks from highline wires slapping together in the high wind, started by the railroad track near the Cryovac plant.

The dry, tall grass and weeds were consumed by the racing flames. Strong winds from a west southwest direction pushed the inferno toward town.

No injuries were reported from the fire.

At almost every opportunity for loose, flaming items, such as paper, to be blown across the old highway, fires cropped up on the north side of the main artery.

He said there not only was not enough time to get the customer's car out of the stall, where it was being serviced, but he had no chance to save anything, including money in the cash register.

The car, which was almost unrecognizable after the fire was extinguished, reportedly had been driven no more than 800 miles.

The Ratcliffs, who assumed sole ownership recently after buying out a partnership from Bill Robinson, reportedly had no insurance.

Flames scorched the south wall of the White building, where pieces of old furniture and empty cartons had been stacked by the back door. No fire broke out inside the building, but it was filled with smoke from the fire at the door, as well as that burning area surrounding the building.

Automobiles at the Ford and Chevrolet agencies escaped serious damage, but there was some minor smoke damage reported to the vehicles.

Somehow, only a few of the Optimist Club's Christmas trees to the east of Shaw's escaped the flames, even though they were standing in dry grass.

Blowing dust, accompanied by hovering smoke and blowing ashes, made visibility impossible at times on West Highway between the downtown area and Shaw's.

Some damage was sustained at the Barbour Trucking pipe yard, across south from Shaw's. The only serious damage was to an empty trailer parked there, where tires were burned off. Also piles of wood and old tires were set fire, and were still smoldering four days later. A trailer house in the lot was not damaged.

The threat of flames

consuming more structures and homes in the town was lessened when, about the time the Fina station fire was at its height, a cold front started moving into the area, swinging the wind around more out of the north, a direction away from threatened victims. Strength of the wind also lessened as the direction changed, giving firefighters a chance to do their work.

Memories of local residents flashed back over the past 60 years, when they saw their business district threatened by the raging fire.

Only some six years ago, White's burned at the corner of Park and Yosemite; in

1958 most of the buildings on the north side of the 100 West Cash block burned; and back in 1918 most of the businesses on the south side of the same block were consumed by fire.

Observers pointed out that, had the wind continued at its highest velocity and in a northeast direction, sparks could have set off structural fires all over town in the direction it had started, and would have been too big to contain.

Wichita Falls firemen were unable to answer the call for assistance because numerous fires had broken out in the north side of that city, requiring all available equipment.



POURING WATER ON BURNING BUILDING ...water supplied by Park Tank Co.



FLAMES FROM BURNING GLASS LAPS AT FRONTS OF AUTOMOBILES ...scene is used car lot at Shaw Motor Company.

Williamson-DeMers wedding held



CENE JOHNSON and ROBERT DEAN JR.

Couple sets June date

The engagement of Miss Cene Annette Johnson and Robert Dawn Dean Jr. is being released today by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Tommy R. Johnson. The

groom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dawn Dean Sr.

The bride-elect was graduated from Iowa Park High School. She was a member of the band for three years and girls choir two years. She works for Levi Strauss & Company. Her fiance, who is employed at Cryovac, was also graduated from Iowa Park High School and was a member of the football team.

The couple plan to recite their matrimonial vows June 10, 1978.

Dear Santa,
I would like att-O train for Christmas.

David Rinehart

Miss Donna Louise Williamson, daughter of Mrs. Maudie Williamson and the late John Williamson, and Dwight Darrell DeMers, grandson of Mrs. Mattie Rutledge of Petrolia, were united in marriage December 9.

The ceremony took place in the home of the bride's mother at Wichita Falls and was performed by the Rev. Thomas Phillips.

The bride wore a formal gown of ivory voile over taffeta. The fitted bodice

was styled with a V-neckline edged with ruffled Chantilly lace and featured an inset of lace down each sleeve. The full A-line skirt fell from a banded empire-styled waistline and was fashioned with a wide ruffled hemline flounce.

Her fingertip veil of imported English illusion was edged with scalloped Chantilly lace and was secured with a lace and pearl-covered camelot coil. She carried a cascade of yellow roses and carnations.

Mrs. J.C. Smith attended the bride as matron of honor. She wore a long blue dotted swiss dress designed with a long gathered bodice and carried a single yellow rose.

Alan Glasgow was best man.

A reception was held following the wedding. The refreshment table was covered with a white cloth accented with wedding symbols and centered with a two-tiered cake trimmed with yellow icing roses. The

top ornament was the traditional bride and groom. Assistants were Darla DeMers, sister of the groom, and Mrs. Clenton Allisa.

Following a wedding trip to Lake Murray, Okla., the newlyweds are at home in Petrolia where he is self-employed in oil field work. The bride attended Iowa Park High School and is presently employed by Texas Watercrafters. The groom was graduated from Petrolia High School.

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me Mr. quarter back passer, and Lone Runger and Silver. Mithey Max, and Tonto. skat helmet and for my Bruther a watch please.
Love Gregg
2nd grad.

Dear Santa,
I want a dress.
I want you to bring a shirt.
I like the easy bake oven.
I wish you a Merry Christmas!
I hope your reindeer is a good one
My name is Lorre. 8 love Lorre D.M. 2 Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Electric football set, and a Mash up derby set, and a O.J. Simpson, and a battle ground, and a Electric rail road track. love Dean. Second Grade

Dear Santa
I would like a pocket fishermanpoll and a new bick and a scatboardanda flas lite. Love ChuckLuna ChuckL2nd Ga

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- Bryan Spencer - 504 South Wall
- Lloyd V. Tepfer - Coleman Park, Route 1, Box 51A
- Thomas Pesavento - 1001 Park Plaza
- Hardin H. Hill - 209 Hope Lane
- Fran Nanny - 304 S. Wall St.

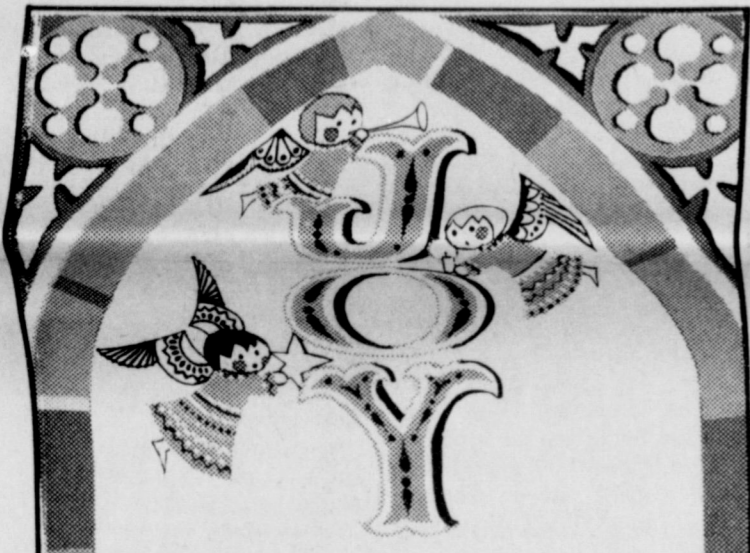


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Hawks drop first game, but back on winning way

The Hawk basketball team finally felt the sting of defeat after racing to 11 straight victories. But they have a two-game string now to carry them into the Lubbock tournament next week.

The loss came in the second round of last week's tournament at Midwestern State Univ., when they were upset by Childress.

However, they bounced back to win third place in the tourney and here Tuesday night, they defeated a good Henrietta club.

After knocking Notre Dame into the consolation bracket 79-58 in the tournament opener, the Hawks ran into Childress

and hotter-than-hot Brett Stone.

Earlier in the same week, Iowa Park had shot down Childress 55-47. But Stone was undefeatable, racking up 34 points despite all the defensive efforts of the Hawks, and Iowa Park lost its first game of the season, 62-66.

Childress took a 15-10 lead in the first quarter, but Iowa Park came roaring back to knot the score at 33-33 by halftime.

Iowa Park's scoring was even, with five players in double digits: Anthony York 16, Jimmy Rowell 12, and 10 each for Doug Rogers, Rusty Price and Jim Dooley.

The Hawks had to fight

their way past Crowell in the game for third place. Crowell led throughout the first half, 26-22 after the first quarter and 43-34 at halftime.

But by the end of the third period the Hawks had battled to a 54-52 lead, and they went on to win, 76-73. Price had the hot hand in that game, sinking 18 points. Dooley and York each scored 17, and Jim Richardson had 10.

Dooley and Richardson tied for scoring honors in the Notre Dame game, with 18 each. Rowell had 14.

HENRIETTA GAME
Coach Keith Barrick told the Hawks he was pleased with their win over tall and

talented Henrietta Tuesday night. He ranked the team equal to, or better, with Bowie and Childress.

Barrick used his team depth to defeat the rather shallow depth of Henrietta, utilizing 12 players during the game.

He had pulled two players up from the junior varsity, Randall Griffith and Harry Hutchins. Iowa Park won by eight points, 68-60, and the two players accounted for eight points, Griffith, who started, five and Hutchins three.

Henrietta kept within striking distance throughout the game, trailing only 17-14 after the first quarter, and 29-35 at halftime. At one point in the third they were down by 14, but went into the final period behind 44-52.

Rowell was credited by Barrick as playing his best game of the season, scoring 16 points, eight in the final quarter. York, who left the

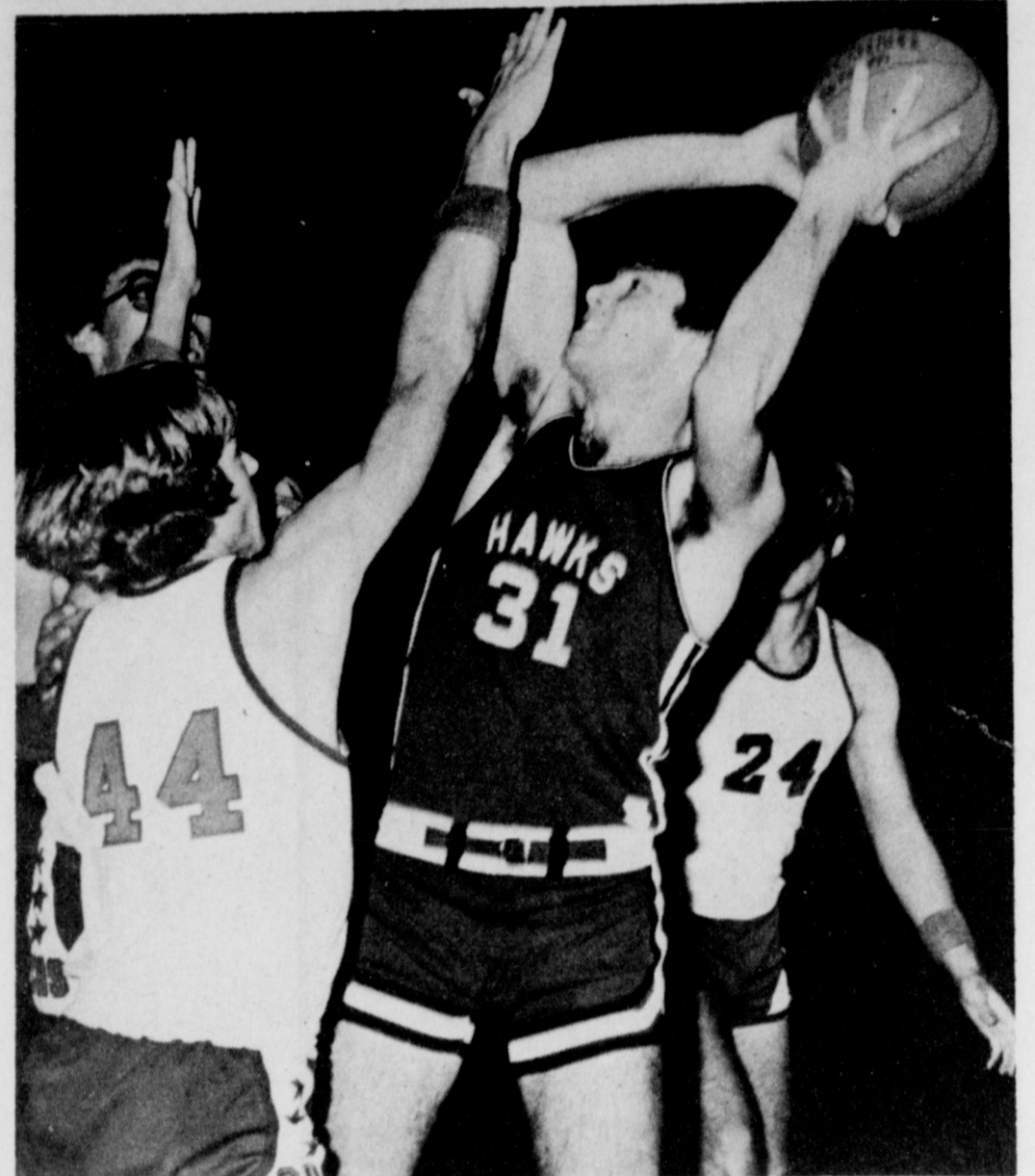
court via fouls in the fourth period, had 12 and Richardson scored 10.

The junior varsity extended its season record to 13-3 by defeating Henrietta 83-36. Billy Maupin and Ron Taylor led scoring with 15 each.

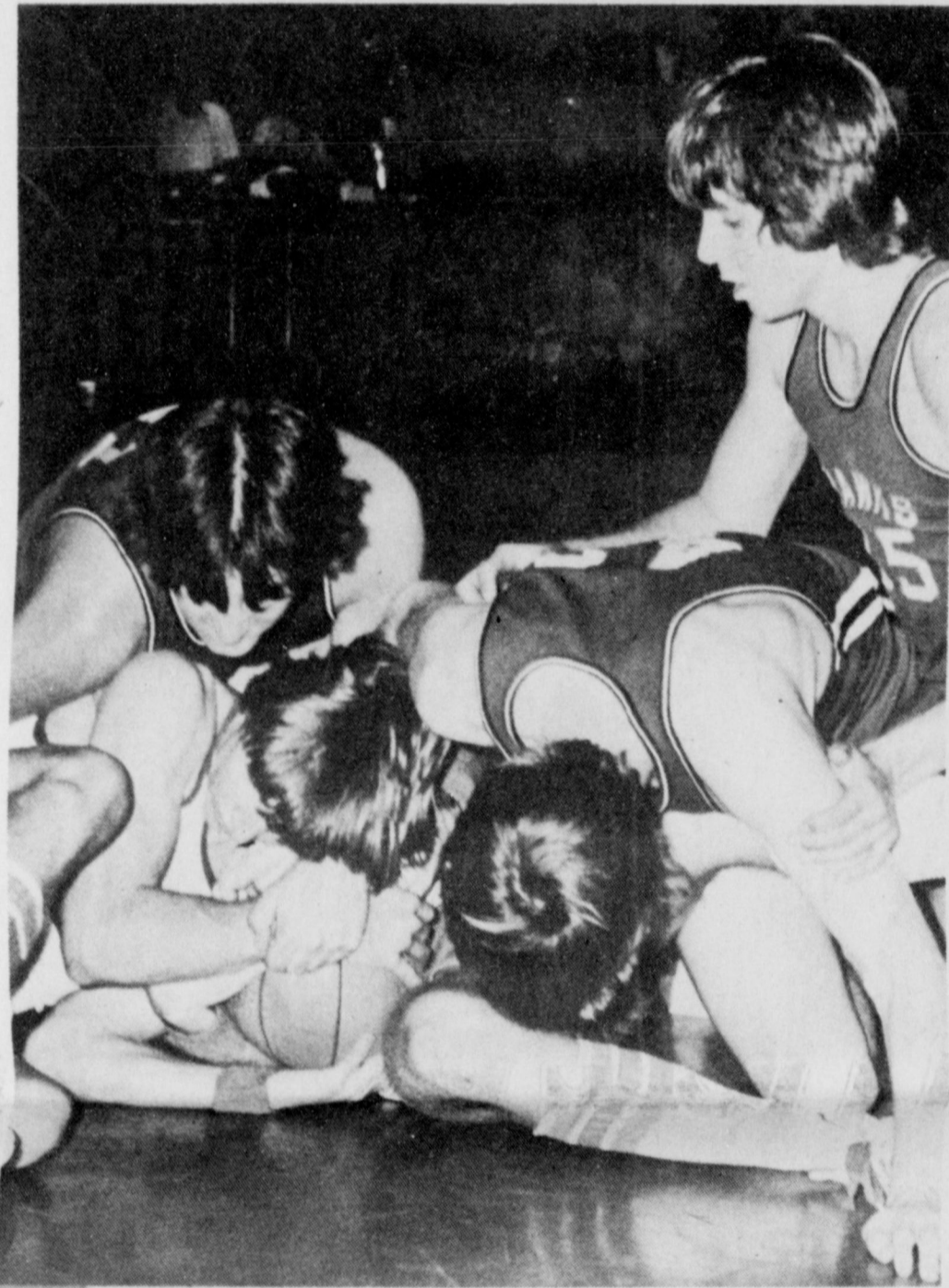
IN TOURNAMENT

The Hawks are scheduled to play in a major tournament in Lubbock's Municipal Coliseum Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. To be held on the campus of Texas Tech Univ., most of the major basketball powers from the South Plains, including AA state champion Morton, are participating.

They will return home for a game Dec. 30 with Notre Dame, and the site for that contest has been changed from here to Wichita Falls because maintenance crews will be refinishing the high school gym floor.



TWO POINTS FOR ANTHONY YORK ...despite Childress defenders.



EVERYBODY WANTS THE BALL ...action in Crowell contest.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I missed you during summer. The summer was very hot. I want a big tent and a brown dog label maker. I want a Barbie Doll house and some clothes for my doll. I also want a Ballerina Barbiedoll stage. For my sister I want a baby doll stroller and I want a baby heart beat. I want a sewing machine. I want a Marching Mickey for Christmas.

I want a stuffed KittyCat. I want a ice cream maker and a rubber duck snow cone maker. I want a Polly Pal Alarm clock.

I want a rub a dub baby. I Love You Santa Claus From Krista

Dear Santa
I want a, Elvis Reer's and a t.v.tinnis and a stretch ramstong I Love you, Santa Love, David Williams

Dear santa,
I want a tape recorder a train set a hot wheel set a Kiss record a foot ball Love Donnie Age 8 Tyner

Dear Santa,
I want a Ribton Babby this and that. Little Professor. I was in school today and I had fun. how are you? Love! Stephanie Compton

Dear Santa,
I want a bigfoot momstr anda basket ball anda taperecorder and a six milgen doller man and a typewriter. Love, Gene Bohannon

Dear Santa,
I want a U drive it, and a green machine, and a Fahr barbe doll, and please send me an Elvis Record, and a stretchmonster, I Love you. Kim Hackler.

Dear Santaj,
I have been doing good in School. I love you. I hop you are doing good When you came done to my home. The Street namd 906 lousia. I would lika green machine. big will toy Snake, foot ball Johnny Neal

Dear santa, I want masktron's, andshogin woiers, camera, tape recorder, foot ball, toy airplane, batnam and robine, big Foot, and six milgen dollr man. howis the noth pole? Bill Chandler

December 7, 1977
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a football, Stretch Armstrong, green machine, watch, games, and a new bike. Thank you very much. Lee Allen Kuykendall,

December 7, 1977
Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun, a Little Professor, and a football. love, David

Letters to Santa Claus

December 7, 1977.

Dear Santa,
I wanta Sun tan Tues day doll, Little Professor, a Strech moster, basketball, a Baby come back doll anda SunShine family farm. Merry Christmas. Love, Maxine Hill

December 7, 1977
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Little Professor and a calculator, and a watch and some games, and I don't know what else. Love, Gaylene Sorey

December 7, 1977
Dear Santa,
for christmas I want a Dallas cowBoySuit and shouder pads and all knee pads armgards and those teeth gaurds. Lewa Johnson

December 7, 1977
Dear Stanta CLAUS,
I Want a B-B Gun a Bike and a football. Thank you Wayne Kenyon.

DeAR SANTA CLAU S I HAVe Been A VeRY GOOD GIRL THIS YEAR AND I HOPE YOu WILL Sendme WHAT I WISH FOR I WANTAPANTSUIT DOLL GAME TAPE PLAYER Jenny

Dear Santa,
I hope you were busy all year since I have a big list. I would like to have "Milky the Marvelous Miling Cow," an "Evil Knieval jumping van", and "Buddy L-5 Coke set," "Kenner Girder and Pannel Building Set," a new set of guns, a "Tonko grader and Crane", a jeep, "Sears Auto Parking set," and most of all a train set with truck and loading crain. I sure hope you don't get snowed in. all my love, James

Dear Santa
How is Christmas Doing? How are the Reindeers? Please could I have some of these things? Cars, Race-trAck, Milky the cow, SKateboard, Football helmet and football stand. I will be at Grandma's. RuAL SWANSON

Dear Santa, Wod you please bring me a super star barbe anda baby Alive aher carsintr aher stroller and a typewriter tape recorder anda big Wheel anda record playr Love Debbie Richard

Dear Santa
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I'm fine. Will you please bring me an electric train,Stretch Armstrong and clothes. Merry Christmas. Love. David Beavers

Dear Santa, I want a green machine and aLittl professor please I like a foot ball and a tape recodr and a rubr snake and the bionic man and a drum set I Love you Santa. Scott McCarter

The peace and promise of Christmas

The Light that shines at Christmas is radiant with the promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." We join you in this prayer.

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Christmas Joy

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Hawkettes edged in last 2 games

The Hawkettes have lost their last two games by a total of three points.

They lost the championship game of the Ennis tournament Saturday by a single point, and then Tuesday were edged out here by Henrietta.

After leading 33-22 at

halftime, the Hawkettes were unable to hold back the rally of Henrietta in the final two periods. They went into the final period with a 40-34 edge.

Henrietta got the ball with 27 seconds remaining in the game, and the score tied at 50-50. The visitors stalled

for one last shot, and it paid off, sinking the attempt with four seconds showing on the clock.

The loss was especially disappointing to Jo Ann McClurg, who had her finest night of the season in point production, scoring 37 for the evening. She hit 11 of 14 free shot attempts.

The junior varsity also lost, 10-39.

TOURNAMENT PLAY
Iowa Park waxed Waxahachi in the opening round of the tournament, 60-41, after leading 33-19 at halftime. McClurg led scoring with 24, followed by Sheryl Thornton and Jill Watts, with 16 each. They then disposed of host Ennis 63-39. Quarter scores were 14-10, 34-16 and 44-31. Watts canned 26 in the game, McClurg 15 and Wendy Baston 14.

In Saturday's final with

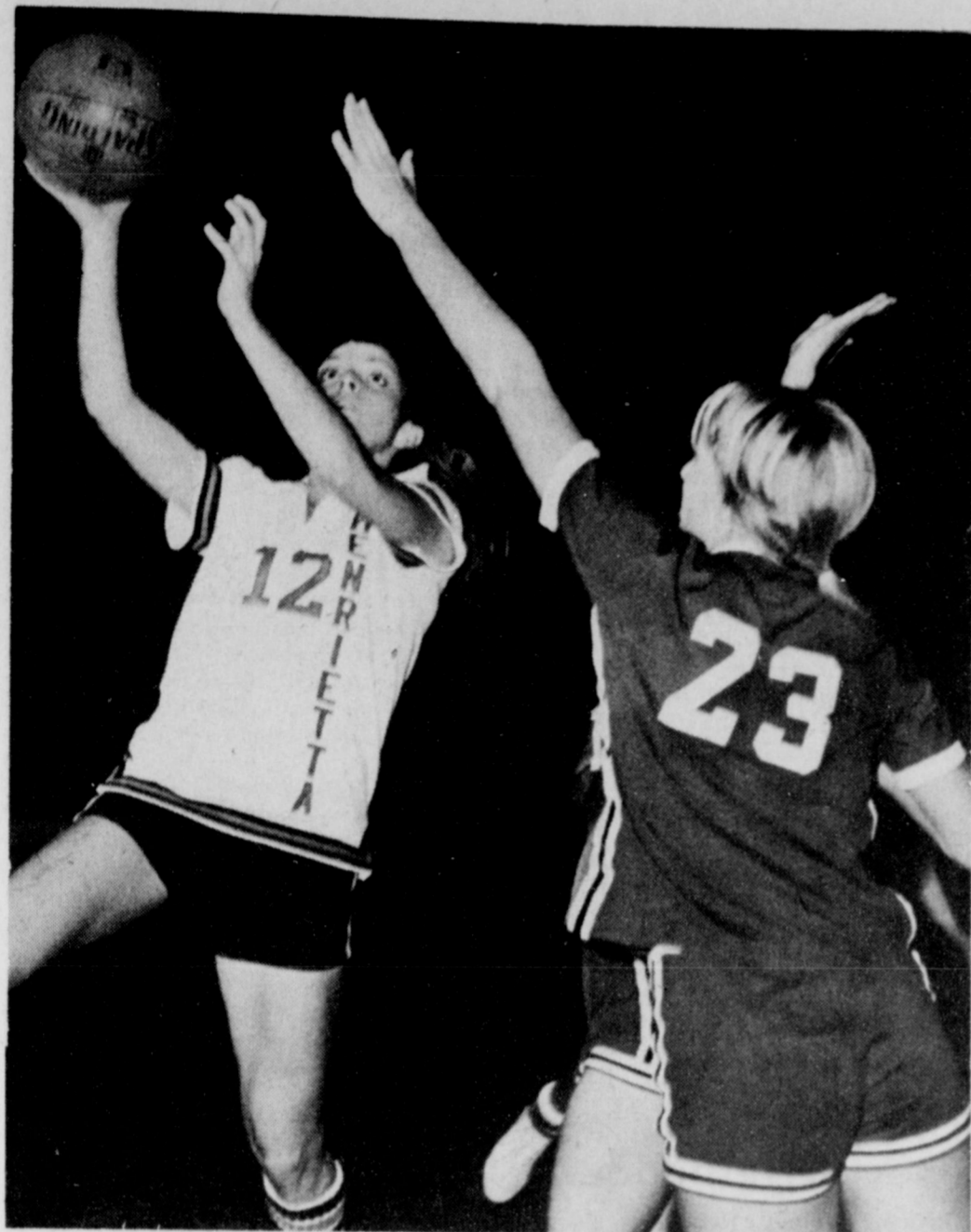
St. John's, a Catholic school in Ennis, scoring was close throughout. Both teams were tied 8-8 after the first quarter, and St. John's led 21-20 and 30-28 at the next two official rest stops, winning 41-40.

The Hawkettes had a perfect night at the foul line, sinking all six attempts, and out-scored their opponents from the floor. But even though St. John's had a poor percentage from the foul

line, that was where the eventual difference in the score was made. The winners hit nine of 21 foul shots.

Thornton was the only Hawkette named to the all-tournament team, making it as a guard.

The Hawkettes will now take a break for the Christmas holidays, though they will continue to hold workouts. Their next game is Jan. 3, at Quanah.



HENRIETTA SCORED ONE TOO MANY FOR IOWA PARK ...Pennie Baker tries to block shot attempt.

Hawk-Coyote record tied

Wichita County's record has finally been equaled.

When Plano and Wylie won the state AAAA and AA football championships Saturday, they tied the record established by Iowa Park and Wichita Falls High back in 1969: two schools from the

same county winning division championships.

When the Hawks and Coyotes did it, that was the first time in the long history of the University Interscholastic League.

And, oddly enough, those championships were in the same AA and AAAA classifications.

King to head IPTA in '78

Bob King has been elected president of the Iowa Park Tennis Association for 1978.

Virgil Walsmith was named vice president, and Pansy Bowerman was elected secretary-treasurer.

Tournament director for the coming year will be Ray Featherston.

Phil Corless will handle the association's publicity, and Corlis Wallace will be head of projects.

The Iowa Park organization will host tennis tournaments in 1978 for junior high, high school, men, women and mixed doubles competition. The activities will be open to players from

the surrounding area.

Plans also are being made to host tournaments throughout the year for club members only.

Membership is open to all Iowa Park residents, according to Corless.

For membership information persons may contact Bowerman at 592-5726, Featherston at 592-4958 or Corless at 592-2016.

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Letters to Santa
Dec. 7, 1977

Dear Santa Claus,
Have a Merry Christmas. I would like some gouchos, Baby wont Let go, Marie Osmound beauty set, a watch and a Donnie Osmound Record.

Love,
Kirsten Irene Sharpe

December 7, 1977

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a watch, games, toys bike, a dog that bark, and walks. Merry Christmas. Love, your friend Leila

December 7, 1977

Dear Santa,
I want a Red Barun and a bike.

Love
Brandon

December 7, 1977

Dear Sany
All I want for Christmas is a Daisy B-B gun.

Love,
Michael

December 7, 1977

Dear santaclaus
1. I want a nice christmasas.
2. I want a calendar.
3. I want Little professor.
4. I want a marry christmas. And a happy new yere.
5. I want a nales.
6. I want a raing.
7. I wanta drasele.
8. I want a parset.
9. I wanta pleape.

From eam to santacus.

December 8, 1977.

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you bring me a Max Machine, Stretch Arm Strong, Mr. Quarter back, Profootball.

Thankyou,
ScottL.

Merry Christmas

The Christmas spirit glows brightly. Happy surprises come forth from the gaily-wrapped presents that express the sentiment and love that Christmas inspires, filling us all with the joy of giving and sharing. With this thought in mind, we would like to share with you the good will and good wishes of the season. Sincere greetings.

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I want about four sweet suits, a red one a blue one and two green ones, and a racing bike, a race car set, and a stretch armstrong and a ten can alley game.

Love,
Scott
Weaver

Dear Santa,
I want two watches for my Daddy and me and I want a bike and I want some dolls, too. And some barbie dolls and some games and a little grill oven for me. For my mom I want a watch, too. And for my brother I want too get them a trapeleng I want it, too get me a jaws game for me. And I want some games

Nanette M. Please
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I will leave you five cookies be cais I Love you. I would like a foot ball hint for Christmas.

I wish you a merry Christmas. Love, Tommy N. 2nd Grade.

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbiedoll for me. A coat for my sister. A jaws game for my brother. I will give you 7. cooceis becose I Love you Santa. Love, Jodi S. 2nd grade.

Dear Santa
I would like a dirt Biek. and I would lik a. Max machine to. I will live you some cookeys.

Love Richard.
Richard. c.
2nd Grade.

Dear Santa, I want a Bee Bee gun and a watch and a big foot sweet jacket and a stretch monster Love, Mike Fuller

December 7, 1977

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? And how are the reindeers?

I have been a little bad and a little good, so I'm not going to ask for much toys. But I do want a Baby Won't Let Go, a Little Professor, basketball, gauchos, batteries for my radio and a skateboard.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love,
Laurie

December 7, 1977

Dear Santa,
I have been good so I want a Barbie Beauty Salon, a Little Professas, a New Look Ken, a Stretch Armstrong and a Tuesday Taylor.

Love
Melissa
Wells

December 7, 1977

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby doll, a Stretch Armstrong, digital watch, and whatever else you would like to bring to me.

Love,
Kerri Richardson

Dear Sante,
Would you please bring me a skte bord.

Thank you love,
John Ed Williams

December 7, 1977

Dear Santa,

I want a Stretch Armstrong and my Dad to come home from Germany. I would also, like a radio, BB gun, and a calculator.

Thank you. Mery Christmas!

Love,
Luke

December 7, 1977

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a Spider Man race track set, and Strech Armstrong, Daisy, BB gun, and a Stretch, Manster, and a Dallas Cowboy helmet and cleats.

your friend,
Tim

December 7 1977

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been waiting for Christmas all year. I have been a good boy. I want some contacts, a watch, calculator, football, and a blip.

Love,
Bobby

December 7, 1977

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like you to bring Me a Little Profess, or a Type writer, a Stretch Armstrong, and a plain doll, some doll clothes, and doll blanket, and what you would like me To have.

Merry Christmas.
Love,
Brandi.

December 7, 1977

Dear Santa,
I would like Tuesday Taylor, a mood ring, contacts, Little Professor, Also, a doll of you and Mrs. Claus. would be nice. P.S. Have a Merry Christmas

Love
Lisa
Feltcher

Dec. 7, 1977

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a Camera and film, some gouchos, a Thumbelina, and some baby clothes, and a Elvis Presly Album. P.S. Merry Christmas!

Santa Claus!
Your friend,
Emilie

December 7,
1977

Dear Santa
How is Miss. Claus? I hope you are fine too. I wish I could have a bike, a new swing, a doll that cries, and that is all. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love,
Lynne

Dear Santa,
I want a Pellet gun, and a pin ball Machine, and a foot ball and a green Machine and a bull dozer.

Thank you Mike WilliAms 3. grade

Dear Santa,
I Love you santa.

I wanted to go see you at sikes senter mall. I would like to go see you at the mall. I want a Donnie Marie.

I want a Super Star Barbe. Wonder Woman. Bionic Woman. Charlie's Angel's.

Big Wheel. Stroller. Love, Tammy Bridges

Dear Santa, I wanta toy Trin and a toy Truck and atoycB. and a Kee pon Trucking Toy and a row bot toy and a T.V. and some felm

Love Jack D. Jordan

Dear Santa,

I want a nafe football I want a TV, a watch, basket ball,

DallaScoubyscalen. Love
Jimmy Harper

50 attend party

Forty two members and eight guests attended the turkey dinner and Christmas party held by the Christian Workers class of First United Methodist Church Thursday evening.

Robin Fox, soloist, provided a musical program following the meal. His Christmas selections included "O Holy Night", "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas". Mrs. Otis Gay provided piano accompaniment. The musicians led the group in singing carols.

Guests from Sheppard AFB who told of Christmas in the home lands were 1st Lt. Norretranders, Ole Viggo from Denmark; CMSgt. Esmaelirad, Hossein and SSgt. Valikhani, Nasro-

lah, both from Iran; and Major Madrid, Santiago R. Jr. from the Philippines. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ruby Swadley from the base.

During the evening, gifts were given to the Golden Age Friends in the nursing home.

Other guests were Mrs. Aline Thomas and Miss Gina Connatser. Members present were Messrs. and Mmes. Floyd Boyd, J.E. Connatser, Elgin Denny, Otis Gay, Estle Gallop, Floyd Harrison, J.C. Hester, Gene Lowrey, H.M. Mahler, Earl Logan, J.C. Ralston, George Trammell, Riley Thompson, Carl Sullivan, Clyde Winfrey.

Others were Mmes. Emma Gauntt, Kathleen Hatten, Cleo Hines, Lydia Hudson, Katherine Sue Jacquart, Bertha McDonald, Ida Parker, Effie Walsh, Effie Winfrey; Misses Jane Gauntt, Ethyle Kidwell and Shirley.

The hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. McDonald.



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Glenn Stephens Bob Birk

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Holy Night

And suddenly the shepherds saw, on their peaceful hillside, the angels come to proclaim the birth of a Saviour... their hosannas echoing through the holy night. As we share the wondrous tidings of Christmas, may we also share love and kindness with our fellowmen.

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Merry Christmas

Doorways wear garlands of welcome... candles beckon with a hearty glow. The season of good cheer arrives, in all its friendly warmth. May the joys of Christmas be yours!



SAM'S BODY SHOP

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Johnson found guilty, awaiting sentencing

After nine hours of deliberation a jury Friday found H.C. Johnson guilty on eight counts of issuing false grain warehouse receipts and returned innocent verdicts on 18 other counts against the Iowa Park grain dealer.

Johnson could be sentenced to possibly five years in prison and fined \$5,000 on each count, bringing the maximum penalty he faces to 40 years in prison and a \$40,000 fine, U.S. District Judge Robert M. Hill said.

Judge Hill said it would be about a month before he sentences Johnson, who was released Tuesday from Wichita County jail after posting a \$10,000 cash surety bond, according to U.S. Marshal John Josey.

The five-day trial reached its climax shortly after 9 p.m. Friday when the five woman, seven man jury filed into the cavernous federal courtroom in the Wichita Falls Post Office Building to announce its findings.

Following final arguments by the prosecution and defense attorneys and after receiving their instructions from the judge, the jury went into deliberation near noon Friday.

About seven hours later the jury emerged and asked that testimony from Neal Meeks, former bookkeeper for Robert M. Johnson, be read by the court reporter. The portion of testimony concerned Meeks' claim that Robert Johnson Grain and Molasses Co., headed by Robert Johnson, and Geronimo Elevator Co., headed by H.C. Johnson, were operated essentially as the same business.

After reviewing Meeks' testimony, the jury disappeared behind closed doors again, but reemerged about 8:30 p.m. The jury foreman

against H.C. Johnson, but had reached a decision on the remaining 13 counts.

Judge Hill told the jury it was desirable they reach a verdict on all 26 counts of the indictment. He said the case could not be argued better by either side and that a more competent jury could not be selected.

About 30 minutes later the jury returned to open court, and the charge sheet was handed to Judge Hill, who read the verdicts.

The defendant was found innocent on the first 18 counts of the indictment which charged him with aiding and abetting his missing brother Robert in the transportation of stolen grain from locations in Oklahoma and Colorado to Texas and one count of making false statements to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Commodity Credit Corp.

Johnson was found guilty on the remaining eight counts which charged him with falsifying grain warehouse receipts. Prosecution claimed Johnson issued warehouse receipts for No. 2 hard winter wheat, when he actually had No. 3, No. 4 and sample grade wheat in storage.

Many members of Johnson's family and friends were present in the courtroom when the jury's decision was announced. One of the women in the crowd appeared to have collapsed and fainted. Several were weeping.

Johnson, 44, remained calm and expressionless as the verdict was read and he was remanded to a U.S. marshal.

SCAPEGOAT CLAIMED

A claim that H.C. Johnson was being used as a scapegoat was argued by defense attorney Howard Martin throughout the week-long trial.

"There's always got to be a scapegoat," Martin said during his final arguments Friday morning. "The wrong man is seated in this chair. It should be Robert M. Johnson and not his older brother, H.C."

He said the defendant had established himself as a businessman with a reputation of veracity. He claimed Robert Johnson Grain and Molasses Co. and Geronimo Elevator Co. were "two separate entities," although both companies later shared the same offices in Iowa Park and some employees worked for both companies.

When inspectors examined Geronimo Elevator Co. facilities in November 1976 and found the wheat in poor condition, "Why in heaven's name didn't they indict him then?" Martin said.

Pointing to the defendant, Martin argued, "This man didn't run and hide or disappear."

Martin said his client asked for additional time to improve the quality of wheat in storage by adding high grade wheat, but before measures could be taken his

older brother was reported missing and the Johnson family companies were thrown into involuntary bankruptcy.

With only a tenth grade education, Martin claimed the defendant was duped by his brother and bookkeepers.

Martin concluded his final argument to the jury saying, "If you want to make him (H.C. Johnson) a scapegoat, you certainly have the power to do it."

To begin his closing statement, chief prosecutor Asst. U.S. Atty. Ron Eddins chronicled the events that led to the trial.

Eddins said in April 1976 Robert Johnson leased the 48,000-acre McFaddin Ranch in Knox and King counties. H.C. Johnson and Geronimo Elevator Co. stood behind the lease as the guarantor.

LOSE MONEY

Both brothers were thrown deeply into debt after losing \$750,000 on the wheat futures market, Eddins explained. Wheat from the 1976 harvest was needed to

be sold to generate capital to pay off the debts, he said.

H.C. Johnson helped Robert Johnson "cover up the theft" from farmers, who asked their grain be placed in storage for sale at a later date.

Eddins said H.C. Johnson overvalued the wheat he did have in storage to buy additional time.

"Was he really trying to help the farmer out? He was trying to help H.C. Johnson and Bobby Johnson," Eddins told the jury.

As to Johnson's claim that he was trying to buy high-grade wheat to improve the quality of grain stored when his company was thrown into bankruptcy, Eddins argued the last bank statement on Geronimo Elevator Co. showed it to be overdrawn \$3.35. "There wasn't any grain to replace it. There wasn't any money to pay for it," the government prosecutor said.

"He (H.C. Johnson) was willing to play the game, but he's not willing to pay the price," Eddins concluded.

Two rifles are stolen

Iowa Park police are investigating the loss of two rifles.

THE Pigeon of 1025 Foley Drive reported the burglary of a rifle from his pickup truck.

J.M. Lindeman of Holliday told police a 30-30-caliber rifle fell from the back of his pickup truck somewhere between Shaw Motor Co. and the intersection of Jefferson and N. Colorado.

Both incidents were reported to police last Thursday.

Municipal Court Records

Results of municipal court held here last Thursday

Sonny Ray Bradford, violation instruction permit Restriction B, \$28.50;

David Lee Hill, possible suspension of driver license, suspended six months, probated six months;

Eddie Doyle Turkett, possible suspension of driver license, four months suspension;

Georgina Bludnick, possible suspension of driver license, four months suspension;

David Hulen Pitcock, possible suspension of driver license, four months suspension;

Craig Alan Rains, possible suspension of driver license, suspended four months, probated six months;

Sheria Pangle Fowler, possible suspension of driver license, suspended three months, probated six months;

Dale Neal Smith, public intoxication, \$28.50;

Tony Eric Alexander, public intoxication, \$28.50;

Lyndel Day Berry, public intoxication, \$28.50;

Danny Louis Ainsworth, public intoxication, \$28.50;

Terry Don Johnson, public intoxication, \$28.50.

Former resident put under bond

Ricky Dean Alexander, formerly of Iowa Park, and another Wichita Falls man were charged Tuesday with aggravated robbery.

Justice of the Peace R.L. Stewart set bond on Alexander at \$20,000.

Bond on the other man, Wesley Leon Kirby, was set by Stewart at \$15,000.

The attempted aggravated robbery charge stemmed from an incident Monday night at a convenience store on 701 Eastside in Wichita Falls in which two men allegedly demanded money from two store attendants.

Merry Christmas

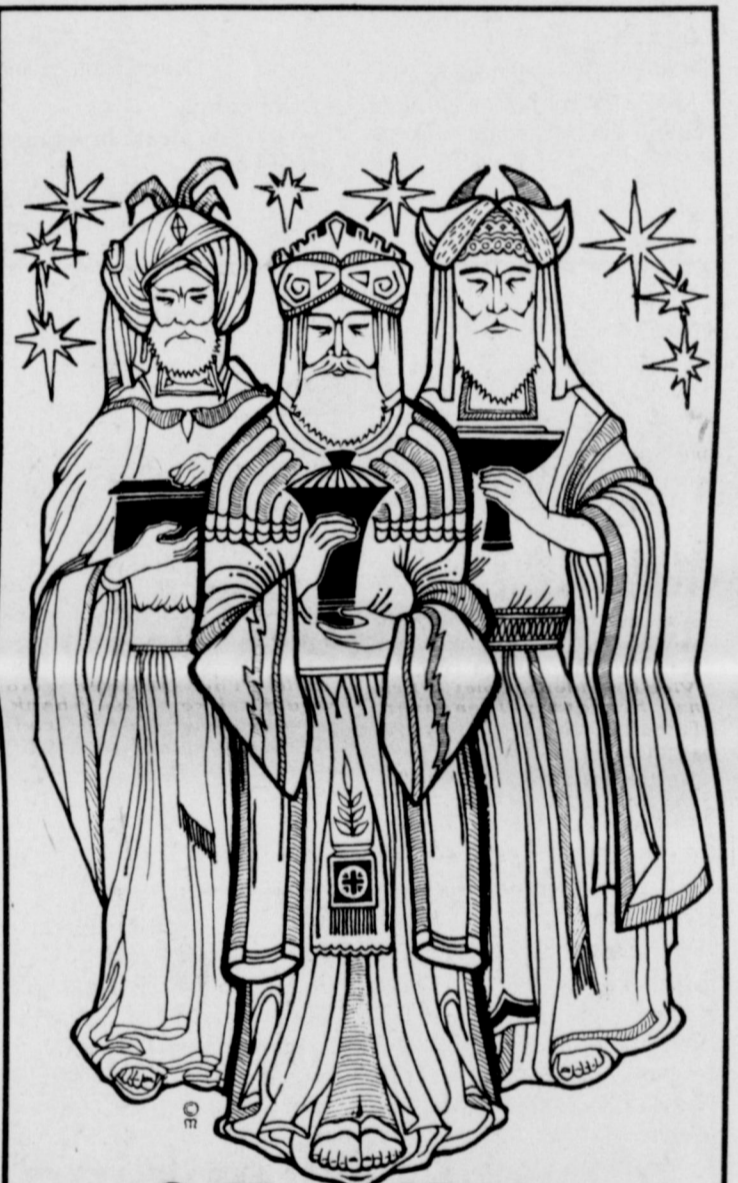


Heartfelt wishes for a glowing Yuletide overflowing with good cheer and happy days. We are thinking of you, our dear friends, and hoping your holidays will be filled with many delights.

Special thanks to all.

Shaw Motor Co.

Iowa Park



O, Holy Night

May that special star that guided the Wise Men to the manger, shine forever more in the heart of all mankind. Our thanks to you at this blessed Yuletide

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Whatever is beautiful,
Whatever is meaningful,
Whatever brings you joy and happiness,
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I.P.H.S. Calendar

Tues. - Thurs. Dec. 27, 28, & 29 - Lubbock Tournament - Boys' Varsity Basketball team.
 Fri. Dec. 30 - Boys' JV and Varsity Basketball teams play Notre Dame here.
 Tues. Jan. 3 - All JV and Varsity basketball teams play at Quanah.
 Fri. Jan. 6 - All JV and Varsity basketball teams play at Weatherford. This starts district games.
 Fri. & Sat. Jan. 6-7 - Rider Speech Tournament.
 Tues. Jan. 10 - All JV and Varsity basketball teams play Graham here.

Athletes of the week

DeDe Rich

De De has lived in Iowa Park for two years. She has played basketball for five years. She plays guard and forward and wears number 10 on the girls varsity.

De De also participates in track. She played basketball and ran track in New Deal, Texas before coming to Iowa Park.

De De is involved in mixed choir. Her hobbies include football, basketball, track, swimming and skiing.

De De plans on attending Tarleton State University. She plans on participating in either track or basketball at Tarleton.

Anthony York

Anthony is a senior at Iowa Park. He has lived in Iowa Park for 10 years, six of which he has competed in basketball. He has been on the varsity for three years. He wears number 31 and plays forward on the varsity. He will be participating in track later on this year. Anthony's hobbies include swimming and playing football. He is involved in student council, which he is president of. He is planning on going to Texas Tech University, where he plans on participating in basketball.

Elect officers

Officers for the 1977-78 Horticulture class have been selected. The elected are: President, Sarah White; Vice President, Colette Franz; Secretary-Treasurer, Jeanna Dickerson; Reporter, Gary Blackberry; and Parliamentarian, Richard Johnson.

David Wright

David Wright has lived in Iowa Park for over nine years. He was no. 12 on the varsity football team. He played quarterback and defensive back. He also played tailback. He thinks he may go out for the track team. David has played high school football for four years. He thinks he will go to college but he is undecided on which college he will attend. He is undecided on which sports he will play because he wants to wait and find out what sports the college he goes to has. David stated although playing on a losing team as the Hawks he feels that he has learned a lot.

Fruit sale is success

The F.F.A. fruit sales are now over. The Iowa Park chapter sold a total of 1412 boxes of fruit. All of the fruit was either picked up or delivered.

High salesman for the chapter was Kevin Coffman. He sold 132 boxes of fruit which totaled up to 3440 pounds. Other members that sold a lot of fruit are David Sauls with 2260 pounds, Mark Patterson with 1980 pounds, and Tim Thomason with 1580 pounds.

The oranges and grapefruits have been real good this year and the Iowa Park F.F.A. Department hopes that everyone enjoys the fruit. The Chapter also would like to thank everyone who bought fruit and hopes that they will continue to do so in the future.

Hawks suffer first loss, place second in tourney

Iowa Park went into the Midwest State University Invitational Basketball Tournament expecting to win. Instead the Hawks came out of it with their first loss of the season and third place in the Maroon Division.

The Hawks who came from big wins in the Cooke County Tournament looked as if they would win it easily with an opening game 79-58 win over Notre Dame. Then came the shocker. The Hawks suffered their first loss of the season to Childress, who they had earlier beaten, 66-62.

The Hawks were not the only unbeaten team to suffer their first loss. Crowell, who the Hawks beat out of third place, 76-73, lost their first game of the season eventually to the Maroon Division Champions Bowie. Jim Dooley was the only Hawk to be selected as all-tournament player. Dooley led all Hawks scores in the tournament with 45 points.

Dooley was co-leader in the first game tied with Jimmie Richardson with 18 points each. Jimmy Rowell was also in double figures with 14 points.

In the losing effort to Childress, Anthony York was high point man with 16 points. Rowell followed with 12 and Dooley and Rusty

Price each had 10. Against Crowell Price was the leading scorer with 18 points. Dooley and York each had 17 points while Richardson picked up 10 more.

The Hawk Squawk

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Passes: new system

By Jeff Feix

One of the new systems at Iowa Park High School are the hall passes. Students have to have a pass with their name, the date, the time they left the room, and destination along with the signature of the teacher permitting them to leave the room. No matter where the students go they must have a pass. The students can't get back into class without having it stamped by the office.

Mr. Dawson who originally thought up the idea is really glad the way the system is working out so well. His plan was to cut down traffic in the halls and to find out where the kids are going.

The teachers agree that it

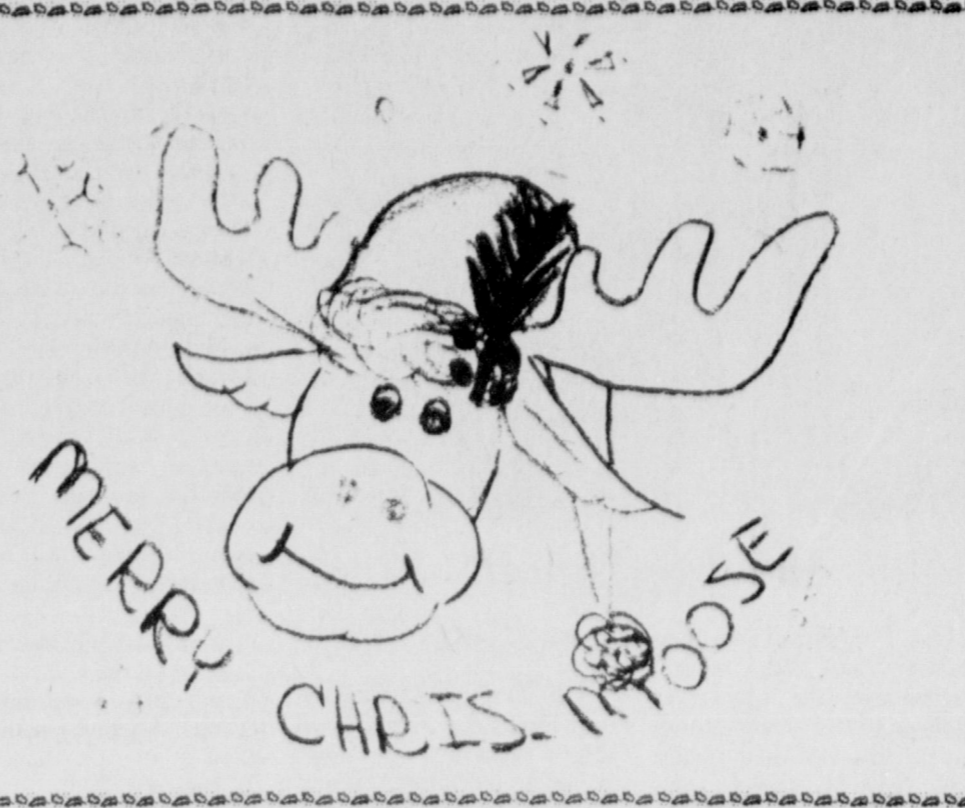
is working, but most interviewed thought it is a distraction to have to write up a pass and also that they think about how many they're letting out and where they're going.

The students think that it is an infringement on their rights. If they have to go to the restroom quickly it is annoying to have to wait on the pass. The student office workers think it is "a pain to stamp the passes," according to Trish Roberts.

Cosmo meets

A Cosmetology Vocational Industrial Clubs of America meeting was held December 5 in the A building. At the meeting it was decided to have a Christmas party and exchange gifts.

The Cosmo class also attended a Wichita Falls Hairdressers Affiliate meeting #23. The meeting was held Dec. 5 at El Babos Restaurant in Wichita Falls. They brought presents to deliver to the patients at the State Hospital.



Speech students bring home awards

The Iowa Park Speech I, II, and III classes competed at the Tri-City Tournament consisting of Burkburnett, Vernon, and Iowa Park. Iowa Park did very well and the results are:

- Triette Children's Story Novice
 1) Tracy Johnson, Linda

Koenig, Lisa Bartow
 Radio Broadcasting Varsity
 2) Connie Jennings
 Radio Broadcasting Novice
 1) Shelton Walsmith
 2) Susie Heidrich
 3) John Dooley
 Original Poetry Varsity
 2) Lydia Bushfield
 Original Poetry Novice

3) Ashton
 Solo Mime Varsity
 1) Penny Walsmith
 Solo Mime Novice
 2) Rennie Kennitz
 3) David Flowers
 Extemp Persuasive Novice
 1) Jeff Shaw
 2) Lisa Bartow

Impromptu Novice
 1) Jeff Shaw
 2) Lisa Bartow
 Impromptu Varsity
 1) Lydia Bushfield
 2) Darlene Mahler (tie)
 2) Lisa Shults

EDITORIAL

Team needs your support

Winning, a word not heard much around IPHS during the Fall, has now become commonplace. Our basketball teams are having one of their best stats ever. But the general feeling does not seem to go along with the great successes of Basketball. In school sports, football seems to be thought of as most important. This may be, but that is no reason to deny Basketball the proper credit it deserves. The basketball team has distinguished themselves by good coaching and high individual quality. The work put out by all those involved should not go along unnoticed. The students of

Iowa Park can walk along, heads held high, in any town, with a winning team like ours. There is no reason it shouldn't be that way here. The basketball players win because they want to, and need to. With the full support of students, faculty, and the community, we should have a winning Basketball season to be proud of and a base for winning season in other sports.

Congratulations Basketball Teams of Iowa Park High School. The Hawk Squawk salutes you.

--JEFF SHAW

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Class discusses community work

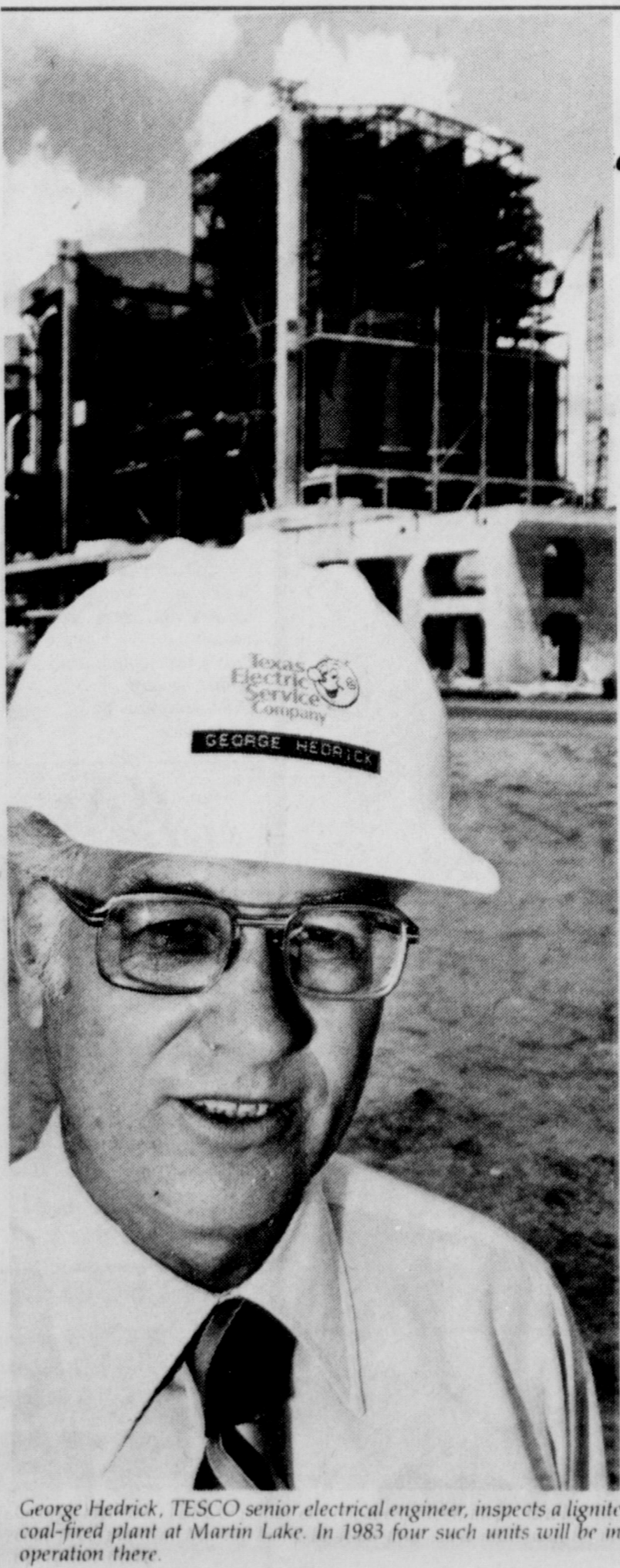
The Horticulture class discussed their Community project at the December 5 meeting. Horticulture students along with Agriculture students will talk to the owners of those stores which have back entrances facing the West Highway. The students plan to paint the backs of all the buildings using the same color in order to add to their appearance. The Horticulture students also delivered self-grown poinsettias to the office personnel at Kidwell, Bradford, Valley View, Jr. High, the administration building, and the High School.

Around IPHS

SCHOOL OUT ... School will be dismissed on Wednesday the 21st for the Christmas holiday.
BAND ... The annual Christmas Concert presented by the band was held on Thursday night the 15th at the high school auditorium.
SENIOR PICTURES ... Senior pictures were brought back to the senior students on Friday the 16th, a representative from Hennington Studio returned them to the students.
CHOIR ... The annual Christmas Concert will be presented by the choir on Monday the 20th here in the auditorium.
CHOIR BANQUET ... The choir held their Christmas Banquet on Saturday night, here in the high school cafeteria. Their theme was "Hawaii".
FANTASY OF LIGHTS ... The Band and Choir will perform at the Midwest Fantasy of Lights on Tuesday the 22nd.

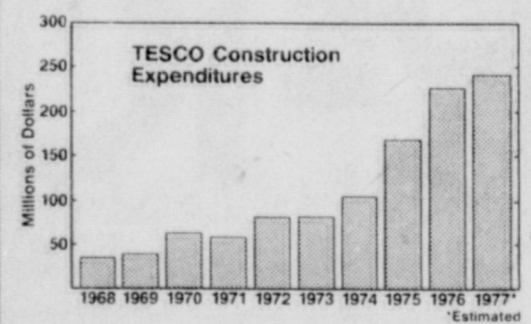
Once more the message of Peace and Joy resounds across the land, heralding that first Holy Night when the beautiful Christmas story was begun. Our sincere wishes to all for a Merry Christmas.

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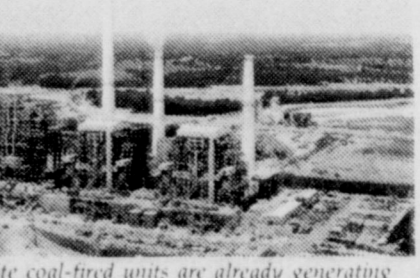


'Texas Electric must spend \$243 million for new construction this year alone.'
We really have no choice if we're going to continue supplying the electricity you'll need.'

"By far the biggest percentage of electricity you use today is made in plants that use natural gas for fuel. Most of this is gas we contracted for many years ago when it was very cheap. But these contracts will expire soon. Against just such a day, Texas Electric and the other companies in the Texas Utilities system have purchased large supplies of lignite coal over a period of many years.



In just ten years, Texas Electric's required construction spending has gone from less than \$30 million to nearly a quarter of a billion dollars per year.



Two lignite coal-fired units are already generating electricity at the Monticello plant near Mt. Pleasant. A third unit is also under construction there.

These same companies have also contracted for supplies of nuclear fuel. And we're building plants to use these fuels. We have five lignite coal-fired units already generating electricity, with five more under construction. The nuclear fueled plant near Glen Rose is progressing well. While these new plants are very expensive, we must build them if we are to continue supplying the electricity you'll need."

Electricity. You count on it today. We're working to keep it that way.

George Hedrick, TESCO senior electrical engineer, inspects a lignite coal-fired plant at Martin Lake. In 1983 four such units will be in operation there.

First meeting in auditorium

An overflow crowd was present yesterday for the first official assembly in the new Holiday school auditorium.

An estimated 650 elementary students, parents and friends filled the new auditorium for the annual elementary Christmas program.


The new auditorium seats 500.

Overflow crowd viewed from the aisles and lobby, according to Dan Owen, elementary principal.

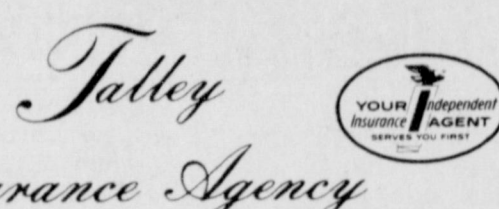
Included in the program were performances by the fifth and sixth grade bands under the direction of Dwade Reinsch.

The Christmas play was presented by students of Mrs. Leota Lowder, music teacher.

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Glad Tidings of Joy to everyone



Valley Insurance Agency



Mrs. Don Dowell

Mrs. Don (Billie) Dowell of Valley View has several suggestions for Christmas cooks in search of something special to serve their family and friends during the holidays.

If there's a sweet tooth to satisfy, she offers her recipe for Millionaires, Swedish Nuts, Banana Tea Bread and Strawberry Nut Salad.

Her Mexican Cheese Roll would make a perfect snack during one of the football games. All of the recipes she

submitted call for the use of nuts.

A lifelong resident of the Iowa Park area, Mrs. Dowell admits cooking is one of her favorite pasttimes along with needle craft, bridge and reading.

Some of the people close to her will receive handmade crochet and macrame gifts.

This time of year holds additional significance for Mr. and Mrs. Dowell, who on Jan. 17 will celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary. Her husband is a pumpier for American Petroleum.

Their children are Teresa Matthews of Iowa Park, Don Lamar of Paris and Brian and Dee of the home. Brian is a freshman at Iowa Park

Cook of the Week

High School and Dee is in the second grade here.

SWEDISH NUTS

1 1/2 cups almonds
2 cups walnuts
1 cup sugar
Dash salt
2 stiffly beaten egg whites
1/2 cup butter or oleo
Toast nuts in slow oven (325°) until light brown. Fold sugar and salt into egg whites. Beat until stiff peak forms. Fold nuts into meringue.

Melt butter in shallow pan; spread nut mixture over butter. Bake in slow oven (325°) about 30 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes or until nuts are coated with a brown covering and no butter remains in pan. Cool.

MILLIONAIRES

1 lb. caramels
3 to 4 tablespoons milk
2 cups chopped pecans
Oleo
1/4 bar paraffin
12 oz. milk chocolate

Melt caramels in milk over low heat; add pecans. Drop by teaspoons on buttered waxed paper. Chill.

Melt paraffin and chocolate in heavy pan over low heat. Dip candy into chocolate and return to waxed paper. Chill.

BANANA TEA BREAD

1/2 cup butter or oleo
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 eggs
1/4 cup sour cream
2 T light rum or milk
1 t almond extract

2 cups flour
1 1/2 t baking powder
1/2 t soda
1/4 t salt

1 cup mashed bananas
1 1/2 cups chopped pecans
Combine butter and sugar in a large bowl; cream until light and fluffy. Add eggs, sour cream, rum and almond extract. Mix well.

Combine flour, baking powder, soda and salt; add to creamed mixture alternating with mashed bananas, mixing well after each addition.

Stir in pecans. Pour batter in greased 9x5 loaf pan. Bake at 350° for one hour.

STRAWBERRY NUT SALAD

6 oz. package strawberry Jello
1 cup boiling water
2 10 oz. packages frozen strawberries
1 lb. can crushed pineapple, drained
3 bananas, mashed
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup sour cream

Dissolve Jello in boiling water. Fold in strawberries, add pineapple, bananas and nuts. Pour half of the mixture into mold. Chill until firm.

Spread sour cream over chilled mixture, then gently pour remaining mixture over sour cream. Chill until well congealed.

MEXICAN CHEESE ROLL

2 lbs. Velveeta cheese
8 oz. cream cheese
1 t garlic powder

1 to 2 t hot red pepper
2 cups chopped pecans
Mix softened cheeses well with hands. Add all

ingredients and shape into roll. Roll in chili powder. Chill well before serving. Freezes well.

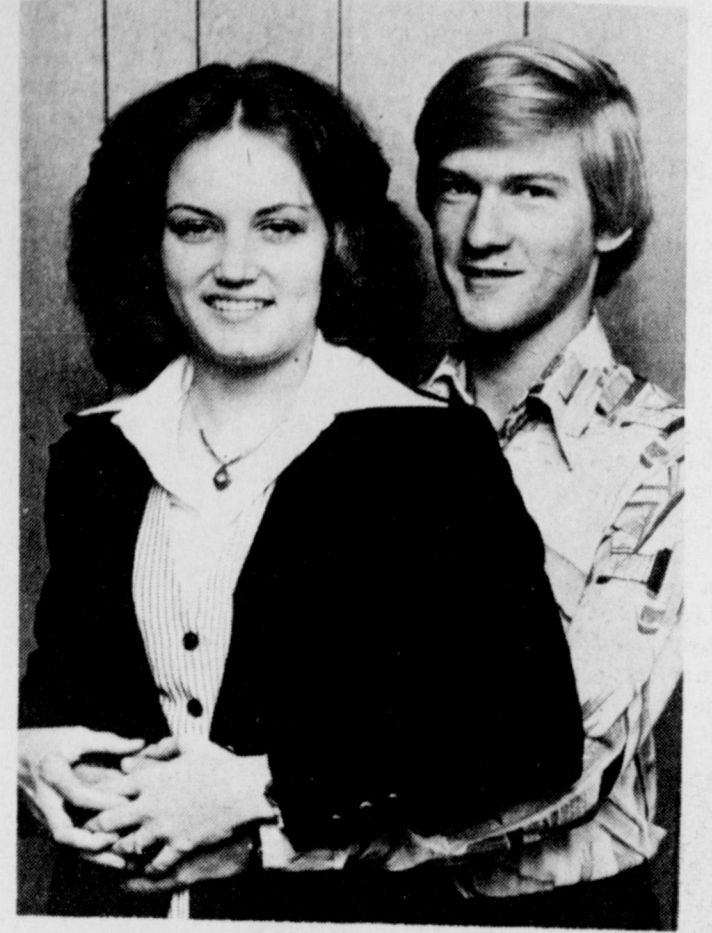
Announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Horner of Wichita Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Judy Lynn, to Robert Walter Sebastian, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sebastian of Archer City.

Miss Horner is a junior at Holiday High School and

the groom-elect is a 1976 graduate of Archer City High School. He is attending Vernon Regional Junior College and is employed at Cardinal Equipment Co., in Vernon.

A wedding date has not been set.



JUDY HORNER and ROBERT SEBASTIAN

Happy Holidays



As Christmas bells ring out their symphony of joy, we echo their glad message with wishes for a happy holiday season, for you and those you hold dear.

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa
Could you Bring meadoll-
houSe
Kim Rogers

DEAR SANTA
I WANT A DOIL
I WANTADISE
I WANTA L aMY

Dear Santa
I have been good this year
and I would LiKe a
1. Baby Come Back
2. type writer
3. Pooh Bear

Dear Santa.
Will you breen me a baby
come back.

Dear Santa
I want a Bike.
2 I want a foot ball.
3 I want a bat and ball.
I want a BB gun.
Love Joey Magness
Thank you

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please
bring me a Six Million Dollar
MaN, a truck, and a Texaco
Station. Thank you.
Love, Kyle

Dear Santa please bring me
a Drum Set and a Six Million
Dollar man and a Maskatron
and a oscar goldmen and a
Max Machine OH and Santa
say Hi to yoar Reindeer
Signed Dustin

Dear Santa, May I Please
have a B-B-gun, house shoes,
a radio clock, clothes, B-B's,
tapshoes, ear rings, boll
clothes, doll house.
Singed Laura Bynum

Dear Santa Claus,
We will not be here for
Christmas. I am going to
visit my aunt in Arizona. I'll
tell you what I want, I want
a sleigh, model airplane, and
a picture of you.

Love,
Ronnie MoliNA

Dear sanTa please bringme
a Dollhead ThankYu ever
mech sanTa love
Gail

Dear Santa
My name is. Brent. Please
bring me a bicycle and cow
you can milk for Christmas.
Brent
December 8, 1977
Thursday

Dear Santa Claus
I am Jack Hudleston. May I
have one of these 3 thngs for
Christmas? here they all
are: a mystic Fortune Teller,
rabbit hunt game, cowboy
target game, My brother
Mike wants one thing. here
it is Mr. Mouth.
Love Jack and Mike.

Dear Santa,
I want a Steve Oston,
Green Machine, Nerf Foot-
ball and red and white hat.
Love
Jimmy Denney

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you?
Will you bring me a steve
Austin and his Space Suit?
Also Will you bring me a
Space Eagle and some
Airplanes?
Would you bring my sister
a Doll?
What is one of your Elves
name?
thank you Very Much.
Love
Michael Potts
Trina Sissom

Dear Santa Claus,
I forgot to tell you to bring
me a sled. And I saw you in
Sikes Senter last night.
tuesday evening.
Thank you,
Larissa
Ward

Dear Santa
Hi My Name is Christi Muse
and I'm 9 years old. And I
have been pretty good this
year. And now lets talk
about you. I think you are
most wonderful person in
the world. But My Parnts I
Love and God and you and
my brother the most of all.
Now lets get down to what I
wan't. I wan't a recordplay-
er, wild cherry, And you lite
up my life, And I think the
name of the doll I wan't is a
Any thing doll.
Ho Ho Ho
Love Christi Muse

DEA rSANA
I WANTA
Barby doll

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a green machine
and a set of cowboy
guns. And a NERF Football.
And Steve Austin.
Love
Timmy

Dear Santa
I Have been a good girl! This
year I wanta batonand a
TippyTum- anythingelse
blesforChri-stmas please
Thankyou Tammy grade 1.st

DeARSanta
I would
Like A BaBY COME Back
Bike aMicky MouseRoLLer
coasteR
easy Bake oven.
PLeASeBRinG
my BaBY SiSteR
sometoys
LOVe Shannon


Dear Santa
I was Good
I wouldlike
Abike Anda Diesei
ChadStubblefielD

Dear Santa;
Please bring me a toy Cow
that gives milk
Thank you
Love kristy

PULSAR
Steve AUSTIN
SIX MILLON DOLLAR
MAN
BIB FOOT
to Robert
from Santa

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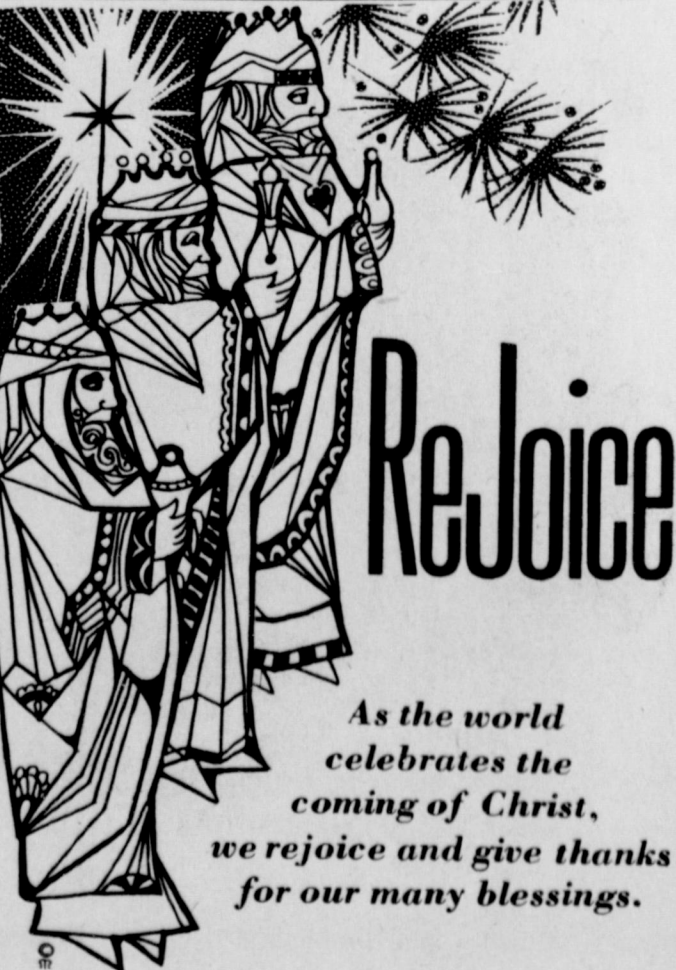
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Merry Christmas



Our hat's off to you, our good friends and neighbors, for your loyalty and confidence. Thanks and warm wishes for a joyous Christmas.

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Rejoice

As the world celebrates the coming of Christ, we rejoice and give thanks for our many blessings.

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Holiday Happenings

About 10 persons have applied for positions open with the City of Holliday.

The council is scheduled to convene in regular session at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The council is expected to act on one or more of the positions open.

The city is advertising for general maintenance workers and a licensed water-sewer superintendent.

Holiday schools dismissed yesterday for the holidays. Classes here will resume Jan. 3.

Holiday City Hall will be closed Friday and Monday in observance of the Christmas holidays, according to City Sec. Evon Carter.

Newman Johnson of Wichita Falls police for pulling a traffic mishap victim from flaming wreckage Sunday night.

The wreck involving James Cross of Bowie occurred shortly before 7 p.m. Sunday beneath the Kell Freeway overpass between Barnett and Fairchild.

Sales tax rebates to the City of Holliday have increased 91 percent in the past year.

So far this year Holliday has been reimbursed \$32,807 for the sales taxes collected by local merchants. During the same period last year the city was rebated \$17,149.

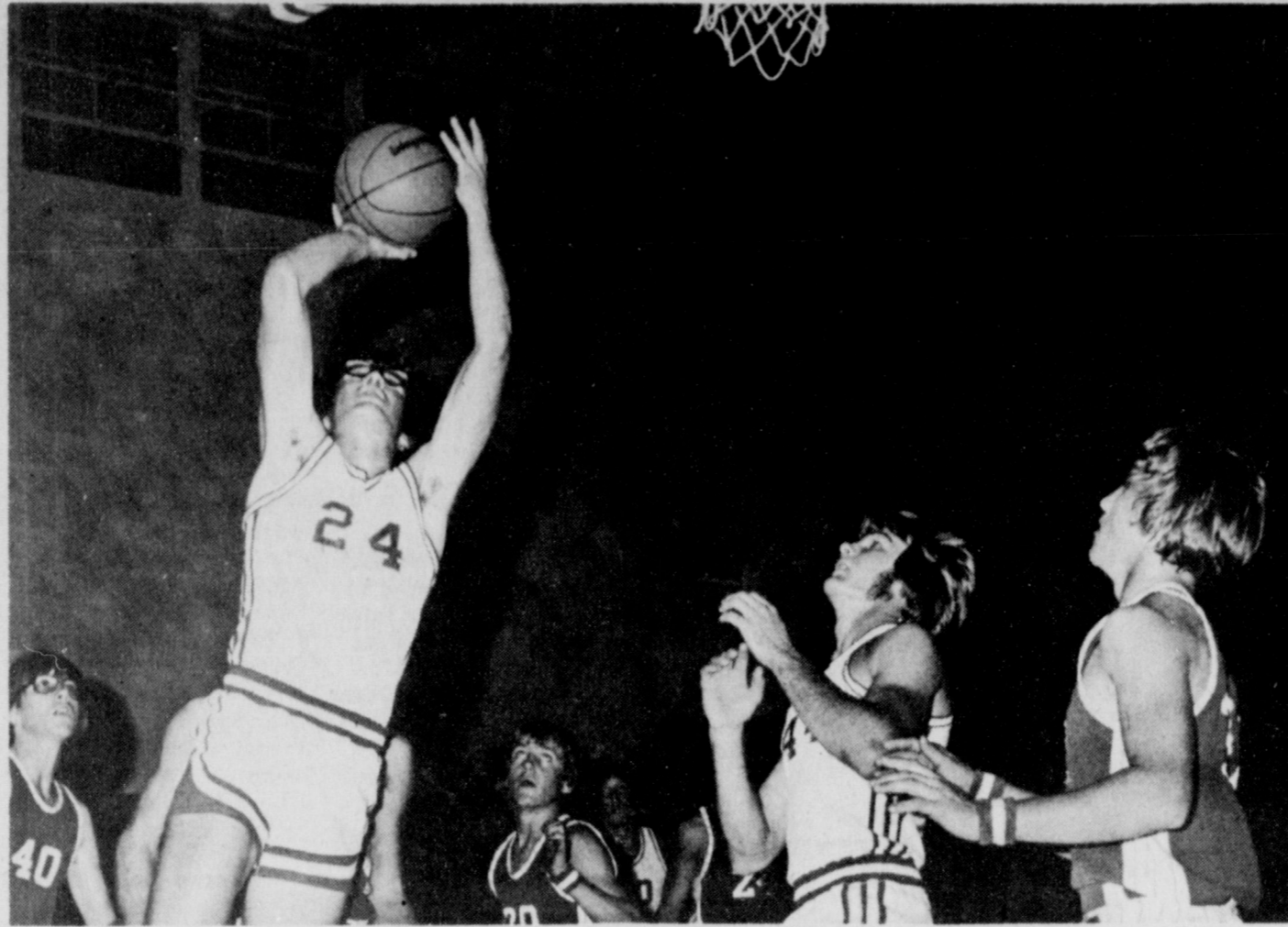
Most recent payment to Holliday was for \$4,139, according to the state comptroller's office.

Three Eagles are mentioned

Three Holliday Eagles were mentioned in the third annual Red River 22 all-area football team selected by the Wichita Falls Times and Record News.

No Eagles were named to the small school first teams, but Jay Wright was listed among defensive backs due special recognition.

Listed among the "best of the rest" quarterback Steve Lucy received an offensive post along with teammate running back Stanley Craddock.



TWO POINTS! -- Holliday's Mark Mankins [24] goes up for two points against Windthorst during opening action of the annual Holliday Invitational Basketball Tournament. The

Eagles defeated Windthorst 48-26 and continued to take second place in the tourney.

Teams runners up in own tournament

Holliday's varsity girls and boys both took second place in their annual invitational basketball tournament.

Megargel's boys defeated

Holliday 52-35 in Saturday night's finals. Dobie Romines and Butch Battles shared highpoint honors for the Eagles with 11 points each.

Burkburnett junior varsity finished third, and Petrolia took the consolation prize.

The varsity boys won a trip into the finals by defeating Quanah 53-35 in

Friday night's action. Battles paced the Eagles with 15 points.

In the opening round of action Holliday blistered Windthorst 48-26. Battles again was the big gun with 16 points.

When Harrold failed to show for the tourney, Holliday JV boys filled the vacancy in the boys' bracket.

The JV was defeated by Quanah 56-45 in the first round with Shayne Owen highpointed with 15. Gerry Graves hit the basket for 12 points against the Indians.

The Eagle JV was eliminated from the tourney's consolation bracket Friday night when they were upended by Windthorst 38-25. Owen highpointed with 10.

Two slim wins delivered Holliday's varsity girls into the finals.

During the first night of action, Holliday's women roundballers sneaked past Windthorst 45-43. Bridget Talley saved the game with a two-point jumper with less than a minute left to play. Nancy Sanders highpointed with 23.

Holliday's next foe was Electra, who the women red birds defeated 51-50 after three sets of overtime. Both teams scored three points in

the initial overtime, and in the second overtime both teams scored two points.

In the third set of overtime, Holliday's girls pumped in four points to Electra's three. Sanders highpointed with 29.

In Saturday night's final round, Holliday was defeated by Crowell 59-39. Sanders was highpointed with 25.

Third place in the women's bracket went to Petrolia, and Megargel claimed the consolation title.

Teams competing in the women's tourney were Holliday, Windthorst, Quanah, Electra, Megargel, Crowell, Petrolia and Seymour.

Entered in the men's tourney were Holliday, Holliday JV, Quanah, Windthorst, Megargel, Electra, Petrolia and Burkburnett JV.



VARSITY GIRLS TAKE SIDELINE BREATHER
...Becky Ward, Coach Cotton Davis, Amanda Wood, Mindy Lowder



We're full up with extra special Christmas wishes for you, for Joy, Friendship and Cheer. It's a privilege to serve you... thanks.

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Lonnie Brackeen & Family

HOLIDAY CHEER



CHARLES FINNELL

State Representative, Dist. 53

Holiday Greetings

Santa zooms in, his pack filled to overflowing with joy, peace, and contentment for all. Happy holidays and thanks.

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Teams beat Henrietta

Holliday's junior varsity boys and girls and the freshman boys each picked up wins Monday night against Henrietta.

Lowder was highpoint in Holliday's 38-32 decision over Henrietta JV girls.

Holliday's JV girls trailed Henrietta at the half by nine

points, but came back to score 18 points in the third period and 15 in the final stanza to claim the tilt.

Holliday's JV boys jumped out to an early lead against Henrietta and defeated the Bearcats 61-43. Styles paced the Eagles with 18 points.

Holliday's ninth grade

boys maintained control throughout their outing with Henrietta. Tinsley scored 16 to lead the freshman Eagles in their 40-28 victory.

The seventh, eighth and JV boys and girls all will rest during the Christmas and New Year's break. They will resume roundball action Jan. 5.

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Dear Santa Claus
I want a three story barbie house and a super star barbie and a Ken boy barbie Love, Nicole Tone

Dear Santa,
I want a foot man and a football. I want a work book and a rolling ball. I want a big foot.
Michael Gerstner



Dear Santa Claus Do your elvs like to work. Wood you come to my house for Christmas. I love you Santa.
Love Janie Koch

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing?
I want a Holly Hobbie oven and a Barbie and I want a thing a clock and a necklac.
Love from Missy Beggs

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer Are they happy? I want a Maxmachine and a ice bird and a Balcon air plane and amoney changar and a recerd a tran set. Merry christmas 2nd.love Casey

Dear Santa,
I wote a Mr. mouth Jaws seat boord 100 dolus lavender

Christy, Kingcade.
Dear Santa Claus
I want Tippy Tumbles, and the fuzzy pump, and I want a toy wordwriter, and a marching micky.

Love,
Christy, K.
Bradford Elem.
Age 7 Grade 2

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I would like a race car track. My sis is a good one. If my MoM has a race car track you don't got to. Would you give your reindeer my carot. I will give you a cooky, Well thats all Santa so good-bye. From Joel 2 grade. Love you.

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Please bring mea Frankenstein and a game.
Tim Horton

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Tuesday Taylor, and a Holly Hobbie oven, and a clock and a tv, and a walkie-talkie. Love Jami. ming.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Fuzzy Pumper Barber Shop. And a Tuesday Taylor. And a Holly Hobbie oven. And some new Barbie doll clothes. And a new Radio. And please give me a new stuffed animal.
Love,
Deana Mason

Dear Santa claus,
I want a strolr and a nanecklace and a stretch monster formy brother.
Love,
Frances Adams

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Jamie Sommers car and a skate board.
Love Allyson Lunsford

Dear Santa Claus,
I can't wait until cristmas. My birthday is December the 16. When is your birthday? I bet you can't wait until cristmas, can you? I have to go now see you soon goodby. Love,
Kathy Kay Fehr

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 40
THIS IS AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN ANNEXATION OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY TO THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID TOWN SO AS TO INCLUDE SAID HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN SAID CORPORATE LIMITS; AND PROVIDING FOR A DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ALL INTERESTED PERSONS TO BE HEARD AND GIVING NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING BY PUBLICATION IN A NEWSPAPER, PROVIDING SAID NOTICE SHALL BE PUBLISHED AT LEAST ONCE IN SAID NEWSPAPER NOT MORE THAN TWENTY (20) DAYS NOR LESS THAN (10) TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE HEARING, AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE:

John F. Kiel Subdivision of the SE Corner of this Tract; THENCE in a Northwesterly direction along the N ROW of the Northside Irrigation Canal to the WBL of the said Harrison Survey for the SW Corner of this Tract; THENCE North along the WBL of said Harrison Survey, parallel with the East line of said Harrison Survey, parallel with the East line of this Tract 1943.8 Feet to the place of beginning and containing 61.78 acres of land more or less.

SECTION ONE:
WHEREAS, the citizen owning the hereinafter described territory has expressed the desire of having the territory which he owns hereinafter more particularly described brought within the corporate limits of the Town of Pleasant Valley and that the Town of Pleasant Valley extend the boundary limits of said Town so as to include the area and hereinafter described territory within said corporate limits; and, WHEREAS, the land hereinafter described in Section One of this Ordinance adjoins the present corporate limits of the Town of Pleasant Valley, Texas, and the members of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Pleasant Valley, Texas, have concluded that said area, being contiguous to portions of the Northeast corporate limits of said Town, and being within the extra-territorial jurisdiction of said Town, should therefore be annexed to, so as to be made and constitute a part of, the Town of Pleasant Valley, Texas; and, WHEREAS, a public hearing for all interested persons to be heard on the question of annexing the hereinafter described territory should be held, and notice of such hearing should be published in a newspaper for not more than twenty (20) days nor less than ten (10) days prior to the date of hearing; and,

SECTION TWO:
That this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage as provided in such cases.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN in regular session on the 5th day of December A.D., 1977.

M.F. Medlinger, Mayor
Town of Pleasant Valley, Texas
ATTEST:
Glen R. Miller, Secretary
12-22-1tc

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy this year so I want g punch bag and a Junk yard game. From Tim Martin Bradford Elementary Grad 2
Love Tim

Dear Santa,
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Grade 2

To Santa Clause,
I want a bicycle, a foot dall, and a lot of other things.
I'd like a cox vanblatsher a alfaRomeo racingear and a quick changemachine kinner sp/smashup derby detereve hawk set trail Blazer tractor trailer and 1 pronto picup.
Grade 2
Love Curtis Sparlin Bradford Elem

Dear santa claus,
I want a key chain,
I want a Purse,
I want a chain,
I want a Belt buckle,
and a Billfold.
Love,
Renea Voyles
Bradford Elem.
Grad 2
Grade 2

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a dog. I am going to leave you sum cooies.
I would like to have a Dol. I would like to have a Barbie.
love Jenny

Dear Santa,
I want a new bicycle and I want a antotr cat.
I Love you.
Chris.Guerrero.
2nd GrAdE.

Dear Santa:
I would like a jaws that is oall i wat i hop you are fill good to day. caroLerawford

Dear Santa,
I would like a Max machine and a OJ. Simpson a thunder si fit 500 and some steave ostin close and a pear of spurs and a smash bang darbe. I hop I didunt over lod you I geas I beter go.by Santa Clause have a merry Christmas. tell Mr's. Clase I said Helo. Andy. Jacobi. 2ad
Grad.

Dear Santa,
Would you bring a tran set and a green machine and a Mr.mouth and some trucks and race cars and some rolls skates please and anything more please?
Love ScottHarper
ScottH. 2nd Grad

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 7:30 P.M. Thursday, January 5, 1978, concerning the granting of recreational type use for the property at 620 West Louisa, City of Iowa Park, Texas.
Alonzo G. Britton
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