


SEASON'S GREETINGS



The
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Christmas . . .

What It's All About

BY: COOKIE FRANKLIN

What does Christmas mean to you? To me it means a joyful time when the Christians celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. No one knows exactly when Jesus was born, but most people observe Christmas on December 25.

On Christmas day, many people join with their relatives to celebrate with food and gifts. They decorate their homes with holly, mistletoe, and Christmas trees.

There are many customs and symbols we got from other countries. We have changed many, but they still have the same meaning. For instance, the word Christmas comes from the early English phrase **Christes Masse**, which means Christ Mass.

The custom of exchanging Christmas gifts began in memory of the gifts the wise men brought to the Christ Child. In some countries, children believe their gifts come from Saint Nicholas, a kindly bishop famous for giving surprise presents. In other countries, children believe the wise men or the Christ child bring them gifts, but perhaps the most joyous symbol of gift giving is Santa Claus.

When you see that jolly, white bearded, old man in that red suit, it goes unsaid that he is Santa Claus, the distinct American symbol. The belief that Santa Claus enters the house through the chimney developed from an old Norse legend. The Norse believed that the goddess Hertha appeared in the fireplace and brought good

luck to the house.

Trimming the Christmas tree is the one custom most people enjoy. Without the tree, Christmas wouldn't be Christmas. One legend tells how the first Christmas tree was shown in a miracle to an English missionary named Winfrid. About 1,200 years ago, Winfrid traveled through northern Germany. One day, he found a group of heathens at an oak tree near Geismar. They were preparing to sacrifice little Prince Asulf to god Thor. Winfrid stopped the sacrifice and cut down "the blood oak." As the oak fell, a young fir tree appeared. Winfrid told the people that the fir tree was the tree of life, representing Christ.

The custom of decorating the tree with tinsel began many years ago when a woman with a large family of children prepared the Christmas tree. During the night spiders visited the tree and crawled from branch to branch, leaving their beautiful webs behind. To reward the woman for her goodness, the Christ child blessed the tree, and all the spiders' webs were transformed into shining silver.

"Give me a kiss" is the meaning of Mistletoe. As it hangs in the doorway or under the chandelier, each boy may claim a kiss from the girl who happens to be under it, removing a berry and giving it to the girl. When all the berries are taken, no more kisses are available.

The Star is used everywhere as a Christmas symbol. It represents the Star of the East mentioned in the Bible. Lights at Christmas

represent Christ as the Light of the World.

This story told what Christmas is all about and some of our customs. Now here are what some people said when asked, "What does Christmas mean to you?"

Valerie Burgen: A time when spirits are high and everyone is getting along with everyone else. It's a happy time.

David Dodd: A time for giving and receiving gifts.

Beth Denton: A time to play in the snow.

Cindy Raines: A time to get out of school.

Christie Chandler: A time for exchanging gifts and showing your love for one another.

Kim Key: Time for love and for giving.

Karen Warren: A time to be happy and give and be with the ones you love.

Russell Sloan: A time to get gifts.

Penny Duncan and Terri Coleman: A time to eat, drink and be merry.

Pam Hoyt: A time for giving and receiving.

Cheryl Burgen: A time to give and share with the people you care about.

Tina Mullen: A time when we all hope it will snow.

Carol Coleman: A time for exchanging presents and chowing down.



Doug Harper Meets Rotarians

BY: DAVID STORY

Doug proves more than adequate to "fit the shoe" for this icy and the temperature below position as he serves as Vice-President of the Physical Science Club and holds the position of honor this month's Junior Club and Drum Major for the Lone Oak High School band. Any spare time Doug may have is devoted to his heavy load of classes which consist of College Prep 12, Chemistry 11, Advanced Math, Physics, and Band.

Doug, a senior, was chosen on the basis of academic achievement and his active participation in school activities.

Christmas Costs: Are Yours Out-Of-Sight?

BY: DAVID STORY

Decorated trees, family gatherings, and the exchanging of gifts remind us that the Christmas Holidays are here again. But when the trees are taken down, and the relatives have gone home, will you be one of the many people who realizes he has spent too much money again this year?

Jeffrey Ryan, who is the Assistant Manager of Sears, the largest department store chain in America, states, "People are buying more gifts now than ever before for Christmas, and not only that, but they are buying gifts of better quality."

It would be wonderful to buy everybody we know expensive gifts, but for many of us, this is im-

possible. All of us to some degree must do a bit of planning so that we can buy everybody a gift for the Christmas season.

The first thing you've go to do before you start your Christmas shopping is to determine how much you can afford to spend and then, stay within this limit.

List the names of all the people for whom you intend to buy gifts. Then allot so much to be spent on each one, (some people more than others perhaps), and then go from there. However, you may find yourself short of cash, but there are some ways to "make ends meet."

First of all, thumb through some current magazines lying around

the house. You will be surprised at the number of gifts suggested that you can do yourself. These are very inexpensive to make and usually call for materials that you have right at home.

Baked goods are very inexpensive gifts and make great ones for grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other adult relatives.

For the toddlers and other youngsters on your Christmas list, please be careful when buying toys. Some of the toys have pointed edges and sharp curves which are very dangerous.

Make Christmas this year one in which you can give everybody close to you something without having to spend every penny that you have, and some that you don't!

News Flash

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| Dec. 20 - Tilghman home | Jan. 3-6 - Semester exams |
| Dec. 22 - Starting of Christmas vacation | Jan. 5 - Ballard VG away |
| Dec. 22 - Phi Alpha Delta Dance | Jan. 6 - Crittenden Co. VB away |
| Dec. 23 - Tau Phi Lambda Dance | Jan. 12 - Lyon Co. VG away |
| Dec. 25 - Christmas Day | Jan. 13 - Heath VB-VG away |
| Dec. 28-30 - Tilghman Christmas Tourney | Jan. 17 - St. Mary VB-VG away |
| Jan. 1 - New Year's Day | Jan. 20 - Symsonia VB away |
| Jan. 3 - Back to school | Jan. 24 - Reidland VB-VG away |
| | Jan. 27 - Tilghman VB-VG away |
| | Jan. 31 - Heath VB-VG away |

From The Principal

May the Christmas season be as great and happy as you wish. Be mindful of the season that we are celebrating—the birth of Christ: who gave so others could receive.

Be mindful of those who are less fortunate than we. Pray to God to watch over us and guide our lives so we may have a beautiful and happy life. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Mr. B. Behrendt

Dear Editor

Many times I've heard both teachers and students say, "There just isn't enough after-school activities around here." or "I wish this school had more than just homecoming and prom." How many times have you had this thought yourself?

On Dec. 2 the F.B.L.A. gave a dance after the Reidland ballgame. To say the least the student body did not support it very well. There were less than 30 couples present. Personally my date and I had a terrific time and I'm sure the other people who came had an equal amount of fun. This dance was given for the students to enjoy but few took advantage of it. I have always heard that if you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem, so we the students have no room to complain if we will not take advantage of the solution that is given to us.

Jennifer Johnson
Sophomore

From The Editor

The Christmas Season is upon us and it seems as if it has come rather suddenly!

Every year, things get more hectic and this year is definitely no exception. It's as though no one has any free time, being tied up with special activities and of course, homework!!

With all of this confusion, have you even thought about the real meaning of Christmas?

To me, Christmas is the most meaningful season of the entire year. It's a time that I can truly relate my life to. Just thinking about the birth of Christ gives me a feeling of warmth and security.

As the new year rolls around, I'm going to resolve to live a better Christian life and think more of those around me, rather than myself. I hope you, too, will give a little more thought about the real significance of Christmas.

Guidance From Griffith

BY: KATHY GARLAND

Mr. Raymond King, one of LOHS's guidance counselors was absent due to illness from the beginning of school year until the end of November. Mr. King, along with Mr. Griffith, is available to help students with academic or personal problems. They will do what they can to help alleviate these problems.

Any students who took the National Merit Test can see their scores by contacting Mr. Griffith. National Merit Test semifinalist

will be announced this spring.

Various information on colleges can be secured in Mr. Griffith's office. Students can investigate trade school information and occupational literature from Mr. King.

Both counselors are available to assist you in making schedule changes at the end of first semester. However, schedule changes will only be done on a limited basis and if the need warrants a change.

People . . .

BY: LUANNE SMITH

One of the greatest English novelist was a man with a definite purpose. His name was Charles John Huffman Dickens.

Dickens' books and stories brought a change in the world in the mid 1800's. He is now considered a one-man crusader for the poor and the children of his time. All he wrote, no matter how humorous or how gravely serious, was an effort to bring about a change in the English living conditions for the poor.

Charles Dickens was born on February 7, 1812. At the age of 10, he began working in a warehouse posting labels on black bottles. His father, a happy-go-lucky man, served a term in debtor's jail. The Dickens family was poor. Charles hated his job. He

stored the terrible memories of experience, living conditions, and cruel people in his memory. These later played a large part in insuring that no other ten year old boy would have memories like Dickens. His novels and short stories often describe his unhappy childhood. At the age of 19, Dickens became a reporter in the House of Commons. He had gone to school for two years, worked for a lawyer and taught himself shorthand. In 1836, he gained recognition as a writer with his PICKWICK PAPERS. This series gained world wide fame. After his publishing, he married Catherine Hogarth. Throughout their lives they had nine children.

Dickens bought reality to the

limelight with his books. When people realized what was going on in the English schools and warehouses, they demanded a change. Dickens was called a "Champion of the Poor." His talent helped create a better place for destitute Englishman.

His talent has also been long remembered as some of the greatest literature written in the 1800's. Books like GREAT EXPECTATIONS, DAVID COPPERFIELD, A TALE OF TWO CITIES, and many others are considered classics. Charles Dickens was an expert in his field. He is especially remembered at this time of year for his magnificent story, THE CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Community Spotlight

BY: DAVID STORY

The Oak K Staff focuses on David and Jane Spahr as this month's Community Spotlight feature.

Mr. and Mrs. Spahr reside at 220 Parklane Drive with their two children, Scott, who is a senior at LOHS, and Sara Beth, who is an eighth grade student at LOJHS. The Spahrs are members of the Lone Oak Baptist Church where Mr. and Mrs. Spahr are members of the Sanctuary Choir.

Mr. Spahr, who is a drug salesman, is very involved with school activities. He is the announcer for the Lone Oak High School football games, is a member of the PTO, is very actively involved with the Athletic Boosters,

and served as announcer for the 1977 Football Banquet.

Mrs. Spahr teaches at Lone Oak Elementary School and is also a member of the PTO as both a parent and a teacher. She too is involved in the Athletic Boosters. Mrs. Spahr also does her part in supporting the Middle School Band in which her daughter is a member. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, music, and horticulture.

When asked what they thought of the Lone Oak Community as a whole, Mr. Spahr commented, "Lone Oak is a very fast growing community, an exciting place to live, and a place where the school plays an important part in the lives of the community people."



Students Reflect On '77

BY: JANICE WHITLOCK

As the end of the year approaches, people reflect on things that have happened this past year. There have been successes and failures and some good times as well as rough ones. These students remember the hardest thing that they had to do in 1977:

Mark Bass: Working and going to school
Lesia Elliott: Sitting in physiology knowing that I could have dropped it
Brenda Blackman: Getting the junior section neat enough to please Mrs. Foster
Mitch Dunlap: Surviving college prep
Scott Spahr: Passing Coach McGroarty's test
Terri Taylor: Trying out for All-State Chorus
Wendy Houser: Putting up with

Camilla

Cheryl Houser: Memorizing everything I had to do to work
Scott Leedy: Meeting picture deadlines
Karen Hunt: Answering this question
David Story: Surviving Mr. Murphy's wrath
Sheila Byrd: Making passing grades my junior year
Gary Townsley: Playing football
John Minton: Wearing a cast for six weeks
Stephanie Waggoner: Getting a good grade on my geometry test
David Whitlock: Going to school
Shari Murphy: Staying home on certain nights
Susan Minton: Learning all of my fan fares for Madrigals

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Blood Donations Students Donate 35 Pints

BY: DEBBIE LATHAM

Have you had a vaccination in the past year? Have you been exposed to the measles or to chicken pox? Are you a diabetic? These are only a few of the questions the blood donors were asked when the American National Red Cross workers visited Lone Oak recently.

Thirty-five people donated a pint of blood each. Last year Lone Oak students donated 42 pints of blood, more than any other area high school. Last year's total would have been exceeded but at least eight people were deferred this year.

Although your single donation of blood may help meet the needs of from one to six patients, more blood is still needed. If you wish to donate blood again you may do so eight weeks after your last donation. No one is allowed to donate more than five times in one year.

Fizz Cats Are Hairless

BY: RESA THOMPSON

What's that smell, and those moans and groans? I think it's coming from Coach McGroarty's Physiology Class. Ya know, maybe we better knock before we go in. Yeah, to be on the safe side let's do. OH NO! It's dead cats and they don't have any hair and that ones ears are cut off. I can't take this, lets go before they grow hair again and come alive.

If you're a student at Lone Oak High School, you've probably heard of the wild things the Physiology Class does. Their main lab right now is on the muscular system which involves the cat. It will be used in many of their units this nine weeks, therefore they are able to study each system and muscle one by one. The students are working in pairs on the lab so if you happen to walk in the Physiology Class someday you may see fourteen cats stretched out on the desks, some with skinned tails, some not, and two who are already minus their eyes.

The students were asked to name their cats and they're as follows:

1. Gur Man Hot Shot
2. Jack Daniels
3. Star
4. Arnold
5. Shaft
6. Tony the Tiger
7. Felix
8. Alberta
9. Snow White
10. Fritz
11. Puffer
12. Queen Gertrude
13. Midnight
14. Micbeth

If you're wondering if these cats are picked up off the street and put to sleep, they're not. A lab in McKenzie, Tennessee, gets the cats from humane shelters and proceeds to prepare them by double injections of red and blue dyes which will illustrate veins and arteries. The preservative materials are added so that science classes can use them over a long period of time.



Coach Hopper, Teacher of the Month

Staff Salutes Mr. Hopper

BY: KIM STILES

"I feel like teaching as a job keeps one involved with young people and this in turn keeps one more active in life. As long as there are young men and women willing to put out an effort to better themselves, I'll work in trying to help them as much as I can." This was quoted by Mr. Hopper, who has been selected as an outstanding teacher for the month of December.

When Mr. Hopper was a freshman at Georgia Southwestern College he lettered in Varsity basketball and also ran cross-country. Later he attended Murray State College, majoring in math and minoring in physics. He also received his masters degree in education.

Mr. Hopper lives with his wife Becky and his children Carrie Dawn, 4, and Kristie Amber, 10 mo. He teaches Algebra I and II and has taught here for 6 years. Mr. Hopper is also the Assistant Basketball Coach and the head coach of the golf team.

Mr. Hopper stated that last year the Lone Oak golf team won the Regional and they were runners up in the State tournament. He said that they had the best 5 out of 10 golfers in Kentucky. Mr. Hopper said that they only lost

one player last year, and they will have a good season this year.

Duck, rabbit, and quail hunting, fishing, and golf are some of Mr. Hopper's hobbies. He also said that his favorite once a year thing to do is to go pheasant hunting in Northern Illinois.

When asked what he thought about the J. V. basketball team this year, Mr. Hopper replied, "The J. V. is young, but they are willing to work hard. I find that when most kids at LOHS want to do something, they work hard as possible in order to do it."

FBLA Adopts Grandparents

BY: DAVID STORY

The Lone Oak FBLA Chapter has adopted "Foster Grandparents" from the Parkview Nursing Home as one of their Christmas Projects for this year. Chosen were: Mr. Bill McKendree, Grandfather; and Mrs. Bernadyne Alvey, Grandmother.

The club has been adopting "grandparents" each month this year. After selecting new ones each month, FBLA members visit the nursing home to take their new grandparents honorary club membership certificates, different kinds of foods, flowers, and special gifts. This type of project falls under the "Most Outstanding Project" category which is one of the contest categories at the Regional Conference held at Murray State University in March. Committee members are: Seniors David Story and Todd Mitchell; and Sophomores Jennifer Johnson and Patty Shelton.




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New Senior students: Toni Marshall, Jon Austin, Tracy King, and John Minton.



David Wilkins

FFA Lends Helping Hand

BY: STEVE BEALS

The Lone Oak FFA Chapter again decided to help the crippled children of this area by donating money to the Telethon. The chapter voted to donate \$25. Later class Treasurers collected \$15 to add to the chapter donation.

They are now preparing to take Christmas baskets to needy people in the area. Each class divided into about three groups and brought any type of canned goods, bread or other things they thought would be needed. There will be about eleven or twelve baskets and each group will decide who they will present their basket to.

Happy Birthday To . . .

January

- 1st Janie Parker
Dana Stalman
Joan Hayden
Donald Stacy
Kenneth Spann
- 2nd David Jackson
- 3rd Tamera York
Debbie Johnson
Lisa Harton

New Students Seniors State Opinion

BY: KAREN HUNT

You may have noticed that there are a lot of unfamiliar faces at Lone Oak High School this year. They aren't just freshmen either, there are some sophomores, juniors and seniors, too. This month the OAK K is concentrating on the seniors who have transferred from other schools.

We first asked them to compare Lone Oak High School with the school they previously attended. They felt this way:

Jon Austin: "Lone Oak High School is definitely the best school I've ever attended. I really admire the spirit here as compared to other schools. Also, the people here are very friendly and easy to get along with."

Toni Marshall: "I liked Paducah Tilghman a lot, but I like Lone

Oak even more. I like all the people here and their sports."

John Minton: "Lone Oak is bigger, cleaner, and the people are friendly. At Lone Oak, if something comes up that you have to work on, you can still make up the work you missed."

They were then asked what were some advantages and disadvantages of moving. Here is how they answered:

Tracy King: "Some advantages are meeting new people and seeing new things. Some disadvantages are having to leave friends and moving in my senior year."

John Minton: "Getting to meet new people. Learning my way around Paducah and Lone Oak better. I get more privacy. There is always something to do and when I go out I can set my own time in which to get back."

Toni Marshall: "It's a change and I get to see a lot of my good friends more, but I'm behind everyone in class."

Jon Austin: "I felt moving here was a disadvantage, but after school started, things changed and now I know it's an advantage because I really like living in Lone Oak and attending Lone Oak High School."

Faculty Elects Wilkins As Prominent Student

BY: LEISA NEIHOFF

The faculty of L. O. H. S. has selected Senior David Wilkins student of the month.

David has attended Lone Oak for 12 years. His classes this year consist of advanced math, physics, College Prep 12, and physiology.

David is very active in sports. He is a member of both the tennis team and a starter for the Varsity basketball team. As a freshman, he was a member of the football team and also ran track.

David is looking forward to having a good season and hopes to go to state in both basketball and tennis.

For David's college education,

he plans to attend the University of Kentucky and Major in Physical Therapy.

Club Lists Activities

The Tri-Hi-Y meeting was called to order by our president Luanne Smith. This month some of our activities were baking cookies for the teachers' lounge, gathering food for our Thanksgiving basket, our Christmas party and attending KUNA. The KUNA delegates received the award for best bill, which was on air safety.



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Tree Decorating . . .

Is Your Tree Ready?

BY: ANDREA HEADRICK
Oh my Gosh; I didn't start at the top, I'll have to start all over again. Giving this a second look, I can see there are too many blues in a row and I'll have to switch them around. Why does that one on top keep popping off and on? These are just not enough, I'll have to use one more string. It's beautiful but the T. V. is flickering. What the heck! There must be a short. I'll call my dad. At last, good ole Dad and his electrical technology.

Now for the popcorn strings going round and round. It sure took me a long time getting these strings through those little kernels of corn. My cats keep sniffing the popcorn. Why are my cats eating the popcorn? They never liked it before.

It's time now to bring in my tray of goodies. Candy canes, angels, Santas, and elves. Some of these little figurines are very old and belonged to my mother when she was a small child. She loves them so I know I must put each one in its perfect place. I always try to do this for her because she always gets such a big kick out of Christ-

mas. Santa is too close to the angel, elves too close to the candy cane. Alright, switcheroo coming right up. Now everything is in ship shape. Here comes Dad and would you believe, he thinks we have too much junk on the tree. Mom gave him a dirty look so that was settled in a hurry.

I will now add the final touch. Putting the big star on top. Now standing on top of a chair straining to get it just right. Who's that? Oh, my big brother is coming in from a date. I can't believe he said that. He thinks the tree should be in front of the other window. Suddenly I can feel my nerves shaking and my temper boiling. I had heard it rumored that decorating a Christmas tree could be tricky business but certainly nothing like this.

Everyone seems fairly pleased so I guess this has been a fun task and a job well done, especially since I overheard my mother telling our next door neighbor this was the prettiest tree WE ever decorated. My only consolation is that I won't have to do this again for another whole year!!



Tammy Mullen

Oak K Staff Selects Tammy Mullen

BY: COOKIE FRANKLIN
This month the OAK K Staff recognizes Tammy Mullen as December's outstanding student.

Tammy is very active in golf, but finds time to be active in school activities. Also, Tammy is treasurer of the Senior Class, a member of Biology, Beta, Pep Club, and an alternate for Student Council. Tammy also finds time for her classes which are: College Prep 12, Advanced Math, Physics, and Chemistry.

Tammy has been a member of the golf team for four years. Each year the girls' golf team competes in district competition. The eight lowest scores go to State as an individual. For the past two years Tammy has gone to Princeton for competition. Last year she was 15th out of 105 girls.

Tammy is a senior this year and has gone to Lone Oak for four years. Upon graduation she plans go to college, but she is unsure of her major.

Boogie With Sororities

Tau Phi Lambda

BY: CONNIE MILLER
The Lone Oak Chapter of Tau Phi Lambda sorority has planned a Christmas dance December 23, 1977. The band being featured will be GALACTUS.

The dance will be held at the National Guard Armory and will be semi-formal. The time of the dance will be from 9:00 p. m. until 1:00 a. m. Admission is five dollars drag and three dollars stag. Tickets can be purchased from any Tau Phi Lambda member.

Phi Alpha Delta

BY: KIM PLEASANT
The Lone Oak Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta sorority is having a Christmas dance on December 22, 1977. The band being featured is RAISIN KANE and will play from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

The dance is Semi-formal and will be held at the National Guard Armory. Tickets are six dollars drag and three dollars stag and can be purchased from any Phi Alpha Delta member.

Of The Month

BY: CONNIE MILLER
Senior Boy: Monty Meek
Senior Girl: Jackie Fields
Junior Boy: Brent McKinney
Junior Girl: Waian Dixon
Sophomore Boy: Todd Morris
Sophomore Girl: Bonnie Carver
Freshman Boy: Todd Dunker
Freshman Girl: Karen Houser
Klutz: Stuart Buckingham
Goof: Joel Dreher
Wolf: Jeff Clark

Lamb: Terri Herndon
Flirt: Susan Miller
Hero: John Paul Felker
Couple: Kris Houser and Tanya Jackson
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Car: Johnny Bowerman's Trans Am
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Who Continues To Work On Christmas

BY: CHERYL HOUSMAN

What do you do on Christmas morning? Do you open your presents, go to your grandmother's house or your aunt's house? Are you as unfortunate as some who have to get up to go to work. There are those like doctors, nurses, and electricians who have to work on Christmas like it was just another day.

Doctors have to be on call all day or maybe just part of the day. If he is not on call, he must still get up to make a trip to the hospital to see his patients. This may take from a couple of hours to half the morning.

A nurse's job is practically the same as the doctor's as far as the

hours are concerned. She may have only one Sunday off a month. Emergencies come up on holidays just like any other day of the year. With this in mind she never knows when she may have to answer the call of duty.

Another example of those who have to work on Christmas would be the electrician. If there was a tremendous storm and the lights or electricity went out, who do we turn to? The electrician is the one who gets out in the wind, rain and snow to climb a pole to restore our electricity.

So you see, whether we realize it or not, there are those who have to go to work on Christmas.

BY: STEVE BECK

How can you show Christmas Spirit? How do you even know if you've got it? What brings Christmas spirit about?

A recent top-rate magazine answered this question stating that decorations are the main cause of Christmas spirit along with a few other facts. A great majority of persons agreed with this thinking that everything that causes Christmas spirit was in this article. Well, to that I say, "Wrong Stable-Breath!!"

I am the Christmas spirit and I believe that I have come up with a few more. Here's just a list of some of the things that article left out: knowing that you're getting something special for Christmas,

knowing that your relatives are card after Christmas vacation, coming to spend the holidays and last but certainly not least, with you, knowing that your relatives are **not** coming to spend the holidays with you, knowing goodie-goodies for another year. that school will be out for 11 days or more can really bring out the Christmas spirit, asking a certain boy or girl to a Christmas party and he/she accepts, knowing that your favorite football team is going to the Super-Bowl, knowing for sure that you're going to beat Tilghman in the Christmas Tournament, the weather man telling you there's a 100% chance of snow and school will be closed, mistletoe for the perverted side in everyone, knowing your girl/boyfriends' parents are leaving town, knowing you're going on Christmas vacation with good grades, knowing that you're blowing school but you get your report

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Meet The Students

BY: CONNIE MILLER, LEISA NEIHOFF, & KIM PLEASANT

Question: Who or what would you like to find under your Christmas tree on Christmas morning?

Vernon Rideout - My stereo and lots of money and more money.

Dean Hayes - A great big package with a certain girl in it.

Resa Thompson - An AM-FM 8-track tape player in my new car.

Mona Beyer - A certain "senior" boy.

John Paul Felker - Any good looking dame or a Camaro or a dame in the Camaro.

Jim McGuinness - I would like to find a suitcase and when I opened it up I would like to see \$1,000,000 in it, all in \$100 bills.

David Darnell - a rickenbacker 4000.

Greta Hipp - A full grown elephant totally wrapped in 100 dollar bills.

Rena Latta - A diamond ring from a certain somebody.

Kim Harper - A life size doll of Bobby Clark.

Cathy Jenkins - A really cute guy.

Joel Dreher - Linda Carter (Wonder Woman).

Carol Coleman - A Spitz puppy.

Jenny Yates - Peter Frampton.

Question: What is your family's favorite Christmas tradition?

Vana Jensen - Having a Christmas Eve supper with the whole family, and opening Christmas gifts on Christmas morning.

Tina Ross - Decorating our Christmas tree every year with toy ornaments, garland, stringed popcorn, and topped with an angel.

Cheryl Hobbs - On Christmas Eve all of the family gets together and opens gifts and eats a big dinner and then everyone puts the ornaments on the tree. We make ornaments like stringing popcorn, and making little cookies.

Luanne Smith - When I was little my dad always called Santa Claus on the phone and told him we were ready for our presents

Joanie Colson - Going to my grandparents' house on Christmas Eve to eat and then going back home to open all our presents.

Teresa Harwood - Having our relatives over to eat and opening presents Christmas Eve.

Jean Miller - Opening presents on Christmas morning before going to church.

Nancy Williams - Having all our relatives come over and waiting to open presents on Christmas morning.

Question: How did you find out there wasn't a Santa Claus?

Susan Darnell - I was talking about him coming on Christmas Eve, and David and Cindy started laughing and told me there wasn't a Santa Claus.

Brent McKinney - We never had a chimney.

Pam Peeler - I waited up for him one night and saw my parents putting the gifts under the tree.

Ken Hancock - I just grew out of him.

Melony Houser - I asked a friend if there really was one and she told me no.

Kim Beasley - The beard fell off my grandfather.

Steve Key - The Easter bunny told me.

Melody Buckingham - Cheri Edwards told me there wasn't one and I said yes there is but it must be against your religion.

Kris Houser - When I was old enough to figure out that reindeer can't really fly, and we didn't even have a chimney.

Beth Denton - Nobody told me there wasn't a Santa Claus. "You mean there really isn't?"

Bruce Dreher - My neck brother told me.

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Students Voice '78 Resolutions

BY: JANIE PARKER,
KIM STILES,
& KATHY WAGGONER

Another year has come and gone; a new one is not to many days away.

Each year resolutions are made and meant to be kept and every year those resolutions are broken with only a few exceptions.

Here are some of the New Years resolutions that you have made:

Tana Overstreet - Not to be so hateful.

Budde Garland - Try to remember things a little better.

Dean Hayes - Keep a journal from day-to-day.

Mary Melton - I resolve not to make any resolutions.

Lisa Read - To make a resolution next year.

Kenny Perry - For our golf team to make it to the State Tournament.

Andrea Headrick - Try to do the best in everything instead of just half-way.

Dan Pope - I won't use my hands when I talk.

Tracy King - Quit chewing on my pen.

Mr. Hanrahan - I resolve to spend more time with my family.

Shelia Byrd - To graduate, in May.

Luanne Smith - I resolve not to laugh as much.

Theresa B. - To score more points in basketball.

Mona Byer - To grow.

Cookie - To make a lot of money.

Nancy Williams - To sit down and shut up in 4th hour Business class.

David Watts - To earn more money.

David Tinsley - Shape Up!

Jana Vandry - Not to make any New Years resolutions.

Charles Walter - To do all of Don Brute's homework.

Rob Echols - "TO BANISH ENGLISH LIT. IN AUSTIN'S CLASS."

Donna Grooves - To be a better

student

Melody King - To make an A in Mr. Bruce's Algebra II class

Lisa Jones - To start being serious

Brad Chandler - To stay out of wrecks

Terri Armstrong - To make more friends

Kelly Ray - To be less perfect than I was last year

Leslie Rodgers - To try to make an A in Mr. McKinney's typing class and to bother Mr. Parsons more.

Tammy Sills - To quit beating on my typewriter in Mrs. Abell's class

Tammie Tucker - To get a certain guy that I've liked all year

Jo Anne Ward - To make a passing grade on Mrs. Austin's little test.

Brad Morris - To be better organized next time on MOON BURNS???

Jennifer Johnson - To get my drivers license

Butch Midkiff - To be more ac-

tive in mind, body, and soul

Keith Downs - To get rich

Miki York - To keep from fighting with my sister for one year

Wendy Houser - to turn 16

Melody Walker - To get along with my inlaws better

Greg Austin - I don't need one. I'm already perfect

Lori Barrett - To get over a certain someone

Camilla Calhoun - To pass my driver's test the first time and never get behind in typing

Brenda Shoulta - To try to get along with my sister better

Mrs. Felts - To have a happier attitude toward life

Tammie Ross - To try to get along with people better

Steve Warren - To get more involved with a certain girl

Gaye Watson - To become more active in school activities

Keith Sullivan - To try to calm down a bit

Linda Witt - To study more

Mrs. Brugger - To lose 30

pounds

John Rinella - To expand my mind into new realms and enjoy more of the essence of life.

Mrs. Reed - To exercise more

Chris Leaver - To be more helpful to my friends

Francine Covert - To be more considerate

Robert Primeau - To get a Scirocco

Terri Kaufman - To not gossip with Sondra

Sondra Little - Never say or do anymore bad things

Candy Lee - To get married

Bonnie Smith - Save my money to buy a car

Lisa Wright - To be easier to get along with

Chris Kelley - Make an "A" in Mr. Heflin's geometry class

Cindy Logan - Talk Mom and Dad into buying a red and white SX

Johnny Bowerman - Quit hot-rod racing

Mr. Hopper - To do the same things I did this year, but better.

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Christmas: A World-Wide Holiday

BY: MARY KAY MELTON

Have you ever wondered how Christmas is celebrated around the world? In researching this project, this writer found many different ways to celebrate Christmas other than the usual tree, wreath, and turkey.

In France, the home is the center of the festivities. A huge feast begins Christmas Eve with the ceremony of the Suche or the Yule Log being celebrated before

leaving for the village. At midnight churchbells ring, then each of the merrymakers becomes very solemn and lights a multicolored taper and proceeds to the church to hear the story of the Nativity.

In Yugoslavia, on the second Sunday before Christmas is Mother's Day. The Mother pretends not to notice as a child sneaks in and ties her legs to the chair, the other children rush in shouting "Mother's Day, Mother's Day, What will you pay to get away?" The mother then distributes her "Ransom" to each of her children.

In Australia, Christmas is celebrated very much like it is celebrated in America except it is summer and Christmas may be celebrated at the beach, instead of the snow.

In Latin American countries one of the most important traditions is the pinata, each child is given a swing at the pinata with a stick. When it is struck, candy and small prizes spill onto the floor, and the children scamper to collect their share of the prizes.

In Poland, Christmas Eve is a strict fast and when the first star appears the feast begins. Some straw is scattered on the table and a chair is left vacant for the Christ Child.

In Canada, the English Canadians celebrate Christmas in the manner of Great Britain with plum pudding and the Wassil bowl.

In the Province of Quebec, the French cats are well fed: it is considered bad luck to have a cat to

meow in your house on Christmas Day.

In Germany, the children cannot wait for dinner to be over because soon the door to the living room will be thrown open and each will find their presents in piles under the tree and lebkuchen, a German type of cake will soon follow.

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Cheerleading Sponsors - Left to Right - Mrs. Nancy McGroarty and Mrs. Debbie Magee.

Cheerleading Sponsors: What They're Really For! J.V. Gains Victories

BY: RESA THOMPSON cheerleaders and her job she replied, "I believe the Varsity this year, has the ability to go to state competition if they have the desire. The Junior Varsity and Freshman have great potential. As far as my job is concerned, I enjoy it."

When Mrs. McGroarty isn't riding a school bus to an away ball game or at practice with the girls she finds time for her husband Tony. Mr. and Mrs. McGroarty live on Longview Drive which is a hop, skip and jump from the high school. In her spare time Mrs. McGroarty hikes, travels with her husband and enjoys the outdoors. Mrs. McGroarty teaches Physical Education at Lone Oak Elementary School and is in her third year as Cheerleading Sponsor. When asked her opinion of her job and the squads she replied, "It's a pleasure working with the caliber of girls we have on all three squads. They all work hard and I'm proud of being a part of them."

As you can see, these two ladies have hazardous jobs and stay very busy doing one thing or another. The cheerleaders were asked for an overall opinion of their sponsors and it is as follows: As a group we feel very fortunate to have two ladies who are not only sponsors but very special friends. There are very few squads who can say, "We can go to our sponsors with problems concerning boys or families and they always have an ear to listen and have never failed to fulfill their jobs."

Every Christmas all twenty cheerleaders go to Mrs. Magee's house to spend the night and eat all the food she and Mrs. McGroarty can fix. Last year, they ate tacos and other munchies, showed films of their younger years in cheerleading, exchanged presents and stayed up half the night playing unmentionable tricks on each other. This year the girls ate pizza then exchanged their presents. They weren't hungry for the tacos yet so Mrs. Magee and Mrs. McGroarty loaded the girls up and they went to the park in downtown LaCenter and played football in 8 degree weather. After hitting the ice too hard a couple of times, they were ready to go back to the house, eat tacos, and try to thaw out.

Mrs. Magee's time outside her duties as a cheerleading sponsor are spent with her husband Mike. They live in Ballard County which is 2 miles out of Bandana and very hard for the cheerleaders to find. In Mrs. Magee's spare time she attends concerts enjoys parties, listens to music and reads various kinds of books. Mrs. Magee is an English teacher at Lone Oak Middle School and is in her second year as cheerleading sponsor. When asked her opinion of the

BY: CAROL FREEMAN
The J.V. Oakers exploded for 22 points in the first quarter en route to a 52-49 decision over a stubborn Reidland quint last Thursday on the Hounds' home court. Four Flashes landed in double figures. Daryl Hobbs finished with 12, and Bruce Dreher, Randall Cruse, and Wes Hagan totaled 10 points apiece. Kris Houser and Ken Hancock chipped in 8 and 12 points respectively. Ronnie Overton had 5 assists.

The J.V. led a balanced scoring attack as they romped over homestanding Brookport last Tuesday. Houser and Hobbs ended with 8 points each. Hancock and Dane Fulkerson added 6 and 4 points, respectively. Bruce Dreher and Ben McIntosh chipped in a bucket apiece.

The J.V. led Lyon County 18-8 at the first quarter stop at the Lyon's den on December 8. Lone Oak managed only 8 points in the second quarter while the Lyon's scored 18 ending the half with a 26-26 deadlock. The victory was clinched with a bucket and freethrow by Hobbs with 8 seconds left in the game. Houser and Cruse paced the Flash with 12 each, and Bruce Dreher followed with 8. Hobbs and Mark Bickerstaff finished with 5 and 2 points, respectively.

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Cheerleading Chatter



Freshman Cheerleaders - Top to Bottom - Carol Coleman, Susan Darnell, Teresa Harwood, Karen Houser, Laurie Day, and Kim Yarbrough.

BY: RESA THOMPSON

Lone Oak High School has three cheerleading squads who have received numerous compliments on their skill and perfection. All squads have a goal to shoot for whether it's the Varsity, Jr. Varsity or Freshman squad.

The Varsity Squad has begun working on getting the crowd involved in more cheers and keeping the enthusiasm going. The Varsity cheerleaders are the only squad to have district, regional and state competition, the same as the boys' basketball team. Lone Oak cheerleaders have never been rated No. 1 in the district, region, or state, but this year the community, sponsors and cheerleaders feel as though they have the potential to attain that status.

The Junior Varsity cheerleaders have done a great deal in getting the underclassmen

involved in the SPIRIT of Lone Oak High School. The Junior Varsity squad will also learn the cheers that the Varsity will be using for competition in case one of the Varsity gets hurt. The J. V. Squad is expected to promote the spirit and enthusiasm during the varsity games just as the Varsity is expected to do the same.

The Freshmen cheerleaders aren't seen as much as the other squads, but without them the freshman class would be lost at

pep rallies and ball games. The freshmen are looking forward to trying out for Jr. Varsity and Varsity cheerleader and be the leaders of the games and pep rallies in the following three years.

As a group the Lone Oak High School cheerleaders would like to thank the school and community for their support and are looking forward to seeing everyone at state competition when the Varsity cheerleaders and basketball team take over the NO. 1 spot.



Junior Varsity Cheerleaders - Top to Bottom - Angie Jones, Tina Duncan, Leisa Neihoff, Tanya Jackson, Kim Coleman, and Wendy Houser.

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Frosh Rip Lakers

BY: CAROL FREEMAN

L.O. 57 - Calloway 48

Wes Hagan and Mark Cruse combined for 41 points to push the visiting Oakers past Calloway County. Hagan had 24 points, and Cruse tossed in 17. David Dodd and Doug Story added 6 apiece, and Cliff Clark chipped in 4.

L.O. 56 - Livingston 60

Wes Hagan pumped in a career high 33 points to lead all scorers in a losing battle against the Cards. The Flash was defeated 60-56. Dodd and Clark pitched in 10 and 5, respectively. Jim Augustino, Story, and Bobby Ezell had 5, 2, and 2, respectively.

L.O. 40 - Reidland 46

The Oakers used a full court press in the final quarter and capitalized on Greyhound turnovers to pull within two points within the final minutes. Reidland went on to win 46-40. Hagan had 21, and Cruse chipped in 10.

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BY: CAROL FREEMAN

The Lady Flash are currently averaging 49 points a game, and giving up 48 points a game to their opponents.

5'11" Center Terri Burton is pouring in 19 points and 13 rebounds a game. Terri's favorite shot is a jumpshot from where ever it goes in. She thinks that the team needs to improve their offense to be a more successful ballclub.

Forward Lesa Elliot began playing basketball with the neighborhood boys in games of HORSE when she was 10 years old. Her favorite shot is a one-handed pushshot. Lesa believes that rebounding is the strength of this team. She also feels that all members of the team should hustle more in practice.

Theresa Bearden, a guard, likes to hear fans yelling at the ballgames. Theresa's favorite shot is a driving layup, and her personal goal is to score more points.

She thinks that their quickness is the most valuable asset to the team.

Forward Cheri Edwards began her basketball career by shooting granny shots when playing with her four older brothers at the age of 7. Cheri's favorite shot is an inside jumper, and her personal goals are to develop a good shot and to give 110% to the team all the time. Cheri believes that the team needs to improve their ability to score.

LaDonna Powers, a guard, feels that this team has a good bunch of freshmen. She likes the support that the frosh give them when they are not seeing action. LaDonna's favorite shot is a jumpshot from the top of the key, and her personal goal is to score in double figures.

Guard Kathy Bechtold is currently pumping in 14 points a game. Kathy thinks that their defense is the strongest point in this team. Her personal goal is to have more rebounding power.

Varsity Team Holds 8-0 Record

Purple Flash Remain Undefeated

BY: DEAN HAYES

The Lone Oak Purple Flash after the first quarter but went in have won four in a row since capturing the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament November 26. The Flash have recorded victories over Reidland, Ballard, Lyon County, and a scrappy squad from Brookport.

Lone Oak 92 Reidland 82
Senior guard Barry Tidwell

The Oakers were behind 22-21 to the dressing room at halftime. With the score tied 68-68, the Oakers stalled the ball for 1:20 before Tidwell's last shot. Lyon County missed their last second shot and the Flash held on for a 70-68 victory.

Lone Oak 62 Brookport 52
It took a little time for the Oakers to get rolling as the Oakers matched their total first 3 quarters, 36 point total with 36 points in the fourth quarter.

After the Oakers trailed by 12 at halftime they cut the lead to seven after three quarters of action. With the Flash scoring 36 points in the fourth quarter, Brookport came up short by scoring only 9 points. Barry Tidwell led the Flash with 22 points. David Wilkins added 16 points and Brent Dreher chipped in 14.

Barry poured in 31 points as the Purple Flash recorded a 92-82 victory on the Oakers homecourt, December 2. After the score was tied 43-43 at halftime the Flash

outscored Reidland 23-15 to go ahead 66-58 after three stanzas. The Oakers held on for a 92-82 victory. Senior Brent Dreher scored 23 points and sophomore Stan Shuemaker added 12.

Lone Oak 85 Ballard 61
Seniors Barry Tidwell and Brent Dreher combined for 39 points to push the Flash past the Bombers 85-61 at the Lone Oak Gymnasium December 6. Junior David Watts and Senior David Wilkins added 12 and 10 points respectively.

Lone Oak 70 Lyon Co. 68
Senior guard Barry Tidwell's basket with :0 seconds left lifted the Oakers to a 70-68 victory over the homestanding Lyon County Lyons Thursday Dec. 8.

Calloway Stops Ladies

BY: KRIS HOUSER

Despite dazzling performances by senior Terri Burton and freshman Kathy Bechtold, the varsity girls dropped a 48-41 decision as they traveled to Calloway County on December 1.

Burton poured in 19 points and grabbed 19 rebounds from the center position to lead the way for Lone Oak. Bechtold, a guard, added 15 points and had 16 retrieves for the Flash.

The girls played host to second ranked Marshall County on December 12 and lost another close decision 56-49.

Lone Oak led 24-23 at the half but a full court press by Marshall County allowed them to pull ahead of the Flash for the winning margin. Terri Burton led the Oakers with 18 points while Kathy Bechtold added 9. Cheri Edwards and Theresa Bearden chipped in 8 and 7 markers, respectively.

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Lady Flash Gains Back-To-Back Victories

BY: KRIS HOUSER

The Lone Oak varsity girls proved themselves superior to the Reidland ladies and Ballard girls as they defeated a visiting Greyhound team 58-48 on December 2 and then edged the Bombers 47-46 four days later.

Although they trailed Reidland 28-26 at intermission, the Oakers came out fighting the second half and ended the game with a 58-48 victory. Senior Terri Burton led the Flash with 23 points while

freshman Kathy Bechtold and junior Cheri Edwards added 20 and 9, respectively.

The game with the Bombers was nip-and-tuck all the way. The Flash trailed by four points at the half, two points after three quarters, but were one point ahead when it really counted at the final buzzer, 47-46. Burton again led Lone Oak with 19 points and 16 rebounds while Bechtold had 17 points and 12 retrieves. Junior Theresa Bearden added 5 points in the Flash victory.



Coach Norris writes David Wilkins, Barry Tidwell, and Brent Dreher a "ticket for violations on the court" during a break in St. Mary Tourney action.

Flash Aim For Ninth Victory

BY: CAROL FREEMAN

The Purple Flash with an 8-0 slate, head into tonight's game with Paducah Tilghman also undefeated.

Tonights game features a match-up between 6' 2 1/2" forward Brent Dreher and Tilghman 6' 3 1/2" forward Davis in a battle on the boards. Dreher has pulled down 13 rebounds a game in the Oakers' first eight outings. 6' 3 1/2" center David Watts will jump against 6'3" Abraham.

The Blue holds a definite height advantage over the Flash with the rest of the starting line-up. 6'1" Barry Tidwell will be guarded by 6'3" sophomore David Lumbert, 6' David Wilkins and 5'9" Stan Shuemaker will be matched against 6' 3 1/2" senior James Robertson and 6'1" senior Waymond Gardner, respectively.

For Second Straight Year . . . Flash Capture St. Mary Crown

BY: CAROL FREEMAN

The Purple Flash claimed the St. Mary Invitational Tournament Championship for the second straight year with a 72-71 victory over the Livingston Central Cardinals. The title was clinched on a baseline drive by junior reserve John Paul Felker with 6 seconds to go in the finals.

The Oakers opened the tourney with Ballard, and trimmed the Bombers 90-84. Tidwell pumped in 28 points to lead all scorers. Brent Dreher sparkled with 21 points, and muscled down 17 rebounds. Shuemaker finished with 17 points, and Wilkins had 10. Felker, Watts, and Bruce Dreher contributed 6, 5, and 3 points, respectively.

Sharpshooters Barry Tidwell and Stan Shuemaker led the Oakers with 27 and 15 points, respectively. Brent Dreher had 11 points, and David Wilkins followed with 10. Felker and David Watts chipped in 7 and 2 points, respectively.

The Flash earned their way to the finals with an 87-80 win over Symsonia. Tidwell shone with a game-high 34 points, surpassing his career-high record of 33 points against Tilghman last year. Wilkins turned in a 19 point performance, and Watts and Shuemaker tallied 12 and 10 points, respectively. Brent Dreher chipped in 9 points and 12 rebounds, and Felker added 3 points.

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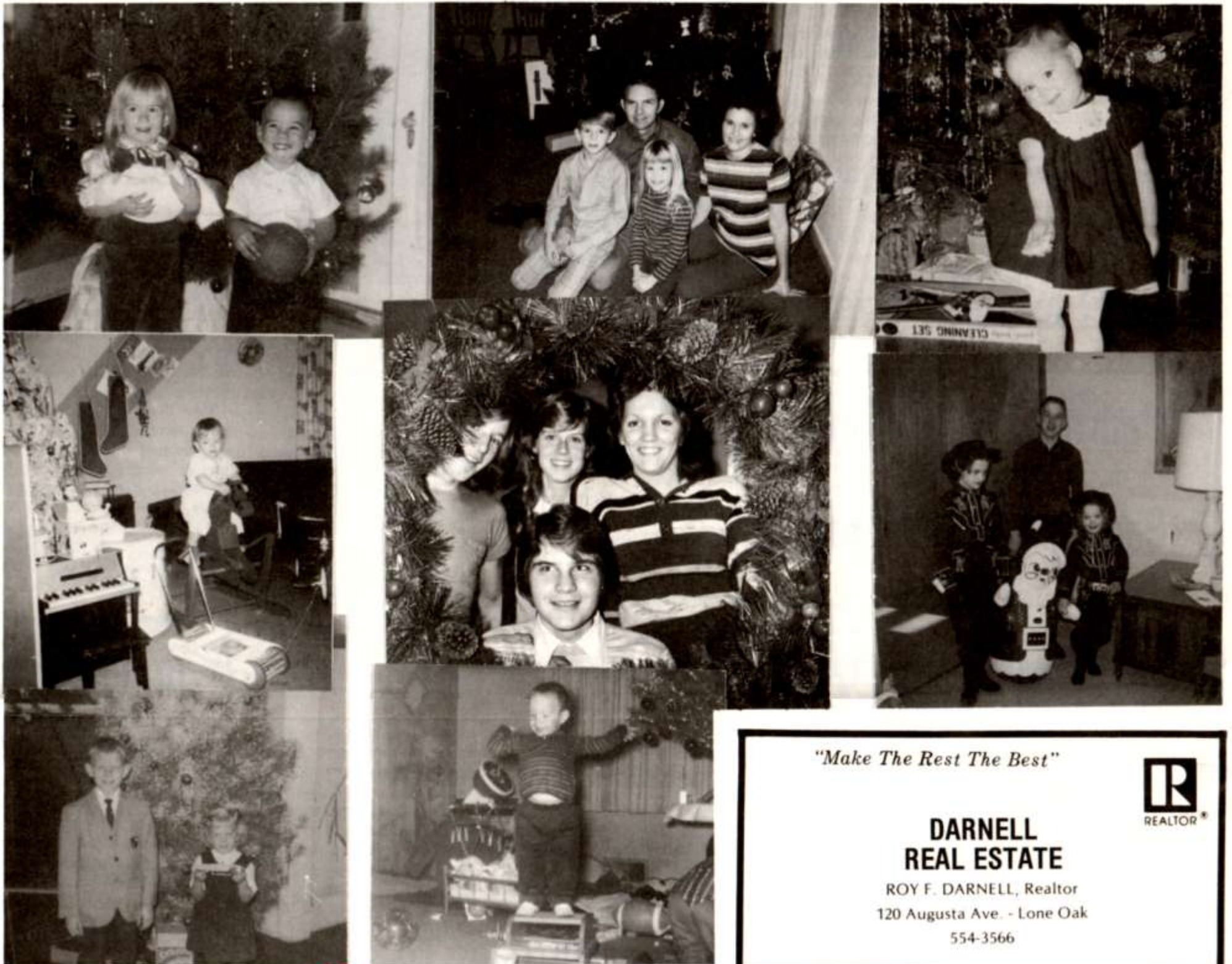
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