

## Promotion ends; scrip, gifts claimed

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For the last four weeks, there have been ticket numbers placed in ads on the Christmas On Us pages. Some were plain numbers but others had an "\*" in front of it, designating that there was a Christmas gift waiting for the holder of the ticket.

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Bexley



AROUND 500 PEOPLE gathered around the flatbed trailer before the drawings on Monday evening.

## St. Francis woman takes home \$1,000 scrip

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The temperature was in the 20s, Main Street was snow packed at about 5:30 Monday afternoon. However, that didn't stop the around 500 people from gathering in front of Jaqua Abstract to see if they were going to be one of the winners.

The Chamber of Commerce gave away three \$100 scrip prizes and the Christmas On Us drawing, sponsored by 11 businesses, gave away \$1,000, \$100, two \$50 scrip prizes as well as three business Christmas gifts. The Historical Society also gave away a Veterans Book and the winners of the Chamber's Lighting Contest and coloring

contests were announced.

The big winner for the evening was Crissy Cooks, St. Francis, who took home \$1,000 in scrip. She had received her winning ticket from Hilltop General Store.

Mrs. Cooks said she was completely shocked when her number was read.

"The kids were jumping, saying

'Mommy, you won, you won,'" she said.

The scrip will come in handy at the Cooks' house as their dishwasher 'bit the dust' and she will be shopping for one. She also mentioned that they may be needing a new washing machine.

"It's going to make our Christmas a lot better!" she said.

Winning the Christmas On Us second prize of \$100 was Juciara Schoenrogge. She had received her ticket at St. Francis Super's and, the day after the drawing, she donated it to the St. Francis Senior Citizens Center.

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce had three \$100 scrip prizes and, like the Christmas On

Us drawing, the winners had to be present to receive their prize. Those claiming their scrip money were Pat Confer, Bonnie Straub and Kelly Doyle.

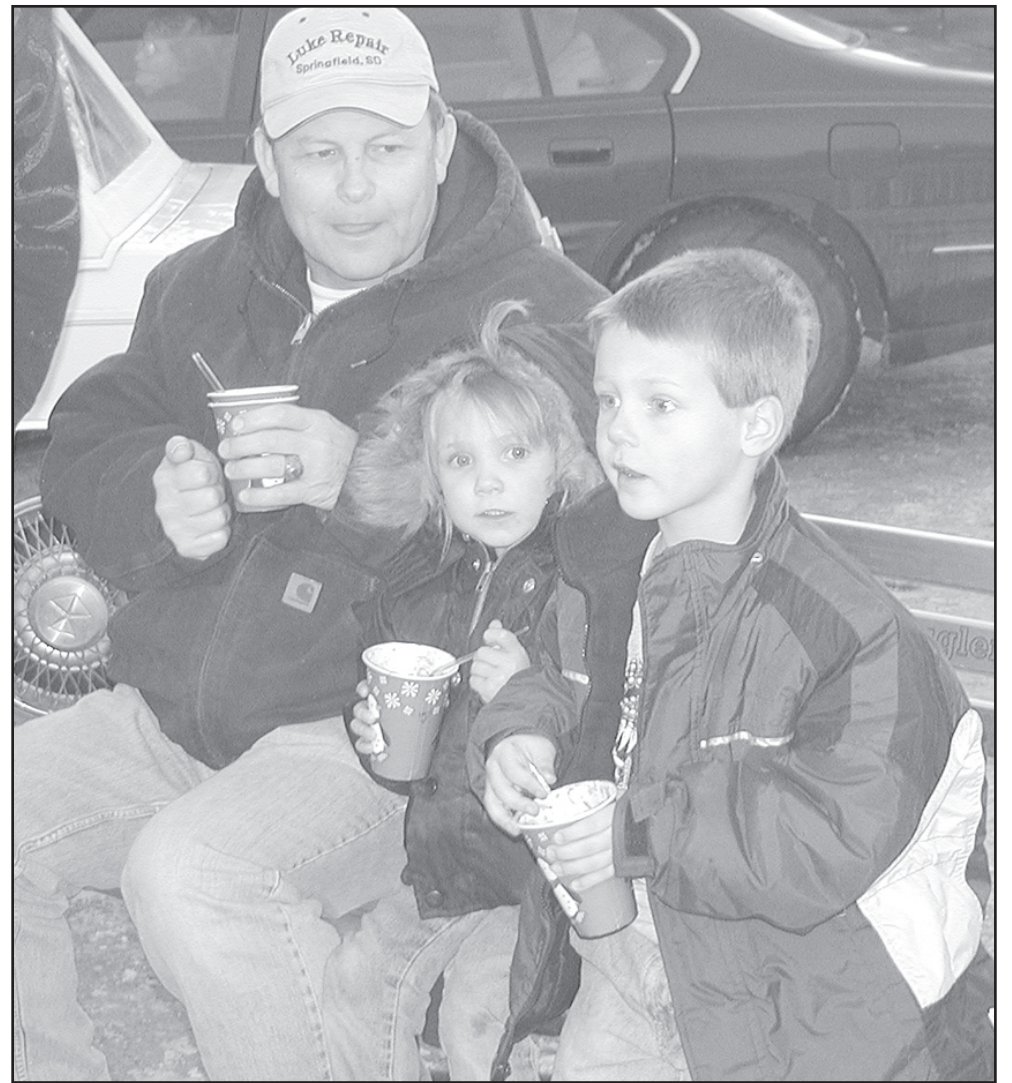
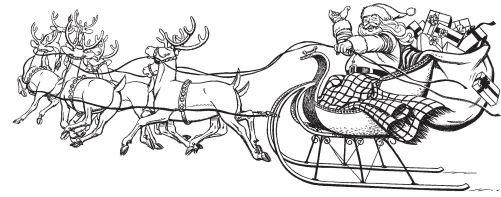
Throughout the season, the Christmas On Us promotion had eight \$50 Instant Winner prizes which were claimed by readers

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FILLING OUT PAPERS — After winning the \$1,000 scrip, Crissy Cooks filled out the necessary papers while her daughter, Cassie, watches.

Herald staff photo by Lezlie McCormick



THERE WAS EXCITEMENT in the air Monday evening before the drawing. Enjoying their chili served by the ABC Preschool parents were Steve Luke and his grandchildren, Casey and Jack Luke.

Herald staff photo by Lauren Ross

## Christmas traditions and memories remembered

### Twins tell about Christmas

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Jessie and Bessie Halley were born May 28, 1925. They were the youngest of 11 children in their family plus the second set of twins for their parents to raise.

Every year they would have a Christmas tree and it would be set up just before Christmas. Both the girls remembered how much fun they would have decorating the tree by popping pop popcorn and stringing it on a string along with cranberries. Each would make strings and when they were done, the older children would help them place it on the tree.

They also used real candles on the tree. They had little clips that they would attach to the branches and, on Christmas Eve, they would light them and watch the glow of the candles.

When Jessie and Bessie were about 5-years-old, their parents told them to look out the window and see if they could see Santa Claus.

"I can remember Jessie and me standing at that window looking out in the dark night and watching," Bessie said. "We had never seen Santa Claus before so we were really searching."

"We were in the kitchen and both of us had our noses pressed tight against the window pane trying to see past the wrap-around porch that protected our house. All of a sudden something jumped out of the darkness and came running to the window."

"We were scared to death," Jessie said. "We both ran and hid in our bedroom crying."

"The folks tried to get us to go get our presents from Santa, but



The Halley Twins — Bessie Burr and Jessie Schield

neither one of us would do it. Santa ended up leaving them on the porch and when he disappeared we went

out and got them."

Christmas was always very exciting and when he disappeared we went

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### Holiday traditions told

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Every family has traditions, however most of the time we just think of our lives as the common everyday life. If someone asked you about your family tradition of Christmas what would you answer be?

Hattie (Poullignot) Terry's answer was the same as many other's. The first thought is we didn't have any traditions in our family. We just did what we did. Yet as they visit and think about it, everyone passes on their Christmas memories and, usually, because that memory was a happy one, they pass it on to their children.

For the Terry family, they always had Christmas on Christmas Eve. That gave the children more time to play with their toys.

Then on Christmas Day they

would go to Mr. Terry's parents or have them come to their house. Hattie's mother lived too far away so they were not many times they had Christmas with her family.

For dinner, there was always pumpkin and cherry pie for dessert. Cecil loved his mother's scalloped corn so that was the dish she always brought.

#### First Santa gift

Hattie told about the first time she remembered a gift from Santa Claus. She was probably in the first grade and she and her sister could hear noises outside of their house. Both of the girls were wondering what or who was out there. Soon they saw their father come into the house.

She said, "Under my dad's arms were two dolls, one for me and one for my sister Olive and Dad told

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