

from all of us to all of you . . . have a wonderful

Merry Christmas



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Somethin' to Think About by Gannette Wilkerson

"OH, CHRISTMAS TREE"

A Merry Christmas is the easiest thing to have. The pace starts picking up around the 15th of December and putting up the tree really triggers the excitement. Every year we go through the same ordeal - I would like to have a neat looking tree with all one color balls and lights. [That's class!] One member of the family wants to cut a tree in the wilds and have all natural decorations, like bird nests, pine cones, and wild berries - while yet another wants a silver tree with 'gift certificates' hanging on it so every year we have the same kind, a 'killer' Scotch Pine with decorations ranging from ones I had when I was a little girl, to a psychedelic Santa doing the boogie with an Elf.

It's a painful process putting a Scotch Pine tree in the stand and usually results in scratches, stab wounds, and foul language, but once the tree is upright, it's time for Dad to string the lights. While Dad receives some medical attention, the kids start on the decorations. Each ornament has a special meaning or memory. There's a plastic 'sugar plum fairy' with several bites taken out of it, a small 75 year old China Santa with the face worn off, various glittering works of art the older kids made when they were in the first grade, and a manger scene all the kids played with when they were babies. In fact, you might say our Christmas tree is a tinsel laden instant replay of twenty-one years of happiness and love. The shiny balls hold images like echo's of small faces clutching baby dolls, Tonka trucks, G.I. Joe, and tricycles. It's like a big gaudy diary.

I guess the Christmas tree holds special meaning to each of us. To grandparents - it's having the kids home, to parents it's our own childhood and "when the kids were little", to the children it's a daily reminder of 'goodies' yet to come and to our dog - it's indoor plumbing!

Nothing else symbolizes Christmas quite like the Christmas tree. From that magic moment you get it up and stand back to admire it - your living room takes on a warm glow - even the presents with 'peep holes' torn in the corners are overshadowed by the radiance of your smile.

It is truly a time to count your blessings - I have so many. Through this weekly column, I've received the BEST present anyone could ever get . . . your acceptance and your friendship . . . Thank you and Merry Christmas!!!!

And that's something you can put in your stocking this week. . . .

Not Enough Return For Their Dollars

by Jim McWilliams

This is the final part of a two part series on the economy of Schleicher County.

Last week we discussed the growth of the county in population and economic wealth. We proposed that businesses would want to locate in our county to get closer to their customers. But this is not always the case.

We spoke with several businessmen in San Angelo and several businessmen in Eldorado. We asked one specific question: "Why don't major chain stores or larger San Angelo businesses open stores in Eldorado?"

We got one answer almost everytime. The businessmen said "The return on our initial investment would not be regained at a reasonable rate."

Though the population is growing, the service area is not dense enough to warrant that large an outlay of capital."

Basically, Eldorado and surrounding Schleicher County is not populated enough to have large supermarket or department type stores. The reason is wholly economic.

If a furniture store or large food supermarket was built in Eldorado, it could cost up to 1½ million dollars in the first year for construction, merchandise and salaries. The store might set its financial goal at paying off this initial investment over a 15 year period with profit of 25 thousand dollars per year for the first 15 years. This type of financial expectancy is not uncommon in large corporate plans.

If the 1½ million dollars were paid off in 15 years in Eldorado, BUT the profit was projected to be only 5 thousand dollars, then the corporation would probably decide NOT to locate in Eldorado.

This is the general attitude that San Angelo companies have toward Eldorado. They feel that the money could be better invested in a market where the profit margin would be greater. The companies WOULD make money in Eldorado. . . . but not ENOUGH MONEY to justify a large capital outlay.

However, smaller companies who do not need a large return on their investment are locating in Eldorado. The newest is Wagley Auto Sales on Highway 277 South.

The Express News loves it here and we hope to encourage other businesses to become a part of the growing Schleicher County business community.



"For unto us a child is born, and his name shall be called...The Prince of Peace."
—Isaiah 9:6

Tremendous School Program

By Lynn Meador

Just about everyone enjoys the Christmas season with all the excitement and anticipation that's a part of it. One of my favorite things is the Christmas music and I guess the reason why goes back to the 1950's and 60's when I was a student in the local school system.

The school, at that time, had Mrs Irene Teele in charge of the elementary and high school choirs, and the music program at that time probably involved somewhere around 75 to 80 students. Christmas was then, as it is now, a very special season because our music teacher made it so. The annual Christmas event was the Christmas Program which involved a short musical play put on by the elementary choir and an old fashioned carol and Christmas song singing by the high school kids, and thanks to the dear moms, we had the shiniest and most exquisite Christmas costumes you can imagine - which altogether made the season something extra special for us kids.

Last Friday, the elementary school choir under the direction of Mrs Beth Ann Eckman put on their Christmas Program and I suppose that it was the first musical program for the elementary choir in over fifteen years. Needless to say, those old Christmas programs of my youth passed before me. All of those that attended the program received something special as did the kids who put on the program, even though now they probably don't realize it. So thank you, Mrs Eckman, and Mrs Teele for the special interest you've given all of us in making this and other Christmases something a little extra special.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Secretary Phil Olson has reported that the City offices will close at 12:00 noon tomorrow, Friday, December 24th, and will open at the regular hour on Monday, Dec 27th.

The County Courthouse will be closed tomorrow, Friday, December 24th and will be open all next week.

The City Office requests that you return the end stub of the utility statement with your payment.

Schleicher County NURSING HOME NEWS

Last week was a busy and exciting one for all of us here in the home and we all enjoyed every minute of it.

The picture was marred because three of our dear residents had to be admitted to our hospital. They are still there but we are hoping that before many more days they can be back in their own rooms. They are as follows: Miss Chris Enochs, Miss Georgia Sprinuston and Effie Donaldson. We miss them in the home.

We were really 'partied' last week. Nancy Lester, Schleicher County Home Demonstration Agent and her helpers set up and decorated our beautiful Christmas tree. They also completely covered all the doors in the nursing home with beautiful holiday decorations. We are enjoying them. Dana Owens, the Home Economics instructor in Eldorado High School and her F.H.A. girls decorated the nurses station in a very pretty way. The F.H.A. girls also presented a lovely program here in the dining room at 6 p.m. Wednesday, which all of us enjoyed very much.

Some of the winners in our Bingo game were: Elva Daniels 2, Beulah Harris 2, Ella Casbeer 1, Carrie Blakeway.

Anyone who might be inclined to feel sorry for the ones who are in the nursing home for Christmas instead of their own homes certainly don't need to feel that way because the personnel here are going all out to make us feel at home. They do so much for us.

We had several visitors during the week as follows: Remjia and Maria Gauna, Jose and Alicia Linas and family from Colorado visited Delores Gauna; Mrs Ethel McAngus of San Angelo visited Lizzie McAngus; Hattie Blaylock had several visitors. They were: Mrs C. C. Gilbert and Mrs Lonnie Bledsoe from Santa Ana, Texas, Bert Blaylock of Orient, Texas.

Our Sunday afternoon activities were enjoyed by all of us. Rev G. F. Garlington, pastor of the local Presbyterian Church, gave a short Devotional and several members of the choir from the local churches led the singing of some hymns and then they sang one of their numbers that they used in the community Canata at the Baptist Church last Sunday night a week ago. Hot spiced punch and cake were served and were delicious.

Come to see us - we all enjoy company.

LaVita Brooks, Rep.
Beulah Harris, Rep



Call me your Home Front News items. 853-2688 or 853-2032 - Billie Porter.

Terri Fatheree, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ben Fatheree, is home from Odessa College for the holidays.

Mr and Mrs Ronnie Williams, Shane and Shanon, of Alpine are on vacation for the holidays. They are visiting with their parents, Mr and Mrs A. D. Williams of San Angelo and Mr and Mrs Clay Porter of Eldorado.

Home Front News

Mr and Mrs W. H. Harrison, Jr. and their two children, Leslie and Billy, from Corsicana, Texas are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs Harrison's parents, Mr and Mrs Arch Mittel and her brother and his family, the Ron Mittels.

Charlene Warnock, home from Baylor, and Gary Warnock, from Southwest Texas State at San Marcos, are visiting with their parents, Mr and Mrs Jon Calote for the holidays.

Patti Lou Olson is home spending the holidays with her parents, Mr and Mrs Phil Olson. Patti is a senior at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Mr and Mrs Mike Olson of Amarillo are spending the holidays with his parents, Mr and Mrs Phil Olson.

Visiting in the home of the P. S. Dudley's is Mrs Dudley's sister, Mrs W. Z. Trotti, Sr. of Liberty, Texas and nephew, Billy Trotti of Pasedna.

Mr and Mrs Jeff Morehouse and Katy from College Station are here visiting the S. D. Harpers.

Miss Claudia Lee Meador is spending the holidays with her parents Mr and Mrs Ed Meador. Mr Rusty Meador of Houston is also visiting with his parents, Mr and Mrs Ed Meador.

Mike Wade of Tow, Texas, visited with Mr and Mrs Delbert Taylor last weekend.

Mrs Bunk Wade of Leandor visited in the home of Mr and Mrs P. S. Dudley last weekend.







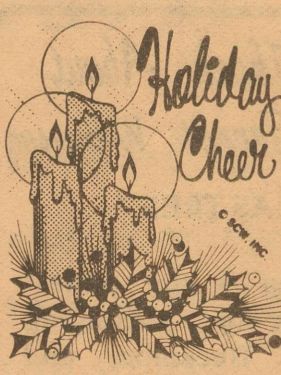

Mr and Mrs Ken Peters spent the weekend with his parents, Mr and Mrs E. C. Peters.



Merry Christmas

to you and your family from all of us

<p><i>Merry Christmas</i></p>  <p>May the 12 days of Christmas be filled with joy for you and your family.</p> <p>Freddie & Marsha Williams</p>	<p><i>Peace on Earth</i></p>  <p>May your holidays be filled with peace and joy. Thanks for letting us serve you.</p> <p>Benton Abstract & Title Company Elizabeth Ballew</p>	<p><i>Silent Night</i></p>  <p>If we could, we'd go around carolling to all our friends: "Merry Christmas and thanks!"</p> <p>Ronnie, Sharon, Mitzi & Ron Mittel</p>	<p><i>ho-ho</i></p>  <p>The jacks of all trades want to wish you the best Christmas ever.</p> <p>Mr & Mrs Henry Speck, Jr. & Barbara Ann</p>	<p><i>Christmas Joy</i></p>  <p>May all my friends in the community enjoy the best...they deserve it, always!!!</p> <p>Phil McCormick</p>	<p><i>O Holy Night</i></p>  <p>The holy spirit of Christmas reaches out with our good wishes.</p> <p>Paul Page</p>	<p><i>Best Wishes</i></p>  <p>Greeting You and Yours at Christmas May your holiday be bright with blessings, aglow with good cheer.</p> <p>Juanita & Delbert Taylor</p>	<p><i>A Merry Christmas to All!</i></p>  <p>From our family to yours... the season's best wishes.</p> <p>Mr & Mrs J.F. Mayo</p>
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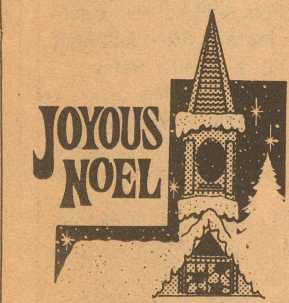
<p><i>Merry Christmas</i></p>  <p>Wishing you and yours a wonderful Christmas. Serving you has brought us great joy.</p> <p>Griffin Oil Co. Dan, Judy, Curt, Craig & Kelly Griffin</p>	<p><i>Glad Tidings</i></p>  <p>Wishing you a very merry Christmas. Thanks for helping us over the humps in the past year!</p> <p>C.F., Ruthie & Nick Dacy</p>	<p><i>Joy to the world</i></p>  <p>The Lord is come! Have a very blessed and happy holiday.</p> <p>Ruth & S.D. Harper</p>	<p><i>Holiday Cheer</i></p>  <p>A sleigh full of good wishes for our friends!</p> <p>The Bobby Daniels Family</p>	<p><i>Merry Christmas</i></p>  <p>Have a glistening holiday filled with old-fashioned good cheer!</p> <p>Robert & Jannette Wilkerson & Family</p>	<p><i>Noel</i></p>  <p>Wishing you the happiness of Christmas today and throughout the year.</p> <p>Artis, Johnnie, Tracy & Jason Cansler</p>	<p><i>Holiday Cheer</i></p>  <p>We're glowing with good wishes for you and your family.</p> <p>Richard & June Jones</p>	<p><i>JOY</i></p>  <p>Ring in the best Christmas ever! Greetings to all our friends and families.</p> <p>Jerry, Joann Billy & Donna Cantwell</p>
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<p><i>Best Wishes</i></p>  <p>And to all... a very happy holiday season. We're proud to have served you.</p> <p>Jon & Rene Calcote Gary, Charlene & Susan</p>	<p><i>JOYOUS NOEL</i></p>  <p>Your patronage is the best gift you can give us. Thanks, and have a beautiful holiday.</p> <p>Jackson's Joint Inspection</p>	<p><i>NOEL</i></p>  <p>Holiday Best Wishes</p> <p>We extend to you our thanks for your loyal patronage the past year.</p> <p>McCormick's Drive In</p>	<p><i>NOEL</i></p>  <p>May your Christmas be filled with good will, abundance, and the tranquility of faith.</p> <p>The Kenith Homer Family</p>	<p><i>"PEACE ON EARTH"</i></p>  <p>This - the eternal message to the world - rings out at Christmas!</p> <p>Rev. & Mrs Keith Wyatt & Amy</p>	<p><i>Merry Christmas</i></p>  <p>From all of us to all of you...A very happy holiday.</p> <p>The Jim Thornton Family</p>	<p><i>Merry Christmas</i></p>  <p>A beautiful Christmas to all our friends. Be sure to visit us over the holidays.</p> <p>Griff, Bea, Rick, Mike & John Griffin</p>	<p><i>CHRISTMAS CHEER</i></p>  <p>Thanks for being such angels over the year! Merry Christmas!</p> <p>Flora & Bill Hubble</p>
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<p><i>NOEL</i></p>  <p>May your Christmas be filled with good will, abundance, and the tranquility of faith.</p> <p>Frances & Pete Peters</p>	<p><i>Season's Best</i></p>  <p>We're happy we had the opportunity to help you celebrate the holidays.</p> <p>Eldorado Instruments & Controls Co., Employees & their Families</p>	<p><i>NOEL</i></p>  <p>We wish you many blessings at Christmas time and throughout the coming year.</p> <p>Ruth & Ben Hext</p>	<p><i>Noel</i></p>  <p>Wishing you the happiness of Christmas today and throughout the year.</p> <p>Ben, Jo, Terri, Larry & Toni Fatheree</p>	<p><i>Holiday Cheer</i></p>  <p>We're glowing with good wishes for you and your family.</p> <p>Bruce & Ina Lambert</p>	<p><i>JOY</i></p>  <p>Ring in the best Christmas ever. Greetings to all our friends.</p> <p>Dale, Betty, Lynn, Ann, Cissi, Shelly & Vikki Cavaness</p>	<p><i>Best Wishes</i></p>  <p>And to all...a very happy holiday season. I'm proud to have served you.</p> <p>Helen's Hair Fashions Helen Fay</p>	<p><i>SEASON'S GREETINGS</i></p>  <p>Time to think of the true meaning of Christmas and thank all our customers for their patronage.</p> <p>Olson's Laundry</p>
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to you and your family from all of us



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Holiday Best Wishes
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Greeting You and Yours at Christmas
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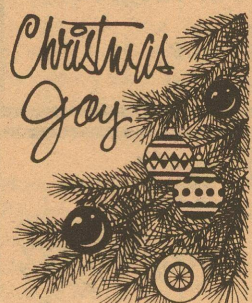
Sarah, Earl & Jill Yates

A Merry Christmas to All!



From our family to yours... the season's best wishes.

Rusty, Rosene & CeeCee Gibson



... to you, our customers. We thank you for your patronage and wish you a joyous holiday!

The Walter Ford Family

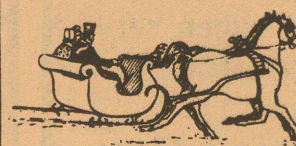
Merry Christmas



Wishing you and yours a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Gloria & Pat Enochs

Glad Tidings



Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Bob & Nancy Lester



Have a glistening holiday filled with old-fashioned good cheer!

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The Lord is come! Have a very blessed and happy holiday.

Mary & Ralph Waldron

Holiday Cheer



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Hark! The herald angels sing. Glory to the newborn King! Greetings from

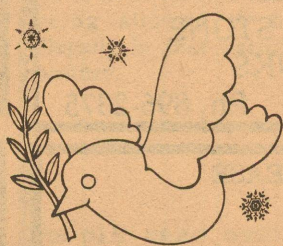
Alice Van Horn

O Holy Night



The holy spirit of Christmas reaches out with our good wishes to one and all.

Charles Young



Peace on Earth

May your holidays be filled with peace and joy. Thanks for letting us serve you.

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Billie & Clay Porter



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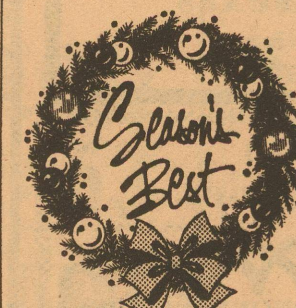
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Our 1st six months at the Express News has been a wonderfully warm experience. Despite the winter winds, Eldorado is one of the warmest places in the world. Thank you all for making us feel so much at home. Merry Christmas and God's Love to all!

Jim, Lynne, Ricky & Lisa McWilliams



May the 12 days of Christmas be filled with joy for you and your family. May it extend throughout the New Year.

The Clifford Schooleys

O Holy Night



Matthew 1:21
And she shall bring forth the son, and thou shall call him Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins.

Rev. & Mrs. Gene Stark & Steven



Peace on Earth

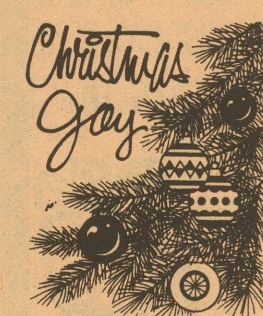
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Wes & Susan Wade



From our family to yours... the season's best wishes.

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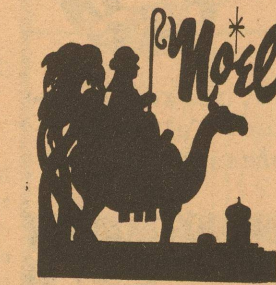
...to you, our customers. We thank you for your cooperation and wish you a joyous holiday!

The Eldorado Post Office



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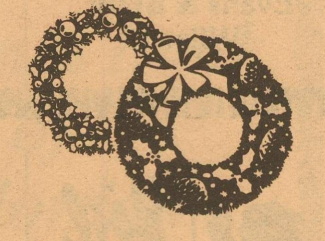
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OBITUARIES

John Luedecke, Sr.
 Funeral services were held Saturday for John Luedecke, Sr., 58, of Marfa who was killed Wednesday, December 15th in a tractor accident near his home. Burial was held in the Eldorado Cemetery.
 Mr Luedecke was born in Eldorado January 9, 1918. He spent the early part of his life in Eldorado where he attended the Eldorado Public Schools. He had also lived in Sierra Blanca and Fort Hancock before moving to Marfa about a year ago. He was a rancher, a Mason and a member of the Methodist Church.
 Survivors include his wife, Woddi Luedecke; a daughter, Sherry Kay Kirksey of Odessa; two sons, John H. Luedecke, Jr., of Alpine and Mickey J. Luedecke; six sisters, Elta Redford of Hamilton, Mrs Edna King of Hobbs, New Mex., Sammie Pruitt of Hobbs, New Mex., and Thelia Mayo, Corine Draper and Alma Corbell, all of Eldorado; a brother, Alvin Luedecke of College Station; and six grandchildren.

Merry Christmas
 And a Candy Cane to all our Eldorado friends with best wishes for a Merry Christmas.
 Bill & Beulah Lester

★ CHRISTOVAL ★ CORNER

A WEEKLY NEWS FORUM SERVING THE CITIZENS OF THE KNICKERBOCKER & CHRISTOVAL COMMUNITIES

SANTA GRAM
by SUNSHINE

Reward Fund Started

A report was received Tuesday that a reward fund had been started for those responsible for the assault on Travis Parker several weeks ago. Mr. Paul Affertery Construction of Rio Hondo was reportedly sending a \$100 check to the Texas Rangers in care of the Department of Public Safety in San Angelo. Also Mr Jacques Noguess of Menard was also reportedly sending an undetermined amount to go into the fund.



Thank you for all your help on the SHORT NOTES.

HAPPINESS TO ALL, and a Merry Christmas to you and your family.
Ann Rogers
P.S. 73's & 80's to all who deserve them, ann.

Freedom from Fear

The first week in Dec. my family started with that familiar phase - "What would you like for Xmas Mom". Without much thought I answered almost mechanically, house shoes or something like that.

How simply we take things for granted until something happens to jerk us to full awareness of what ordinary things we do not even think of. The most treasured gift I would ask for today is PEACE OF MIND and FREEDOM FROM FEAR.

FREEDOM FROM FEAR that the assailants who attacked my husband, Travis Parker, should not return to finish their job interrupted by an unknown vehicle's lights coming down the lane which forced them to run leaving the CB on enabling Travis to later call for help, and in their haste dropped a club - one end handkerchief wrapped, apparently intended to inflict further injury at the dangling feet of the helpless victim. It still seems unreal that anyone would go to such lengths for not being allowed to hunt illegally in that particular pasture.

We are not the only ones to suffer, for the other legal hunters in this area don't know if their hunting Buddy is one of these same men. The ranchers may lose much of their revenue due to fear and think of the school children waiting for buses before daylight. And how about the poor roadside traveler who would like to get out and stretch a little? Does he dare? Until these men are brought to justice FEAR WILL RULE.

Mr Parker was able to hit one man very hard in the mouth. Did a hunter return to camp with a busted

mouth? Can the car that interrupted the beating identify a car leaving that area about 8:30 p.m. on the night of Dec 7, 1976.

I OFFER AS A REWARD, FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CRIME AGAINST MY HUSBAND, TRAVIS LEE PARKER, MY PERSONAL PALAMINO MARE WHO WON 2ND IN STATE HALTER CLASS AND A NEW SADDLE GIVEN ME BY MY HUSBAND. Any information should be

given to the San Angelo DPS or mailed complete with signature to P. O. Box 248, Christoval, Texas.

LORRAINE PARKER

GIVE OUR AREA BACK IT'S PEACE OF MIND!



MOM AND DAD

What better gift could we give our families than that of a good example?

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1 cup of kindness
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Sprinkle generously with concern
Bake well in a warm and loving oven
Until just right
And serve with a smiling face.

P.S. This is a Xmas favorite everywhere and may be warmed over indefinitely.

SHORT NOTES

Nancy and Ed Billingsley moved into their home this past Saturday. We are so glad to have this nice family here in Christoval. By the way, Ed won the CKCIG Raffles first prize of a cooked Turkey with dressing. Congratulations, Ed!!

The Texas Tumbleweed Gymnastics Club met Sunday the 19th at the Fairview Club house. Patti Jeffreys won 1st on vault, on floor and 2nd on beams and on bars. Patti won 1st on all around - age group 10 to 11 years.

Tonda and Rena Gaines spent an enjoyable Sunday afternoon in Fredericksburg. They were the guests of Mrs Florence Gosschans and her daughter, Mrs Johnny Hite of San Angelo. Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce was having a Christmas Candlelight Tour of several homes. These homes have all been restored as nearly as possible to look like they were originally built. After the tour, Mr and Mrs I. D. (Zake) Lewis invited the ladies to their home to see Mr Lewis feed 35 to 40 wild deer in his backyard.

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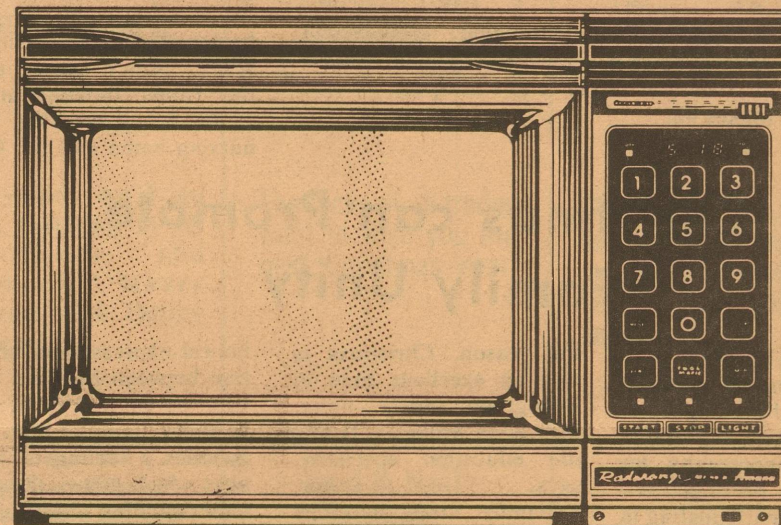
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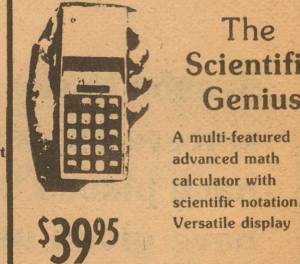
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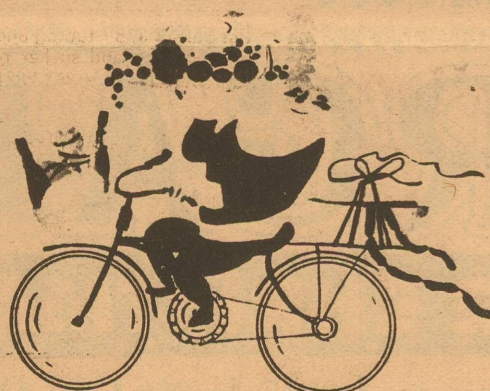
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The Ed Meador Family

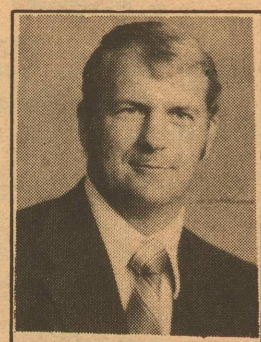
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Dr. William Welch. "This allows the plants set out in the fall and winter to better withstand summer drought than those set out in the spring." The main concern when setting out trees and shrubs in the winter is to keep them watered to avoid damage during freezing weather. This is especially true for evergreens which have a tendency to dry out or contract leaf burn, warns Welch.

Recipe Corner

MONKEY BREAD

3 1/2 cups flour
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 cup lukewarm water
2 pkgs dry yeast
1/2 cup sugar
1 tsp salt
1/4 - 1/2 cup oleo melted

Dissolve yeast in warm water, add sugar, egg, salt and enough flour to make soft dough. Cover with a damp cloth and set aside. Let double in size. Approx. 2 hrs. Roll dough out on well floured surface. Cut into biscuits, dip in melted butter and layer into Bunt pan. Cover with damp cloth and let rise until double in size. Cook at 375 degrees for 25-30 min.

DIVINITY

3 cups sugar
1/2 cup white Karo
1/2 cup water
2 egg whites (in large bowl)
1 cup nuts
pinch cream of tartar

Cook sugar, karo, and water until it spins a fine thread. Add to stiffly beaten eggs to which cream of tartar has been added. Beat until mixture loses its sheen. Add nuts and drop by tsp onto wax paper.

PEANUT BRITTLE

2 cups sugar
1 cup water
1 1/2 cups peanuts
1/2 cup Karo
2 tsp soda

Cook until spins thread. Add peanuts. Cook until brown. Then add soda. Beat fast. Pour out thin on foil.

Merry Xmas to all, Elizabeth Clark

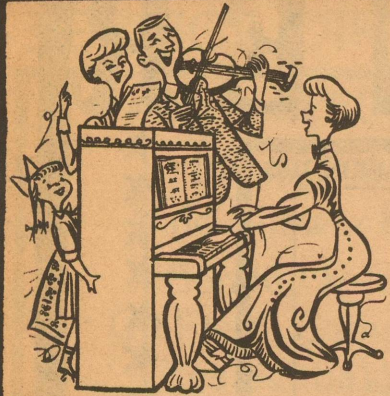
Golden Years Christmas Party

Monday afternoon several women from the community, along with the El Concho Study Club met at the Golden Years Home and Had a Christmas party. Lap robes and bed shoes were made by many of the community ladies to be used as needed. Many brought Christmas decorations that are to be used in the rooms of patients who cannot get out and enjoy Christmas trees in the lobbies. Each occupant was given a personal gift. Refreshments and program was furnished by the El Concho Study Club.

The Golden Years Home is a part of our Christoval community. Many of them walk among us in the park, downtown, or church. Some cannot leave. Some of these people have no one to care whether they live or die (except for the nurses and attendants). Some really have no one at all to see them, wish them well, take little tokens of love to them, or just let them know that they care. Unlike what some seem to think - they are sensitive, caring, loving people. Many of them keep up with the news and events and can discuss them with more knowledge and foresight than many of you. Because they are people with a health problem doesn't mean that they have weak minds or cold hearts. They are PEOPLE. Caring and loving people, and they are our OPPOR-

TUNITY. Wouldn't some of you like to have an adopted elderly person to visit, talk to, or be a friend to? If so, call Mrs H. W. Gaston, 896-2387 and get information. The blessing will be yours. The Pettits are doing a wonder job here at the home. Let's help by being Christians. CALL TO MISSION.

TIME FOR PLANTING TREES, SHRUBS COLLEGE STATION-- Although most people shun the outdoors when cold weather arrives, that's the best time to add winter hardy trees and shrubs to the home landscape, says a Texas Agricultural Extension Service landscape horticulturist. "Texas weather allows trees and shrubs to set out good root systems in the colder months," points out



AROUND
THE
HOUSE

and
OTHER
PLACES

by Nancy Lester County Extension Agent — Home Economics

Cookbooks from the 4-H Food Show are available at the County Extension Office. The cost for the book is \$1.00. If you need a small Christmas gift for someone one of these books would be nice.

The Home Demonstration Clubs in the county helped with the Swine Flu Clinic last week. Parker's Grocery was very generous and donated the cakes that the ladies served. Hext's Foods donated the coffee and ice. Ladies who helped with the refreshments were Melanie Reynolds, Ilse Williams, Dixie Belk, Lou Ella Sauer and Patsy Kellogg.

Some of our members helped with decorating the nursing home for Christmas. The ladies who helped with this were: Mavis Marsh, Fay Blair, Flara Riley, Connie Spence and Ruth Baker.

Week before last Betty Cavaness presented a program for the Young Homemaker's Home Demonstration Club on Cake decorating. She really did an excellent job. After the club meeting Nell Williams and I almost decided to go into the cake decorating business. Luckily (for the public) we decided against it.

The following recipe won Grand Champion in the Junior Division of the 4-H Food Show that was held earlier this month. Jill Pitts made it for the show. She got the recipe from Mrs Doris Garlington.

INDIVIDUAL CHEESECAKES

Generously butter small muffin tins and sprinkle with graham cracker crumbs.
2 - 8 ounce cream cheese
3 eggs, separated
¼ cup sugar

Mix cream cheese, egg yolks and sugar well. Fold in beaten egg whites. Spoon 1 teaspoon mixture in each pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Remove from pan while warm. An indentation will form as it cools.

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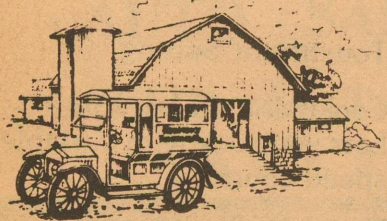
¼ cup sour cream, 2 tablespoons sugar, ½ teaspoon vanilla. Mix well and place in a small baking dish. Bake at 400 degrees for 5 minutes. Place ½ to 1 teaspoon on each cheesecake. Makes 48.

Christmas can Promote Family Unity

COLLEGE STATION-- Christmas means different things to different people, but to everyone, it presents a unique opportunity for families to be together—sharing and participating in the fun and excitement of

the season. Christmas is also an excellent time to strengthen family unity. Mrs Ilene Miller, a family life education specialist, says, "Family unity develops and grows through open,

honest expression of affection between husband and wife, parent and child, and brothers and sisters. It includes a feeling of oneness which comes through understanding each other and being sensitive to the



Seasons Greetings



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Bobby Hurley Chosen 7th Grade Class Favorite at the Eldorado Junior High Christmas Party.



Shelly Cavaness Chosen 7th Grade Class Favorite at the Eldorado Junior High Christmas Party.

Hospital AUXILIARY

The Hospital Auxiliary gave its annual Christmas party last Sunday for the patients of the Nursing Home. Mrs Bob McWhorter led the group in singing Christmas carols and Rev Gordon Garlington read the Christmas story from St Luke. Then Santa Claus came and distributed gifts to each patient. Refreshments of cake and hot mulled cider were served to the patients, relatives and friends. About 60 people were present.

Our monthly birthday party was held in conjunction with the Christmas party. Those patients celebrating birthdays this month are Mrs Winnifred Beaman, Ms Georgia Springstun and Mrs Mary Alice (Waxie) Mund. Happy Birthday was sung to them.

The Auxiliary wishes to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this a joyous season for the patients.

Special thanks to John Pitts for lighting the manger scene, Gene McCalla for securing cedar for the background of the manger scene, Nancy Lester and the Home Demonstration Clubs for decorating the nursing home and the Cl-

nic and Mrs Fay Hilliard for furnishing the beautiful cakes. Also, special thanks to all those who sang so beautifully and to Ruthie Dacy who is always there to help.

All of the members of the Auxiliary would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Rep

FHA NEWS

To wish the elderly in our Schleicher County Nursing Home a very Merry Christmas, the FHA members all visited their adopted grandparents on Wednesday, December 15th.

The highlight of the visit was the song program that everyone seemed to enjoy hearing as well as doing the actual singing. Many popular Christmas songs were sung and smiles were worn by all. Each FHA member took a gift to her adopted grandparent.

Many visits are paid to these people during the year, but the Christmas visit and program is by far the happiest visit of all for the elderly and the FHA members. Everyone in FHA would like to once again wish their adopted grandparents and everyone else a Very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Year's!

Candi Draper, Rep

needs of family members. Holding similar values and goals, having emotional interdependence and being a cooperative, responsible family member help to form the "ties that bind."

Mrs. Miller is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Simple daily experiences promote feelings of family unity over the years. Parents do much to facilitate a feeling of warmth and closeness between family members in many little ways. The Christmas season offers special opportunities to promote family unity. This specialist suggested some ideas for building family unity.

"Make family experiences out of as many holiday activities as you can, such as decorating the house and tree, attending and participating in community or religious programs, sending Christmas cards and preparing holiday foods. Youngsters especially enjoy and benefit from some responsibility for holiday activities.

"Making gifts or shopping with parents for gifts for friends and relatives teaches the meaning of sharing and giving. Making cookies, candy, cakes, pies or helping decorate the house and Christmas tree with parents teaches children the meaning of cooperation. There is pride of accomplishment when a child's helpful efforts are recognized and acknowledged."

She added that Christmas is truly a special time for families. You and your family probably enjoy certain customs which make the holiday season meaningful for you. Hanging stockings, exchanging and opening gifts, eating certain holiday foods, and many more activities provide opportunities to be together and share the happiness and excitement of the season.

"It does not matter how you celebrate the holiday or in which activities you and your family choose to participate. The important thing is that your family is drawn closer together as a result of the experiences you do share," she said.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Seasons Greetings To All Of Our Friends At this wonderful holiday season, we are so happy to put aside the routine of our business and extend to each of you our good wishes and appreciation of our association during the past year.

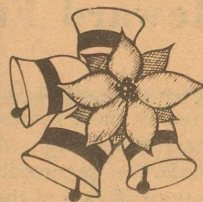
One of the greatest pleasures in doing business is the friendships that are developed and we are grateful for each of yours.

So we take this happy opportunity to extend to you "The Seasons Greetings" and the wonderful hope that the New Year will bring you a full measure of Good Health, Peace, Happiness, and Prosperity.

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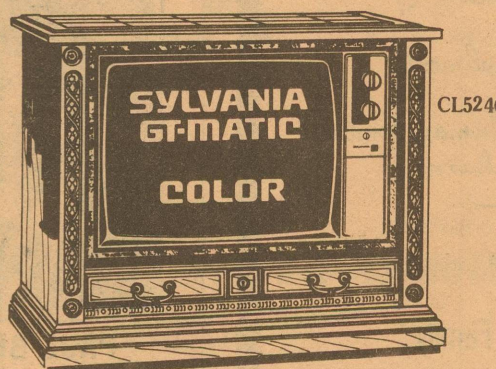
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McCALLA'S

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs Virginia Griffin was hostess last Friday when she entertained a group of friends and relatives in her home. A covered dish luncheon was served and gifts were exchanged. The evening was spent visiting. Those present were: Ella Parrent, Winnie Griffin, Fern Parent, Sybil Blair, Loleta Dempsey, Nancy Wagoner, Betty Hanusch, Bessie Doyle, Ann Griffin, Donnie Gilmore, Bonnie Arnold, Dorothy Powell, Natalie Stockton, Jewel Hodges and Blanche West.

Merry Christmas

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society held an Open House Sun., December 19th in the Museum. Refreshments were served and guests enjoyed the new exhibits on display. If you would like to slip back in time to an 'Old Fashioned' Christmas - come by the Museum and enjoy the Christmas decorations along with a tour.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Winners last week:
Helen Blakeway and Jack Bebee - 1st
Frankie Williams and Winnie Helen Hilliard - 2nd
Margaret Frost and Pete Finley - 3rd
Evelyn Wimer and Bernice Sweatt - 4th
Hurleys and Bea Griffith and Sarah Hall tied for 5th
We will play Dec 23rd, Thursday, at 7 p.m.

1st Baptist Church News

At 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve there will be a candlelight Lord's Supper at the First Baptist Church. The service is an open communion celebration. Bring your holiday guests and your family for this brief time to celebrate Christ's birth.



Let's Pause A Minute

A Message From Eldorado's Ministerial Alliance

GENE STARK PASTOR
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

GOD'S SUPREME GIFT

Bishop Nicholas stopped for a moment, shifted the heavy pack to a more comfortable position on his frail back, and with a glance at the twinkling stars overhead continued happily through the night. His footsteps never faltered as he crossed the deserted market square and entered a narrow, foul-smelling lane in Myra's worst slum. Shortly the old man halted and tapped on the entrance to one of the solid rows of mud hovels which pressed in from either side. The door of the hovel swung open and three children, dirty faces tensely expectant, appeared.

Noting the old rags barely covering the children's skinny bodies, Bishop Nicholas lowered his pack to the rough stone and fumbled inside. Withdrawing three warm robes, he blessed the children and spread a robe across each of their eagerly outstretched arms. Joyful eyes watched the kindly old man shoulder his pack and disappear in the dank darkness of the cobbled lane.

Thus it was the St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, honored the anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ during the fourth century in the city of Myra, Asia Minor. And this giving of gifts on the eve of the birth of our Lord has been handed down through the ages by the people who loved the old bishop.

Unlike the gifts of Bishop Nicholas, the gifts God has given are universal. For our enjoyment He has richly given the sun to greet us, the light to brighten our pathway, the laughter of life, the blessed companionship of friends and loved ones, in addition to all the beauties of nature. All these are the gifts of God. Every green blade of grass, every budding flower, the changing beauty of the lasting hills, all contribute to the welfare and happiness of man.

But at Christmas we stop and pause to realize that God has given a choice gift—a supreme gift as revealed in His Word. That choice, supreme gift is Jesus Christ! In II Corinthians 9:15 the Apostle Paul writes, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." Words fail Paul to describe the gift of Christ to and for us. That word "unspeakable" is used only here in the New Testament. Paul may have coined the word himself. It means "wonder beyond description" or "indescribable". At Christmas it is appropriate for us to consider some facts concerning this gift:

First, we must consider the necessity of God's supreme Gift. Christ came into the world at a time when the mantle of darkness had covered the earth. And darker still was the midnight that reigned in the hearts of men. And still denser and darker, the blackness of darkness forever and ever, was the place toward which men were hastening. For the Word of God plainly declares, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." But the Eternal One became the Incarnate One, and in Him God found a ransom for many (Mark 10:45, I Timothy 2:6).

And so in the impending silence of Judea's plain that night, God was able to give His supreme Gift. Suddenly the darkness was pierced by a halo of glory, followed by Heaven's own choir giving thanks to the highest: "Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). The gift of God in Christ was and is necessary because of our inability to save ourselves from our sins while remaining in them. The gift was voluntary and prompted by Divine compassion and love.

Secondly, we should consider the excellency of God's supreme Gift. There are many reasons revealing to us the excellency of God's Gift. The Bible reveals that God's Gift in Christ is an unprejudiced gift. The qualifications for accepting that love are the same for every person. As one man has said it, "The ground is wondrously level at the foot of the cross." The Gift is not fettered out according to our social standing or our worldly success or our prestigious pedigree, but it comes to everyone of us, regardless of who we are; with the same challenge to commitment and the same offer of eternal life. The Bible also teaches that God's supreme Gift is an unparalleled gift. No other religion has a risen Saviour. No other religion has a perfect Lord. Into the lives of all the great religious leaders of the world sin came. Imperfections were noted. But no imperfection - no blemish—was ever detected in Jesus. No other person in history has been able to make the claim of perfection and back it up with his life. That does set Jesus apart. No other religion has a loving God who seeks man as does Christianity. No other religion provides a living personality who helps meet the needs of day-by-day living as does our risen Lord Jesus Christ. For those who have had a personal experience with Christ, this Gift of God has been found to be uncontainable in value and splendour. As one of our Christian hymns proclaims, "Love so amazing, so Divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all." God's gift is an excellent gift because it is an unending gift. The Gift is not for this world only but for the next world as well. It is good for life and death. God's Gift is excellent in its adoption to the needs of those to whom it given, for Christ is a gift of bread to the hungry, water to the thirsty, and freedom to the slave.

If we consider the necessity and the excellency of God's gift, we must also ponder our responsibility to the Gift. There was a gift for each of us left under the tree of life two thousand years ago by him whose birthday we celebrate at this time of year. The gift was withheld from no man. Some have left their packages unclaimed. Some have accepted the gift and carry it around but have failed to remove the wrapping and look inside to discover the hidden splendour. The packages are all alike. In each is a scroll on which is written, "All that the Father hath is thine."

Ralph Waldo Emerson, that lofty idealist who nevertheless had a penetrating practical knowledge of human nature wrote, "Rings and jewels are not gifts, but apologies for gifts. The only gift is a portion of thyself." This Christmas, in giving all of our gifts to our loved ones, we need to give a portion of ourselves to God as we celebrate Christ's birth and proclaim, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable Gift." Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas

We wish you a joyful and a peaceful Holiday Season. May the New Year bring you and your family the BEST of Health, Happiness, and Love in 1977.

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By Express News
Publisher, ED MEADOR

Well, old Father Time has done it again. Relentlessly, he has counted the days down through the year and here we stand on the brink of celebrating the most important birthday in the year to all of us.

There's been so many blessings for all of us who live in this great land that it would be impossible to count them. Yet, many of us have been too busy or too selfish or too unconcerned to see them . . . and we have missed worlds of opportunities to do a better job in our work, to be more friendly, to be more helpful, to be a better person.

Let it be hoped that as we pause to contemplate the meaning of Christmas, we will find welling up in our hearts a flooding desire to acknowledge our blessings, make the most of our opportunities to be of service to our fellow man, and lift ourselves and our brothers upward toward the goals set for us by Him whose birthday we acknowledge with such anticipation. Merry Christmas, everybody.

The Christmas season is certainly no time for sadness and it is always hoped that it will be spared, but such was not the case this year. Homecoming for Johnny Luedecke would have been altogether different if we could have had our way.

Certainly we are reminded by Johnny's death that the bells toll for all of us, and with his passing as with everyone's, a little bit of us is gone too. Johnny was friend, neighbor, a very human person. He was the embodiment of what we like to think of as a real Texan . . . forthright, determined, yet concerned and gentle under a rough exterior.

You always knew where you stood with Johnny. If he liked you, you knew it, and if he didn't there wasn't any equivocation. He was a man and knew what he stood for in a world that is filling up with a lot who don't know.

We'll miss you, John, and all that you stood for . . . but we will remember.

Well, in case you had your mind made up to support the Cowboys in the Super Bowl, about now is time to look around for a new team. I predict . . . that Minnesota and Pittsburg will be the contestants. The Pokes really blew the whole thing!

Well, it's been a good year after all. Nobody said it would be easy. And I guess if they came easy, we wouldn't be worth the trouble. So here's a heap full of thanks for the things past, and a bright anticipation for whatever lies ahead. May the rest of 1976 be a blessing to you, and in 1977, may the Good Lord keep you in the palm of His hand!

There's just a few more days of 1976 left, and you know, this might be the best time of all to make a bunch of resolutions. Since there is just a few more days until a new year sticks it's bright and shining face upon us. You sure wouldn't have long to live with such. Wonder how many of us even remember the ones that were made last January 1st?

Express News SPORTS

42 Christmas

Party

EAGLES DOWN OZONA

The Eldorado Eagles dumped the Ozona Lions last Thursday 65-62 in a non district contest. Leading the Eagle scoring was Bosmans with 39 points, Fatheree 13, Whitaker 6, Robledo 4, and Byrd 3. The win brought the Eagles season record to 14 wins and 3 losses. The Boys J.V. team was defeated 39-47.

EAGLETES WIN THIRD PLACE TROPHY

The Eldorado Eaglettes participated in the Iraan Invitational Tournament last week. After being defeated by district opponent Big Lake 53-61 in the second round, the Eaglettes went on to defeat Crane 53-52 for third place in the tournament. In the first round of action the Eaglettes edged by Alpine 47-46 in overtime. Selected for All-Tournament team were forward Susan Mertz and guard Cheri Niblett. The girls J.V. team also took the third place trophy in their division. They defeated Alpine 47-25. They lost to Big Lake 37-41 and defeated Crane 53-52.

ELDORADO TEAMS FALL TO WALL

The Eldorado Eagles lost their second district game of the season Tuesday when the Wall Hawks defeated the Eagles 80-71. Jimmy Bosmans led the Eagle scoring with 36, Fatheree 17, Martinez 6, Byrd 6, Jarrett 2, Whitaker 2 and Robledo 2. This brings the Eagle's district record to 1-2 and the season record 14-4.

The Eaglettes also lost in a close overtime contest 83-79. Leading the scoring for Eldorado was Yates with 31 points, Jay 29, Mertz 4, White 14 and Hansuch 1.

Mrs Jake Spencer was hostess last Thursday when she entertained the 42 club with a luncheon. Gifts were exchanged and the afternoon was spent in playing 42. Those present were: Margaret Grey, Natalie Stockton, Annie Speck, Bessie Doyle, Virginia Griffin, Zelma Henderson, Opal Parks, Allie Cheatham Maudie Bassinger, Etta Ruth Dannhiem and Rose Brannen. We all enjoyed being together. Maudie Bassinger will be hostess when the club meets January 12th. Rep

Methodist

Christmas Service

A Christmas evening Communion service will be held at the First Methodist Church from 6-9 P.M. Bring your holiday guests and your family for this brief time to celebrate Christ's birth.

Bridge Club

has Christmas Party

Mr and Mrs Ed Meador hosted their monthly bridge club Wednesday, Dec 15th, at the Round House. Dinner was served and a new kind of bridge was introduced. Guests were: Mr and Mrs Paul Page, Sr., Mr and Mrs James Powell, Mr and Mrs Mort Mertz, Mr and Mrs Jo Ed Hill, Mr and Mrs "Pete" Peters. Guests were: Mr and Mrs Clay Porter, Mr and Mrs "Mac" McGregor, and Mr and Mrs Phil Olson.

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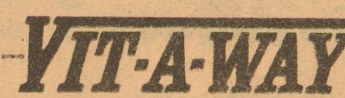
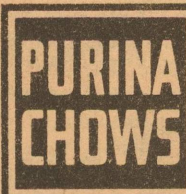
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