

Santa Claus

is coming
to town!



Mrs. Van Horn Adds Warmth To Holidays

Christmas and His celebration seems to be an appropriate time to note one of those people who brings joy and a warm smile to the residents of Eldorado. Mrs. Alice Van Horn, widow and longtime resident of Schleicher County, simply enjoys making people feel good.

If there is such a thing as a stereotype, then this lady could be anyone's grandmother. Matter of fact, she would probably revel in that role.

Either through her music or amiable conversation, Mrs. Van Horn will be adding warmth to the holiday season. Perhaps there is something special about grandmothers anyway. But, I don't think Christmas would be the same if grandmothers weren't there, anchoring the family tree.

Alice lost her husband, Frank Van Horn, in 1968. She is definitely a survivor as her disposition is one which harbors no hard feelings. Such a virtue is often lost in those folks who have experienced many changes in their long lifetimes.

Mrs. Van Horn began her's far Van Horn began her's not far from here, in Christoval. She was born, (date unavailable) sometime before 1910. The wiley old lady would not tell me her exact age. I do know she lived on a large ranch outside of Christoval with her parents Mark Fury and Fannie Neal Fury. It was known as the Hackberry Ranch, or Wilson Ranch and is a significant link in Schleicher County's history.

It was also a link in the San Angelo to Sonora stage route. From the waters of Hackberry Creek, she would draw fresh water for the teams of horses which would be stabled in her father's stalls.

Mark Fury was a successful rancher in the area. His ranch spanned 16 sections and included some of the hilly countryside found in Schleicher County. It was in these hills where "Black-Jack" Ketchum and his gang of outlaws would often hideout and scope the lower land for the posses. "Black-Jack", who was later caught and hanged, is remembered to have come down from the hills and get food and coffee from Alice's mother. She recalls his visits because she and her brother and sisters would scurry for cover.

The Indian burial grounds in the hills also produced interesting artifacts, such as the sword which Mrs. Van Horn still has. Indians occasionally made forays into the area and Mrs. Alice remembers people sleeping with guns, axes, and other weapons within close reach.

It was here where Alice lived until 1905. Then after selling the ranch, Mr. Fury took his family to Verand, a short distance from Christoval. Other early settlers of the area were the Greens, the McCartneys, the Watts, and others.

Mrs. Van Horn said, "The school was ran in typical rural fashion. It would operate about three months per year and the various families would take turns boarding the teacher."

With the help of Mr. Jack Miller of Christoval, Fury built a large two-story rock house which is still standing a couple of miles from that town. It was to be a gathering place for the settlers. Her mother was hostess for early dances. Mrs. Alice said when it got too late, her mother would run everyone off and make them come back in the next morning for church meetings.

Somehow, Alice got interested in music. Which was no easy hobby in rural West Texas during the turn of the century. However her father, a full booded Irishman, was determined that young Alice would learn music. She favored the violin, but the closest teacher lived in San Angelo, about 17 miles away. They would start early in the morning and return late. It is her father's determination for which many people should be thankful. The ten year-old learned the violin and then the piano when she was 15.

She married Frank in 1919, after he returned from WWI. He was a talented mechanic and was lured to Eldorado by Clyde Galbreath, owner of Eldorado Motor Garage. They had a daughter, Joyce Ann, in 1931. She is currently married to Eldorado native Henry Speck Jr. The Specks have provided Mrs. Van Horn with three grandchildren.

Mrs. Van Horn lived at her present address, 108 Brooks, since their move in 1939. She is one of those housekeepers who complains about the condition of their living quarters, yet I found it to be spotless. One immediately gets the impression that this lady keeps herself busy. She makes sure that her friends take up a lot of her time. She stays busy making people glad to have her around.

Clubs and organizations often call on her and her talents for entertainment. Mrs. Van Horn can often be found delighting gathering by "fiddlin' around." She has played for the sick at the Schleicher County Medical Center, birthdays, and Jamborees. What other way to liven up a Lion's Club luncheon or an American Legion breakfast?

Her favorites include the "Tennessee Waltz," "Shottish" and the "Polka." She has in her possession, a 1732 Cremona violin, of which she is very proud. Her renditions of all the popular Christmas carols will light up any holiday gathering. All you have to do is ask and her 80 years of playing experience will grab your ear. Mrs. Alice Van Horn is here for all to enjoy this season. She reflected, "All the pleasure I get from life is from making others happy."

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Warm, West Texas Weather Greet's Super Santa Transport

Beautiful, warm, West Texas weather greeted Santa Claus last Thursday as he arrived in Eldorado for the second annual Super Santa Celebration sponsored by the Schleicher County Progress Council.

Santa arrived at 4 p.m. the SST (Super Santa Transport) piloted by Starley Lenamon. Lenamon's copilots for the trip were Charlie Kincheloe and Barry Hale.

Parade Marshal, Richard McCarron, Eldorado High School Principal, driven by Penfield Barker, headed up the parade to the Memorial Building. Santa followed on the new Eldorado fire truck, driven by Jerry Jones. Santa was followed by the Eldorado High School Band and a large group of children with decorated bicycles. Bringing up the last of the parade were two horses and riders. Sheriff Orval Edmiston escorted the parade safely to the Memorial Building.

While Santa met with children inside the Memorial Building, the merchant drawings were held outside in warm December sunshine.

Emcees for the program were Rev. Ron Sutto and Rusty Meador, assisted by Carolyn Mayo. Parade Marshal McCarron drew the names from individual boxes.

Mrs. Debbie Joy played Christmas music throughout the program, which was broadcast over the First Presbyterian Church P.A. system.

Winners of the merchandise and cash are as follows:

General Drawings:

Eagle Dairy Mart - Booster Hats - Billie Sue Rogers and Virginia Standeford.

Westerman Drug - Dominoes w/ Travel Case - Marlene Mitchell

Mobley Exxon - \$10.00 cash - Cody Engdahl.

Griffin Oil Company - \$10.00 cash - Sheila McClure.

Kent's Automotive - 2 Gal. Anti-Freeze - Richard Easingwood.

Jackson's Joint Inspection - \$10.00 cash - June Jones.

The Top Liquor Store - \$15.00 cash - Billie Porter.

Stockton's Barber Shop - Jeris Hair Tonic - Lindsey Griffin.

Kwik Service & Supply Co. - 25 Qt. Igloo Ice Chest - Wanda Cox.

Shaw's Motel - \$15.00 cash - Mickey Gamble.

Jerry's TV - \$20.00 cash - Sahron Mittel.

Happy's Rock Shop - Jewelry -

Faye Caveness, Elaine Rodriguez, Sadie Davidson, Nancy Lester, Tonie Huckabee and Guillermo Zuniga.

Peggy's Beauty Shop - Permanent or \$20.00 cash - Becky Kincheloe.

Willhoit Texaco - Free Car Wash - Shirley Joiner.

Eldorado Instruments - 25.00 Cash - Bernard Carr.

C C Lease - \$25.00 Cash - Becky Sterling.

Southwest Texas Electric Coop - Electric Griddle/Warmer - Jimmy Aguilar.

Schleicher County Leader - Calculator - Vidette Sallee.

Dee's Floral Designs - \$25.00 Cash - Cindy Moody.

R.L. & Elizabeth Ballew - \$25.00 cash - Bobbie Foster

Eldorado Wool Company - 50# Sack Dogfood - Annie Speck

Butler's Supply Company - 68 Qt. Igloo Cooler - Henry Galindo

Poynor Construction Company - \$10.00 cash - Sharon Storie

Merchant Drawings:

Adobe Mini-Mart - Mr. Coffee - Bobby Jarrett

Hext foods - \$50 worth of groceries - Eloise Day.

Bar-B-Que House - Smoked Turkey - Connie Robinson and Jimmy Martinez.

Cathy's - China Service for 8 Jessie Sudduth.

McCalla's Variety Store - Leather Jacket - Debbie Conatser; Eldorado Eagle Travel Bag - Imogene Edmiston.

Westerman Drug Store - Panasonic Radio - Daniel Mejia, Sr.

Meador-Peters Agency & Meador Land Company - Broiler Toaster Oven - Mrs. Bayard Foster.

Casa Arispe Restaurant - Table for Two - Nancy Terry; Table for Six - Annette Ragsdale.

Rene's Beauty Shop - Haircut/Shampoo/Set - Mary Coupe

HG Automotive/Western Auto - 1 Qt. Electric Casserole - Sherry Lux.

First National Bank - \$50.00 Savings Bond - Mrs. A.J. Walling.

Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co. - Girl's toy - Michelle Moore; Boy's toy - Lisa Enochs.

Holley House - Surprise Gift - Marion Overstreet.

Eldorado Restaurant - Dinner for Two - Dorothy Clark; Dinner for Two - Judy Dacy.

Students Head Back On Jan. 6

School was dismissed at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19, 1980, thus the first semester of the school year. Students should report back to school Tuesday, January 6, 1981. They will discover some good news if they return early Monday morning. For Monday will be an in-service day for the teachers and students are not to be at school that day.

However, there could be some bad news awaiting pupils soon enough. Report cards will be sent home with the children on Thursday, Jan. 8.



This is how the Knickerbocker Schoolhouse looked on Jan. 10, 1910. At that period, the town was on the upswing. Pictured sitting on the house to the left is one of Mrs. Alice Van Horn's young beaus.



Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I would like a Dancerelle doll and crayola kip gloss and a holly hobby doll. and skeddoodle, and lots of other things.
Love,
Crystal
Third Grade

Dear Santa Claus
I want a skate board, book, and doll. I love you Santa Claus. Bring my cousins Amy and Andrea 2 books and 2 guns. Please bring Grandma Helen some pencils. Please bring Paw Paw Jack two pencils. Please bring Mommie some socks. Please bring Grandma Louise some pretty clothes. Please bring Aunt Norma some perfume.
Love
Kelly Blakeway, 4 years old

Dear Santa,
How have you been? Will you bring me toyw toys? How is your raindeer? I will Leve pie for you. And Milk and a present. Do you like girls and boys? Do you like coming? Well I like you Santa. I love dolls. Will you bring me a doll? I love you Santa.
from Kim Mitchell, second grader.

Dear Santa,
I love your deers. Bring me some toyw toys, please. I have stockings for me and susanne and Bob and mama. Go to Carmen's house, please. Me - Suzanne-Daddy and Mama been good.
I Love you Santa and the deers, Courtney Page.

Dear Santa
Would you please bring me some play money, eye-shadow for the baby's.
Love
Jessica Apenez, 5 years old

Dear Santa
Would you please bring me a Simon and a stero a mister big-mouth and baby that Cries and my mommy wants some Diamond earrings and Daddy wants a new truck.
Love
Hope
Martinez

Dear Santa
Will you please bring me a stero and a Barbie doll and a car and a house a disco box my sister Andrea a babby thaa that crys.
I love you Santa Amy C. Robledo, 7.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dance-arella doll, and a sewing machine. Please bring Lori a boy friend and some clothes.
Daddy wants a new chair and mama wants a type-writer.
Merry Christmas,
Love,
Pamela Whitten

Dear Santa,
I hope you get me a Tonka Toy and a Bat-man Robin toy. Also you can get mon a necklace for Christmas. Don't send Jym, come your self so I can see you.
Rufus
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a sewing kit and some makeup for Christmas. Don't forget Jerrie and my mom. I don't know what they want.
Luv you, Santa
Marala Clifton

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a turn-over choo-choo and a puppy dog that jumps walks and barks.
Lindsey Hyde
4 years old



May the spirit of Christmas brighten your holiday.
Happy Holiday To My Neighbor Friends & Co-workers

Paul G. Pena

Bridge Results

Duplicate Bridge
On December 4 we had our Christmas party, with a Dinner served before play. We had 12 tables of players with the following winners from our club:

Helen & Jack Bebee won 1st, playing east-west and Winnie Helen & Tom Ratliff won 2nd, playing east west.

Winners December 11th Lottie Puckett & Fred Adkins 1st. Helen & Jack Bebee 2nd; Mary Lois Brown, Sonora & Anne Parker, Ozona 3rd; Evelyn Wimer & Bernice Sweatt 4 th.

Winners last Thursday Helen & Jack Bebee 1st; Imogene Edmiston and Zeila Baker 2nd; Margaret Frost and her son, Bob, visiting for the Christmas Holidays from Rabat, Morocco, tied for 3rd with Evelyn Wimer and Bernice Sweatt.

Our club made a donation to the Andy Bosman fund in the amount of \$65.00.

Home Front News

Lawrence Bell received word Sunday that his brother Clarence Bell was shot and killed in a service station robbery in Glen Avon California. Services are pending in that city.

Visiting from San Diego, California at the home of M.J. Pena are her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Estrada.

Robert and Susie Harris and their two sons Ronnie Mark, and Randy from Clovis, New Mexico are visiting with friends and relatives.

Leon and Johnnie Tillery are visiting from Wyoming with their many friends here in Eldorado. Johnnie worked here at the Medical Center while living here and Leon worked for Western Company.

Early Christmas Present

Angela Leigh Ballew, weighing 9 pounds and 2 ounces was born at Schleicher County Medical Center, December 21 at 5:43 a.m.

Parents are Ray and Debbie Ballew of Eldorado. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Preston Corvir of Castlewood, Virginia and Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Ballew of Eldorado.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Carvin of Wytheville, Virginia. She had a sister Amanda Gail to welcome her home.

Sex Education Could Solve Problems

Something can be done about the high rates of teenage pregnancies, says Betty Jo Smith, a family life education specialist.

Improved and expanded sex-education classes and the appropriate use of contraceptives could greatly decrease the problem, even though many other factors contribute to high rates of teenage pregnancy, the specialist explains.

Dr. Smith is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Looking at the "why's" connected with teen pregnancies, current home economics research on the subject is, at the same time, suggesting some answers, Dr. Smith says.

In a study examining sex education and the knowledge of pregnancy risk among teenage females, several facts surface. seventy percent of the females ages 15-19, who had never been married, had taken a course on sex education.

Of those having a sex-education course, more than 90 percent had been instructed about the menstrual cycle and venereal disease. Seventy percent had been instructed on contraceptives.

When the students were asked if they knew which period in the menstrual cycle afforded the greatest risk of pregnancy, 60 per-

centage for an average of one and a half years after they become sexually active.

So, current research seems to indicate two factors that contribute to a high

cent claimed to know which period. However, when tested, only one-third of the students could correctly identify the time when risk of pregnancy is greatest.

These findings are particularly important because many teenagers say they do not use contraceptives since they think they are protected by the time of month they have intercourse, Dr. Smith adds.

Other research shows that teenagers ages 16 and 17 delay using birth control for an average of six months after they become sexually active. Teens ages 15 and younger wait even

incidence of teenage pregnancy are:

1) Postponement of using contraceptives until several months after the teen has become sexually active and

2) lack of knowledge concerning menstrual flow and the period when risk of pregnancy is greatest.

These findings suggest a need for improved and expanded sex-education classes and the appropriate use of contraceptives as two possible ways to greatly decrease the problem of teenage pregnancy. Dr. Smith concludes.



The Consumer Alert

by Mark White
Attorney General

AUSTIN--The Christmas gift-buying season inevitably is followed by the post-Christmas gift-returning season, and most consumers expect to be able to return or exchange gifts with little or no trouble beyond, perhaps, the inconvenience.

The fact is that stores are not legally required to refund money, exchange merchandise, or accept goods for store credit unless the item is defective or is not as represented.

Most merchants, though, are very agreeable about adjustments since this is a form of customer service which encourages repeat business.

However, sometimes, certain stores may be unable to cooperate fully with the post-Christmas gift returner because they operate under more restrictive adjustment policies than other establishments.

Some stores will not accept merchandise back for a full refund but will issue a credit or allow an exchange for other merchandise. They may rightfully do this, so it is important for shoppers to check on store policy before buying gifts that may need to be returned or exchanged.

There are certain instances in which a store is legally required to make adjustments, however. For example, if a store advertised car coats with sheepskin linings, but you discover the lining is actually acrylic pile, you have the right to return the coat for an adjustment.

Or perhaps you ordered a size 12 dress, but the store sent a size 14. Or you specified a green table lamp, but got a blue floor lamp. The store must correct its error or make some satisfactory adjustment in such cases.

It's important to remember that if a store has advertised goods for a special sale, there may be a "no return" policy on that particular merchandise. Other items, such as pierced earrings, swim suits, undergarments, and other intimate apparel, may always be sold on an "all sales final" basis for the customer's protection. Once again, the shopper should inquire about the store's return policy on such merchandise.

Just as most stores try to cooperate in making adjustments when possible, most consumers are careful to ask for an adjustment only when it is needed. A few individuals, however, may attempt to return merchandise that is worn or used, that they damaged themselves, or that they purchased months earlier. In such cases, merchants may rightfully refuse to make an adjustment.

If you find you must return merchandise to a store, you should:

--Take all tags, price labels, and all sales or charge receipts with you. A store that might otherwise give a full refund may only offer a credit or exchange or refuse any adjustment without proof of purchase.

--Return goods in their original containers, including all packing materials and papers, such as warranties and instructions.

--Return goods to the department where they were purchased or to the adjustment desk if there is one.

--Explain the reasons for the return.

--If you have a problem with an adjustment you think is deserved, try to settle it with the manager of the store. If that doesn't work, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division in Austin, Houston, Dallas, El Paso, Lubbock, McAllen, or San Antonio.

Merry Christmas

By the time you read this the time will have passed and Christmas day will have come.

The Christmas parties will be over and we will have our minds centered on what Christmas day really means to us. Friends and family will be gathered in their home to share love of the Lord Jesus together.

To them that have the Lord Jesus as their Saviour

the bells are ringing in their heart.

I would to God that all the people pray for peace on earth and good will to all men.

The sponsors of our church feature and pastors "Wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Rev. Walter Ford

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All are welcome.

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GTSW Adds Service To Eldorado

A giant service improvement program involving millions of dollars, hundreds, hundreds of new employees, revamped training programs and earlier conversion dates on some installations has been inaugurated by General Telephone Company of the Southwest. Eldorado has and will continue to be one of the smaller towns to benefit from the improved service.

Already, the plant supervisor, Jim Simmons is headquartered here. Naturally, this is an advantage for Eldorado residents. Now, Mr. Simmons will enjoy the additional services which the Texas Public Utilities Commission directive has provided.

Moving to Eldorado last week was Larry Reece, who will be working with Sim-

mons and serviceman Steve Sharp in concerted effort to continue GTSW service.

Larry will provide his electronic experience in the capacity of communication technician. He said there will be a substantial amount of new equipment coming in here also.

Currently, he is encountering the common problem for new Eldorado residents, housing. If anyone has an apartment or rent-house available, please give Larry a call at the GTSW work number-853-2255.

Reece will be gaining even more experience in many facets of his field, including all service areas and several categories. Along with the Eldorado exchange, service will include Christoval and Sonora and on a call-out basis.

The Allure Of Mistletoe

By Richard Hurtz

Has it ever happened to you? You walk into a doorway during the holidays and are smothered in kisses from a blue-haired aunt. Only in these United States can the mere presence of a common parasitic vine permit such behavior to be considered acceptable. Mistletoe, I've often wondered just how this lowly plant gained its place in American yuletide tradition.

Historians and nostalgia buffs have offered a bevy of theories as to the origin of Mistletoe and its allure.

The plant itself is said to have been first discovered in the mountainous regions

of the Italian Alps. Goat herders, or Yerbos as they were called, were said to often rely on the leaves of the Mistletoe as a poltice for sunburned skin. The berries, although poisonous was also used for medicinal purposes in the treatment of tired, aching muscles.

Early settlers to the United States carried ample supplies of the plant when they immigrated from Europe. As the plant is very hardy and adaptable, it flourished in nearly every geographic region of the country. Today Mistletoe can be seen growing in the tops of trees from Bangor, Maine to Baja, California.

No one can say for sure when a Mistletoe hung from a doorway permitted an uninvited kiss. The most popular thesis is that during the American Revolution a sprig of Mistletoe hung up in the house during the holidays represented good health and happiness. To show that such good health and happiness was evident, the homeowner would give anyone under the plant a hug and kiss and a wish for further good fortune.

Whatever the origin of the tradition this is one that you will hear no one complain about. Except, perhaps that fella and his blue-haired aunt.

Christmas Traditions

The Messiah

The Messiah oratorio, a Christmas tradition, was composed by George Frederick Handel in only twenty five days. It was first performed in Dublin, in 1742. One year later King George II established the custom of standing during the oratorio's "Hallelujah Chorus."

Cherry Tree

Almost every tree that we know, in poem or song, has in some way been associated with the Christmas season. No exception is the Cherry Tree.

According to the well-known "Cherry Tree Carol", the cherry tree bent its boughs to the Virgin Mary could pluck its fruit.

Rudolph

"Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer", was written by Johnny Mards in 1949. Recordings by Gene Autry and Bing Crosby promptly sent Rudolph on his way to eternal popularity.

The song was based on an "ugly duckling" story written in 1939 by Robert L. May, and advertising man.

Herald Angels

Charles Wesley, brother of John Wesley, wrote the words to "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" in 1739. Legend says the original carol began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings."

Christmas Carols By Unknown's

No one knows who wrote "The First Noel", which first appeared in print in 1883 in a book called "Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern." It is thought to be medieval shepherd's song.

Also unknown is the author of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," but it is known that he lived before Shakespeare's time.

Also "Joy To The World" was published in 1719.

Nutcracker Ballet

Generations before the Russian Composer Tchaikovsky wrote the music for the Nutcracker Ball, boys and girls were captivated by the legend of the Wonderful nutcracker.

The first story was written by the German author, Hoffman, who called it "the Nutcracker and the King of Mice." The story found its way to other countries where it was given various plots and twists.

In the Russian version, the tale begins with a gala Christmas Eve party. Uncle Dross, the childrens favorite, arrives and presents Clara, the heroine of the story, with an amazing nutcracker in the form of a soldier, and the brother Frank with toy soldiers and a fort.

In Sicily

Many Sicilian families use Christmas trees, but they decorate them with apples and oranges instead of tinsel. This carries out an old tradition that all the trees bore fruit when Christ was born.

Christmas Goblin Measures Value

Goblins are associated with Halloween, not Christmas, but there is one legend about a Christmas goblin. According to an old story, the goblin went about the world at Christmas time with a magic scale to weigh the value of people's thoughts and deeds.

He met a man who had purchased a new car for Christmas, put it on the scales and it weighed nothing. He met a happy boy who had looked into the closet hiding place and saw many gifts he would receive on Christmas morning. He put them all on the scales and they weighed nothing.

Next, the goblin met a very rich woman, who was busy knitting. She told him she was knitting a scarf for a sick friend. "Why do you not buy her one," the goblin asked. "Because," the woman replied, "the time and effort I extend is a token of my love and friendship." The goblin placed the scarf on the scales and it weighed to the limit.

Cakes and Cookies are Traditional

The popularity of cakes and cookies at Christmas may be a survival of an early Roman custom. On Saturnalia, the Roman mid-winter holiday, each Roman senator was given a confection to celebrate the coming of spring. The delightful custom of decorative sweets continued into Christian times.

A German favorite is pfefferkuchen, a hard, round, spicy cookie made in great quantities at Christmas. Scandinavian women spend days baking pastries for the holidays. French like cakes baked in the form of a chocolate yule log and Rumanians make their cakes in fords, symbolic of the swaddling clothes of the Christ Child.

Torch Parade

Caroling and Midnight Mass are longtime traditions in the mountains of Western Austria. Beginning with the family living farthest from the village church, torch-bearing carolers begin a procession. At each house along the way, greetings of "Froehliche Weihnachten" are exchanged and the inhabitants join the march to the Next home. Eventually, the whole population is part of the parade as it arrives at the church steps in time for Midnight mass.

Henry VIII Staged Great Holiday Feast

The greatest Christmas feast of all time may have been sponsored by King Henry VIII in Westminster Hall in 1248. He had tents erected and artificial gardens plotted within the spacious walls of his palace.

Knights came out of the tents to joust in tournaments and fantastically dancers emerged from the gardens to entertain guests.

Cost of gold cloth used in the celebration amounted to 600 pounds alone.

Culinary preparations for the feast can be only estimated, considering that Richard II normally employed 2,000 cooks to prepare food for the 10,000 persons who shared his festive board.

Bayberry Candle Burns For Luck

To learn your luck for the year they say, burn a bayberry dip on Christmas Day. If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear, Good Luck will be yours throughout the year.

One of the early traditions of our country was that of burning a bayberry candle on Christmas Eve to assure a long and happy life.

Early settlers discovered that the bayberry gave of a wax that would make fine candles-an important discovery because animal fats were important as food and for other uses. Consequently, animal fats were preserved as much as possible and children ere assigned the task of gathering bayberries for candle making.

Begorrah!

According to an old Irish belief, the gates of heaven open wide at midnight on Christmas Eve and those who die at that time go straight through without having to go to purgatory.

Italy's Befana Brings Gifts

One of the most interesting of our Christmas legends comes to us from ancient Italy.

The Three Wise Men, searching for the Christ Child, stopped to ask directions of an old woman, Befana. They invited her to go with them to worship the new born King, but Befana would not leave until she had swept her house and baked her bread. Impatient the Wise Men left without her.

When her housework was completed, Befana packed a basket of toys and set out to find the Wise Men. Legend says she never found them, nor the stable where Christ was born and, to this time, each Christmas she searches with her basket of toys, leaving gifts for children along the way.

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George Washington's knowledge of Christmas celebrations helped the struggle for colonial freedom.

In 1776 many, if not all, Puritans settlers in the new world disapproved of Christmas festivities. The same was not true for the mercenary Hessians fighting for King George against the colonists. They observed Christmas wherever they went.

Christmas customs throughout the world were not generally known in 1776 but George Washington knew the Hessians would be celebrating. Thus it was on December 25-6, 1776, that American troops crossed the Delaware, attacked and put to rout the surprised Hessians who were obviously sleeping off the effects of their holiday "cheer."

Christmas Decorations Outdated

The old downtown Christmas decorations must be removed from Ratliff Insurance storeroom to make room for the new Christmas Lights when they are taken down after Christmas.

The Schleicher County Progress Council would appreciate suggestions from the community on what to do with the old decorations. They have outlived their commercial use, but possibly some of the parts could be salvaged.

Anyone having suggestions about the old lights or wishing to obtain one or more of the decorations may contact Carolyn Mayo at city hall, 853-2691.

Jesus' Birth More Than Myth

Jesus' mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph, being a man of stern principle, decided to break the engagement, but to do it quietly, as he didn't want to publicly disgrace her.

As he lay awake that night considering this, he fell into a dream and saw an angel standing beside him. The Angel said, "Joseph, son of David, don't hesitate to take Mary as your wife, for the child within her has been conceived by the Holy Spirit. She will have a son and you shall name him Jesus meaning Saviour for he will save his people from their sins."

Luke has pictured Mary as a woman who had a great appreciation for deep spiritual truths. In Luke 1:46-48, Mary says, "Oh how I praise the Lord: How I rejoice in God my Savior for he took notice of his lowly servant girl and now generation after generation forever shall call me blest of God."

The virgin birth of Jesus has been a problem of great proportions to many people. If one will accept the pre-existence of Christ and his incarnation the virgin birth does not present so great a problem. The virgin birth does not save-only the Christ who was born of a virgin can save.

Words Of Encouragement

By Nadine Bell

With the sun at my back, the wind in my face I've gone ahead to prepare a place For my loved ones, and my friends This is only the beginning, its not the end.

Those skip of blue you see from below From where I', standing are made of pure gold What I see of this beautiful land

It's beyond imagination or anyones dream You'd just have to be here to know what I mean So loved ones and friends, do not question the fate That brought me here to these pearly gates.

I have no sorrow, No pain or tears. No worry about the coming years. Do not question, leave things as they are Just look to the Heavens for a brand new star.

Live your life in a single way Do your best from day to day Think of me some time, but weep no more I'll be waiting for you on that golden shore.

Live each day as tho it were the last Look to the future, Not the past No, do not question the fate or even ask why. I'm happy at home, here beyond the sky.



Tis The Season For Thanks

Once again we wish to thank each and everyone for their love and kindness, shown to Bob and I the past year. He has been in the Nursing Home. To those that took the time to shake his hand and say hello Words can never express how we feel. To Dr. Brame, The Administration, the Hospital Nurses, Thanks to all for your love, patience and cooperation. Thanks to each organization that has done things for the Nursing Home patients God Bless the ones that sent the Fruit Basket, Flowers and Cards. May God Bless everyone in our Prayers.

Bob & Susie Faught
The Barbara Bonnett Family
The Edna Bauthge Family

May Christmas bring to all our friends and neighbors a world of joy and peace.
Bar-B-Que House
David-Donna Vannett and Employees

"Mini-Spanish" Lesson

The Spanish masculine Article is el, the indefinite Article un, a, the feminine Article is la, -una, a, the Neuter, lo.

Lesson One: (lección una) (lek-see-ohn-oonah)
The universe

English	Spanish	Pronunciation
God	Dios	Dee-os
the world	el mundo	ell moon-doh
the sky	el cielo	ell see-ai-loh
the sun	el sol	ell sohl
the moon	la luna	lah loo-nah
a star	una estrella	oonah extrey, yah
the earth	la tierra	lah tee-ay-rah
the water	el agua	ell ah-gwah
the fire	el fuego	ell foo-ay-goh
the sea	el, la mar	ell lah mah
the island	la isla	lah hesslah
the lake	el lago	ell laa-goh
the river/stream	el rio	ell ree-oh
the animals	los animales	los ah-nee-mahles
the gold	el oro	ell oh-roh
the silver	la plata	lah plah-tah
the iron	el hierro (h is silent)	ell ee-aye-roh
the steel	el acero	ell ah-see-aye-rah
the copper	el cobre	ell coh-bre
the tin	el estano	ell ess-tah-nyoh

Note: The Spanish language has but one accent, called **acento agudo**, which is placed over the vowels a, e, i, o, u, it serves to lengthen the syllable, and to accentuate to accentuate it more distinctly and forcibly than the other vowels, as:

águila [ah-gee-lah], eagle
árbol [ahr-bohl], tree
amare [ah-mah-ray], I shall love
temlo [tay-mee-oh], he feared
amo [ah-mo], he loved

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Note: the underlined syllables are stressed thus being accented.
Lesson Two will continue next week.
Merry Christmas. Feliz Navidad, (feli, z nah, vee, dah)



Nursing Home Enjoys Christmas Party

The Ladies Hospital Auxiliary sponsored a Christmas party for the Schleicher County Nursing Home residents and their families Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the dining room.

The youth choir of the First Baptist Church pre-

sented a Christmas program, under the direction of Sharon Brown, youth and education director of the church.

Decorated Christmas cookies, made by the Junior Auxiliary, were served along with punch to all

nursing home residents, hospital patients, and nursing staff.

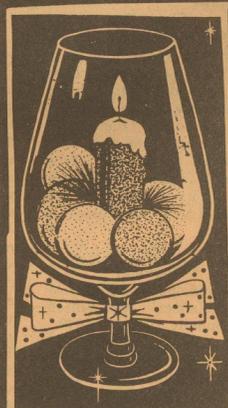
Santa Claus arrived and presented gifts to all the nursing home residents.

The Auxiliary would like to thank Rev. Ron Sutto for making Santa "available" to the party.



Merry Christmas

Best wishes for a holiday season filled to the brim with love, good cheer and laughter...cherished friends and family...peace and contentment. May this season be the happiest yet!

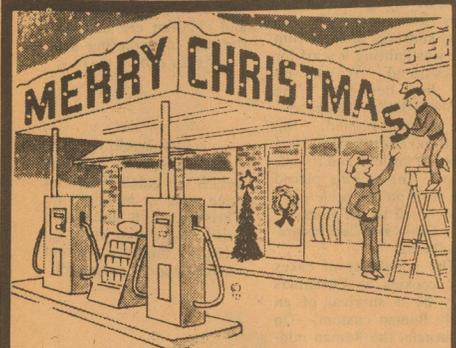


MERRY CHRISTMAS
Peace be with you now and in days yet to come.
Claude Galbreath



Wishing you all At his time of the year, A plentiful measure of
YULETIDE CHEER
Delbert & Shirley Overstreet
Rufus and Jym Trimble

Let us rejoice and welcome again the season of peace and happiness.



We'd like to say thank you for your graciousness in all our dealings and for the opportunity to be of service.
Have a Great Holiday
Willhoit Texaco Station and Employees

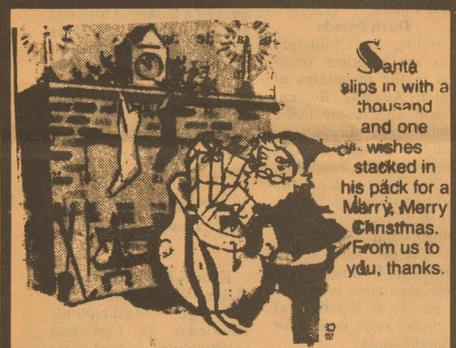
Warm Wishes
Have a bright, happy holiday season, everyone!



Schleicher County Leader
Happy Holiday to all our many friends and neighbors.
Jonnie's Beauty Shop
Jonnie, Jackie, Don, Gina & Dianna Harris



MERRY CHRISTMAS
Hoping your holiday is wreathed in joy and cheer! Thanks for the bright bloom of your friendship!
Kiddie Korner
Sheila, Kim, and Caroline

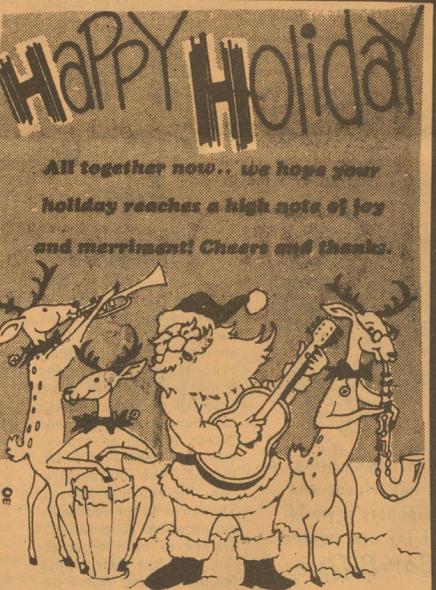


Santa slips in with a thousand and one wishes stacked in his pack for a Merry, Merry Christmas. From us to you, thanks.
Trey Trucking and Employees

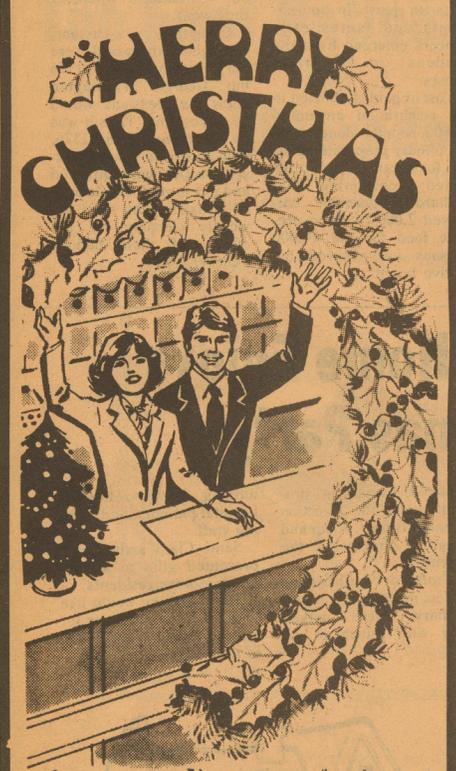


Singing your praises because you're so special, we say thanks and wish you a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
Kent's Automotive

No matter how the thought is expressed we sincerely wish you all the joys of Christmastime.



HAPPY HOLIDAY
All together now... we hope your holiday reaches a high note of joy and merriment! Cheers and thanks.
R & H Well Service, Inc. and Employee's



Extending festive wishes to our many friends in the community for a wealth of holiday joys, compounded daily! Thanks for your loyalty and trust.
The First National Bank of Eldorado



We want to offer our sincere thanks to all you wonderful people who make our day-to-day business such a pleasure.
Westerman Drug and Employee's

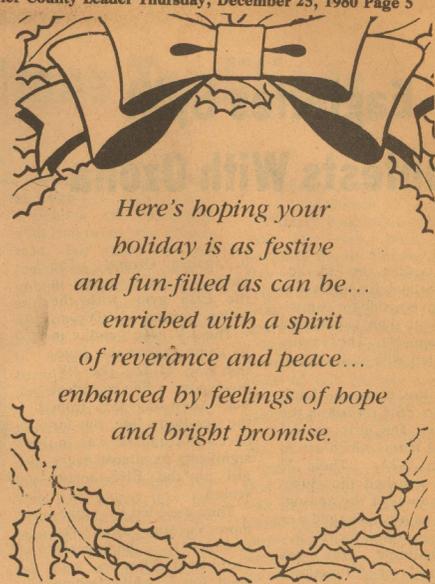


Greetings
Highest on our list of dividends is your continued confidence and trust. For this we say thanks and hope your holiday is rich in happiness and cheer.
Meador-Peters Insurance Agency
Ed, Pete and Billy



MERRY CHRISTMAS
To all mankind, a share in a world filled with hope and peace
Lynn Meador & Co.
Pete Peters, Pansie Jay, Marlene Evans, Lynn Meador

Greetings to All



Here's hoping your holiday is as festive and fun-filled as can be... enriched with a spirit of reverence and peace... enhanced by feelings of hope and bright promise.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish you a cheerful holiday season.

C.H. Poyner Const. and Employees

Be yours a holiday of old, filled with the traditional joys of the season.

Butler Supply Co. and Employees

Merry Christmas to Our Wonderful Friends

Shaw Motel Editha-Christine & Employees

MERRY CHRISTMAS

A very special "thank you" for your patronage and friendship.

Sofges Mary & Cramer Sofge

Eldorado Instruments & Controls Co. & Employees

Both Stores will be closed Dec. 25 Christmas Day

WISHING YOU THE BEST CHRISTMAS EVER!

May all the joys of this great season be yours

Eldorado Wool Co. Billy McCrawey and Employees

Have a **Jolly Holiday**

The specialty of the house is our wonderful patrons! In your honor Santa's cooking up a special order of joy and contentment... with our compliments.

Eldorado Restaurant Staff & Management

May the gift of happiness be with you.

holly house

Hwy 277 Eldorado

May your road be smooth and your fortunes wide, And those you love be at your side.

In the holiday's finest tradition we extend warm wishes and sincere thanks for your continuing faith and trust.

Merry Christmas

Adobe Mini Mart and Employees

Hwy 277 Eldorado

PEACE

Warmest holiday wishes to each and every one.

Southwest Texas Electric Co-op Directors and Employees

We Will Close on Dec. 25 and Dec. 26

In the spirit of the season, Best wishes to one and all.

Big John's Welding

John & Marlene Mitchell

In the spirit of the season, we say, "Thanks" to all our friends and customers.

Top Package Store

Rooster-Annette Derriek-Cody and Employees

Happy Holiday to all our many friends and neighbors.

Jerry's TV

Jerry-Bessie Joey-Jimmy

Eaglettes Split Contests With Ozona

Last Tuesday, the Eldorado High School Eaglettes traveled to Junction for competition with their varsity and J.V. squads. The varsity stumbled with a 46-32 defeat.

The loss drops the Eaglettes to a 6-4 record on the season. The girls are 2-3 against teams which are in District 9-2A. Their 32 points matched the club's lowest total of the season. The cagers managed 6 or 12 free-throws for 50%. The halftime score was 20-11 in favor of Junction. The Eaglettes were outscored in the final two quarters.

Junior Lori Patton was the only player in double figures, with 13. Junior Linda Gentry added 8 while junior Kim Payne scored 3. Senior Kara Homer, sophomore Dannelle Dunagan, sophomore Margie Logan, and junior Lori Whitaker each scored 2.

The varsity has recessed for the semester break and will pick-up action on Jan.

6, against Ozona. The game will be at home, in the EHS gym, with the action starting at 4:00p.m. The J.V. won handily in its game against the Junction J.V., 41-22. The J.V. now sports a fine record of 9-3. They shot 58% from the free-throw line, but for once, this statistic was insignificant as almost every girl on the EHS roster scored.

They were led by sophomore Victoria Powell who scored 11. Sophomore Stephanie Thomas was good for 7, while Davina Vannett had 6. Sophomores Amy Heald, Shanna Swift, and freshman Tammy Faries scored 2.

Sophomore Julie Cash was held to 2 points. Julie usually provides most of the thrills for the Eaglettes.

Other freshmen scoring points were Missy White, Charlotte Mobley, and Gina Patton, who each scored 2.

The J.V. will be in action along with the varsity at home on Jan. 6.



The Eaglette J.V. has a fine 9-3 record at the semester break. Coach Larry Mitchel's girls will pick up where they left off after the holidays.

Moderation And Exercise

Displeased with yourself for not saying "no" more often to calorie-laden temptations this holiday season? Beware of post-Christmas crash diet plans.

Refusing to eat is an ill-advised solution to weight loss. It can upset your body's chemistry, decreasing muscle more than fat, among other undesirable results. Those who refuse to eat for too long may permanently damage vital body functions.

Everyone should eat breakfast, according to Dairy Council nutritionists. Studies indicate that people perform their work more effectively and safely if they take time to enjoy a balanced breakfast that includes servings from the Four Food Groups:

- 1) Milk and dairy products.
- 2) Meat and meat substitutes such as eggs, dried beans and peanut butter.
- 3) Fruits and vegetables.
- 4) Breads and cereals.

Breakfast should be followed by a balanced lunch and dinner to provide an intake of nutrients and calories throughout the day, even when trying to cut back on calories.

For a serious weight problem, see your doctor, but for losing a few unwanted pounds, moderately decrease your calorie intake and increase your exercise.

In a survey of youngsters, Harvard researchers found that many gained weight not because they ate more than their thinner schoolmates, but because they exercised less. They were physically inactive 90 percent of the time and often ate fewer meals.

American consumers, like U.S. cattlemen, will suffer from a politically-motivated proposal by the Carter Administration to suspend meat import quotas in 1981, says John S. Cargile, president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

The government recently announced its intention to suspend limits on meat imports in 1981 and not negotiate import restraints with exporting nations, which U.S. cattlemen requested. The plan, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates, would bring in an extra 11 million pounds of meat.

While the total amount is not large, Cargile warned that the suspension represented a psychological blow to cattlemen, who have been losing money recently. It could discourage them from rebuilding their herds and this would mean less beef and higher prices in future years for consumers.

In a statement filed this week with USDA on behalf of 14,000 livestock producers in the Southwest, Cargile said, "This proposed action comes at a very bad time for the domestic cattle industry. Most cattlemen have been losing money during recent months because of the extraordinary escalation in production costs and low cattle prices. The drought that strangled the U.S. food-producing regions devastated cattle producers."

The San Angelo, Texas, rancher noted that the cost of supplemental grain and winter feed has broken all existing records. In many cases, ranchers in the Southwest are facing a shortage of winter feed supplies.

The counter-cyclical meat import bill, a compromise agreement hammered out by cattlemen, consumers and the Administration last year, permits the importation of more foreign meat when domestic production is low and restricts meat imports when domestic production is high. Cattlemen predict that domestic beef production in 1981 will be about as large as in 1980.

TSCRA blames higher retail meat prices on government-caused inflation and smaller supplies of other meats. The suspension of meat import quotas will have little effect on retail prices.

"We think, then, the Administration has singled out the cattle industry to bear the brunt of the food price problem. It's a politically-motivated parting shot at an industry sometimes critical of the Administration," Cargile said.

TSCRA asked in its statement that the Administration reconsidered the long term well-being of consumers and cattlemen alike and rescinded the suspension proposal. Voluntary restraint agreements with other meat-exporting nations would be in the best interest of all concerned.

By law, the Administration must make a decision on the 1981 meat import restrictions by Jan. 1. It must also allow a 30-day comment period before implementation.

Cargile urged all cattlemen and consumers to send letters protesting the proposal to Under Secretary Dale Hathaway, International Affairs and Commodity Programs, USDA, Room 6616-S, 14th and Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250 or call 202/447-8031.

TSGRA President Opposes Meat Import



Freshman Missy White

City News

By Carolyn Mayo

As we are sure most of you are aware, the gas went off last Thursday afternoon.

The City's line was being connected to the Producer's line to supply the emergency supply of gas that the City has been so anxiously awaiting. Due to circumstances beyond the City's control, the gas went off for about 5 minutes - long enough to extinguish pilot lights and cause concern. Many elderly people were contacted by phone as soon as possible; however, it is impossible to reach everyone quickly. Unfortunately the weather was warm and thanks to many of you who aided us, almost everyone found out about the situation within minutes.

On Friday problems were encountered once again when the pressure went low. The City was within 2 hours of having the emergency gas supply completed when a compressor at Page Field had to be shut down to make necessary repairs. By early afternoon the pressure was restored in most parts of town and the emergency supply was completed by early evening.

The emergency gas is a relief after many years of experiencing low or no gas pressure during cold weather. Hopefully these problems will not occur again because of the new supply. However, it is expected that the City will make arrangements for a warning system using the siren when an emergency situation exists. If such an arrangement is made, it will be publicized through the media available.

The City apologizes for the caused by the circumstances above. We also apologize for the extra strong gas odor over the weekend. Because the gas does not naturally smell, we are required to add Odorization as a safety factor and too much was put into the gas in an attempt to reach the required strength.

¶¶¶ Much concern has been voiced over the parking situation at the Post Office. Could we take this time to give you some information?

First of all, Eldorado needs the Housing Project

in a big way. The local Board applied for a total of 16 elderly units and 14 family units. The family units were not approved due to favorable locations being unavailable. The elderly units were approved after much persuasion.

The elderly units must be within walking distance of the grocery stores, drug store, Post Office, and banking facilities to qualify for funding. Also, they must be situated adjacent to a residential section and off the highway. Several locations were checked but the owners were not willing to sell their lots. The lots purchased qualified in all respects but it was necessary to purchase them at a commercial price. It was known that parking would be a problem in the beginning because the property extends very close to the Post Office building eliminating parking used by our community for many years; however, it was a situation that could not be avoided if we were to obtain the Housing Project.

Those of you finding it difficult to park at the Post Office might consider changing the time of day you visit the post office. After 1:00 it has been observed to be less crowded. Walking or driving to the Post Office is risky during peak hours from 10:00 until 1:00. Caution should be exercised to avoid accidents at all times of the day.

We know it is inconvenient to walk across the street in foul weather, but think of the convenience for the elderly at all times of the year in obtaining food, drugs, and other necessities and having a nice, warm home. This project is an asset to our community in many respects. We can all be proud of it and feel the impact on our housing by its construction. The residents pay rent based on their income and the rent pays for the project which is government funded but will eventually belong to the citizens of Eldorado. The project is locally managed by Ann Griffin. Information regarding applications for housing will be coming from her office sometime after the first of the year.

Don't forget to Register for Drawing Dec. 24 at Sofge's Four Big Prizes To Be Given Away MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mary's Gifts

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Most people injured in auto accidents are within 30 miles of home. Fifty percent of the accidents are within five miles of home.

As you read this, there are an estimated 362 million motor vehicles spluttering, roaring and zooming along the world's highways. Two out of five of all the world's cars and trucks are registered in the U.S.A.

It's buckle up time. All the time. Use those car seatbelts, especially for your children. In a 30 mph crash you can strike the dashboard with the force of a fall from a three story building. And if you think it can't happen to you, the odds are one in five that you will have some kind of car accident this year.

Believe It Or Not... Almost half of the 50,000 per year American traffic fatalities are people under 30. Car accidents are our greatest killer of young Americans.

BEWARE: A recent study showed that over half of all motorcycle accidents are caused by motorists who said they didn't see the cyclist at all or until it was too late to avoid a collision. Street intersections are the worst danger zones. Never commit yourself until you know its safe to turn or proceed through an intersection. Make sure the other traffic sees you.

Share your questions, anecdotes and observations with us. Write to:

Texas Traffic Safety Section
State Department of Highways
and Public Transportation
Austin, Texas 78701



Barn Fire

On Tuesday, December 16 at approximately 10:00 AM, three fire trucks from the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Dept. answered a call to a hay barn on fire on the Gene Edmiston ranch seven miles west of town on the Big Lake Highway. By

two o'clock that afternoon, the fire was out and about 250 bales of smoldering hay had been removed from the barn. The only damage besides to the hay was six rafters on one end of the barn that were destroyed.

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"Naw, I didn't say let's stop fightin' - jest let me ait on top fer awhile!"

ELDORADO EAGLES & EAGLETES 1980-81 Basketball



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John Callison-Owner

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DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TEAMS					
				BOYS			GIRLS		
				V.	J.V.	FR.	V.	J.V.	FR.
Nov 15	Sonora	There	5:00				x	x	x
Nov 18	Franklin	Here	6:30				x	x	
Nov 21	Sonora	Here	5:00	SCRIMMAGE			x		x
Nov 25	Franklin	There	5:00	x	x		x		
Dec 2	Iraan	There	5:00	x			x	x	
Dec 4-5	Sonora Tourney						x		
Dec 5	Brady	There	5:00	x	x	x			
Dec 9	Wall	Here	6:00				x	x	
Dec 9	Ozona	There	5:30	x	x				
Dec 11-13	Ozona Tourney			x					
Dec 11-13	Iraan Tourney						x		
Dec 16	Junction	There	6:00				x	x	
Dec 16	Ozona	Here	5:30		x	x			
Jan 6	Ozona	Here	4:00	x	x		x	x	
Jan 8-10	Eldorado Tourney						x		
Jan 9	Sonora	There	5:00	x	x	x			
Jan 13	Menard	There	5:00	x			x	x	
Jan 16	Reagan Co.	There	4:00	x	x		x	x	
Jan 20	Mason	Here	5:00	x	x		x		
Jan 22-24	Eldorado J.V. Tourney				x				x
Jan 27	Wall	There	4:00	x	x		x	x	
Jan 30	Junction	Here	4:00	x	x		x	x	
Feb 3	Ozona	There	5:00	x	x		x	x	
Feb 6	Menard	Here	5:00	x	x		x	x	
Feb 10	Reagan Co.	Here	4:00	x	x		x	x	
Feb 13	Mason	There	5:00	x			x	x	
Feb 20	Wall	Here	6:00	x	x				
Feb 24	Junction	There	6:00	x	x				

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The director of the Department of Public Safety today called on all holiday drivers to substantially improve their driving safety consciousness; otherwise, the Christmas and New

Year's holiday periods may claim as many as 95 lives. Colonel Jim Adams said "we realize the added dangers of traveling by motor vehicle during these holiday periods and we want to help avoid the tragedy and suffering which could mar this otherwise happy season."

Adams believes that "we don't have to continue suffering the spiraling traffic deaths if drivers use extreme caution in traveling on the streets and highways in Texas."

During the first 10

months of 1980 there were 356,896 motor vehicle accidents in Texas in which 153,099 persons suffered personal injuries. Adams said that in the comparable 1979 period, there were 372,448 accidents in Texas during which 153,884 persons were hurt. The total motor vehicle accidents are down 4.2 percent when compared to the same period last year.

Adams said that statewide traffic deaths are presently running about three

percent ahead of the record pace of a year ago, in which 4,229 persons were killed in motor vehicle crashes.

When comparing the first 10 months of this year against 1979 figures, Adams indicated that during the January-October period, the state had counted 3,109 fatal accidents in which 3,562 persons were killed. In the first 10 months of 1979, there had been 2,968 fatal accidents, resulting in 3,415 deaths. This reflects a 4.3 percent increase over the comparable time frame.

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17 Colleges & Universities To Receive Additional Funds

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Wednesday said collection of delinquent state ad valorem taxes will mean an extra \$7.3 million this year to 17 Texas colleges and universities.

Bullock said the money comes for collections received by his office in the last couple months from delinquent taxes for 1979

He said the funds distributed to the schools will virtually cease because the state no longer collects the 10 cents per \$100 an ad valorem tax as the result of a property tax reform law passed during the last session of legislature.

"The money being sent to the schools this month is more or less a windfall," Bullock said, "because initially it was uncertain these delinquent taxes would ever be paid."

The state's ad valorem tax has been used to support school building and construction.

Schools receiving allocations include: Angelo State, \$324,806; East Texas State University, \$162,354; Sam Houston State University, \$668,973; Midwestern State University, \$113,199; Pan American University, \$726,504; Stephen F. Austin, \$705,852; Southwest Texas State University, \$1

million; Lamar University, \$402,182; Sul Ross University, 25,881.

And, Texas A&I University, \$92,982; Texas Southern University, \$739,072; Texas Tech University, \$281,887; Texas Womens University, \$152,018; UT at Arlington, \$924,346; University of Houston, \$516,155; West Texas State University, \$90,768; North Texas State University, \$437,834.

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 10:30 p.m. Movie: *Christmas in Connecticut* 1945 comedy.
 12:30 a.m. Movie: *Kathy O'* 1958 Comedy-Drama.
 2:30 a.m. Movie: *Daughters Courageous* 1939 drama

Thursday, December 25
 7:00 P.m. Movie: *Since You Went Away* 1944 drama.
 11:00 P.m. Movie: *Little Ministers* 1934 romance.
 1:15 a.m. Movie: *Sister Kenny* 1946 drama.
 3:45 a.m. Movie: *Broadway Gondoller* 1935 Musical Comedy

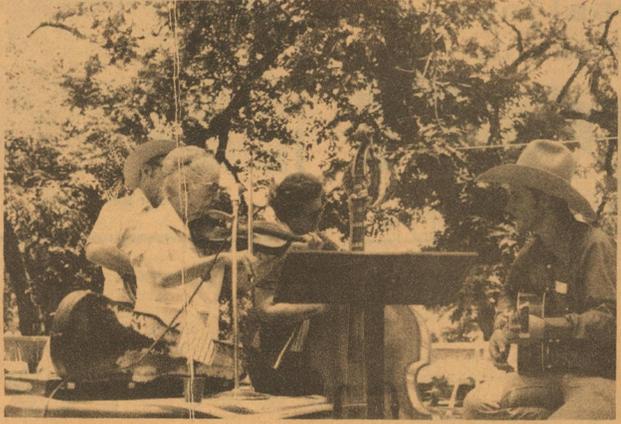
Friday, Dec. 26
 10:45 p.m. Movie: *Illustrated Man* 1969 Science-Fiction
 12:50 a.m. Movie: *My Blood Runs Cold* 1965 Horror
 3:05 Movie: *Naked Runner* 1967 suspense.

Saturday, Dec. 27
 7:30 a.m. Movie: *Last of the Fast Guns* 1958 western
 9:00 a.m. Movie: *So Well Remembered* 1947 drama.
 11:30 a.m. Movie: *Adventure of Mark Twain* 1944 comedy.
 2:30 p.m. Movie: *Blonie's Blessed Event* 1942 comedy
 12:30 a.m. Movie: *Fighting 69th* 1940 adventure
 2:30 a.m. Movie: *Torrid Zone* 1940 adventure.

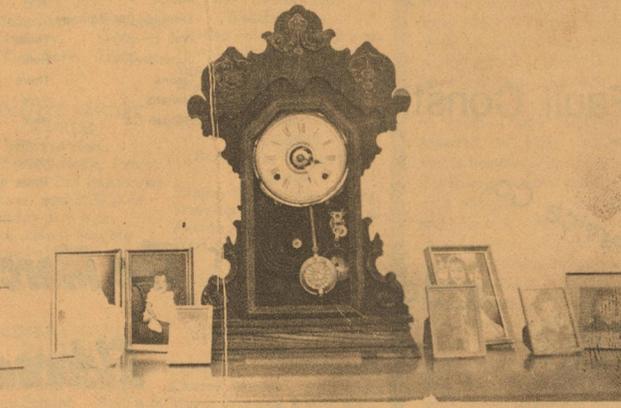
Sunday Dec. 28
 9:30 a.m. Movie: *My Cousin Rachel* 1953 drama.
 11:30 a.m. Movie: *Sound And The Fury* 1957 drama
 1:00 p.m. Movie: *Kid From Not So Big* Comedy
 3:30 p.m. Movie: *30 Foot Bride of Candy Rock* 1959 comedy
 11:30 p.m. Movie: *The Man I Love* 1946 drama
 1:30 a.m. Movie: *Pillow To Post* 1946 comedy

Monday Dec. 29
 7:00 p.m. Movie: *Three Faces of Eve* 1957 drama.
 10:30 p.m. Movie: *A Boy Ten Feet Tall* 1965 drama.
 1:00 a.m. Movie: *Sabra: Death of a Jew* 1974 drama.
 2:00 a.m. Movie: *Singapore* 1967 drama.

Tuesday, Dec. 30
 10:30 p.m. Movie: *Seven Days in May* 1964 drama.
 1:00 a.m. Movie: *She* 1965 drama
 3:00 a.m. Movie: *Hellcats* drama.



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