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State Capital NEWS

Texas Democrats were scheduled to get their first look last week at a draft of proposed party rules which are stirring some friction among state party leaders.

State Democratic Executive Committee Chairman Roy Orr of DeSoto said the SDEC rules sub-committee will hold a public hearing on the proposals here January 12 at 10 a.m. Findings will then go to the full SDEC.

Some top-ranking party officials, including Nat'l Committeewoman Mrs. Carrin Patman of Ganado, fear Orr has little enthusiasm for "reform" procedures recommended in the rules draft. Orr insists he has an open mind and want a broad-based study. Last month, he added 12 new members to the original 10-member rules-drafting panel. Among provisions in the new rules draft are these:

Those who accept party office including positions as convention delegates must pledge to support all party nominees or face removal.

Eighteen-year-olds can participate in the conventions.

Conventions must make "every feasible effort" to encourage youth, women and minority group representation on national nominating delegations.

Delegate slates should reflect a fair proportion of presidential preferences in line with the state division.

Two alternatives are suggested for precinct convention delegate selection -- by slates of candidates backing rival presidential contenders or by "candidate caucus."

At least one-third of any delegation at any level must be of sex opposite to that of the rest of the delegation.

SDEC would include three youth representatives.

AG OPINIONS - State Highway Department full-time hourly employees are entitled to the same general fringe benefits as monthly employees, but part-time employees cannot get sick leave with-pay or group health insurance payments, Atty. Gen. Crawford C. Martin has held.

In other recent opinions, Martin concluded:

The State Department of Health can purchase identifying shoulder patches for those operating public and private emergency ambulances licensed by the state.

Athletic coaches not paid as "trainers" may use such devices as ultrasound, diathermy and whirlpool on athletes without special licenses. A member of the Texas Board of Athletic Trainers may not be employed by the Board in the position of executive secretary.

COURTS SPEAK - The Court of Criminal Appeals held testimony concerning extraneous crimes involving race hatred may be allowed to establish malice in murder cases.

A Waco burglary conviction was overturned because the state failed to establish firmly that the accused man ever actually entered a warehouse where an alarm system was set off.

A marijuana possession conviction was reversed because a strong issue was raised concerning the defendant's lack of knowledge that the drug was on his property.

The State Supreme Court reversed a trial court judgment that a man injured in an elevator shaft fall was entitled to no damages and ordered a new trial.

OIL ALLOWABLE RAISED - Texas Railroad Commission raised the oil allowable 4.5% for January -- to 87.5% of potential.

Under the January figure, maximum production is estimated at 3,510,035 barrels a day, actual production at 3,148,974.

Four of 14 major buyers of crude oil requested an increase. Eight suggested the same amount, and two recommended cut.

APPOINTMENTS - Sterling K. Miller of Lubbock was named by Governor Smith to the board

of trustees, Municipal Retirement System, succeeding Clifford L. Davis of Amarillo who resigned.

Smith designated Burton G. Hackney as his liaison with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare in coordinating enforcement of regulations governing nursing home care in Texas.

Governor picked George F. Rhodes of Park "avaca" to serve on the board of directors of Arts and Industries University at Kingsville. He also reappointed Everett B. Braden of Edinburg and J.C. Martin Jr. of Laredo to the A. & I. Board.

Other reappointments include Henry M. Bell Jr. of Tyler and C.O. Chandler of Victoria to the Teacher Retirement System Board.

SHORT SNORTS
The Texas economy has not yet recovered from a 1969-70 recession, Texas Employment Commission says.

Gov. Smith dedicated the giant Christmas tree in the capitol rotunda to prisoners of war and those missing in military action.

Dept. of Public Safety Directors Wilson Speir predicted nearly 100 deaths in Texas during the holidays.

State Board of Insurance promises the nation's toughest rules for enforcing new Texas insurance holding co. systems act.

Governor promised all available help for flooded areas in Northeast Texas.

Texas is in final phases of a four-step hog cholera eradication program. Producers will now have increased markets out of state.

Forty-one criminal justice grants totalling more than \$2.2 million received final approval.

Sales Tax Deductions Are Listed In Tables

The amount North Texas taxpayers can deduct for sales tax on Federal tax returns appears in tables printed in the 1040 tax instructions.

Willis Campbell, Jr., District Director of Internal Revenue for North Texas, said the tables show the sales tax deduction by family size and income.

The table is based on consumer spending patterns and shows the average sales tax paid by Texas residents, he said.

The sales tax on automobiles, boats, trailers, and airplanes is not included in the table. Taxpayers who bought these items in 1971 may add deductible sales taxes paid on them to the amount shown in the table.

The table is furnished as a guide for the convenience of taxpayers who don't keep detailed records of payments. Taxpayers who prefer to deduct the actual amount of state sales taxes paid during the year should have records as proof of payment, Campbell said.

CHRISTMAS

CHRIST was born to make men free
Here on earth for you and me
Right now at this time of year
In to this world came one so dear

Sent from Heaven up above
To seek to save and to love
May all our hearts sing out a new

As all our blessing we renew
So a Merry Christmas to you
If you would put Christ in your Christmas
Ye must be born again John 3:3.

J.B.

McLean News Office To Close For Holidays

The McLean News Office will be closed all day Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the Christmas holidays.

Merry Christmas

Heald Church To Have Christmas Program Friday

The Heald United Methodist Church will hold their annual Christmas program Friday, December 24th at 6:30 p.m. Santa Claus will make a visit and pass out treats to the children. Everyone is invited to come.

MUSEUM MEMORABILIA

by Vera Featherston Back

To all the good women and men who have supported the museum in so many ways during the last year, I want personally to say "Thank you."

To those who called on the telephone or told me in person that they appreciated my attempt at writing this column, I want to express my appreciation for your encouragement. Mine is a busy schedule and some times there is not enough hours or minutes to put on paper properly just what I mean. This is the case this week so what I had in my heart and mind to say must wait for a future day.

The museum registered its 21,000th visitor this week, and several of the hostesses have had "fan" letters from some of the tourists we've shown through. Perhaps we can print some of those next week.

Right now I must hurry to my great grand daughter's music recital, then come home and decide what I'm going to cook for Christmas dinner.

In the meantime, do have a Merry Christmas and may the year 1972 be good to you and yours!

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field; keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round and about them: and they were sore afraid.

— Luke 11, 8 and 9

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cullison and Mrs. W. E. Kennedy last Sunday were Mrs. Margaret Atkins of New Orleans, La., and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hommel of Alanreed and Mrs. Cora Price of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hommel and Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Hommel of Clarendon, Mr. Frank Kennedy and son, Dan of Vega and Mr. Roy Cullison, Jr., of Pampa.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admitted
A. O. Aybee
Roy McMullen
John Lantz
Walter Comstock

Dismissed
Roy McMullen
Clyde Willis
Virginia Dalton

Visiting Hours
2-4 p.m. - 7-8:30 p.m.

No Morning Visiting Hours
Please observe visiting hours



MR. & MRS. EBB PATTON

Mr. & Mrs. Ebb Patton To Celebrate Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Patton are hosting a reception in honor of their parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, January 1st, from seven to ten p.m. at the McLean Country Club.

They extend an invitation to their friends and relatives to attend.

Eddy Finley Graduates From Texas Tech

Eddy Finley received a B. A. degree in Agricultural Education at Texas Tech University, Lubbock. Graduated with a grade point average in his major of 3.46.

Finley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Finley of Alanreed, has served as President of Tech Future Farmers of America, as a director of Texas Tech Rodeo Association, the Nat'l Inter-collegiate Rodeo Association, Texas Tech Collegiate FFA Chapter, Texas Tech Aggie Council Representative, nominated for Who's Who across the Nation's Campuses, and voted the Outstanding student in the Student-Teacher Education Block. Finley also received the American Farmer Degree while attending Tech.

VA says a veteran with a permanent plan G.I. insurance policy over one year old can borrow up to 94% of its cash value.

Christmas Has Many Names...

In Greece Christmas is called "Genethlia," feast of the Nativity.

Noel is the term used for Christmas in France.

An Italian name for Christmas is "Nativita" from which probably derived the Spanish "Navidad."

The German "Heilige Nacht" signifies "holy night."

The likeliest derivation of our own "Christmas" is from the Hebrew "mas" which means tribute.

THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL



Richard Crockett Completes Work At Okla. College

A grand total of 253 seniors and graduate students were expected to complete work this week toward degrees at Southwestern State College.

Among the 253 from McLean will be Richard Kent Crockett, health and physical education. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Crockett.

Free Booklet Gives Farm Tax Tips Sales Tax Deduct

The 1972 edition of the "Farmer's Tax Guide" is now available from county agricultural agents or the Internal Revenue Service, Ellis Campbell, Jr., District Director of Internal Revenue for North Texas, said today.

The booklet, IRS Publication 225, shows how farmers should fill out the 1040 tax return and which schedules should be attached. A listing of important Federal tax dates for farmers can also be found in the publication.

Written in non-technical language, the tax guide contains many examples of how farm transactions are handled for Federal income tax purposes.

Although primarily written to help farmers prepare their 1971 tax return, the Guide is useful as a reference throughout the year.

Harvest Is Halted Because Of Weather

Harvest in the Memphis area was halted mid-week by heavy fog and light rain, according to W. E. Cain, in charge of the USDA's Cotton Classing Office in Memphis. "Farmers returned to fields late Thursday and gins were receiving cotton Friday morning," said Cain.

The Memphis office has classed 13,000 samples as of Friday, December 17, compared to 77,800 by the same date last year.

Strict Low Middling Light Spot and Low Middling Light Spot were the predominant grades and accounted for 81% of cotton classed for the week.

The predominant staple was 31 with 54% followed by 32 with 31% and 30 with 12%.

Micronaire readings were in the 3.5 to 4.9% range on 58%. The 3.3 to 3.4 and 3.0 to 3.2 range each accounted for 19%.

Fiber strength readings showed 93% of the samples tested 75,000 psi or higher.

The cotton market continues very active with a strong demand. Prices continued upward advancing 125 to 150 points over last week. Mixed lots, Light Spots in grade, 30 and higher staples, 3.2 and higher mike, sold for 30.74 to 31.25 cents per pound.

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: For thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

— Hebrews 13:2

Carey Don Smith Is Lion Of The Year

The McLean Lions Club held their ladies night Christmas banquet Monday night at the Country Club with 61 people attending.

A musical program was presented by the youth choir of the First Baptist Church. They were led by Russell Caldwell and Mrs. Russell Caldwell at the piano.

Carey Don Smith was named as Outstanding Lion of the year for 1971.

The meal, which was prepared by Mary Groves and Wanda Bailey was served by members of the F.H.A.

DPS Predict 100 Deaths During The Holidays

Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today issued a plea for Texas motorists to join law enforcement officials in a conscious effort to reduce holiday traffic accidents.

Speir said the DPS expects almost 100 traffic fatalities in Texas during the Christmas-New Year holiday season. He estimates that 52 persons will be killed during the Christmas period from 6 p.m. Thursday, December 23 through midnight Sunday, December 26. An additional 46 deaths are expected during the New Year holiday which begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 30 and ends at midnight Monday, January 2.

The DPS director cited statistics which show that last year, December led all other months for fatal traffic accidents in Texas. He said deaths for the 1970 Christmas week-end period, with those for the New Year holidays running 51% above average. Deaths for all four major holiday weekends in Texas last year were 26% higher than the average of all other comparable weekend periods.

In an effort to reduce the expected toll, Speir said the Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement officers will be out in force during the holidays, and will be paying special attention to hazardous violations such as speeding and driving while intoxicated.

Also, in cooperation with local agencies and the news media of Texas, the DPS will conduct its "Operation Motorcade" during both the Christmas and New Year holidays. Special tabulations on fatal accidents will be prepared and issued three times daily in an effort to focus maximum public attention on the accident and traffic problem.

Home Fires Can Turn Christmas Joy To Tragedy

'Tis the season to be jolly, the season when homes are gaily decorated with angels, reindeer, jolly old Saint Nick and brightly lit with the multi-colored lights of the season. Because of these lights and other electric decorations, it's also a season when the danger of home fires is greatly increased.

Be sure to check the wiring and connections in all electric decorations and replace burned out or broken bulbs. Home owners are urged to disconnect all interior and exterior decorations before retiring for the night, for safety's sake.

Last year residential fires claimed 155 lives in Texas, and fire struck a private home or apartment every 24 minutes of every day.

Live trees should be firmly stationed in a bucket of sand or comparable substance and watered regularly to keep them from drying out, and the trees should not be kept five or six weeks in a dry, inside environment.

Soy beans impart the characteristic flavor to Worcester-shire sauce.

SWCD Have Their Monthly Meeting

The Gray County Soil & Water Conservation District met for their regular monthly meeting December 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex in Pampa. Those present were Directors Curtis Schaffer, Milton Carpenter, Robert Sailor, Sam Bowers, and Tony Smitherman. Others present were Mickey Black, DC, SCS and James Cllett, former director.

The board approved new resources conservation plans on Truitt Stewart and H. W. Taylor.

In a motion made by Tony Smitherman, seconded by Robert Sailor, the Directors reviewed and voted to accept and have printed the revision of the Program and Plan of Work for the Gray County Soil & Water Conservation District.

In their November 24, meeting the Board voted to be the Sponsoring Institution of a local Explorer Post on Conservation of Natural Resources.

The next post meeting is scheduled for January 13. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Legend of Poinsettia Has Origin in Mexico

Many legends of the Christmas season are concerned with children. This one is about a little boy who wanted to give something worthy to the Christ child.

In a town in Mexico it was the custom for the people to take gifts to the church on Christmas Eve and offer them to the little Christ.

The boy, having nothing to offer, stood outside the church, dejectedly.

But, he thought to himself, at least I can pray. And so he knelt down outside the window where he could hear the organ music.



When he rose again to his feet he saw in the spot where he had knelt a beautiful plant with scarlet leaves and a yellow flower in the center.

Dumbstruck, yet realizing he was witnessing a miracle, he gently plucked the stalk and took it, full of wonder, into the church to lay on the altar.

The Mexicans called the plant "The Flower of the Holy Night."

Years later an American Ambassador to Mexico, Dr. Poinsett, took the plant to the United States. Thus, the name "poinsettia." Ironically we do not know the name of the little boy who experienced the miracle.

"Whoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas and the like, either by forbearing labor, feasting, or any other way upon such account as aforesaid, every such person so offending shall pay for each offense five shillings as a fine to the country."

Law passed by the Pilgrims in 1659.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Smarty Pants, a High Chair, View-Master and a checker game. How is Mrs. Santa Clause? All of us in our family have been good.
Your friend
Jamie Glass

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a minibike for Christmas, a racecar set and a set of drums too. I will tell my mother to put some milk and cookies for you.
Your friend
Jim

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a bingo game and a truck and trailer with horses in it. And a pistol and a Daniel Boone hat. And bring some things for my brothers and little sister too. Thank you Santa,
Brandon Yocham

Dear Santa,
I would like a sewing machine.
Margaret Horn

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade, I would like Table and Chairs, Baby Under Love and a Guitar for Christmas.
Love,
Eva Anderson

Dear Santa Claus,
Here are some of the things I would like to have for Christmas. I would like very much to have a Timie Tell baby doll I would also like a Baton and some pom poms. If you have some doll houses I would like to have one please.
I would enjoy any of these things or anything else you bring me.
Thank you
Janise Brown

EDUCATION CORNER

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE
What is the purpose of vocational agriculture? How can vocational agriculture help my son? These are the two questions that most people will ask about this study. I would like to answer these questions, and a few others, in this article.

First, I would like to state that Vocational Agriculture is a course of study to train boys for a life in agriculture and animal husbandry. Today, agriculture does not only mean farming and ranching, but it also includes many other jobs from selling agricultural products and supplies and to manufacturing clothing. In fact, about 90 per cent of all jobs in the United States are related in some way to agriculture.

There are many purposes found for vocational agriculture a few are: to develop competent, aggressive leadership, to strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and others; to develop character; to train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism; to participate in co-operative efforts; to encourage and practice thrift; and last, but not least, to encourage improvement in scholarship.

In Vocational Agriculture there are seven fields of study: leadership, parliamentary procedure, animal science, agricultural mechanics, soil science plant science, and record keeping. In Vocational Agriculture II, we study the same fields but in greater depth. In III and IV we add agricultural management, as well as many fields that have been studied, but this time in more detail and much more advanced. Each of these studies have several phases of study within them. For example, Animal Science covers breeds, selection of breeding, feeding, and diseases. Students study types of soil, conservation, improvement and use of the soil.

One of the requirements of Vocational Agriculture is that every boy must have some kind of project in order to be able to pass the course. Most of our students have projects such as pigs, calves, or rabbits. The student is solely responsible in planning, caring for, and marketing his own project. The parents are not to have any part whatsoever, in his project. If the student can not take care of his own project, he is unable to make money. This should be his loss, not the parents.

Vocational Agriculture has an organization, which I feel, is the best training for any boy. The Future Farmers of America. This organization has a motto: Learning to do, Doing to learn, Earning to live, Living to serve.

To me, this states what everyone should be doing. In Vocational Agriculture we learn to do; in Future Farmers of America, we do to learn. There are four degrees of active membership: Greenhand, Chapter, Lone Star State, and American. Each of these are based upon leadership, scholarship, cooperation, and earnings. The Greenhand and Chapter Farmer Degrees are based on local levels. The State Farmer is awarded at State level with only 500 out of a 15,000 membership being awarded each year. The American Farmer Award is given on a National basis and only two per cent of the national membership can receive this degree.

There has been an effort by some to change the name of this organization because, today it is not only an organization for



It's time to say
"Merry Christmas"
to our friends

CHRISTMAS GREETING
To our friends with whom we're somehow out of touch; And to our family we love so much:

A Merry Christmas!
From Bill & Cindy Wilson

CHRISTMAS GREETING
Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Simmons of Granada Hills, Calif. wishes all of their friends in McLean a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He is the brother of Helen Simmons of McLean.

TO MARY MARTHA CLASS
To the Mary Martha Sunday School Class: Best Wishes to you all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Your teacher

Did you know that the first Christmas stocking was first hung in either France or Belgium!

Did you know that mistletoe was used centuries ago to ward off witches and now it is used to lure a kiss!

Did you know that the first Christmas tree erected in a church in U.S., in 1851 shocked its Cleveland congregation. It was considered too heathenish!

future farmers, it is also an organization for any agriculturist. But let me ask you a question, "If you take the farmer out of the Future Farmers of America, what do you have left?"

My philosophy of education is to instill a desire in students that will cause each student to have definite goals he wishes to attain. I believe in setting high standards or goals in the class and in life itself. I try to instill a love for Agriculture in my students that will be to their benefit after they leave school and enter into the field of life. I believe that success and hard work go hand in hand. The primary objective of my course will be to prepare the student for farming or other agricultural related occupations.

James Moffett

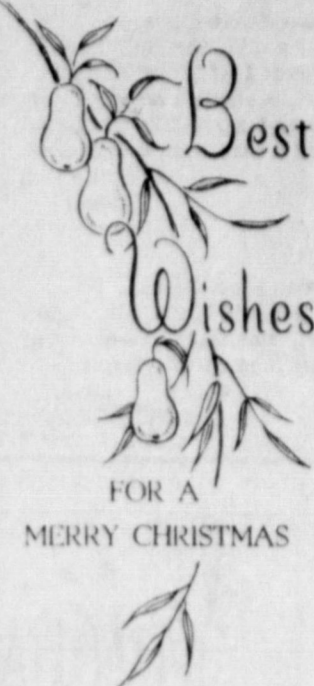
Lucille Cullison Is Tops Weekly Queen

By Lucille Cullison, Reporter
The Derby Town Tops Club met for their regular weekly meeting on Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Cheryl Smith.
Gladys Smith weighed in the members and recorded the weight chart.
Deloris Bailey, treasurer took care of the club finances. The club members had a 7

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1/2 pound weight loss. Lucille Cullison is the weekly queen for having the most weight loss and she took home the fruit basket.
Members losing weight were allowed to draw a gift from the treasure chest. Those gaining weight, remember to bring a gift to place in the chest at the next meeting.
Members present for the meeting were Deloris Bailey, Lucille Cullison, Pearl Dickinson, Viola Glass, Gladys Smith, Muriel Moore, and Mary Terry

Members coming and weighing in were Nola Crisp, Marilyn Mounce, Mary Lou Glass and Evelyn Hunt.
A hearty welcome is extended to any new members.

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CELEBRATION

A fragrant pine wreath festooned with a big red bow encircles the door knocker, a symbol of hospitality. Inside, the tree blazes with rainbow lights, and there is a tiny creche on the mantel. You light the red candles on the table and serve coffee and sandwiches and cake. The atmosphere is rich with warmth and friendliness.

This is Christ's birthday and we are celebrating, and, in a magical way, it seems to instill in all of us a special feeling of friendship and love for our fellowman. What a wonderful thing it would be if we could keep this Christmas spirit in our hearts all year long!

To do so would be perfection—and that is something none of us can quite attain. But through the Church we CAN keep faith and truth within us from one Christmas to the next. Try it, and see.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Romans	Mark	Luke	Luke	Matthew	Matthew	Hebrews
2, 10-16	8, 34-38	2, 8-20	2, 8-20	1, 18-25	2, 1-12	10, 19-25

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Jerry Tucker of Shamrock, Preaching, Services, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Herman W. Bell, Pastor
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:45 p.m.

ALAN REED
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Church Services 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 7:00 p.m.
Church Services 8:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wed 8:00 p.m.
W.M.S., Monday 2:00 p.m.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH
Matthew L. Bailey
Services will be held each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
David V. Fultz, Minister
Sunday Services
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Morning Service 10:50 a.m.
Evening Service 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Ladies Bible Study 10:00 P.M.
Midweek Worship 7:00 P.M.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Z.A. Myers, Pastor
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
Walter L. Comstock, Pastor
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

HEALD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor, Robert W. Brown
Sunday Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor, Robert W. Brown
Sunday Services
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.
U.M.Y.F. 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Choir 7:30 p.m.
YOUR ARE INVITED AND WELCOME TO ALL SERVICES.

Thank You

May each moment of Christmas ring with joy for you and your family.

CHARLES TEXACO
CHARLES AND CATHERINE WEAVER

REJOICE
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- BILLY B. ADAMS
- JIM ALLISON
- HERMAN W. BELL
- W.A. BENTLEY
- ROBERT W. BROWN
- RUSSELL CALDWELL
- S.A. COUSINS
- BILL CROCKETT
- DAVID V. FULTZ
- HUGH GATELY
- DALE GLASS
- JIM HATHAWAY
- JOHN C. HAYNES
- JOHN M. HAYNES
- SAM A. HAYNES
- CARL LEE HENLEY
- LLOYD HUNT
- JERRY JANS
- ORA KUNKEL
- BOB MASSEY
- J.W. MEACHAM
- BOYD MEADOR
- BRYAN PARKER
- CLARENCE PIERCE
- GARLAND RAMSEY
- JACK R. RILEY
- TED SIMMONS
- W.C. SIMPSON
- CAREY DON SMITH
- CASPER SMITH
- TONY SMITHERMAN
- JAMES THOMPSON
- SAMUEL GAYTON

MEMBERS AT-LARGE

- RICHARD BACK
- ELLIOT BAILEY
- LYNDON CRELIA
- HAROLD FABIAN
- FARIS HESS JR.
- CREED LAMB
- EVAN SITTER
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The McLean Lions Club

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THE McLEAN NEWS

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Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a hot wheels set, a wagon, a football, pump, baseball, bat, and ants in the pants for Christmas, and a new record player.

Love
Calvin

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 3 years old. I am good. I want a 57 piece Prehistoric Set, a sizzlers fat track, Snoopy and the Red Barron Game, and a snap tight Red Barron.

Thank you,
Robert

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a bike, gun set, spinbuggy, 22 shotgun, and a game of sorry.

Love,
Billy Campbell

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B. B. gun and a cox Dragster. I also want a game called Tower Climb. I want a sizzler great freight set and I want a Scout knife. I want a trail 70 and a honda Mini Trail.

Love,
Jeffrey

Dear Santa
Guess what I want for Christmas? I want a David Cassidy Record, a race set, a drum set and a pellet gun.

Yours always
Deb

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby doll, baby bed, bottle, doggy, ring, necklace, balloon and chairs.

Bye
Angela (age 3)

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a girl's bike and a baby Tender Love and a gold and black pom pom and a Mr. Bizzy buzz. I have misbehaved a little bit, but I have tried to be a good girl.

Cathy Crelia

Dear Santa Clause,
I love you, I wish that Christmas could be every day. Why did your name used to be Kris Kringle? I would like Baby Tender Love, a girl's bike and a drum and guitar and a gold and black pom pom

Love
Belinda Crelia

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been a real good boy this year. I want a rock polisher, a hot wheels car and a Rock 'em Sock 'em Robot. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Darrell David Myers

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a Timie Tell doll and play doctor set?

Sheryl Rollison

Dear Santa,
My name is Teven Carter, and I would like a shooting gallery, football and helmet, some crash cars and a pogo stick. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Thank you.

Love, Steven

Dear Santa,
I want Tiny Tell. Bring my Sister some thing. She is nice.

Love,
Debbie Hutchinson

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll that does not have a string to talk. I do want the doll that moves her arms and legs. The doll is Baby Tender Love. I would also like some clothes for my baby doll.

I am trying to be a good girl but sometimes I forget. You may give me more present if you think I am good enough.

Love,
Teresa Woods

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a spinbuggy and art paper and pastels. I also want a game called Hurry Up. I will leave you a glass of milk and cookies. My little brother wants a Matels talking storybook, and some other books.

Love,
Bill Hambricht



Jim Roach, Conservation Technician, with the Soil Conservation Service and Morris Enloe look over parallel terraces being constructed on the Bill Waters farm south of Grandview. Parallel terraces are being constructed with cost-share assistance under the Great Plains Conservation Program.

Parallel Terraces Prove To Be Good Conservation Practice

The use of parallel terraces on dryland cropland has proven to be an excellent soil and water conservation practice according to Jim Roach, Conservation Technician, with the Soil Conservation Service in Pampa. The use of parallel terraces could have prevented much of the soil loss that resulted in the recent three to five inch rains received in Gray County, said Roach. Soil erosion is most obvious on rolling land, but also takes place on flat land, in the form of sheet erosion, which is harder to see at times. Much valuable topsoil is lost through winter erosion. Also, valuable moisture is lost. Without terraces to control the runoff of water, it leaves without having time to penetrate into the soil and is gone forever.

Roach stated, parallel terraces are constructed in a manner that the interval between the terraces have been leveled to some extent depending on how steep the land is where the terraces are built. This enables the water to be spread more uniformly over your cropland. Parallel terraces will eliminate most point rows and can be adapted to all kinds of farming operations, according to Roach. They are also adapted to all types of soils, whether sandy loams or clays.

Bill Waters of Pampa completed a system of parallel terraces on his farm south of Grandview this year. Over the past two years, he has built approximately 26,000 feet of parallel terraces.

Cost-share assistance is available through the Great Plains Conservation Program, administered by the Soil Conservation Service, and the Rural Environmental Assistance Program, administered by the ASCS, for construction of parallel terraces and many other conservation practices. For information concerning the use of parallel terraces, contact your local Soil Conservation Service office.

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Dixie Motel

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Those who plan to enroll in the Electronics program this spring should begin the registration procedure now. Classes will start on January 19. Further information about the Electronics Programs may be obtained at the Amarillo College campus at 2210 S. Washington or by calling or writing Dr. A.F. Adkins, Chairman, Department of Electronics, P.O. Box 447, Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

A.C. Initiates Spring Semester Enrollment

The Electronics Department at Amarillo College will offer electronics classes for beginning electronics students this coming spring semester. This will be the first spring semester in which first semester Freshmen Electronics classes will be offered at Amarillo College. In previous years these classes were offered in four degree programs -- Biomedical Electronics Technology, Electronics Engineering Technology or Electronics Computer Technology. The Associate in Applied Science Degree is awarded for the successful completion of any of the programs.

While the primary objective of each program is to prepare the student for immediate employment in the Electronics industry, these programs may be transferred into a bachelor's degree curriculum at a number of colleges and universities.

The Electronics program at Amarillo College allows a student with no previous training or experience in Electronics to complete the first semester of his training before deciding upon the degree program he wishes to continue. The core

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CARD OF THANKS
 I want to express my appreciation to my friends and neighbors for the cards, flowers, visits and for their concern during my stay in the hospital following my accident and also since I have come home. Louise McDonald

I Believe
 I believe the only way any church can get a blessing, is to lay aside all difference, all criticism, all coldness, all self-righteous and haughty attitudes and come before the Lord as one man, and when the church lives in the power of the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, I am sure that many will be added daily to the flock of God. Let's read this chapter together on our knees and ask God to apply his power to us. Are you willing?
 LaNora

Food For The Holidays
 On the 12 days of Christmas, serve economical, nutritious foods to your true loves, suggests Frances Reasonover, Extension foods and nutrition specialist at Texas A&M University. Foods packed with nutritional goodness and tagged with reasonable prices are represented in each of the four food groups, Miss Reasonover reminds. From the meat group include turkey, broiler-fryers and eggs in holiday meal planning; from the fruit-vegetable group include potatoes, apples, cranberries and split and fresh peas; from the milk group include a custard; and from the cereal group include rice, she suggests. Using these foods for Christmas dinners and snacks will help boost good eating, yet cut down on too many sweets and too many calories, the specialist points out. For example, turkey is relatively low in calories, but it's what you add to the turkey that hikes up the pounds. So if serving turkey with dressing, which represents the bread group, cut down on other breads. Sweet potatoes with marshmallows, a traditional dish to serve, should be accompanied with low calorie vegetables, seasoned with appropriate spices but with little or no butter or margarine, she says. Vegetables prepared this way will better complement the flavor of the sweet potatoes. Finish the meal with a hearty custard that represents the milk group, and garnish with a cherry. Cranberries can be used in salads such as an ambrosia or served plain as cranberry sauce. Or try a cranberry upside-down cake for afternoon snacking. To make, spread canned whole cranberry sauce over the bottom of a buttered cake pan, top with a simple sponge or butter cake mix, bake as directed and invert onto a platter. When serving traditional Christmas goodies to your family, then, don't forget the importance of good nutrition and calorie watching. You'll have both a merrier holiday and a happier new year, Miss Reasonover adds.

Food For The Holidays
 Muscles normally account for 40% of the body weight.

FERTILIZER EQUIPMENT PRODUCTS SHOW - An equipment and products show will be the highlight of the Texas Plant Food and Equipment Exposition January 4-6 at Fort Worth. The exposition is the annual meeting of the Texas Plant Food Institute and is a redirecting of the annual Texas Fertilizer Conference.

News From ALANREED

By Mrs. P. M. Gibson
 H. H. Worsham and P. M. Gibson made a business trip to Shamrock on Tuesday. Bill and Sue Crisp of Lockney are in the process of moving back to Alanreed. Welcome back.

A Alanreed Home Demonstration Club met Dec. 15th in the home of Mrs. Art Rohde. It was the club's annual Christmas meeting. The afternoon was spent playing bingo. Then gifts were exchanged and delicious refreshments of frito's sour cream dip, cake, nuts and strawberry coke sherbet. Attending were Anita Bruce, Lucy Goldston, Polly Harrison, Mae Moreman, Onie Gibson, and the hostess Gail Rohde and Robbin.

Onie Gibson visited the T. T. Griffins and Mrs. M. E. Brown on Thursday in McLean. Mr. and Mrs. Waters of Clarendon gave a surprise dinner and money tree to her father, Mr. J. M. (Short) Hill of McLean, on Saturday his 70th birthday. Attending from Alanreed was Dick and Gladys Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cooper of Amarillo visited in McLean and Alanreed Saturday. Moving here from El Paso is Mrs. Worsham's sister. The frames are going up to make the walls for the first rabbit building. O. L. is wishing for sunny days and not so cold.

Mrs. Gardner arrived Monday the 20th from El Paso. The Christmas party at the Alanreed school was a huge success. A large crowd was there. A number of plays was put on by the entire school, and it was real good. And from our house to yours. We wish you each one a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Phillip, Onie, Diane Gibson

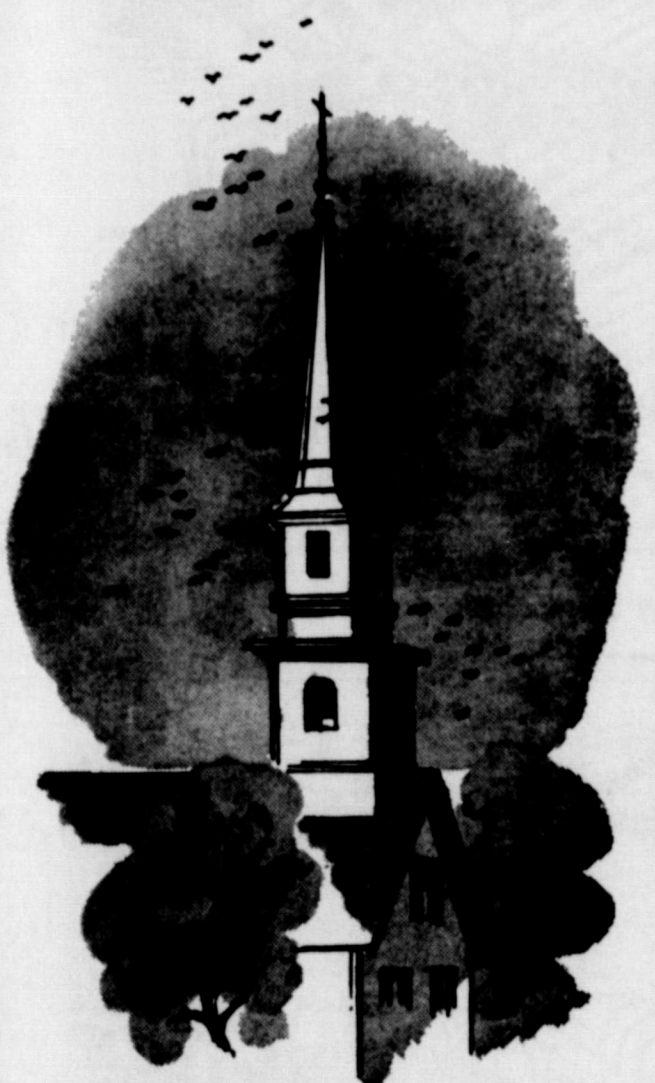
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- DECEMBER 24 NONE
- DECEMBER 25 Ted Simmons Casey Findley Carlin Scott Mrs. Pat Carmichael Noble Touchstone
- DECEMBER 26 Hershel Nicholson Martiese Cunningham Doine Word Conatser Donald Ray Patterson
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- DECEMBER 29 Randy Curry Margaret Jean West
- DECEMBER 30 Eddie Kent Wilson

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GREETINGS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AT CHRISTMASTIME!

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Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old and have been a good girl this year. I really help my mommy and daddy. I would like to have a smarty pants doll and a school house. I will be at Granny Tex and Big John Rallsback's house for Christmas. Don't forget my baby sister, Susan, and my cousin, Jeff. I love you, Santa.

Thank you
Julie Garner

Dear Santa,
I am only 9 1/2 months old and I have been a good little girl. Would you please bring me a cuddle doll, some pull toys, blocks and a toy-chest to put them in.

Please don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Love,
Sally Leigh
Worsham

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and live in McLean. I would like for you to bring Mr. A, a Record player, Pool table, Records and a Bicycle. I will leave you some candy on the table.

Thank you
Ray Mac Blaylock

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Misty and I'm two years old. I try to be good and do what I'm told, but a year is a longtime. I'm sure you agree, so when you bring gifts, have mercy on me. Sometimes dad gets sore and can't understand how a girl like me forgets a command. And sometimes my mother gets quite upset if I spill my dinner, or feed it to the pet. So I won't ask for much. Since my slate's not to clean.

It's just that I forget. I'm not really mean. So if you see fit on Christmas eve night, please bring me a wagon, tricycle, baby doll, and a talking phone. Oh yes, Dear Santa, one thing I might add, don't forget others and mother and dad and I'll try to do better all through next year and lengthen my list before you get here.

Thank you
Misty McLemore
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Doug Clawson and great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Clawson of McLean.

Bodies of poet William Blake and his wife lie in pauper's grave in Buyhills fields, Finsbury.



This is one of several ponds in Gray County cost-shared with cost-share assistance under the Rural Environmental Assistance Program administered by the ASCS Office.

The Soil Conservation Service helps farmers and ranchers develop conservation practices by providing technical help and also by offering cost-share assistance. All cost-share assistance given directly through the SCS comes from the Great Plains Conservation Program, says Phil Richey, range conservationist with the SCS in Pampa. However, the ASCS office here offers cost-share assistance now through the Rural Environmental Assistance Program or REAP.

Richey goes on to say many farmers and ranchers do not take advantage of this program. The SCS gives needed field work for REAP. "We have given assistance to several farmers this year in installing irrigation systems or pipelines," says Richey, but the program covers a lot more than this. There are a total of 18 practices approved for cost-share assistance in Gray County. Besides irrigation related practices, REAP pays on range and pasture seeding, cross fencing, brush control by spraying, drilling livestock wells, farm ponds, constructing waterways, terraces, and diversion erosion control dams, drop structures, shallow water areas for wildlife, livestock waste lagoons and others.

REAP is not as extensive as the Great Plains Conservation Program, but rather is geared to help a lot of people. Any farmer or rancher is eligible to sign up. Cost-share amounts to 30-50 per cent of cost on approved practices.

Richey says there is money available now. To apply or obtain information come by the SCS or ASCS office in the Gray County Courthouse annex on Highway 60 east of Pampa.

Thomas A. Edison was granted more than 1,000 U.S. patents.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Would you please bring me an organ and a Tender Love doll with a bath tub?
Christie Patton

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am a boy. I want a funlight and a spin-buggy. I want a mini bike too. My brother wants a home for Christmas. I have been good. Well, good by.
Love,
Terry H.

Dear Santa,
Well this year I would like a new box of Pamper's and a new blue Pacifier and a truck and a baby blanket for Christmas.

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want 2 chairs, a Charlie Brown, a brush and comb, Shampoo boat, train with wood, Daniel Boone, a green chair and some eggnog.
John (age 4)

My Neighbors



"Please hold your questions until I've finished!"

Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes,
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawning singeth all night long;
And then, they say, no spirit can walk abroad;
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike,
No fairy takes, no witch hath power to charm;
So hallow'd and gracious is the time.
Hamlet, Act 1, Scene 1

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