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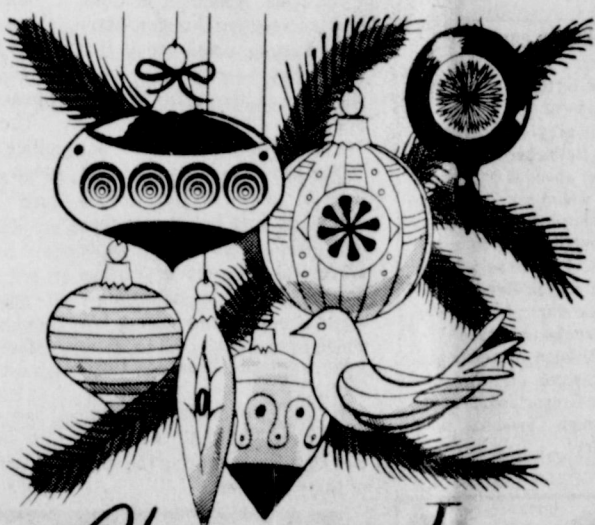
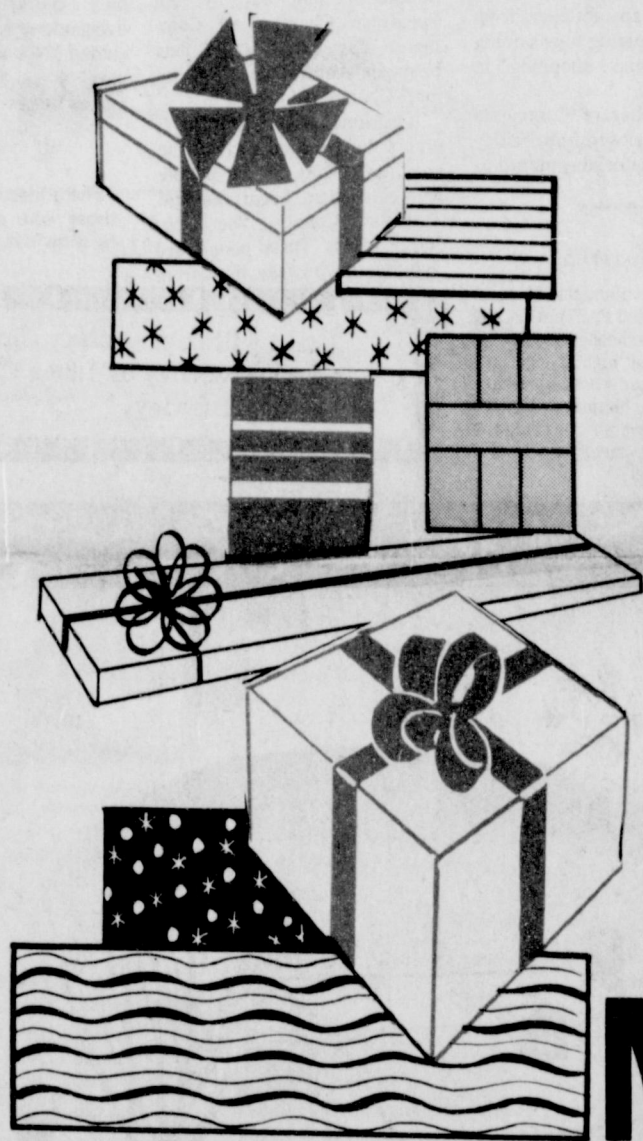
Merry Christmas



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Christmas Joy

Rejoice, for Christ is born, the prophecy fulfilled. In His Name, those who seek shall find.

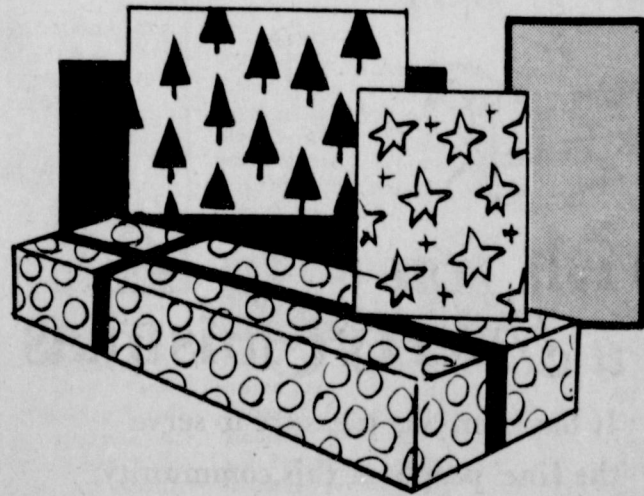


Holy Night

★ William M. Miller

★ Faye Lynch

MERRY CHRISTMAS



On this great holiday we pause to say "Thanks" and to wish to one and all the full joys of this happy season.

★ Barbara Vela

★ Fran Maupin

★ Carole Hall

★ Eileen Sutherland

★ Jamie Casdorff

Warmest wishes to all our friends! May your holidays glow with peace and joy, good health, good fortune, good fellowship ... and may 1979 be everything that you want it to be.

★ John D. Davey

★ Brenda Davis



Police Department In Best Shape Ever!

Spearman Mayor Ralph Blodgett told the Plainsman today that the Spearman Police Department is "in better shape and running better than it ever has before."

Mayor Blodgett was referring to the announcement that Police Chief Steve Wisniewski had suddenly resigned and would be leaving for a similar position in law enforcement in Portales New Mexico. The Spearman Police official had told the Plainsman of his decision to leave last Monday. He said that he would be taking up his new duties on January 8th. He noted that there had been several

opportunities for advancement elsewhere and that the Portales offer seemed to be the most opportune at the present time.

Chief Wisniewski cited several reasons he said were prime factors in his decision to leave Spearman after spending eighteen months here. He noted that he would receive a larger salary, have forty subordinates, and that he would have new challenges. Portales is the site of Eastern New Mexico University and has a large student population.

According to Mayor Blodgett and City Manager Len Simpson, Chief Wisniewski built the

Spearman Department from one that was "in a run down status" to one of great efficiency and effectiveness. Noted Mayor Blodgett "New record were initiated, and the department's offices and equipment were greatly renovated and updated. It was further noted that the Spearman Department was running smoothly now and there were no major problems to deal with."

Mayor Blodgett and Manager Simpson stated "we hate to see the Chief leave Spearman, but they were happy that he was advancing his career and added they were sure that Portales

would be happy he was moving here.

During Chief Wisniewski's tenure here Spearman added its first female officer to the force. Patrolwoman Sara Norton recently completed her official training in Amarillo and is a full time member of the force locally.

The departure of Wisniewski leaves the Department short of its total complement in as much as a patrolman left recently after receiving his training at City expense at the Amarillo academy to join the security force at West Texas State University. Chief Wisniewski told Council members that efforts were being made to have the officer, now in Canyon repay city for its investment. Unless the officer did this said the Chief, he would lose his certification as an Officer in the State of Texas.



Holiday "Open House" at First State Bank in Spearman is always a memorable occasion and this year was no exception! In a most jovial mood Bankers Clay Gibner and Jim Shirley shared the "festive spirits" with Rue Sanders and other happy customers! The Bank was exquisitely decorated for the season.

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Hospital News

Patients in Hansford Hospital are Mearl Beck, Gzneva Pope, Ophelia Vela and Jaye Hickerson.

Dismissed were Minerva Vela, Glen Ray Mackie, Ella Cypert, Dorothy Wyatt, Nancy Young, Clinton Hamilton, Amanda Bryant, Terry Kizziar and Gary Gurfory.

Markets

Wheat	\$2.93
Milo	\$3.65
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Soybeans	\$6.22
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BETHLEHEM

As the birthplace of Jesus, Bethlehem is one of Christianity's principal shrines. Bethlehem has a population of about 30,000 people, most of whom are Christians. Its neighboring cities in Judea are mostly Moslem communities. Christmas activity does not end on Dec. 25th; it continues for about three more weeks because the Greek, Russian, Maronite and other Eastern churches observe the Gregorian Calendar, under which Christmas falls in January.

\$2125 Won In Treasure Hunt!

Spearman Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Mary Lou Wysong noted today that \$2125 has been won by area shoppers in the 1978 Shop In Spearman Chamber Sponsored Treasure Hunt.

The three week long promotion in which forty various merchants and businesses took part has been called quite successful. Patrons of various businesses had an opportunity when shopping to select a key which in turn was used to try to open a special Treasure Chest lock.

In all approximately 87 winners were "gifted" with \$25 Gift Certificates during the span of the promotion.

Local merchants noted that there were many shoppers from other neighbouring towns doing their Christmas shopping in Spearman.

The Chamber of Commerce office will be closed from Friday noon until Wednesday morning.

Pasterka

The great midnight Mass in Poland is called PASTERKA, the Mass of the shepherds. On this most sacred of nights, according to legend, those whose lives have been pure and blameless may see in the winter sky, where the heavens have parted, a vision of Jacob's ladder.

'78 Noted As "Eventful Year"


The Editor of the monthly newsletter sent out by the Spearman Chamber of Commerce has noted "1978 has been an eventful year for the local Chamber."

According to the Editor "several of the goals set early in the year have been met by people who care about Spearman and Hansford County. The news letter noted "These people are volunteers who take time from

their business to make Spearman a better place in which to live and work. The editor concluded "We are proud to be a part of an organization that makes things happen."

"The silliest of all people are those who do foolish things to show off." Vauvenargues

There will be no Rotary Club Meeting Monday or Lions Club Meeting Tuesday.



Holy Christmas

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

St. Luke 2:7
May every heart and home share in the wondrous spirit of love and peace.

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26-rtm

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS- 1978

We wish all our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Instead of sending cards this year, we have donated to the Hospital Auxiliary Fund for the Hansford County Hospital.

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- Dr. R. L. Kleeberger
- Glen & Evelyn Hiller
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- Buena & Perren Lyon
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- Carl & Peggy Archer
- The Roy Lee McClellan Family
- The Dennis Nelson Family
- Betty & Irvin Davis
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- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Etter
- Judge & Mrs. Richard N. Countiss
- Jeff, Mike & Julie Countiss
- Ed & Alva Garner
- James, Nell & David Cummings
- Lois & Woody Gibner
- Bernice V. Brown
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- Bob & Mary Kathryn Parris
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- Leroy & May Lee Smith
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- Lonnie, Linda & Amanda Hiller
- Mr. & Mrs. Robin Giblin
- Freeman & Elva Lee Barkley
- Bill & Lemmie Russell
- Rosa Lee Butt
- Mr. & Mrs. Gene Cudd
- Ted, Sonya Godfrey & children
- Ralph & Johanne Blodgett
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Novak
- Ed & Betty Freeman
- Jerry & Sandra Taylor
- Lynh & Sharon Cook
- Kent & Glenda Guthrie
- Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Buchanan
- Mr. & Mrs. John Venneman
- Detla Blodgett
- R. L. McClellan
- Rue & Anne Sanders
- J. D. & Rubyjo Wilbanks
- Evelyn Guthrie
- Mrs. Pearl M. Dixon
- Elvogene Dixon
- Ronnie, Colleen & Butch Schaefer
- J.C. & Willie Harris
- The Floyd Close Family
- Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Buzzard
- Beth & Ray Phelps
- Lois & Jimmy Shieldnight
- Garland & Virginia Head
- Kiff & Ailene White
- Charles Ball
- Mrs. Garrett Allen
- Mr. & Mrs. L.L. Anthony
- The Sammy Don Jones Family
- Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Bratton
- Everett & Blanche Greene

Holiday Tips For The Busy Chef

- To toast blanched almonds, arrange the nuts in one layer in a shallow pan. Bake at 325 to 350 degrees until golden brown. Stir often and watch carefully or they'll burn.
- A measuring teaspoon may be used to form melon balls.
- If rolled cookie dough seems dry, work in a tablespoon of butter or cream.
- Tinted coconut makes a child's cake more festive. Fill a pint jar a third to half full of coconut. Add a few drops of cake coloring to one to two tablespoons water, and add to coconut, cover jar and shake well to distribute color evenly.
- To make a successful white sauce: melt butter in a saucepan, then remove from heat to blend in flour and add liquid. Use cold milk; add it gradually, stirring it constantly. Return to heat, cook, stirring constantly until mixture thickens and bubbles. Add seasonings and cook at least five minutes, again stirring constantly.

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The annual drive to provide the 370 boys at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch with a new suit or clothing package began today. Providing new clothing for the boys through the Christmas Suit Fund has become a favorite way of Christmas giving for friends of the boys who contribute \$45.00 for this purpose. Special discounts by Amarillo merchants and differences in price of clothing for younger and older boys make the average cost of \$45.00 possible. The suits replace those that have been worn out or outgrown, and, in many cases, they are the first new suits some boys have ever owned.

"The boys get to select their own clothing in Amarillo stores, and the suits will be worn by graduating seniors next spring," Virgil Patterson, Ranch President, said. "A new suit is the best Christmas gift a boy can receive because it is a year-round reminder of those who really care."

Contributions to the Boys Ranch Christmas Suit Fund may be mailed to the Boys Ranch Office, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas, 79174, or taken to the offices at 600 West 11th Street in Amarillo.

EMT Course To Be Offered

Beginning January 8, 1979, you will have the opportunity of life. You could begin training to be an emergency medical technician. Instruction will be given in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), airway management, bandaging, splinting, and how to save a choking person by the Heimlich Manuver, and childbirth.

This course is offered to all 18 years of age and older for \$20.00. The course is 120 hours of which; 16 hours are in the Northwest Texas Hospital Emergency Room and 24 hours in local hospitals. The remaining 80 hours are classroom instruction in everything stated earlier and much, much more.

The classes will begin, Monday, January 8 and will be every Monday and Wednesday nights beginning at 7 p.m.

If you would like to sign up for this course, contact: Ronnie Antalek 659-3598 or 3363, Steven Slater 659-2844, or Vicky Bullard 5659-3319.

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LYNX AND LYNXETTES WIN DOUBLEHEA DER
The Spearman boys and girls Varsity teams beat Sanford Fritch here Thurs, nite. The girls won 47-41 in overtime. The Lynx wonover the classy Fritch team 62-56. The JV girls won 47-35. The Spearman teams put on a good pre-Christmas show Thursdaynight, and will take off for the holidays until December 30, when they open their after-Christmas games!

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A pre-planted amaryllis bulb is a thrill for a shut-in to watch come into flower, as are paper white narcissus bulbs.

Magi Cakes
Baking Magi cakes is an old Italian Christmas custom. They are used in place of visiting cards and exchanged between friends and the better the friend the bigger the cakes.

Pagan Symbols
Many Christmas greens used today were once pagan symbols. Flowers and leafy boughs were used in Roman rites. The Saxons used holly, ivy and bay in their religious observances.

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Church's Celebrate Christ's Birth

A number of Christmas Eve worship opportunities are being made available to Spearman church-goers.

The First Assembly of God Church, the Rev. David Knuckles, pastor will have an 8 a.m. service on Sunday... the service taking the place of Sunday School and the regular Sunday morning service. The First United Methodist Church, the Rev. Frank Oglesby, pastor, will celebrate the Christmas with a candlelighting service at 7 p.m. while worshippers at First Baptist Church, the Rev. Russell Pogue, pastor, will have a special Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m.

The membership at the Union Church will celebrate Christmas with the regular service of worship at 11 a.m. The Rev. Archie Burress is pastor.

Father Raymond Crozier, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church will celebrate a "midnight" Mass Christmas Eve at 8 p.m. and will also celebrate a Christmas Day Mass at 8 a.m. December 25th.

Friends and members of Spearman's First Presbyterian Church will celebrate Christmas with Church School at 9:45 a.m. and in the inimitable words of their minister, The Rev. Edward Freeman... "come and learn all that you ever wanted to know about Christmas!" Services of Worship Sunday morning at First Presbyterian will be at 11 a.m., and a Christmas Candlelight Communion service will be held at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve.

UMY Plans New Year's Eve Dinner

The United Methodist Youth will serve a New Year's Eve Dinner Sunday, Dec. 31 at 12 noon at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

The menu will be blackeye peas and cornbread, assorted casseroles, assorted salads, desserts, coffee or tea.

The Youth cordially invite you to attend.

O Holy Night

Let us follow in spirit to Bethlehem, And Welcome the Light of the World.

Presbyterian Church News

The great day we have all been waiting for is almost here. Today, Sunday, December 24, is Christmas Eve.

Come to one of our Sunday Church School classes at 9:45 a.m. and learn all that you ever wanted to know about Christmas.

"The Lord Is With You" is the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the service for the public worship of God on Sunday, December 24 at 11:00 a.m.

There will be a beautiful Christmas Eve candlelight communion service at 7:00 p.m. Subject of Pastor Ed Freeman's meditation will be "The Word of God Became a Human Being."

May Christ be the center of your Christmas Day celebration with your family.

The Session will meet on Wednesday, December 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Presbyterian Men will have their monthly prayer breakfast on Thursday, December 28 at 6:30 a.m.

The First Presbyterian Church of Spearman is a loving, caring fellowship that behaves like an extended family in many ways. Wouldn't you like to be a part of such a fellowship?

Girl Scout's Have Party

The Spearman Neighborhood Girls Scouts held their Christmas party Friday night, Dec. 15 at the Girl Scout house.

The leaders served punch and cookies. The building and tables were decorated by troop #42, Georgia Gaither leader.

Instead of exchanging gifts this year the girls each brought a pair of socks for Girlstown as their service project.

The leaders presented their girls in their troops with gifts.

After the refreshments and tree, the girls sang songs, and a leader Jennifer Umphress played the guitar. The party closed with the singing of Christmas songs.

Golden Spread Circle Meeting Held

Because of the beautiful weather and other favorable circumstances, eighty people gathered at the Golden Spread Club on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m. for a Christmas meal served by the Baker and Taylor Women's Association. Mrs. Ceril Batton gave the blessing on the food.

Spearman Music Club, under the direction of Mrs. J.L. Brock, presented a program of Christmas music. Mrs. Bill Baker played "Jingle Bells," "Silver Bells," and "Up on the Housetop" on the accordion. The chorus sang four numbers: "It's Christmas," "Christmas Candy Calendar," "White Christmas," and "I Cannot Understand God's Love". Member of the Chorus who sang Tuesday evening were Mesdames Bill Baker, Richard Booth, J.L. Brock, Kim Brock, Ed Freeman, Mike Glass, Carl Kunselman, Dean Leighnor, Paul Reimer, Rue Sanders, Ronnie Schaefer, Bill Strawn, and Miss Candy Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause who appeared and greeted all the assembled people. Russell and Imogene Pogue were a taller and slimmer Claus couple than traditionally associated with this Christmas tradition.

Twelve tables of dominoes, forty-two, eighty-four, pitch, canasta, bridge, and skip-bo completed the evening's entertainment.

Golden Spread Club is an organization of persons fifty-five years of age or older without discrimination as to sex, race ethnic background, nationality, religion, denominational preference, or political party.

The next meeting will be Jan. 5 in the home of Mrs. Nolan Holt.

Collins Heads Graves Family Visits Here

Emma Lou Collins has been selected President of the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce for the coming year.

Byrnie Callaway will serve as Vice President and Sandy Heinrich will be the Secretary. Other officers of this division include Irene Baker, treasurer, Altha Townsend, Parliamentarian, Belle Crawford Chaplain, and Gina McLain, Immediate Past President.

Arts & Crafts Guild News

The Arts & Craft Guild met at the home of Mrs. F.J. Hoskins for their annual Christmas party and exchange of painted china.

Mrs. W.H. Gandy and Mrs. Garrett Allen were co-hostesses.

Mrs. Hoskins' home was beautifully decorated for the holiday season.

A short business meeting was held and the following officers were re-elected for another year: president-Mrs. Joe Traylor, secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Garrett Allen, reporter-Mrs. Pope Gibner.

As is the custom gift exchange of hand painted plates were made and names were drawn for next year.

Delicious refreshments of chicken salad, angel food cake and coffee was served to Mmes. Ned Turner, P.A. Lyon, Sr., Nolan Holt, F.J. Daily, Deta Blodgett, Guy Fuller, W.L. Russell, Joe Traylor by the hostesses.

The next meeting will be Jan. 5 in the home of Mrs. Nolan Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Graves and granddaughter Kristi Walker returned home Monday to Raleigh, N., after an 18 day visit here with his mother Mrs. Viola Graves. Mr. and Mrs. Narrel Wilson and Keith joined them here Thanksgiving weekend.

Albert enjoyed seeing all his friends here in Spearman.

Mrs. Viola Graves will be spending Christmas with Lubbock with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Narrel Wilson.

Christmas Spirit Stays the Same

Through the years, the ways of celebrating Christmas have taken on many different forms, but in spite of changes, the essence of the season, the basic spirit of Christmas stays the same.

Christmas time is, above all a time for togetherness and rejoicing. And the modern Christmas, just like an old-fashioned Christmas, calls for gatherings of family and friends, with much merriment, fun and feasting.

Like families of yesteryear, we celebrate with gifts, with the warmth of a glowing hearth and the gleam of a lighted tree, with stockings hung by the chimney with care, and with candles bright but in candleholders rather than on the tree.

Santa Claus, once transported only by reindeer drawn sleigh, may now arrive by helicopter, jet plane or boat.

"Yule" Origin Sun Worship

"Yule", which means wheel, honored the god Woden, and the rebirth of the wheel shaped sun. To use anything with a wheel, such as spinning wheels or wagons, would be an insult to the sun, meaning that it was not moving fast enough. In deference to the sun as the source of light and heat, people built large bonfires. All snares, traps and fishnets were removed for the duration so that fish, birds and animals might find the "YULE" a time of peace.

The beginning of holiday merriment in medieval courts was signaled by lighting the "YULE" log. It was a religious ceremony for the Druids, and in some agricultural areas of Europe, the yule log is still blessed. The charred remains of

last years log were used to light the new fire — a remnant from when a perpetual fire was kept burning. The burning fire symbolized home and safety, and the Teutons saw it as a rebirth of the sun.

Yesterday's Toys Retain Popularity

Toys, dolls and games for the children have always ranked high on the gift lists and exchanging gifts as Christmas is one of the most time-honored of customs.

In the not-so-long-ago, however, just one important present — a doll for a little girl, perhaps, and a toy accordion for the boy — was all that youngsters might expect at Christmas.

Santa is more bountiful these days but the gifts he brings are like those of yesteryear in at least one way. They reflect the interests and fashions of their times.

Dolls, yesterday and today, dress in the favorite styles of the moment. Toys, too, show the influence of current events.

Toy racing cars, for instance, came in with the automobile, while today more complex types of wheel toys take advantage of modern technological developments.

Caroling Party In Melbourne

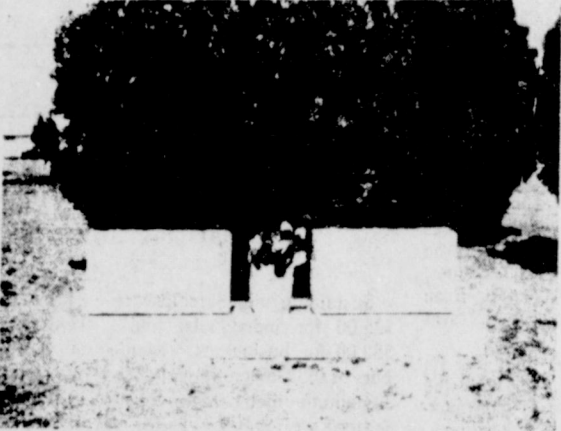
The world's greatest caroling party is held in Melbourne on Christmas Eve. The attendance has been as high as 300,000. The Christmas Eve gathering presents a breath taking spectacle for every singer carries a lighted candle. The event is known as "Carols By Candlelight".

The Yule event has been tied in with a charitable appeal in behalf of sick and disabled youngsters. When help was first sought, the response was only a trickle of contributions. Later, money poured in such a flood that a whole new hospital unit for children was built at a cost of about 300,000 pounds.

Each year the crowds for "Carols By Candlelight" has increased. Everybody comes, regardless of race, religious or social position.

Season's Greetings

Rise, good people, rise at once, for the new year is at hand; and so I wish each one of you blessings, joy and luck.



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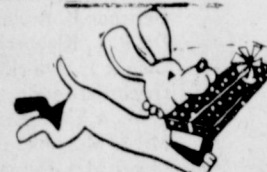
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County Agent News

Grubs in cattle cause a large economic loss each year to the cattle industry in damaged hides and carcasses. Economic loss is also left by the producer in reduced weight gains or weight losses, increased feed cost, and sometimes indirectly death.

Data from a recent 126 day test performed showed cattle that were treated for grubs had an additional 54 lbs. gained over those not treated. The average daily gain for cattle treated was 2.36 as compared to 1.95 for non-treated. The feed per pound gain for non-treated steers was 9.58 pounds compared to 8.64 for the treated cattle. Figured on a 55 cents per pound market the treated cattle (average weight 906 lbs.) would return \$29.70 more per head (minus the cost of material) than non-treated (average weight 852 lbs.).

The current retail cost (December 1978) for pour-on insecticides for cattle grub control runs from 22 cents to 33 cents per animal for 600 pounders, depending on the product used. As one can readily see, for around 30 cents invested a producer can increase his return almost \$30.

Cattle producers should certainly be concerned about external parasite control in order to increase their returns. More information on external parasite control is available through the Extension office.

If anyone is interested in performing a test on grub control of their own, the Extension office would be happy to help with it. Contact me at 659-2136 or 733-2901 if you are interested.

CATTLE OUTLOOK

The cattle outlook for the

coming months still looks bright for producers. Cattle numbers are down and non-fed cattle and cow slaughter has dropped sharply this fall.

Dr. Ernie Davis, Extension Livestock Market Economist, feels the outlook for beef cattle is encouraging indeed.

Dr. Davis forecasts that for between mid-April or May of 1979, choice 400-500 pound feeder steer prices could range from \$82 to \$87 per hundred-weight and 600-700 pound choice feeder steer prices could reach \$74 to \$79 per hundred-weight. Davis feels unless there are large clusterings of fed cattle markets, choice fed steer prices should average in the low \$60 range by April and occasionally fluctuate up to the mid high \$60 range. If this occurs, fleshy, high-yielding slaughter cows will sell as high as \$49 to \$51 per hundredweight, according to Davis. The price of slaughter bulls may reach or exceed \$60 per hundredweight and top quality cow-calf replacement pairs could commonly range between \$800 to \$1,000 per pair.

"Many of these prices seem preposterous, but remember last year when I forecasted \$40 per hundredweight cow prices by June, 1978, and how preposterous that sounded then", say Davis.

Unless tampered with or unless consumers reduce their demand for beef, Davis feels the cattle market should remain strong through 1982.

Home Gifts

Christmas gifts that fill a need in the home have various advantages — you don't have to know the size and they are likely to outlast all others as reminders of the giver. Also, most people want and need something for the house.

Soil Erosion Too High In County

Estimating soil loss from cropland is just part of the job of the Soil Conservation Service, according to Warren Proctor, SCS District Conservationist serving the Hansford Soil and Water Conservation District.

The real task is helping farmers with conservation management and erosion control practices that will bring the soil loss down to limits where the soil will remain productive for year to come.

"Many fields in Hansford County are still losing too much soil to maintain a constant level of productivity over a long period of time," says Proctor. "Many farms are actually losing too much soil time," says Proctor. "Many farms are actually losing 10 or more tons of soil per acre every year, which is excessive."

"If these erosion rates continue, nothing will be left eventually but the subsoil and this land usually has to be converted to pasture or trees. Even then it's not every productive," Proctor said.

The Hansford Soil and Water Conservation District is making an effort to get farmers to request assistance in estimating the soil applied to reduce these losses to a point where the land remains productive and farmers still make a profit.

"In the long run, conservation pays," says Charles Brillhart, Chairman of the Hansford Soil and Water Conservation District. "Bringing soil losses down on cropland in Hansford County will not only benefit the farmer but will benefit everyone who depends on farm crops. I believe that takes in everyone."

Remington and Russell Exhibition Slated

A major exhibition of paintings and watercolors by Frederic Remington and Charles Marion Russell will be shown in an up-coming exhibition at the Amarillo Art Center, January 13th through March 18th, 1979. The special exhibit was selected from original works of art owned by the Sid W. Richardson Foundation and on deposit at the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art, Fort Worth, Texas. It has been made possible by generous grants from the Sid W. Richardson Foundation, the Texas Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The names of Russell and Remington, like Roger and Hammerstein in show music, have been linked together in reference to their faithful recording of the Great American West. Their names, in fact, have become the meaning of Western Art in America. Each painter in his separate way, has caught the essence of the West at its wild and woolly best, capturing moments of history in vivid color, violent action, breathtaking detail and, at times, phenomenal sensitivity to the emotions of human and animal subjects alike. "Realism" is at its best in Russell and Remington. Each painting is

like a single frozen frame of a John Ford western movie, although it is more likely historically that John Ford fashioned his movies after the paintings. The opening of the Russell and Remington Exhibition will be celebrated by a gala evening—Western Style—sponsored by the Art Center Membership Committee on Saturday, January 13th (\$25.00 per couple). Proceeds from the benefit opening will be applied directly to the Art Center's operating fund through the membership. Reservations for the benefit opening may be obtained by calling the Amarillo Art Center, 806-372-8356 or writing in care of P.O. Box 447, Amarillo, Texas 79178.

Heads Farm Bureau Office!

Melvin Bradley, previously an agent with the Hansford County Farm Bureau office has recently returned to the area, this time to head up the local office.

He had been in Anson Texas in Jones County, the past two years as the Special Agent there.

Bradley heads up a local office comprised of two secretaries and two agents with plans to add another full time agent by February 1st. A native of Swisher County,

Melvin Bradley is married and has one son... now living away from home. Methodists, the Bradley's plan to purchase a home in Spearman in the very near future and make this their permanent home.

Hobbies??? well, The Happy (Swisher County native) says that his main one is Golf!

Welcome home Melvin... and Mrs. Bradley... we're glad to have you come back. May you have loads of success in Hansford County.

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Perrytonite Picks

P.D. For Pile - Up!

A chagrined Perryton resident chose the wrong location for a traffic mishap this past Tuesday! Spearman Police Chief Steve Wisniewski said that Steve Mason, of Perryton was driving South on Sanders when he apparently leaned over to pick an object off the floor of his pick up. He then reportedly lost control of his vehicle and slammed into a parked car owned by Spearman Police Dispatcher Nelda McDade.

Police personnel rushed outside of the Police Department building when they heard the ominous sounds of a vehicle pile up.

Mason was issued a ticket for failing to drive in the proper lane.

The McDade vehicle was totally demolished, and the Pick up also sustained heavy pro-



Insurance Corner

WHY CONGRATULATIONS??

According to the latest estimates there's a lot of luck in such mates, "only" about 45,000 of incidents. In spite of all this, more than this year and "only" about two 70% of vehicle occupants either million will suffer disabling refuse or neglect to wear belts. injuries. "Congratulations." Mandatory belt use would cut say the safety experts. Why the traffic toll by a half, which would mean saving upward of congratulations? 20,000 lives a year.

One half of this year's 45,000 dead will be needless! To the puzzlement of safety experts, most American drivers simply will not use their lap and shoulder belts. Not that there ever has been any serious question that belts can save lives in moderate and slow-speed accidents, which means most accidents. Moreover, complete business and perbelted occupants have escaped with only slight injuries in many high-speed crashes that left vehicles totally demolished, although safety authorities admit insurance, and profit-sharing plans. See John R. Collard, Jr., 405 Davis St., Telephone 659-2501.

CHOCOLATE-CRUNCH SQUARES ARE TREAT

- 1 pkg (11 oz) social tea biscuits
- 2 tablespoons light corn syrup
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
- 1/2 cup plus 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- 5 squares (1-oz size) semisweet chocolate
- 1/2 tablespoon butter or margarine

1. With rolling pin, crush tea biscuits to make 4 cups coarse crumbs.
2. In medium bowl, combine corn syrup and cocoa; mix well. Stir in melted butter; mix well. Add crumbs; mix well until thoroughly combined.
3. Line an ice-cube tray with waxed paper. Pack crumb mixture into tray, pressing in firmly. Refrigerate until firm — at least 1 hour.
4. In top of double boiler, over hot, not boiling, water, melt chocolate with 1/2 tablespoon butter. Spread over crumb mixture, making a smooth layer. Refrigerate until firm enough to cut.
5. Cut into 1 1/2-inch squares. Makes 18.

MELT-IN-YOUR-MOUTH CAKE

- 1 1/2 cups butter or margarine, softened
- 3 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 6 eggs
- 3 1/2 cups sifted cake flour
- 1 teaspoon almond extract

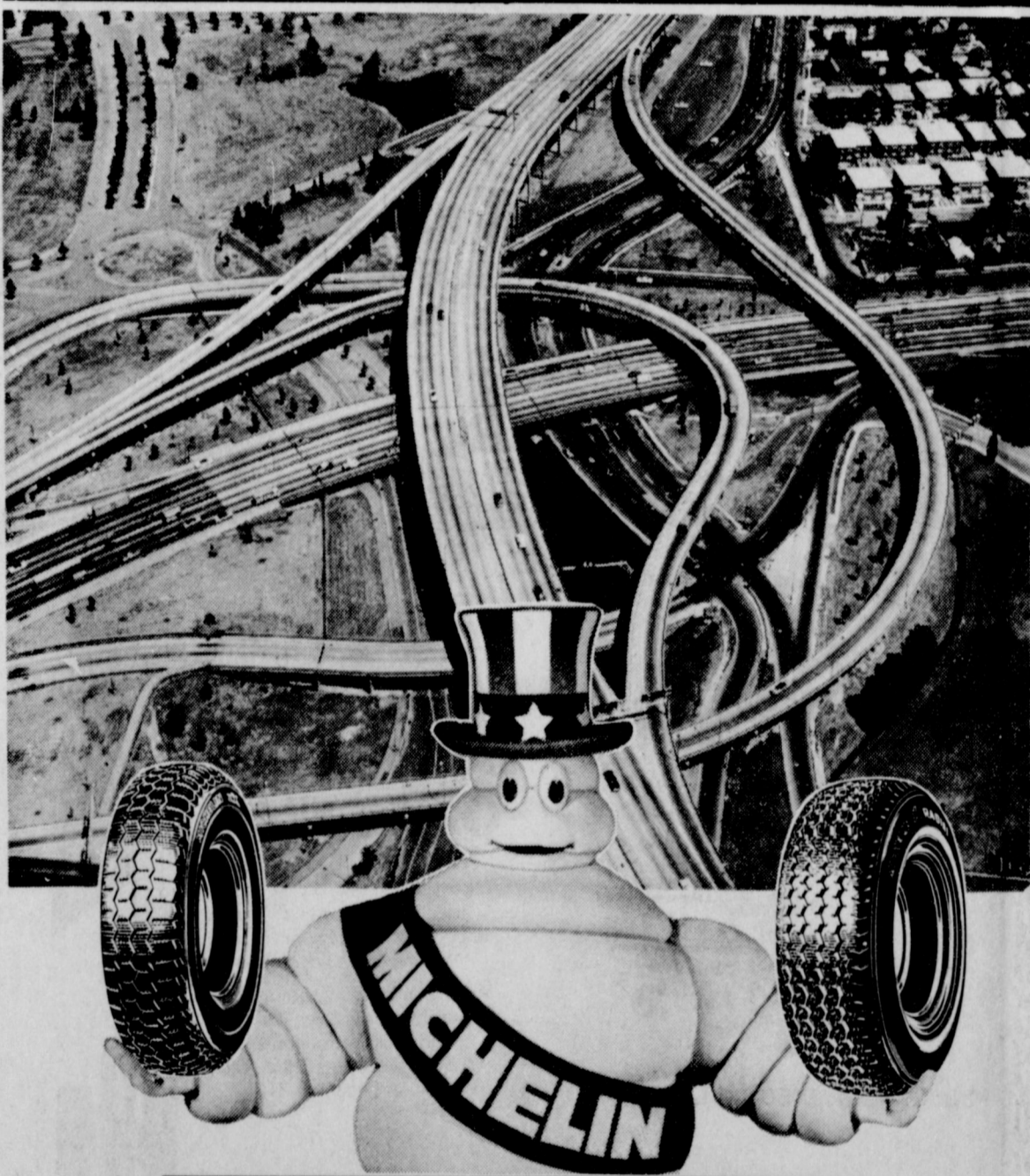
Cream butter until smooth. Add sugar gradually, and beat until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add cake flour and almond extract; beat well.

Spoon batter into a greased 10-inch tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Cool. Frost as desired. Yield: one 10-inch cake.



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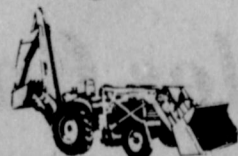


Merry Christmas

The star so bright on that Holy Night shines upon a waiting world. Peace among all mankind.

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The abundant blessings of Christmas be yours. Have a great holiday.

**Christmas, 1863:
A Longfellow Poem**

I hear the bells on Christmas Day
The old familiar carols play,
And wild the sweet,
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South;
And with that sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearthstones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The household born
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
And in despair I bowed my head,
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men."
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep:
The wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men."
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

**Chinese Foo Young
Toss Easy To Make**

1 head Bibb or leaf lettuce
1 can bean sprouts, drained
1 5 oz. can water chestnuts sliced
5 slices bacon, fried and crumbled
2 hard-cooked eggs, sliced salt and pepper to taste
1 cup salad oil
1/2 cup sugar
One-third cup catsup
1/4 cup vinegar
2 tablespoons grated onion
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

Combine lettuce, bean sprouts, chestnuts, bacon and eggs in salad bowl. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Dressing is made from last six ingredients. You can add tomatoes, cucumbers or other crisp vegetables if you like.



It was open house at the John R. Collard Jr., Insurance Agency Thursday and Friday, and your news editor felt "obliged" to sample the myriad "goodies" that had been prepared so bountifully by the staff at the Agency. This "open House" has become a beloved tradition at the local Agency.

Test A Tree

The base of the stump should be wet and sticky with sap. Bend the needles gently; they should not break. Tap the stump end sharply on the ground a few times; the needles should not drop off. To keep the tree fresh at home, make a new diagonal cut in the stump end and be sure water in the tree stand stays above this cut. Adding a preservative to the water will increase the keeping time of a cut Christmas tree.

Holiday Miracle

The miracle of the holidays is everywhere — in the faces of bedazzled children, in the flame of a candle, the beauty of a wreath and in the streets that glitter with festive light. We are reminded again and again that this is the season of love and compassion, of good will and friendship and also a time to hope and to pray, to savor life and give thanks that we are living in it.

**THE HOLIDAY BIRD:
Roasting Timetable—Turkey**

Use the following timetable for roasting your holiday turkey. Times are based on an oven temperature of 325 degrees. The turkey will be done when a meat thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the thigh registers 185 degrees.

Ready-to-cook weight	Approximate Roasting Time*
6 to 8 pounds	3 to 3 1/2 hours
8 to 12 pounds	3 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours
12 to 16 pounds	4 1/2 to 5 1/2 hours

* Add 1/2 hour to total roasting time if turkey is stuffed.

Some used to say bathing in dew gathered from lilacs would make a person beautiful all year long.

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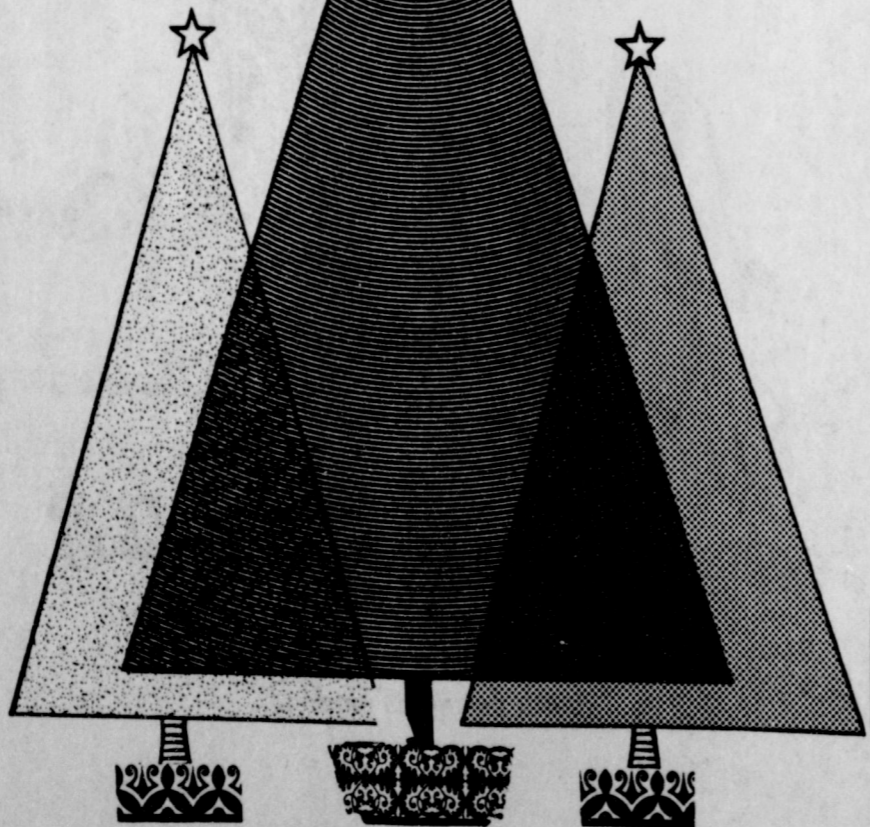
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CHRISTMAS



And peace on earth to all mankind.

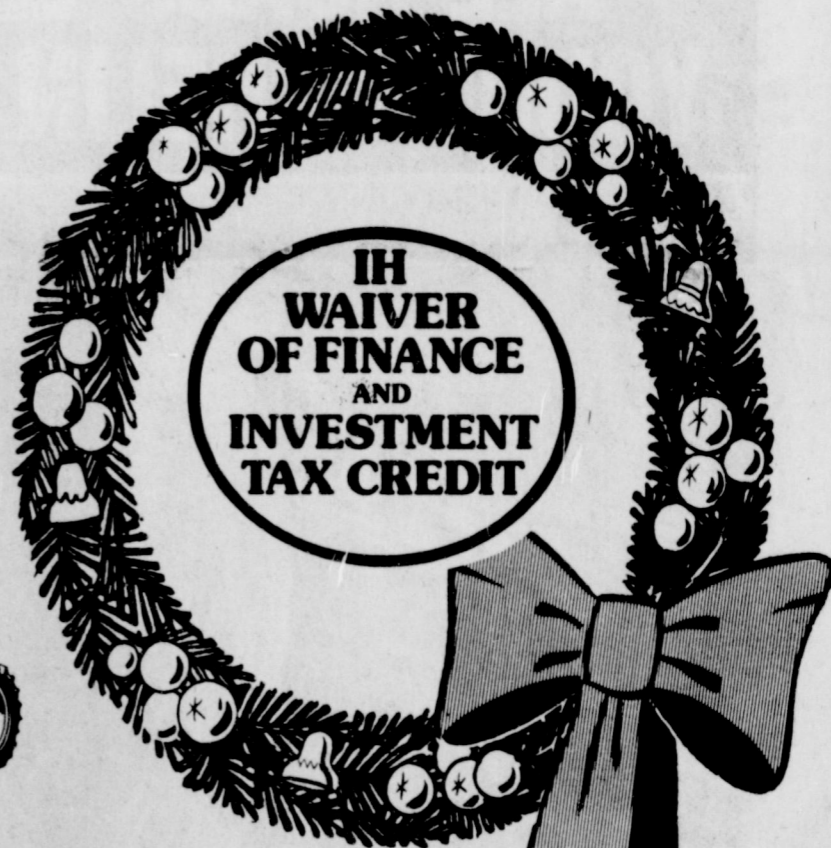
Warmest greetings to our friends.



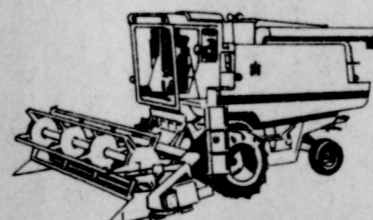
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