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New Year Greetings

Mrs. J. R. Todd Observes 90th Birthday Dec. 23rd



Mrs. J. R. Todd celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday, December 23rd with her family at her home in Gorman.

Those attending were (children) Mr. and Mrs. Ben De LaFosse of Groveton, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Todd of Slaton, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Munn, Mr. and Mrs. Earney Todd and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Robbins of Gorman; (grandchildren): Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Shugart, Kathy and Darla of Granbury, Mrs. Willard Hartman, Ricky and Mike Marous of Trinity, Tommy Todd and Keith of Levelland, Leonard Todd, John Brett and Ellen Todd of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny

Miller and John David of Gorman; and (friends): Mrs. S. E. Linder of Gonia and Mrs. Thresa Miller of De Leon.

Mrs. Todd received many gifts and cards from her family and friends. Among the cards received was one from President and Mrs. Richard Nixon.

A three-tiered birthday cake with 90 candles was given to her by her grandson, Leonard.

Later Mrs. Todd returned to Lawndale Home where she enjoyed the Christmas party and monthly birthday party. She received a corsage and other gifts.



BIRTHDAY PARTY — Members of the Kokomo HD Club honoring the Lawndale Home residents who celebrated birthdays in December are shown (l to r) Mrs. Bob Walger, Mrs. J. L. Morrow, Mrs. Albert Hendricks. Also in the picture are Mrs. M. E. Foster, nurse at the home, and her daughter, Mrs. Ronnie Childers and her son, Ronson of Arlington. Other children are visitors with relatives in the home whose names were not available.

Lawndale Home residents who celebrated their birthdays in December, were honored Monday, December 24 by the Kokomo Home Demonstration Club.

Those who celebrated birthdays in December were Mrs. Edna Kirk, Mrs. Mary Overstreet, Mrs. Chattie Todd, James Stanley and Pinky Pratt.

Mrs. Pam Childress played the piano while the children sang.

Pictures were made of the honorees, and Santa Claus passed out gifts to all the residents.

H. D. Club members assisting with the party were Mesdames Nancy Hendricks, Bob Walker and J. L. Morrow.

A SOBERING THOUGHT

"Most people live their life as if it were a trial run for a second chance."

That observation in a recent publication was designed to get laughs, and it does. But that thought can be sobering.

It's easy to amble along, meaning to do many things, yet somehow never quite getting around to so many of them. Then suddenly the days we have are gone, and whatever was undone remains undone.

We don't get a second chance, so there's little time for trial runs.

Whatever is important in life should be firmly grasped. Whatever is to be done should receive our best. Whatever dreams we harbor should be pursued. Whatever joy and beauty we find should be shared and savored. And if misfortune finds us, it should be conquered quickly, lest precious days for living be lost forever.

Life is a frail and fragile gift that deserves our best. So make each day count, pursue your dreams, savor life's precious moments, for with the sunset they will be gone.

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Services for R. F. Vann Held Friday

Richard Franklin Vann, 73, of Gorman, died at the Eastland Memorial Hospital at 10:40 a. m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1973. He was a retired Lone Star Gas employee.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Friday in the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Gorman with the Rev. Luther C. Williams, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Eastland, officiating. Burial was in the Howard Cemetery near Desdemona.

Born June 4, 1900, in Eastland County, he married Alma Murray Dec. 28, 1926 at Carbon. He was a member of the Baptist Church. He had lived in and around Eastland County most of his life.

Survivors are his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Bert (Doris) Kent of Gorman; and three grandchildren, Terry, Tommy and Dianne, all of Gorman. One son, Bobby Lee Vann, died Nov. 18, 1927.

Pallbearers were Arvil Barnett, Sam Broom, Gene Barnett, Tom Baker, Truitt Coffman and John Sutton.

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C. C. Jones Laid to Rest At Carbon

Funeral services for Claude C. Jones, 80, of Carbon were held at 2:30 p. m. Thursday in the Higginbotham Chapel in Gorman. Burial was in the Murray Memorial Cemetery near Carbon.

Mr. Jones died at 9:55 p. m. Tuesday at the Blackwell Hospital following a long illness.

Born Feb. 9, 1893 in Brown County, he was a retired laborer. He was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses Church.

He married Fannie Mae Anthony Sept. 26, 1925, in Winters.

Survivors include his wife of the home; six daughters, Mrs. Lavena Mae Stubblefield of Hobbs, N. M., Mrs. Willie Jean Clark of Brady, Mrs. Betty Lou Regian of Carbon, Mrs. Cartha Fay Spurgeon of Denver City, Mary Jane Jones of Abilene and Marie Jones; four sons, Marvin James of Clovis, N. M., Junior Lee of Saint Augustine, Audie, and Altus of Cleburne; three brothers, L. D. of California, Ivy of Arizona, and Harvey of Carlsbad, N. M.; five sisters, Mrs. Edna Partee of Cleburne, Mrs. Minnie Luttrell of Brownwood, Mrs. Flossy Boyd of May, Mrs. Rachel Teague of Denton and Mrs. Eddie Wilkerson of Big Spring; 27 grandchildren, and also seven great-grandchildren.

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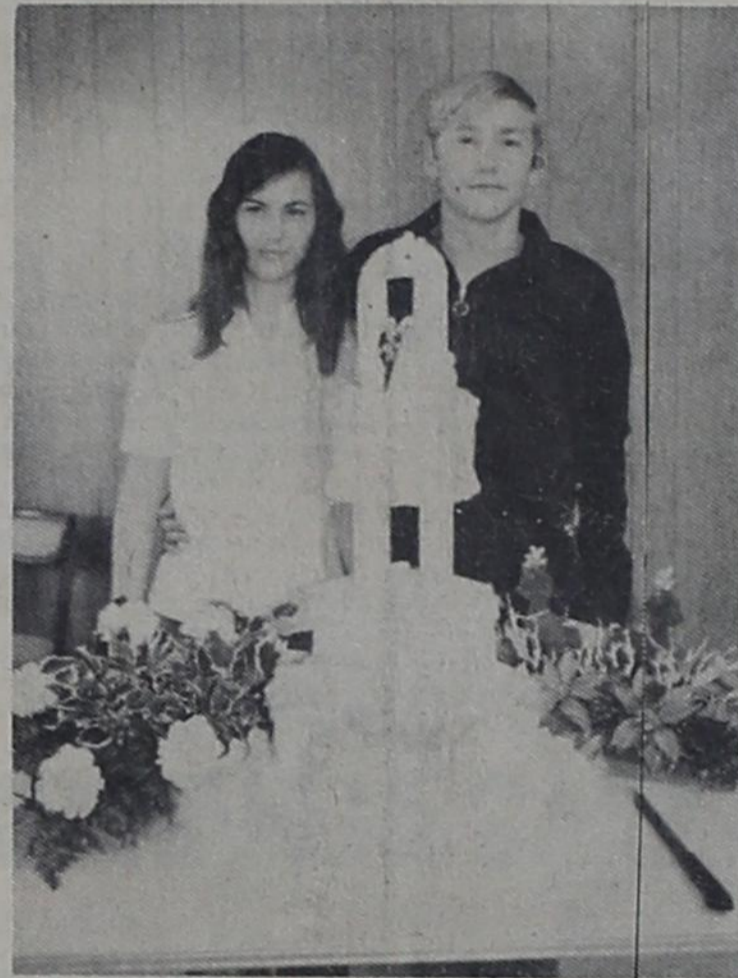
ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Tournament of Roses Parade to be held New Year's Day is being sponsored by your local florist, Gene Foster, by his participation and contribution to the FTD float which will appear in the parade.

The business firms in Gorman will be closed all day, Tuesday, January 1, 1974 in observance of New Year's Day.

The City Commission will meet Wednesday, January 2 at 4:00 p. m.

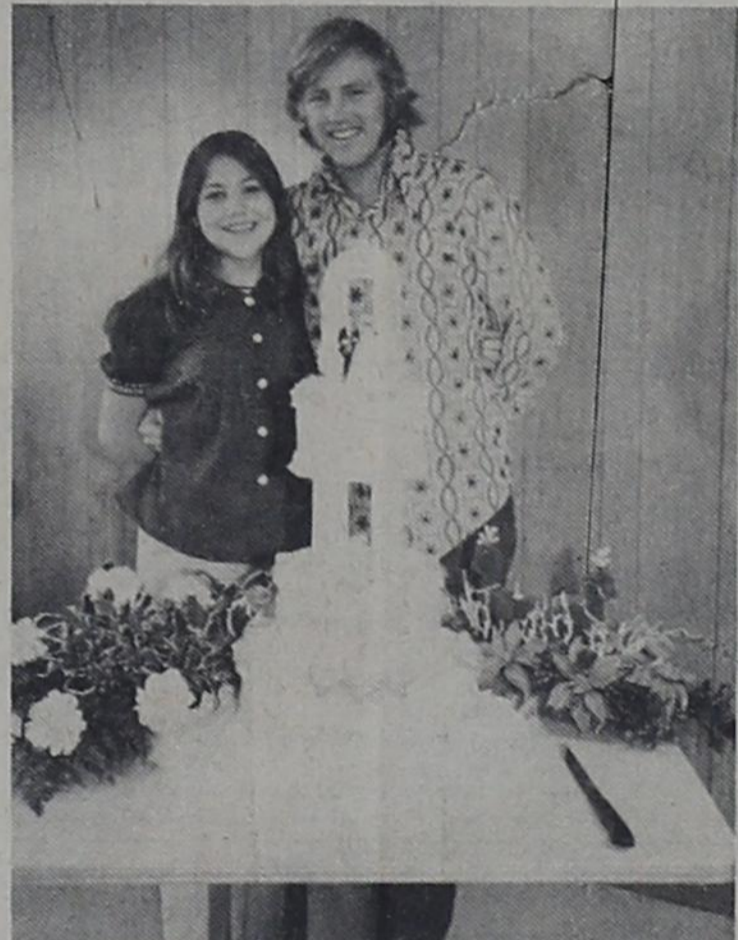
Edith Isbell, Richard W. Ramsey Exchange Vows



Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Isbell and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ramsey of Gorman announce the marriage of their children, Edith and Richard Wayne. Vows were read in Del Rio, Texas on Monday, December 17th.

Mr. Ramsey served as his son's best man. The couple will make their home in Ranger.

Patricia Ramsey and Bill Copeland Repeat Vows



Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ramsey of Gorman announce the marriage of their daughter, Patricia Ann, to Bill Copeland, son of Mrs. Cora Lee and the late Ira Lee Copeland of Cisco.

Vows were read by Rev. Kent Marrs, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in the formal dining room of Fontain Blu Restaurant at 1:30 p. m. Sunday, December 23rd.

Honor attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Donnie McClearen. The couple chose the birth-

day of her mother for the wedding date. Mrs. Ramsey attended the wedding.

The couple will make their home in Austin.

A reception hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ramsey for the two couples was held at 11:30 a. m. Wednesday, December 26 in the formal dining room of Fontain Blu Restaurant.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ramsey of Rising Star, grandparents of Patricia and Richard Wayne.

OUTSIDER GAME NETS \$40; MORE GAMES ARE SET

Due to last minute changes in the place for the Ranger and Gorman Exes football game to be played Friday, December 21, the gate receipts were far below expectations.

The change from Ranger to Gorman being made at the late hour Friday, did not give the teams time to notify the public of the change, for this the teams apologize to the public.

Another outsiders game has been set up with Moran and the date and time will be announced later.

The game ended with a tie score of 6-6, with the Gorman team making the most penetrations.

An outsiders basketball benefit game has been scheduled

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to Dr. Canut, Dr. Pino, the nurses and entire hospital staff for the care of our mother while in the hospital. To the blood donors a sincere thanks, for the visits, flowers, cards of comfort and encouragement, to the nursing home for her wonderful care while confined there.

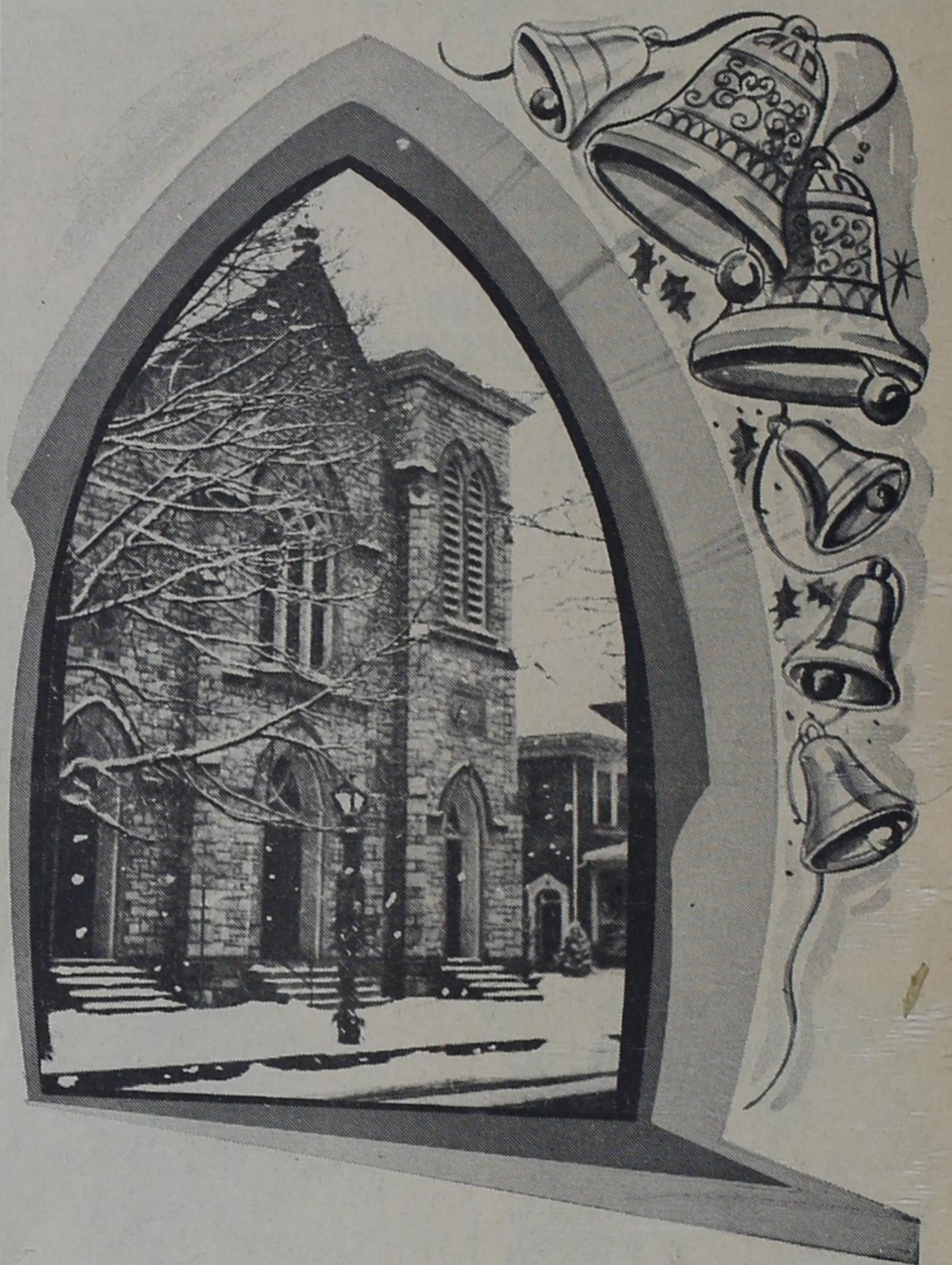
May God's richest blessings rest with all.

The Leazar Family
Mrs. T. C. Wylie
Mrs. R. H. Prewitt
Mr. C. F. Leazar
Mr. J. G. Leazar

—GP—

Vicki Frossard of Big Spring is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Frossard.

for January 17th. This game is sponsored by the Lions Club and proceeds from this game will also be used for financing the new field house at Brogdon Field.



Happy

New Year

MAY THE JOYS AND THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON BE WITH YOU THROUGH THE YEAR.

COUNTY FARM BUREAU DIRECTORS XMAS PARTY

The Eastland County Farm Bureau Directors and their wives had their annual Christmas Dinner Tuesday night, December 18, 1973 at 7 p. m. in the Farm Bureau meeting room.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Guthery, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy McKissick, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schaefer, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kimmell, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cozart, Ray A. Norris, Winford Fry, Ted Botts, and Pete Hathcock.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Justice, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Terrell, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Terrell, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Palmer, and Mrs. Bessie Bennett.

J. E. DANIELS FAMILY HAVE CHRISTMAS SUPPER

The family of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Daniels enjoyed a Christmas supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Scitern on Sunday, December 23. Mr. Daniels was very happy that Pa Daniels was able to attend for a few hours. Pa is a patient in the Blackwell Hospital.

Those attending were Ma and Pa Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scitern and girls of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Daniels of Oliver Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Daniels and April of Rising Star, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Daniels, De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pittman and children, Fort Worth, Burnice and Ruben Daniels, Deer Park, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jordan and children, Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Scitern and children, Fatwood, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Scitern and Veda.

Sorghum Crop Tops Record

AUSTIN--Aided by an excellent growing season, Texas grain sorghum growers broke records in 1973 with a 62-bushel an acre yield and total production amounting to 421,000,600 bushels.

"I don't know when we've ever put a season together for sorghum that was as good as this one as far as the weather was concerned," said Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

He pointed to good moisture before and during the planting season and good rains throughout the growing season as factors in the quantity and quality of '73's crop. Quality is expected to be above average around the state.

Nearly a billion bushels of grain sorghum had been projected for the United States in 1973. Texas is the country's leading producer.

The state's previous production high had been set in 1967 with 343,485,000 bushels.

In the Lower Rio Grande Valley a 37-million bushel harvest was double of that last year. As a result, many growers replanted, anticipating a good market. Currently the crop is bringing \$4.50 a hundredweight or 100 pounds. Second planting harvest is expected to continue into January.

Harvest begins in the Valley in July and progresses into Central Texas, the Blacklands, the Low and Rolling Plains and finally into the High Plains. Harvest in December was 99 per cent complete as compared with 89 per cent at the same time a year ago.

The Northern High Plains remained the chief producer of grain sorghum in the state with 148 million bushels. Sixty-seven million bushels were harvested in the Low Plains and 44 million in the Blacklands.

Most of the grain sorghum grown in South Texas is exported. Sorghum grown in the North finds its way into Panhandle feedlots.



MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE — Kenneth Moss, Director of Field Activities for Texas Farmers Union, presents a plaque to District Director Jerry Warren of Gorman. The plaque was presented in recognition of the district having achieved its membership goal for 1973. Flanking Warren on the left and right are Jerry Solomon, president of the Comanche County Farmers Union, and Slim Harding, vice-president of the Eastland County Farmers Union.

Throughout the world the New Year holiday is associated with certain foods believed to bring good luck. Often, too, there is an exchange of dishes between friends.

Eating customs on this date can be traced to ancient eras. Serving sweets, for example, goes back to the time when sugar cane was discovered. A favorite Roman food was honey; apples dipped in honey were also a feature of Hebrew New Year's observances, which take place sometime between September 6th and October 5th.

The American Indians associated acorns and salmon with New Year's Day. In our Southwestern states there was a belief that good fortune would come to those who ate black-eyes peas on January 1st.

People believe in some parts of the globe that a full salt shaker foretells a good year. Rice cakes are served for New Year's in Ceylon, yet some places like China refrain from rice. In India they believe that the cooking of new rice assures prosperity.

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Energy Crisis: Is There A Silver Lining?

AUSTIN--The energy crisis is a two-edged sword. It cuts into the most vital needs of agriculture, but it can also open the way for additional revenue for small towns close to cities.

Providing rural recreational facilities within short driving distances of large urban areas is one suggestion made by Agriculture Commissioner John C. White to the Rural Development Commission.

"We have to keep in mind that fuel is going to be in short supply and that enterprising towns are going to have to advertise. Also they are going to have to be imaginative in arranging transportation to their areas," White said.

"If it's not illegal, buggy rides from the train or bus depots would certainly enhance a country visit. Even a real old-fashioned hayride could offer transportation," White said.

Many small towns have already recognized the appeal of the historical significance of their areas and have developed tours and scenic areas for visitors. One small town near Houston has restored and furnished old buildings in the town and furnished them with authentic fixtures of the early 1900's.

An old drug store has been converted to a restaurant in a town near Austin. The appeal is in the good food, but also in the high ceilings and pot-bellied stove which still remain. Convention groups make the trip from the Capitol by bus.

"The secret of these successful ventures is that the owners have not changed the original charm of the rural scene. Nostalgia about the past can draw many to your town if the site is not a cheap imitation of big amusement parks," White said.

Just opening up a part of the farm for picnickers in slack seasons or on weekends can bring in extra money, White said. A drive to the

farm for a picnic could be combined with a money-saving family harvest day.

A field could be set aside for pick-your-own crops. One peach grower leases individual trees to city people. For a set fee, the renter gets all the produce from the tree, but must gather it himself. If all the fruit is not picked by a certain date, the farmer disposes of the fruit in any way he wants. Florida tomato and strawberry growers have realized good profits by letting families come to pick after commercial harvests are complete.

Fishing is still a major sport in Texas, and the establishment of ponds on farm acreage can be profitable, especially where no natural streams run.

Investment varies with the type of soil and type of business desired. The county Soil Conservation Service office can give technical advice on ponds. Also there is the possibility of financial aid from the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service next year. Until December 1972 funds were available for half the cost of building ponds, but funds were cut off in 1973. The ASCS anticipates that the funds will be reinstated in early 1974. Parks and Wildlife Service can advise farmers on the species best suited to the area and can supply stock fish.

"People have big investments in campers and trailers. Availability of peaceful surroundings within short driving distances of the city with a little fishing and hiking may make the energy shortage easier to take."

SHORT SNORTS

Representatives test-hopped the re-arranged House chamber during the special session. It is set up for both representatives and senators (181 in all) during the constitutional convention.

NEWS OF BEAUTY



SCENTS OF CHRISTMAS

Matthew wrote that the three wise men "presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense and myrrh." Now two of these treasured gifts from Christmas past are back as Christmas presents. Love Cosmetics has captured the rich, spicy aroma of frankincense and the sweetly sensual scent of myrrh, and added a woody mistletoe fragrance that's fresh and festive as Christmas trees in the snow so you can keep the fragrant spirit of the holidays always. All three are together in solid form in an ancient aromatics compact. These precious aromas from the past smooth on the skin to stir the senses this Christmas.

Surrounded by the scent of these romantic and mysterious fragrances, many a Christmas belle may find herself in Love this holiday season and enjoy it all year through.

MARIJUANA PRISONERS MAY GO FREE — Up to 400 convicted under the old felony marijuana possession statute may be freed soon at request of the governor.

A new law makes possession of up to four ounces of marijuana a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum of one year in jail or \$2,000 fine. Old law makes possession of any amount a felony, carrying a prison term of two years to life. The old law was the hardest on marijuana in the nation.



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FOR SALE - A real Roman spring! Before Julius Caesar reformed the Roman calendar, the summer months were arriving in the spring!

Desdemona News

By HATTIE TATE

Be not weary in well doing. By the time this goes into press the year 1973 will almost be history. It would be interesting to check up on past events.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Sparks and Ella Tidwell were in Lubbock Tuesday to attend the funeral of Bertie Sparks, wife of the late Tommie Sparks. She was the former Bertie Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ragland visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hobbs of Caddo.

The house where Jiggs and Winnie Rainey lived west of town, burned to the ground Wednesday morning. They had lately moved to their trailer home here in town.

Mrs. L. C. Landers, Mrs. Ed Crumbley and Hattie Tate delivered fruit and greeting cards to the De Leon Nursing and North Manor Nursing Homes in De Leon Monday afternoon. While there we visited Mrs. Mae Eldridge who had just returned from the De Leon Hospital after having a heart attack several weeks ago. Lately she had a pacemaker placed in her chest and now she is doing real well.

Monday night, December 17 the home of Benton Echols was all aglow with the holiday season decorations. Friends and neighbors were entertained with a 42 Christmas party. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Koonce, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hodges, Myrtle Reid, Neta Gee, Annie Rainey, Carrie Carr, Earl Lane and the hostess, Benton Echols.

The Desdemona Club met in the home of Mrs. Aaron Henslee of Stephenville for their Christmas program and tree. The devotional was by Mrs. W. H. Davis, and a Christmas Story was given by Mrs. Howard Wade. Gifts were then exchanged and gifts for the local ones in the nursing homes. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

This club has been carried on for sometime with just a few members, but it doesn't take a great number to do good deeds.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dewbre of Kermit visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Pug Guthery, Belinda, Karen and Holly.

Mrs. Ken Horan and daughters and Mrs. Lorene Horan visited Morgan and Dorothy Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Creed and Holly visited in Ft Worth with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mears.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grimshaw and son, Gene, were in Portales, N. M. Saturday to attend the funeral of a sister to Mr. Grimshaw, Mrs. Violet Bridges. Mrs. Bridges visited here a good many times and always attended church until the last visit in November and had been ill ever since she had returned home. Our sympathy goes to the family.

Bro. and Mrs. L. C. Landers, Evah Sparkman and Lorene Koonce attended the Christmas Pageant in Albany Friday evening. They reported that it was the most wonderful pageant they ever saw. Well worth the time to go see something that creates a Christmas spirit in anyone.

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NEW YEAR THE GIVING OF GIFTS FOR NEW YEAR

One of the things we look upon as a joy at Christmas is the giving of gifts. Actually the giving of gifts of candles and green wreaths was practiced during Saturnalia. And at the Calends, a three day Roman New Year's Festival celebrated starting January 1, houses were adorned with lights and greenery, and presents called strenae were given to friends, children, and the poor. As time went on the gifts became more elaborate. Sweet things were given to ensure the sweetness of the coming year. Lamps were gifts to wish light and warmth. Money or gold or silver objects were a wish for increasing wealth.

The exchange of gifts takes place on New Year's Day, when parties are at their peak. The Holiday Season is brought to a close with The Feast of the Kings on Epiphany. This is celebrated with the traditional cake, Le Cateau des Rois. This cake has a pea and a bean in it and the king and queen of Twelfth Night are elected by those receiving them.

Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens met at the Fire Hall at 1:30 p. m. December 26th. We played 42 and dominoes.

The following were present: Newton and Double Six Bennett, Fats Littlefield, (poor Murel still having cat troubles), Little Mrs. Beene, Honest and Bossy Bennett, Howard and Golda (our boss) Lancasters; the Easters had heebie geebies and could not come; poor Kent lost her voice and could not come; Little Jack Mauney just barely made it, and the energy crisis hindered Radio Monroe, Hendersons were talked down. Come be with us next time. Hones (I just can't help it, it just comes naturally), Reporter

NEW HOPE NEWS

SANTA COMES TO NEW HOPE

Moms and Dads, aunts and uncles, and grandparents and cousins, too - - all enjoyed the Christmas program at the New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday night.

The emcee for the night was Rev. Lannie Spruill.

Those taking part on the program were Kelly Branch, Donna Blancet, Christi Fuller, Cordilla and Barbara Regian, Waly, Kent and Rosemary Bridges, Brenda and Nita Scitern, Paula Boyd, Windell Treadway, Brad, Gary and James Campbell, Lyndell and Jimmy Cook. Adults helping were Ernestine Campbell Ann Blancet, Marie Cook, Marjorie Treadway and Ina Scitern.

After the program Ole Santa himself arrived. He asked everyone had they been good little boys and girls and what they wanted. Of course everyone had been good. Some didn't want anything, some didn't care. But then there were others who knew what they wanted: bicycles, dolls and other toys! One good

"little" boy wanted some gas for his car. After finding out what everyone wanted, Santa handed out the gifts from under the tree. After that was done he waved and said goodbye and Merry Christmas to everyone, for he had to hurry on because he had several more stops to make before midnight.

Now it was time for a few more carols, then time to go home. A nice time was enjoyed by everyone.

Jeannie ON THE SPOT

A third of a cup of vinegar can be a valuable liquid asset for a baby bottle sterilizer. If left to soak overnight, it will remove the mineral and rust deposits.



Using lemon juice is a handy way of removing spots from fingers. Squeeze the juice of a lemon into a very small container and soak your fingers in it. Afterward, gently brush your fingers with mild hand soap and warm water and rinse well. Use your favorite hand cream and just see the difference.

Food encrusted coated chairs needn't be an eyesore. A thorough sponging with Ajax All Purpose Cleaner in hot water dissolves the grease and softens the food, to make the chairs look like new.

You can get soiled tennis shoes white on a shoestring. After washing them in the washing machine, apply white shoe polish diluted first with one-half water. When they are dry and stains are completely covered, they look like new.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown of Whitesboro are visiting this week with her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Hatcher.

"little" boy wanted some gas for his car. After finding out what everyone wanted, Santa handed out the gifts from under the tree. After that was done he waved and said goodbye and Merry Christmas to everyone, for he had to hurry on because he had several more stops to make before midnight.

Now it was time for a few more carols, then time to go home. A nice time was enjoyed by everyone.



The new Bibles that don't look much like Bibles: They're made of denim, feature photos... and appeal to youth.

You Can't Always Tell A Bible By It's Cover

By Clarence E. Duncan

People used to buy the Bible in record numbers just because they thought every home ought to have one. Today the best seller is still the Bible, but it's because more people than ever are reading and studying it—especially the young.

A lot of things have been done to improve circulation, from cloaking the Good Book in blue denim to selling it in a variety of flavors—strawberry, licorice, vanilla, etc.—all aimed at reaching the contemporary youth. But the biggest boost has been the by-product of making the Bible easier to understand and to read. In the long run this has attracted by far the largest number of young readers.

Of course, that's what William Tyndale had in mind when he brought out the first printed English New Testament—to make it available to the folks who weren't able to read it. So it's really no coincidence that the fastest selling Bible on the market today—"The Living Bible"—is published by a company called Tyndale House, which recently ran its 12-millionth copy off the

press. Thus, while the Thomas Nelson Co. has as its slogan "Nelson Bibles are bound to be better," and finds blue denim its hottest cover, Tyndale House has its "Living Bible" listed in Publishers Weekly magazine as the best selling non-fiction book of 1972.

Young people continue to have a lot to do with the rise in Bible sales—up 20 percent across the board this year. They're starting Bible study groups in ever-increasing numbers and providing the challenge to their elders to follow their lead.

"The Living Bible" is a paraphrased translation which has changed many of the conventional patterns of Bible distribution and reading. Tyndale House maintains, however, that it has taken its share of the Bible market from the mass of people who yearn to understand what the Book is saying to them.

Tyndale puts out a full paperback Bible called "The Way." Each book of this Bible is introduced with contemporary photographs of young people, coupled with relevant comments. For in-

stance, Ecclesiastes is prefaced by a photograph of a young woman standing by a souped-up Volkswagen.

New Testament versions of "The Living Bible" include one for young people called "Reach Out," and one for blacks, called "Soul Food." Each utilizes the photographs and pertinent copy which makes it a book of practical use.

The next market "The Living Bible" will try for is women. Paul Mouw, advertising manager for Tyndale, pointed out that "women control most of the money and they're interested in passing on the faith to their children"

"The Living Bible" got off to a slow start 11 years ago, with practically everybody predicting it wouldn't sell. Then Billy Graham decided to use it on his television show as a free offer. It's been going great ever since, and is a big item in J.C. Penney stores, Macy's and many other secular outlets.

Clarence E. Duncan is Promotion Director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, and is a widely read religion writer.

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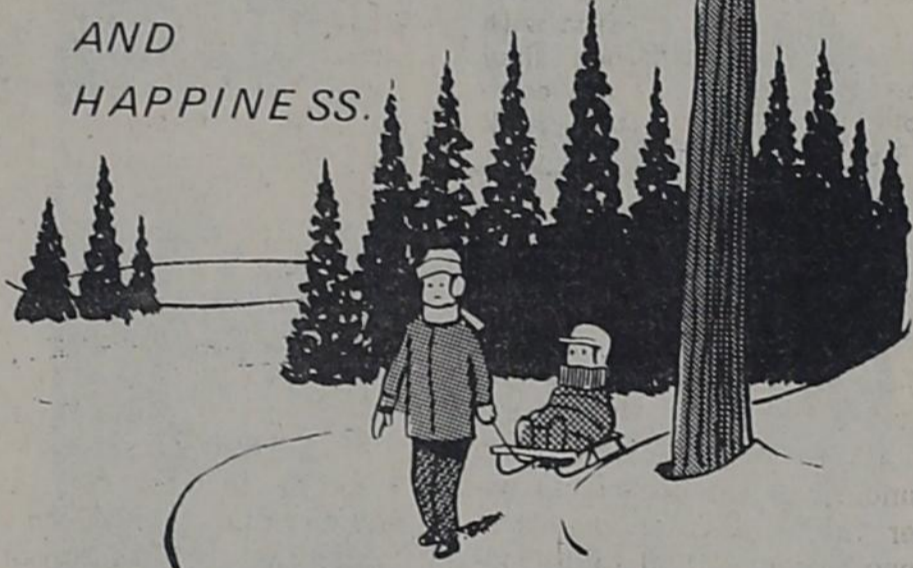
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1 lb. liver cut 1/2 inch thick
1/2 lb. bacon

Cut liver into 1 1/2 inch cubes. Cut bacon slices in thirds crosswise. Wrap bacon around liver cubes and secure with toothpicks. Place on rack in shallow pan or on broiler pan. Bake at 350 degrees 30-35 minutes until bacon is crisp. Turn half way through baking time. Makes about 48 appetizers.

For additional recipes, write John C. White, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

New Year Important Day For Japanese

NEW YEAR'S is Japan's most important holiday, officially lasting three days but actually running as long as a week.

Millions all over the country visit local Shinto shrines, clap to call the gods to attention, pray for a prosperous year and purchase from vendors the traditional talismans to ward off the evils. The ceremony closes out the Year of the Dog in the Asian lunar zodiac and welcomes the year of the Wild Boar.

Money to burn. To impress the neighbors with his wealth, a Kuakiutl Indian would invite the entire tribe to a feast, the climax of which would be the burning of his copper plate money.



PICNIC BY A POND--Rural areas such as this could be opened up for recreation if a proposal by Agriculture Commissioner John C. White takes root. In a speech to the Rural Development Conference, White called such an idea "... one of the best hopes for the future of our smaller communities." Not only would simple or elaborate recreation facilities make farm areas more enjoyable, they might also draw out-of-state tourists and city dwellers into the country for back-to-nature weekends and vacations.

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TDA Nursery List Printed

AUSTIN--Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced the publication of the 1973 Floral and Nursery Directory listing Texas florists, nursery growers, and nursery dealers.

Along with its many other duties, the Texas Department of Agriculture is responsible for inspecting and certifying all nurseries in Texas.

"Our inspectors make sure that when Texans buy plants from certified nurseries the plants will be healthy and insect-free," White said.

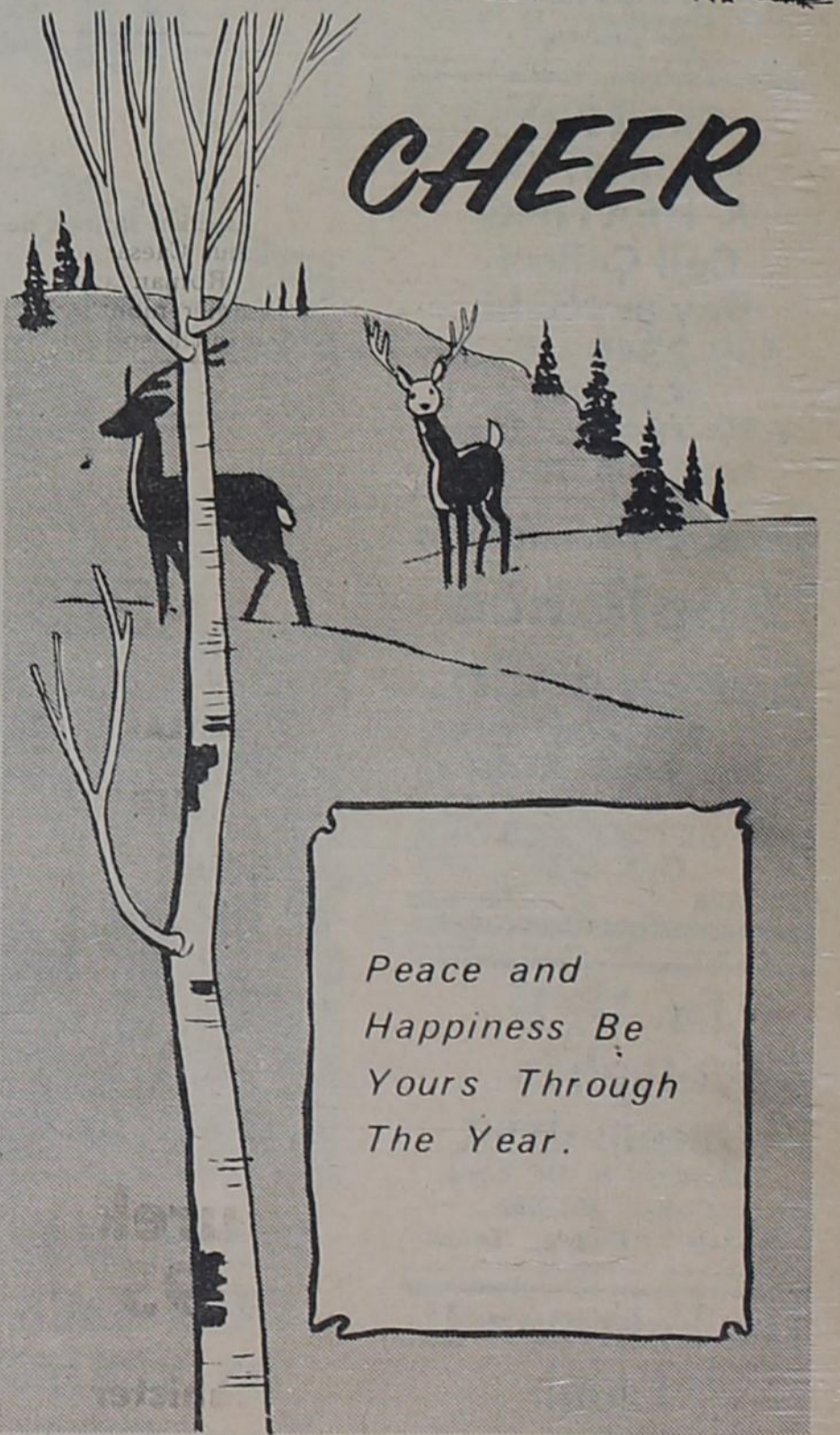
The 200-page directory also contains the Texas Nursery and Floral Inspection Law and a list of plant inspection and quarantine officials in the United States, Mexico, and Canada, he said.



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LOCAL NEWS

Major and Mrs. Billy E. Gregg spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Gregg. Major Gregg has been assigned to a one year tour of duty in Korea.

Carol Gray of Richardson visited from Friday to Monday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunn. The Duns accompanied her home for the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Gray. Mr. Dunn's father, C. M. Dunn of Davis, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Arms of Chickasha, are spending a couple of days with the Duns in Gorman. Mrs. Arms is a sister of Mrs. Ralph Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Lynn Clark and family of Comfort and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Clark of Austin were holiday visitors with their parents, D. R. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rodgers, and grandmother, Mrs. Jewell Parker. Other visitors with Mrs. Parker were her other granddaughter, Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. Ron Hoover, Renee and Amy of Miss., and her son, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Parker of Abilene, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bo Hood of Eastland.

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kirk were their children, Bill, Tom, Mary, Sarah and Karan of Texas Tech, and Mr. and Mrs. David Kirk of Oklahoma.

Rev. and Mrs. Kent Marrs and sons spent the Christmas holidays in San Antonio with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris.

Visiting over the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Gilbert were Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Guy, Steve and Cindy of Oklahoma City. They also visited in Carbon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odus Guy.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter and Milton Jr. were Mabel Trammell of Breckenridge, W. M. Fairbetter, LaGina, Angela and Dana Lynn. Those visiting Tuesday with the Fairbetters and Mr. and Mrs. Whit Russell were their children, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Russell, Marc, Jonathan, Steve and Stephanie of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Odus Arnett of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dennis of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. George Cornwell of

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EASTLAND GETS NEW PROSPECTS

Eastland County has gained sites for a wildcat and regular field project.

The wildcat is Dallas Production Inc. No. 1 Carr. slated for 4,500 fee.

Location is four miles north of Cisc on a 640 acre lease. It spots 2,700 feet from the north and 3,20 feet from the

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east lines of Section 496, SP Survey, A-927.

Cope-Shahan Corp of Abilene will drill No. 1 S. H. Henry Estate in the regular field two miles west of Rising Star. Having a proposed depth of 1,400 feet, it spots 600 feet from the south and 500 feet from the west lines of H. P. Genoway Survey

Sen. Max Sherman of Amarillo, 38, is new president pro tempore of the state senate.

The Department of Public Safety is unable to predict traffic patterns due to the energy crisis.

The lease is composed of 160 acres.

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Robert Ervin, Gorman
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—GP—

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our love and appreciation to each and everyone for the many kindnesses shown us at the time of passing of our loved one, R. F. Vann. For the flowers, cards, visits and food brought to the home, we are most grateful.

May the Lord bless each of you.

Mrs. R. F. Vann
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ray Kent

San Antonio were holiday visitors with Rev. and Mrs. Marion Dennis.

Home for the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Welch were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Welch and family of Saskwa, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Huff and family of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Welch of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Eison and Lee Ann of Atlanta, Ga. are visiting this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Eison.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker visited from Saturday to Tuesday in Tyler with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Hart and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Wise, John Edward Clark, and David Wise of Los Fresnos visited over the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Hollifield and the Clark families.



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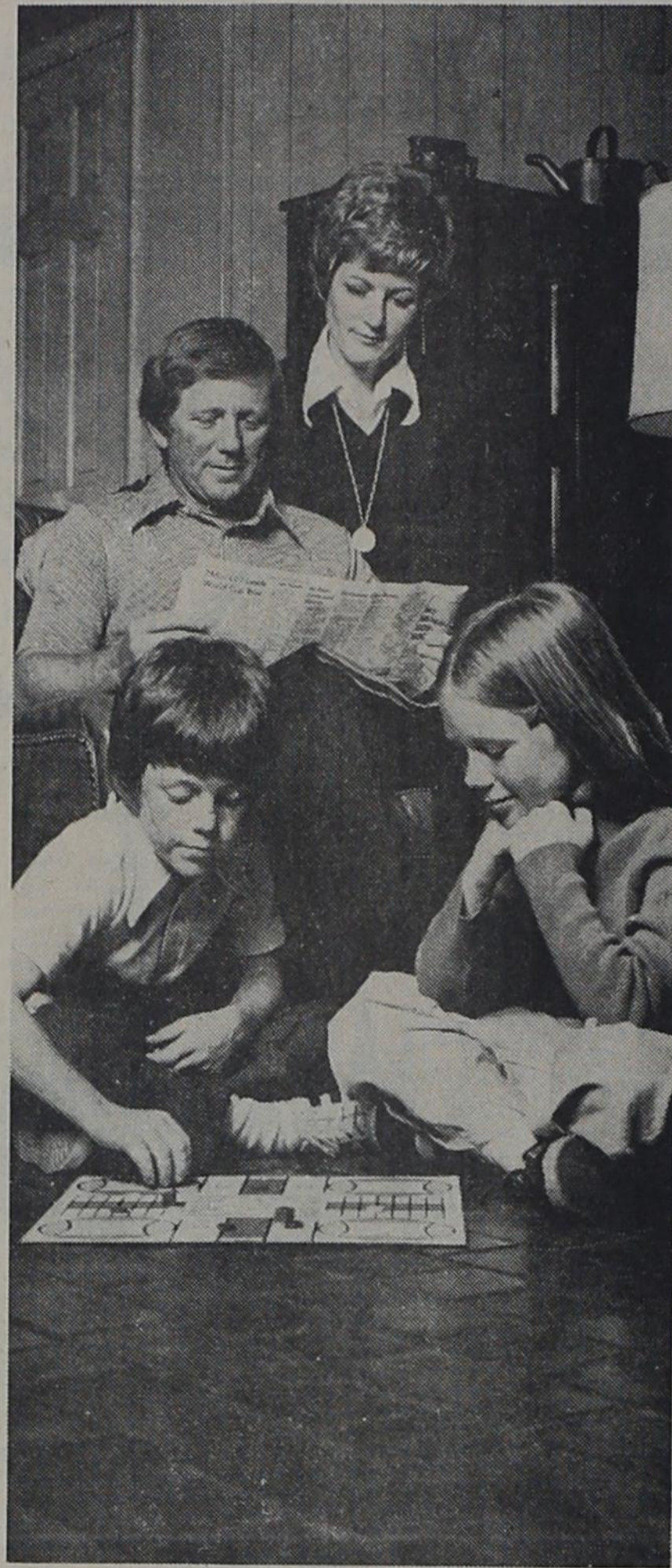
We now have one lignite plant in operation and two others under construction. A nuclear-fueled plant is planned for operation by 1980.

One advantage of lignite and nuclear fuels is that neither is being used extensively for any purpose other than generating electricity. A disadvantage is that it costs much more to build these plants than gas-fired plants. Lignite plants cost about twice as much. Nuclear plants cost more than three times as much.

In just the next five years alone TESCO must spend \$700 million on new facilities. Financing these essential expenditures makes an increase in electric service rates necessary.

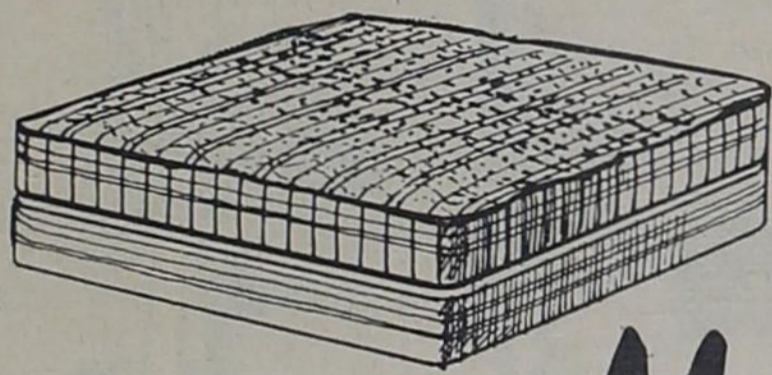
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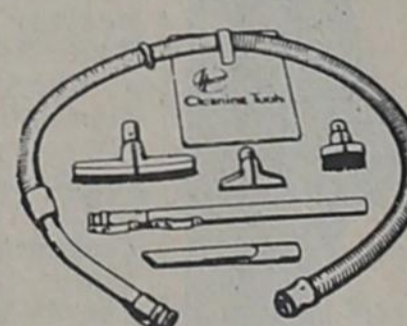
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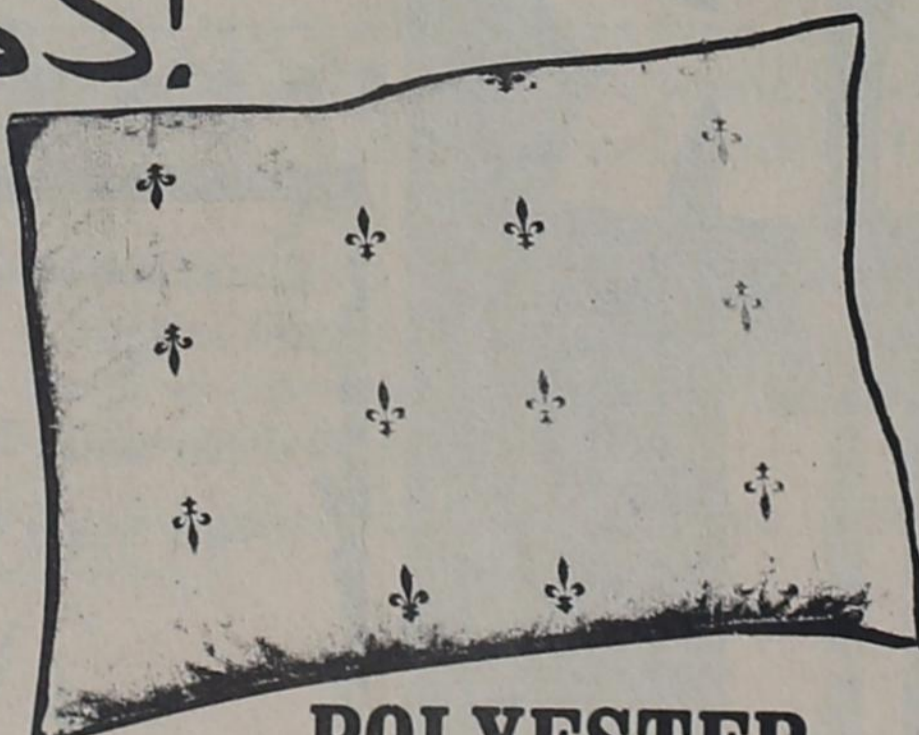
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Mail That Offends

Three years ago, Congress offered a new kind of protection to people who wanted to stop "sexually oriented" advertisements from arriving in their mail. Anyone so inclined could place his or her name on a special list to be kept by the Post Office. Sending such ads to those on the list was made a crime.

By now, with thousands of names on the list, enough time has gone by for this law to be tested and clarified in the courts.

To begin with, the basic idea has been held constitutional, even though it involves some limitation on the freedom of the press. The Supreme Court has ruled that, just as a householder can bar unwanted salesmen from



his doorway, so he can bar unwanted ads from his mailbox. The Court said the advertiser's right to communicate does not outrank the right of the householder to be let alone.

To hold otherwise, added the Court, "would make hardly more sense than to say that a television viewer may not twist the dial to cut off an offensive or boring communication."

Publishers also complained of the expense of having periodically to "cleanse" their mailing lists. But a federal court decided, in another ruling, that this was a burden the law could legitimately impose.

"(The) cost of complying with the statute," said the court, "is less than one cent per name, a fraction of the cost of postage, and is not unduly burdensome."

What about the risk that penalties will be imposed on the innocent, for mailings sent by mistake? One worried printer raised that point in court, saying that computer errors might subject him to punishment unfairly.

However, the court said the statute would simply not apply in those circumstances. There

JUNIOR HIGH BAND RATINGS FOR MID-TERM

First, second and third chairs in Junior High Band for our mid-term test were:

Cornets: 1. Elvira Torres, 2. Vicki Brown, and 3. Paula Eaves.

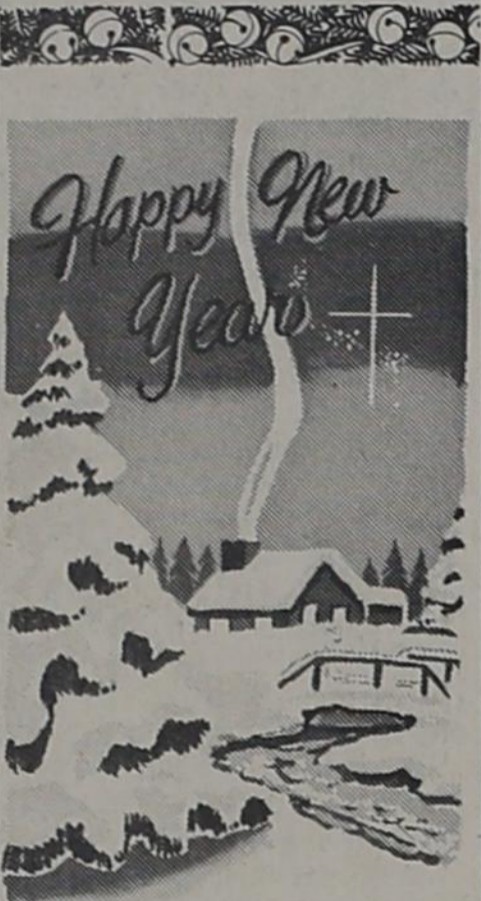
Clarinets: 1. Darla Good, 2. Kelly Mauney, and 3. Jackie Dennis.

Drums: 1. Casey Shupp, 2. Mike Wright, and 3. Danny Burgess.

Flute and Saxophone: 1. Paulette Baze and 2. Carla Good.

—GP—

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Harper of Mesquite and Doyle Shipman of Austin were holiday visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lendon Shipman.



May the day - and the Tomorrows yet to come - Bring Health and Happiness.

MARY MEHAFFEY

would be no criminal offense, the court observed, when there was no criminal intent.

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Homemakers Class Christmas Party In Preston Home

Mrs. L. D. Holliday, Reporter

The annual Christmas party of the Homemakers Class of the First Baptist Church was hosted by Mrs. Ray Rankin and Mrs. Doyle Preston in the Preston home on Thursday, December 20th.

Mrs. M. E. Foster opened the meeting with prayer and Mrs. Bob Ethridge, class teacher, gave the Christmas Story, Birth of Christ. Invocation was given by Mrs. O. R. Buchanan.

The dining area was beautifully decorated in the theme of Christmas and the sandwich plate, fruit and plain cake, assorted candies and hot spiced tea was enjoyed by candlelight.

LVN CAPPING EXERCISES

The Stephenville Hospital LVN School will hold capping exercises on December 30 at 2:00 p. m. in the First United Methodist Church in Stephenville.

Mrs. Catherine Parr Eaves of Gorman will be among the students receiving the LVN degree. She has served as secretary of the class.

In lieu of exchanging gifts with each other, the class members brought gifts for the senior citizens at Lawndale Home and gifts to the Mission Fund.

Those present were Mesdames Frankie Jarrett, A. D. Pittman, Wilburn Overstreet, Stanley Porter, Anna Belle Duske, Dean Bennett, L. A. Hampton, Archie Skaggs, J. E. Lawrence, Ramona Stacy, John West, the above mentioned, and Mrs. Carrie Atchison was special guest.

HOME IN ON HOLIDAY SAFETY

Is it your turn to have the whole family in for Christmas dinner? It should be a great party but will require careful planning and preparation.

The Consumers Insurance Information Bureau suggests that even before you pick out the Christmas goose or turkey, make some plans so that everyone has a safe time.

After the gifts are open, assign the head of the house to make sure all wrappings are cleared away. They can be a hazard for fires and falls. It may not work but try to get the children to keep the toys and games out of the line of traffic. This may break down once company arrives but it's worth the effort.

If the lord of the manor is to be bartender for the day, assign him a location and make sure he gets all his needs out of your way before the cooking is begun. Once you are started on dinner, you don't need extra traffic through the kitchen.

The Bureau says it might be a good idea to assign the children a place to play. The basement or a spare bedroom would be good. At any rate ban them from your work area. Hot stoves and bubbling pots do not mix with children.

Take an extra moment along the way to make sure that all pot handles are turned in so no one can bump them. Keep sharp knives away from counter edges and appliances away from the sink. If you are using a number of electric appliances such as blenders, toaster-ovens, mixers or coffee makers, try to distribute the load. Do not plug them all in to one line or try to use them at one time.



A drive to recruit 50,000 new Boy Scouts in Texas has been exceeded.

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In wanting to set a pretty table, keep safety in mind again. If candles are part of the setting keep them away from any evergreen centerpiece. Make sure the candles are firmly set in holders and are lit only while you and your guests are at the table.

If drinks are served before, during and after dinner make an allowance of at least an hour between the

last drink and the time your company leaves. Alcohol has a cumulative effect on people. If you feel a guest has had too much, suggest someone else drive home or suggest they stay a while longer.

CIB, sponsored by the National Association of Insurance Agents, recommends safety consciousness throughout the year but especially during the holiday season.



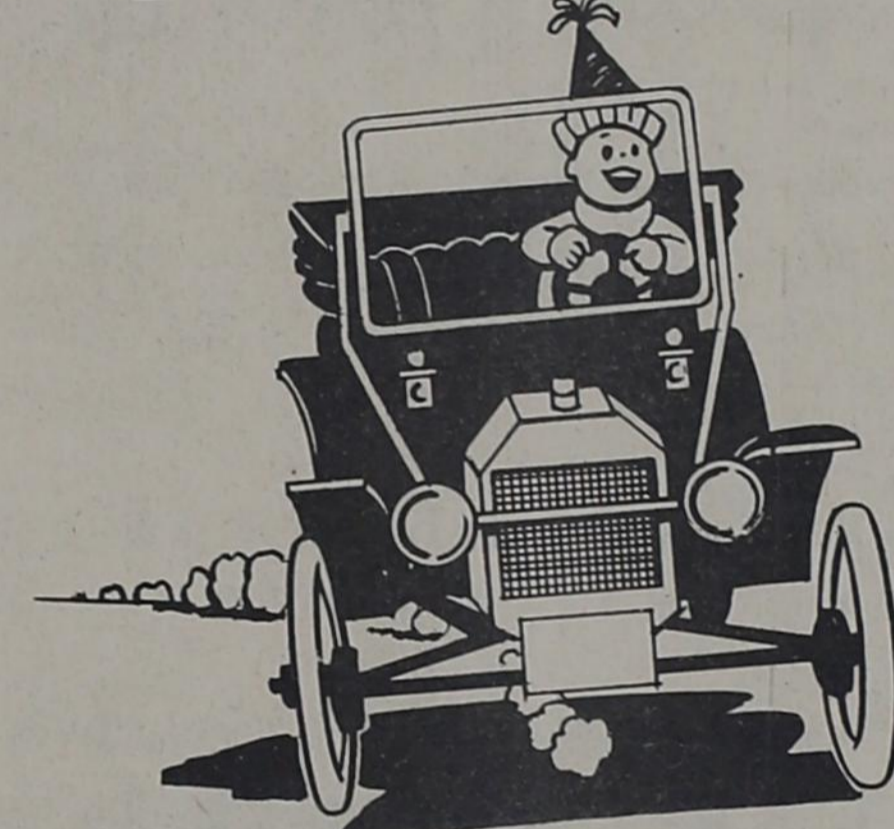
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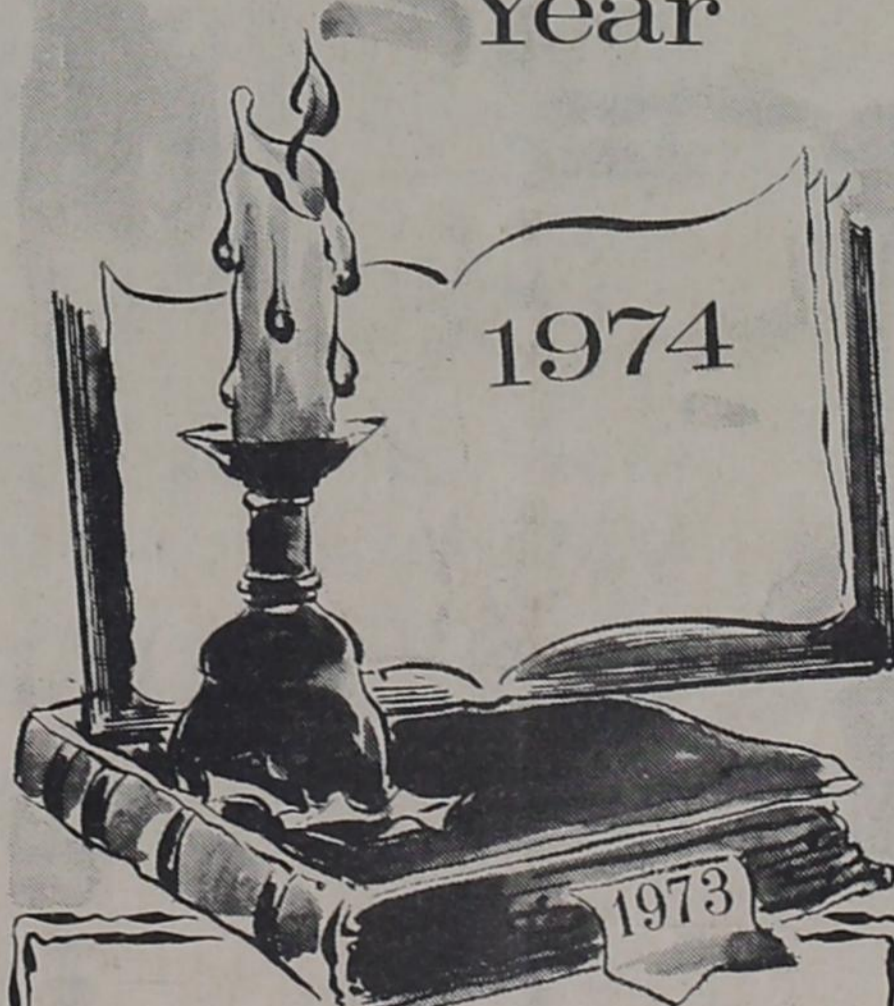
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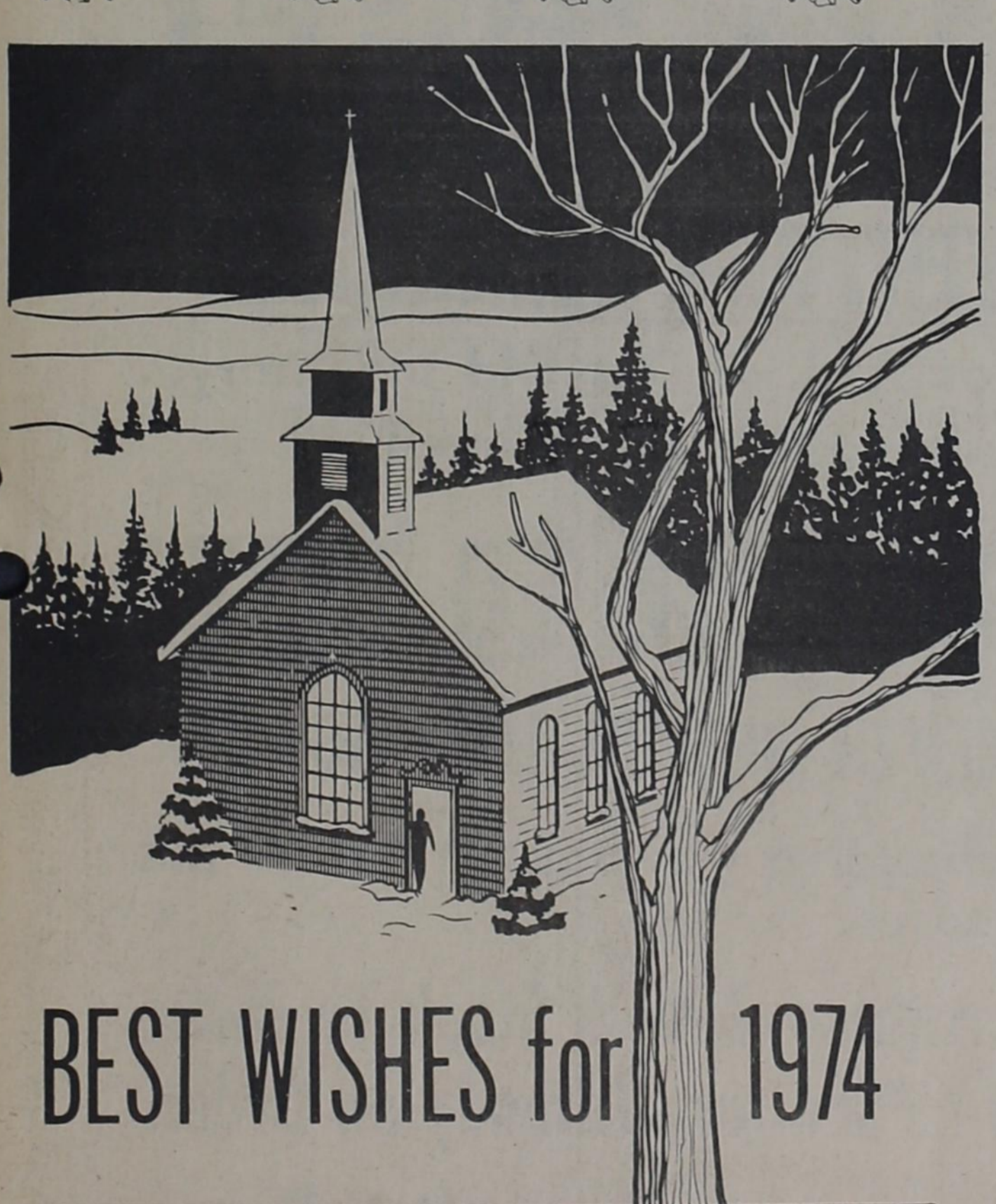


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SPIRIT LIFTER

The following is an editorial by a broadcaster, from our neighboring country, Canada. The points made by Mr. Gordon Sinclair of CFRB, Toronto, are so impressive that we wanted to share them with you. Mr. Sinclair stated, in part:

AMERICANS AID THEMSELVES
While America Aids Other, Who Has Ever Aided America?

This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth.

As long as 60 years ago, when I first started to read newspapers, I read of floods on the Yellow River and the Yangtze. Who rushed in with men and money to help? The Americans did. They have helped control floods on the Nile, the Amazon, the Ganges and the Niger.

Last spring the rich bottomland of the Mississippi was under water, and no foreign land sent a dollar to help. Germany, Japan, and to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy, were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts.

None of those countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When the franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there, I saw it.

When distant cities are hit by earthquakes, it is the United States that hurries in to help. Managua, Nicaragua, is one of the most recent examples. In the early months of 1973, 59 American

communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan, the Truman Policy, all pumped billions upon billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent warmongering Americans.

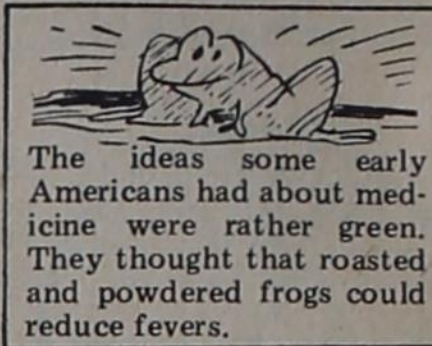
You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon, not once, but several times and safely home again. You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at.

Even their draft-dogers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from Ma and Pa at home to spend here.

When the Americans get out of this bind, as they will, who could blame them if they said, "The hell with the rest of the world. Let someone else buy the Israel bonds. Let someone else build or repair foreign dams or design foreign buildings that won't shake apart in earthquakes."

I can name you 5000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles.



The ideas some early Americans had about medicine were rather green. They thought that roasted and powdered frogs could reduce fevers.

Old and New

Author Unknown
Farewell, Old Year!
With goodness crowned
A hand divine hath set thy bound
Welcome, New Year
Which shall bring
Fresh blessings from my
God and King!
The old we leave without a tear,
The new we hail without a fear.
Because,
I know that o'er it all
Rules He who notes the
sparrow's fall.

THE OLDEST HOLIDAY
New Year's is our oldest holiday, and both primitive and civilized people have noted its arrival with some kind of festivity. Through the centuries, numerous traditions and customs have become associated with New Year's Day; therefore we moderns celebrate the day and engage in some practices that are reminiscent of antiquity.

Auld Lang Syne—
Song For The Season
Should auld acquaintance
be forgot,
and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance
be forgot,
and days of Auld lang syne?
For Auld - Lang Syne, my dear,
For Auld Lang Syne,
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,
For Auld - Lang - Syne
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We twa, ha'e ran a-boot the brae,
and pu'd the Gow-an's fine,
We've wand-er'd mony a wary
foot sin
Auld - Lang - Syne
For Auld - Lang Syne, my dear,
For Auld Lang Syne,
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,
For Auld - Lang - Syne.



We Turn the Page With a Thoughtful Look at the Yesterdays, with deep Appreciation for the Good Things That Come Our Way. We Welcome the new Opportunity to Serve this Community and the People who are Our Friends and Neighbors.

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