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Our sincere sentiments in wishing all a happy holiday celebration. Now and throughout the year ... our thanks.

Let's ring in a year rich in peace and love, health, wealth and much, much happiness. Enjoy it to the fullest!

**GORMAN—LINGLEVILLE
TEAMS TO PLAY AT
GORMAN FRIDAY NIGHT
AT 7:30 P. M.**

—J—
Well I hope all of you survived all that turkey and dressing, dumplings, ham and all the other great goodies during the Christmas weekend. For some reason or other I just could not seem to turn down offers to eat. If this keeps up I'll be bigger than the Goddard Blimp, or worse. Oh well, the better half will starve me to death after the holidays (or before). New Years holidays won't be as bad though, because those blackeyed peas are not fattening as those other goodies, and I will sure have to put away a lot of those blackeyes for the good luck in the upcoming new year.

We sincerely hope that you and yours had the merriest of Christmases with those you love and that the new year will be the brightest and most prosperous one of your life.

—J—
Neighbors can sure be life savers on many occasions ... and that's just what our neighbor across the street from the back of the Progress was on Monday afternoon. "Peanut" Yates call me at home and told me that water was spewing everywhere at the back of the shop. Ugh! The frozen pipes had thawed and the water was gushing everywhere, including around three inches on the floor inside the building. If I hadn't gotten that call there is no telling how much water would have gotten into the building. So our sincere thanks to Jerry for being a good neighbor and notifying me of the water leak. The water got into some tag stock I had on the floor, but the worst part of it all was getting the water up off the floor. The better half and Joetta pitched in and helped me get the water up. Man they worked me hard.

—J—
I think while all of us are enjoying all the fine food during the holidays that everyone of us should whisper a prayer to the Good Lord for all starving people in the world who are dying by the thousands while most of us in this country are being fer rather well. The Creator of us all did not mean for his people to be treated this way. They have no food or other necessities in some places to sustain their lives. We should all pray for the day when all people of the earth will be

fed properly and that peace will abound across the entire world.

—J—
It has come time again for the Progress to increase the advertising rates to take care of the increases we have sustained the past couple of years. I don't know about all of you, but what we have purchased lately has gone up rather than down as the so called expert prognosticators have told us. It seems that every invoice we get has an increase in the price. And also with the continuous increase in the cost of mailing the paper, we just have to make adjustments to secure the funds to pay the expenses. We are increasing the advertising rates to \$7.30 per column inch. This 10 cent increase will help us to take up the slack for the past couple of years that we have not raised the rates and will bring us closer in line with the surrounding newspapers of our size, and still less than some. The national rate will be \$1.65 per col. inch. Classifieds will be a minimum of \$1.50 (for 18 words). More than 18 words will be 8 cents per word. Also cards of Thanks will go up to \$2.50 minimum.

We want to emphasize that there will be no increase in the subscription rates to anyone. We are holding the line on this due to a whole lot of folks in our area being on fixed income and it would sure be tough on them if the rate went up.

We sincerely hope that the advertisers understand our position of having to increase the rates and will continue to give the Progress, your hometown news paper the support it has had in the past and must have in the future to stay in business. Next time you are in the stores, express your thanks for the support the business firms of our town give the paper.

—J—
Orval Treadway called me Tuesday night and said to be sure and tell everyone about the News Years Eve Singing to be held at the New Hope Baptist Church beginning at 8 p. m. Everyone is invited to come and help sing out the old year and sing in the new. The entire congregation extends a warm welcome to everyone to attend.

—J—
And remember to smile - because God Loves You!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Crimestoppers will meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

South Eastland County Hospital District Board will meet the Third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office.

A Musical will be held the Second Friday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

Woman's Auxiliary of Blackwell Hospital meet first Tuesday of each month at the Senior Citizens Center at 3:00 p.m.

Gorman Lodge 716 AF&AM stated meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

Gorman Chapter 443 O.E.S. meets First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

4-H and FFA Booster Club will meet the Third Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the School Cafeteria.

Monthly 4-H Meetings will be held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

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**The J. B. Williams To
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Mr. Mrs. J.B. Williams
will mark their 50th Wedding
Anniversary on Wednesday
January 4 with an
open house from 2:00 to
4:00 p.m. at their home in
the Kokomo Community.
Everyone is invited to
attend.
Hosting the reception
will be friends and relatives.
The couple are long time
residents of Gorman. He
served as sheriff of Eastland
County for ten years and
also served in the U.S.
Navy during World War II.
Mrs. Williams is the
former Thelma Taylor and
they were married January
1, 1934 in Gorman by Mr.
John Cooper.
They have one daughter,
Nanette Eaves and one
grand daughter, Sheri
Eaves.

—GP—
**EASTLAND
SHERIFF
WON'T RUN**

Eastland County Sheriff
Johnnie Morren announced
Monday that he has decided
not to seek re-election
when his term as sheriff
expires at the end of 1984.
Morren said he has no
definite plans after his term
ends in December.
Appointed to office in
July 1979 after Ronnie
White resigned, Morren
then was elected in 1980.

**Monday
January 2
City Holiday**

**RITES FOR
JOHN W. HARDEN
HELD DECEMBER 23**
John W. Harden, 23, of
Dallas died Wednesday
December 21, 1983 after
receiving two gun shot
wounds in the chest.
Funeral services were
held at 3:00 p.m. Friday at
Bakker Funeral Home in
Eastland.
The Rev. James Hamilton
of Carbon officiated.
Burial was in Eastland
Cemetery.
Born January 20, 1960 in
Eastland, he had lived in
Dallas since 1977, where he
was employed as a plumber.
He married Julia
Sheridan Sept. 30, 1979 in
Dallas. He attended the
Baptist Church.
Survivors include his
wife; a son Jacob of Dallas;
his parents Mr. Mrs. C.S.
Hodges of Gorman; his
grandmother, Agnes Sullivent
of Eastland; two brothers,
Hubert Harden of
Blum, and William D. of
Dallas; and three sisters,
Sam Goode of Gainsville;
Bonnie Pemberton of Fort
Smith, Ark.; and Angela
Harden of Gorman.

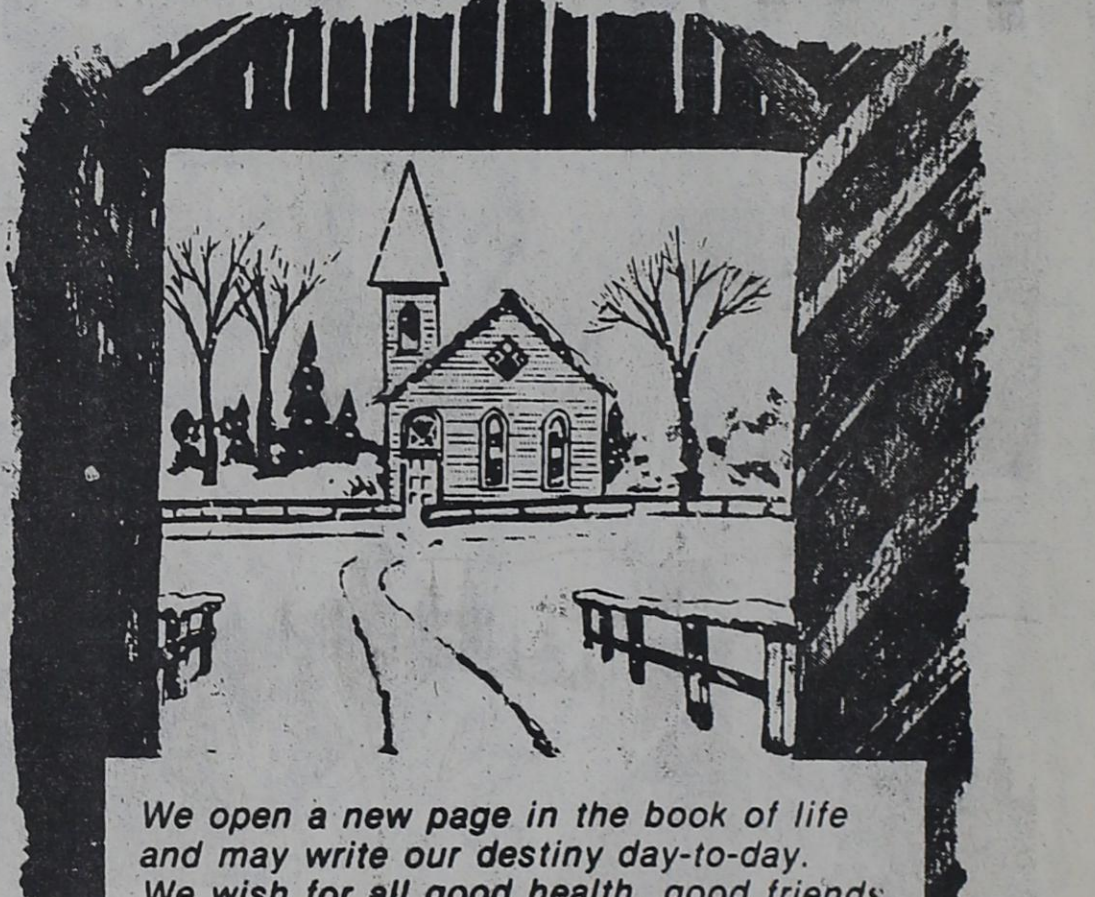
Before becoming sheriff,
Morren served on the Eastland
police department for
12 years, including 10 years
as chief of police.

Business firms in Gorman
will be closed Monday
January 2 in observance of
New Years Day. However
Henderson's Quickway,
Bob's Grocery and Double
J Restaurant, and Dairy
Queen will be open.
The post office will have
no window service and
there will be no rural mail
delivery.

NEW YEAR Greetings

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Alice Allison Named To Dean's List

Alice Allison of Gorman has been named to the Dean's Honor List at South

Plains College for the 1983 fall semester.

To qualify as an honor student at SPC, students must maintain a minimum 3.25 grade point average while enrolled for at least 12 semester hours. Students who earn a 4.0 gpa

Mrs. Jack Bennett Host Homemakers Class Party

Mrs. Jack Bennett was host for the Homemakers Class Christmas party December 13. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Doris Bradshaw, Jo Ann Butler and Mayvis are named to the President's List.

"We wish to extend our congratulations to these fine students who have demonstrated academic excellence which is found at South Plains College," said Dr. Bud Joyner, vice president for academic affairs. "We are always proud of the students who are named to the President and Dean's Honor Lists."

A total of 141 students were named to the President's List, and 301 students to the Dean's List for the fall 1983 semester at SPC.

-GP-

SINGING SLATED NEW YEARS EVE AT NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor and entire congregation of the New Hope Baptist Church extend a warm welcome for everyone to attend their New Years Eve Singing slated to begin at 8 p. m. Saturday night, December 31.

Everyone will enjoy singing out the old year and welcoming in the new year with gospel singing. What better way is there to celebrate the New Year than singing praises to our blessed Lord.

Everyone will enjoy the refreshments and fellowship with friends all their neighbors and also new acquaintances. So come on

Lasater.

Mrs. Annye Faye Foster gave the opening prayer, Winell Bryant gave the devotional entitled "What Christmas Means" She also read the scriptures in Josheau the coming of Christ and in Luke the birth of Christ.

Gladys Chambliss read a Christmas poem. Class members exchanged white elephant gifts that had been placed around a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

The class voted to send a \$25 gift to the Lottie Moon offering.

Hostesses served sandwiches, chips, dips, stuffed celery, salads, pie, coffee and tea.

Members other than those mentioned above were: Lula Vermillion, Louise Hall, Lois Buchanan, Louise Brown, Euna

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Clark Host Party

Mr. Mrs. Tommy Clark, Jeffery Paul and Melissa were hosts Christmas night for a family get together in their home.

Those enjoying good food and the exchanging of gifts were Mr. Mrs. D.L. Clark and Bobby of Comfort, Mr. Mrs. Terry Clark, Sharla, Christian David and Sommer, of Gorman. Mrs. Keith Jung, Cara Laray and Corby Lee of Kerrville, Kay Ann Craddock of Richardson, Lorena Clark and Estelle Craddock of Gorman.

-GP-

If you have high blood pressure, taking your medication daily is vital.

out and enjoy the night with the New Hope Baptist at their singing.

Correction

We regret the error made in the article of Lorena

Porter, Irene West, Hazel Smith, Bea O'Neal, Blanche Browning, Lavoyce Hirst, Elaine Skinner, Iris Preston, Geraldene Wright Ora Lee Lawrence, and Mary Nell Stanfield.

Michael that appeared in last weeks issue of the Progress.

Lorena placed second in the Overall Regular Veterans Association Baby Contest. She was born January 16, 1980 and not June 16 as we had stated in the paper.

She is the daughter of Mr. and the late Bill Roney of Mrs. James Michaels of Breckenridge. Our appologies to Lorena parents are Mr. Mrs. Lee and her family for this Michaels and Edna Roney error.



And a year of good luck- Our appreciation and our best wishes to everyone.

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Happy New Year



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More News and Views From Blackwell Hospital

(This is a weekly column provided as a public service to this community on behalf of the physicians, staff, and management of Blackwell Hospital).

We thought it would be a good idea to bring in the new year with a life-saving tip - DON'T EAT SALT; IT'S HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH!. Here's how to quit!

Salt Freedom Made Easy

(1st in a series)

Our doctors have told us. TIME Magazine has told us. Consumer groups and government experts have told us. Our bodies don't need as much salt as we use. Salt, or more accurately the sodium in salt, seems to contribute to high blood pressure (HBP) in some people. Scientists believe that some people can cut their chances of getting HBP by cutting down on the sodium they consume. With their doctor's advice, some people who already have high blood pressure can reduce the amount of medicine they need or lower pressures to healthy levels without using drugs at all.

According to a national survey, 40 percent of the U.S. population is trying to cut back. How? The first step is to take the salt shaker off the table. Next, eat fewer food that taste salty: bacon, sausage, hot dogs, potato chips, pickles, sauerkraut, etc. These changes will help, but as a salt-wise shopper and cook, you can do more.

The shopper with salt savvy knows that nearly all processed foods are much higher in sodium than fresh foods. For example, a raw tomato has 14 mg of sodium; but, one cup of tomato soup, prepared with an equal amount of water, has 932 mg. and a cup of commercial tomato sauce has 1,498 mg. Sodium is included in almost every kind of processed food, including baked goods, lunch meats, canned foods, prepared frozen dinners, cereals, candy, cheese, condiments, and even ice cream.

On package labels, many different words mean that the product contains sodium: salt, monosodium glutamate, sodium benzoate, and di-sodium phosphate are some common sources of sodium in processing. Many companies are starting to specify the amount of each kind of sodium on the label. If a label does not give the exact amounts, remember that ingredients are listed in order of quantity; those cutting down on sodium might avoid buying products when a sodium word is among the first three ingredients listed.

Here's a handy recipe to get you started on a new way of life; free from salt! Next week, more recipes.

Salt Substitute Recipe

- 1 teaspoon chile powder
- 2 teaspoons ground oregano
- 2 teaspoons black pepper
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder (not garlic salt)
- 6 tablespoon onion powder (not onion salt)
- 3 tablespoon paprika
- 3 tablespoon poultry seasoning

Mix all seasonings together and put in you salt shaker.

We will continue with more important information about salt next week. Mean-while, have a happy holiday.

VITAL STATISTICS

Since we started our Blood Pressure Screening Clinic in October we've screened over 300 people and referred 50 of these to their doctor. Based on national statistics then, we may well have saved the lives of 10 people from stroke or kidney failure. We think that's--VITAL.

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Blackwell Hospital - Gorman, Texas

January 1984



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Dec. 31 - Bluebonnet Bowl, Houston. At 7 p.m. it's Baylor University vs. Oklahoma State University at the Astrodome. For ticket and information contact Greater Houston Bowl Association, Astrodome, Loop 610 South Kirby Drive, Houston 77001 (713-799-9755).

Jan. 2 - Cotton Bowl, Dallas. Parade downtown begins at 9 a.m. At 12:30 it's University of Texas vs. University of Georgia at Fair Park.

Dec. 1, 1983 - Jan. 31 - The American Cowboy, Institute of Texan Cultures, San Antonio. One of only four institutions in the nation to be so honored, the University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures will present the international exhibition produced by the Library of Congress which surveys the cowboy from his humble beginnings as a migrant agricultural worker of the 19th century to his status as a

folk hero adored the world over. It contains nearly 370 items of artwork, photographs, artifacts, film clips, music recordings and more. In addition, a series of western film classics, public discussions with "real live" cowboys, demonstrations of cowboy skills and other special events are scheduled during January. All programs are free and open to the public. For details contact Jo Eckerman, Institute of Texan Cultures, P.O. Box 1226, San Antonio 78294 (512-226-7651).

Jan. 8-31 - Texas Citrus Fiesta, Mission. "Mission's Diamond Jubilee" offers a variety of entertainment which includes Winter Texan events for out-of-state visitors, citrus exhibit, royalty coronations, TexaSweat citrus recipe contest, golf tournament, carnival, and more. Specialties of the fiesta are the Product Costume Show featuring fashions created from natural Valley-grown products using a cloth base and the Parade of Oranges which requires all floats to be decorated with Valley-grown fruits and vegetables. For complete listing and prices contact Texas Citrus Fiesta, P.O. Box 407, Mission 78572 (512-585-9724).

Ben Vereen opens the season Jan. 13, followed by the outrageous comedy of Red Skelton on Jan. 27. All performances begin at 8 p.m. For complete schedule and prices contact Becky Young, Dallas Symphony Association, P.O. Box 26207, Dallas 75226 (214-565-9100).

Feb. 3-4 - Kwahadis Winter Ceremonials, Amarillo. Authentic Kwahadis Indian ceremonial dances are performed by Boy Scouts in colorful, full Indian dress. They are trained for these dances for years from a young age through high school to preserve the traditional Indian dances. Performances are at 8 p.m. indoors at their Indian headquarters. For more information contact Amarillo Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1000 Polk, Amarillo 79101 (817-374-9812).

Jan. 25 - Feb. 5 - Southwestern Exposition & Fat Stock Show/Rodeo, Fort Worth. The original indoor rodeo, this event is a long-standing tradition celebrating its 87th year. With a purse of \$240,000, the rodeo includes riding, roping, dogging, barrel racing and specialty acts such as the Flying Cossacks with trick and fancy riding and the wonder horse, Mr. Rhythm. The stock show features a variety of exhibits and outstanding stock. Big name C&W entertainers will be featured. For details contact Southwestern Exposition, Box 150, Fort Worth 76101 (817-332-7361).

- Livestock Shows:**
- 5-7 Hondo (Jr.)
 - 7 Lometa
 - 13-14 Breckenridge (Jr.)
 - 13-14 Fredericksburg (Jr.)
 - 13-14 Lometa (Jr.)
 - 14 Big Lake (Jr.)
 - 19-21 Carrizo Springs (Jr.)
 - 19-21 Goldthwaite
 - 19-22 Fort Stockton
 - 26-28 Taylor (Jr.)
 - 27-28 Big Spring (Jr.)
 - 27-28 Copperas Cove (Jr.)

- Rodeos:**
- 5-7 Victoria
 - 7, 14, 21, 28 Simonton

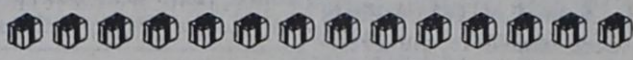
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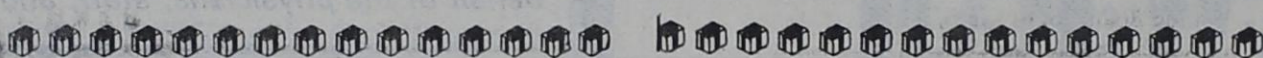


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G. Hollifield Laid To Rest Thursday

George Gray Hollifield, 87, a lifelong Gorman resident, died at 1 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 21, 1983 at Blackwell Hospital after a lengthy illness. Services were at 3 p.m. Thursday at Higginbotham Funeral Home.

The Rev. Huron Polnac, Baptist minister from Ranger, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Donna Ware, pas-

tor of First United Methodist Church in Gorman. Burial was at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Born Oct. 1, 1896, in Gorman, he married Claudia Ann Clark Aug. 17, 1944, in Gorman. She died Nov. 13, 1983. A retired rancher. He was co-owner and operator of the King Theatre with the late Hubert Craddock from 1948 to 1958. He attended the Methodist Church.

Survivors include three nephews, Perry, Roy and Bernie Barnes, all of Rising Star.



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Spring Semester To Begin At CJC January 16

Cisco Junior College is making preparations to begin its 1984 spring semester.

Pallbearers were John Edward Clark, Roger George, Tommy Clark, Joe Bennett, Graydon Baze and Brent Lasater.

—GP—

W. Jacobs Services Held Tuesday

William Henry Jacobs, 79, a retired farmer from Desdemona, died at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Ranger Hospital. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Higginbotham Funeral Home.

The Rev. Darrell Dossey, pastor of First Baptist Church of Gorman, officiated. Burial was at Desdemona Cemetery.

Born Dec. 7, 1904, in Hubbard in Hill County, he married Eula A. Wisdom Oct. 4 1924, in Wastella in Nolan County. She died Jan. 14, 1983. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Desdemona.

Survivors include two sons, William H. Jacobs Jr. and Tommy R. Jacobs, both of Pasadena; five daughters, Geraldine Gentry of Arlington, Willa Gosdin and Jo Redwine, both of Fort Worth, June Jacobs of Dallas and Bonnie Hatton of Lubbock; 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Grandsons were pallbearers.

—GP—

Retired Area Band Dir. Dies at 75

Alton Roan, 75, of Cisco, a retired band director, died at 2:25 p.m. Sunday Dec. 25, 1983 at his home. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Cisco Funeral Home.

The Rev. Frank Williams, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery.

Born April 25, 1908, in Sabanna near Cisco, he graduated from Randolph College and Howard Payne University. He married Evora Wofford Dec. 29, 1934, in Eastland.

He taught band in Clyde, Breckenridge, Gatesville, and surrounding areas including Gorman. He also was band director at Ranger Junior College and Cisco Junior College. He retired from Cisco Junior College in 1973. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

A brother, Chester Roan, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife; two sisters, Mrs. Erna Boone of Rising Star and Mrs. Era Boyd of Round Rock; two nephews, Kenneth Roan and Newell Dalton Roan; and a niece, LaRue Summers.

Pallbearers were Tim Jones, Wylie Peebles, J.D. Yardley, Carl Gorr, John Mueller and Eris Ritchie.

er. Registration for the spring semester at the Cisco campus will be held in the Student Union Building from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 16 and Tuesday, January 17. Night registration is scheduled for one night only, January 16 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Registration is assigned by last name. It is very important that you register at the assigned time.

Dormitories will open at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 15. The cafeteria will open at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, January 16.

Classes will begin January 18 at all locations, but late registration will continue through January 27 during regular office hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at the Registrar's office on the Cisco campus.

Rusty Freed Receives Degree

Rusty Freed of Carbon

Registration for the Abilene campus is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10 and Wednesday, January 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Abilene Educational Center located in Westgate Mall.

Registration for the Clyde campus will be held Thursday, January 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Clyde Educational Center in downtown Clyde.

For more information, call the appropriate campus at one of the following numbers: Cisco - (817) 442-2567; Clyde - (915) 893-5876; Abilene - (915) 698-2212.

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FAMILY CHRISTMAS

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Lorena Duggan family had their Christmas together the weekend of Dec. 17.

Those present were Ed and Mike Duggan, Ron and Jennifer Phillips with their three daughters, Virgil and Frances Overstreet, Henry Overstreet, Jamie and Johnnie Mc Gilvary, Andy and Kathy Parker and daughter, Billy and Jan, Bud and Dee Smithy, Russ and Harriett Duggan and their grandson, Wayne and Mary Vinson, Lyn and Scytha Alldredge, Les and Nancy Alldredge and their five children, Murtice Rodgers, Steve Parker and Jed Duggan, Stella Rider and her granddaughter. Distances were from Houston, Texas to Anchorage, Alaska. Needless to say, plenty of food and visiting was enjoyed by all.



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KOKOMO NEWS

By Zelda Jordan Phone 639-2289

We hope that everyone got through the bitter cold weather o.k. and had a wonderful Christmas Holiday with loved ones and friends.

We had a wonderful Christmas service at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning with personal testimonies of what Christ and Christmas means to us and an inspirational message from God's Word by Bro. Bob Watson. The Christmas Hymns were led by Vera Jean Watson with Wynelle Brown at the piano and Glynda Bond at the organ. Visitors were Alma Lee Creager of Levelland, Sherry Blakney of Lubbock, Mike, Mary Jo and Kami Leonard of Canadian, Joyce Gilbert of Oklahoma City, Bill, Helen and Dale Collum of Desdemona, D'Aun Brown of Carbon, Euell, Jenoise and Ann Allison of Carbon and Jill

Dublin joined them for Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve. Gladys, Alma Lee, Earlene, Naoma and Paula visited with the Logans on Sunday afternoon to wish Georgia a "Happy Birthday".

Jerry, Lavell, Deborah and Amy Hallmark and a friend, Grave of San Angelo, Jimmy, Verna Lee and James Little, Jill Lowrance, Ray Neal, Melissa and Emily Little and Tim, Nelda and Cody Fails of Abilene had Christmas Eve dinner with Mrs. Dora Garrett on Saturday. Cliff and Lurline Nelson visited with them also. Charles, Carolyn and Alan Little visited with Mrs. Garrett on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Neal Little and Melissa of Lake Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Fails and Cody of Abilene and Jill Lowrance of Morton Valley enjoyed a family Christmas breakfast on Christmas Eve morning with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little and James.

Visiting with Vernon and Deon Fields during the Christmas Holidays were Joe, Barbara, Michael, Caylea and Lisa Fields of Madisonville, Richard, Teresa, Taylor and Trevis Nachtigall of Morgan Mill, Fred, Delores and Marla Walker of Whitehouse, Buster and James Johnson of Carbon, George Johnson of Kokomo, and Lindell Fields of Gordon.

Enjoying Christmas Eve Supper at Mrs. Mamie Little's were Ima Boles of Clyde, Randy, Vicki, Deborah and Reed Boles of Clyde, Bill, Lois, Blake and Abby Boles of Arlington, Earl and Betty Little of Albany, Ronnie, Karen, Sandy and Clay Patterson of Benjamin, Doug, Carol, David and Joe Little, Bobby, Mary Jane and La Dawn Little of Olden, Jimmy, Verna Lee Little, Tim, Nelda and Cody Fails of Abilene, Charles, Carolyn, Caye, Charla and Alan Little and Scotty Mauney of Gorman.

Neal, Joyce and Glenn Gilbert of Oklahoma City, Steve Gilbert of Abilene, John, LaTonne and Jonna Rodgers of Carbon, Bob, Kathy, Kevin, Jason and Corby Rodgers of Brownwood, Jeff and Kim White of Graham and Mike and Alice Rodgers visited during Christmas with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Berneice Rodgers and all had Christmas dinner in the home of John and LaTonne Rodgers at Carbon on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Berneice Rodgers has a new Great-granddaughter, Kristen Leigh Morrow who was born on December 20. Kristen Leigh's parents are Dr. Robert and Lisa Morrow of El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bennett spent the Christmas holidays in Big Spring with a daughter, Mrs. Maudine Anderson and family. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Eberhardt, Kathy and Kevin of Austin joined them there. Neal Anderson came home with his grandparents for a visit during school vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collum and Dale of Desdemona were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Snider, Kathy and Mike on Christmas Day.

Freddie, Johnnie Beth and Melissa Shackelford of Liberal, Kansas and Dave, Camilla, Courtney and Whitney Mudry of Odessa were Christmas visitors with Bro. and Mrs. Joe O'Neal.

Roddy, Glenda, Joe and Sheri Miles of Abilene and Ted and Cindy Jordan of Munday were here for Christmas visited with their parents, and grandparents, Glenn and Zelda Jordan, on Sunday night and Monday. Others visiting with them on Sunday night were Sylvia, Kelly and Yancy

Buchanan of Clyde and Robin Hoy of Plano.

Deliah Eaves of Kermit, Mark and Kaycee Eaves of Dallas visited with their parents, Delmon and Joyce Eaves during Christmas, and Neil and Verda Jean Eaves and Donald Eaves of Mangum joined them for supper on Christmas Night. Nancy Carter of Kermit and Jo Ann Tubbs of Eastland also visited in the Eaves home during the holidays.

Gene, Lou and Joe Rodgers, Nicole Walton, Danny, Cindy and Ryan Rodgers, Terry, Linda, Catherine and John Ross Weaver, Jimmy, Wilda, Keith, Bruce, Bart and Rebecca Rodgers all of Midlothian, Rodney, Ruth, Allen, and Andrea Spencer of San Antonio, and Benny, Deanna, Pam and Leslie Chupp of Houston has a Christmas visit on Sunday night and Monday with their parents and grandparents, Cullen and Ava Rodgers.

Kenneth, Betty and Joni Heathington of Kentucky and Laneta Rodgers of Dallas visited with their mother, Vera Rodgers, during the Christmas

Holidays. Cullen and Ava Rodgers visited with them on Christmas Eve.

Jim, Judy, Jerry and Jennifer West of McGregor, Jimmy and Linda Sandlin of Carbon, Charles, Carolyn, Caye, Charla and Alan Little, Scotty Mauney and Danny Burgess were together for Christmas with their parents and grandparents, Dean and Lois Collins on Friday night. The Charles Little family and Scotty also had dinner on Christmas Day with the Collinses, James, Barbara and Lori Ely of Stephenville were supper guests in the Collins home on Christmas night.

Wayne, Christi, Chad and Lindsay Eaton of Burnett and Rickey, Darla, Wesley and Kevin Fuller of Gorman were Christmas visitors with their parents, Claude and Juanita Fuller.

Albert and Nancy Hendricks were dinner guests on Christmas Day of his sister, Mrs. Daisy Wood of Carbon and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wood and Dawn Michele of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Duncan and Clay

of Olden, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbourne Wood of Carbon and Craig Wood of Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Sylvia, Kelly and Yancy Buchanan of Clyde visited from Sunday afternoon until Tuesday with Albert and Nancy Hendricks. Others having dinner with them on Tuesday were Paul, Sue and Robin Hoy of Plano, Mrs. Terri Chambers, Jason and Angela of Plano, Billy Eppler of Wylie, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eppler of Atlanta, Georgia.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year To All!



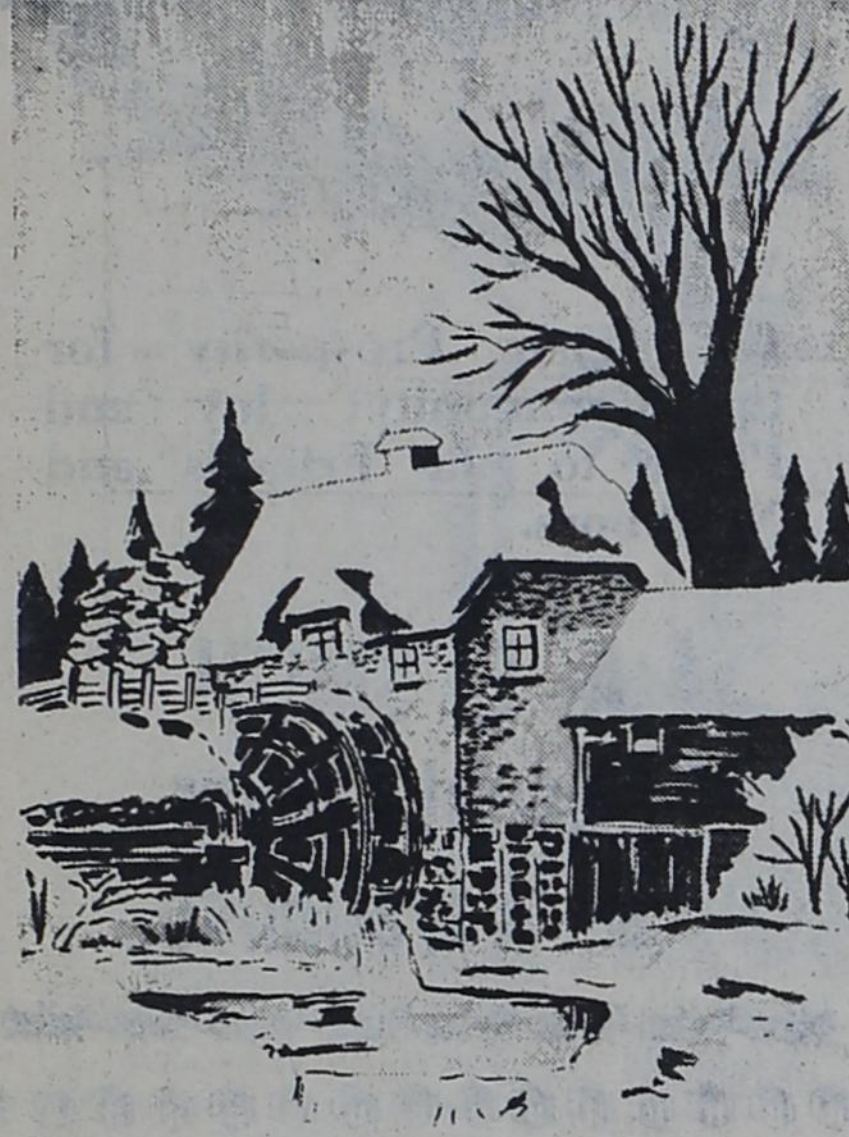
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Grace Kelly was the first movie actress to appear on a postage stamp. She and Prince Rainier of Monaco, her husband, were featured on one in 1956 in commemoration of their marriage.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Let happiness and goodwill abound during this most joyous of holidays. We want to wish the best to all of our wonderful friends and patrons.

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NEARLY NEW by Betty

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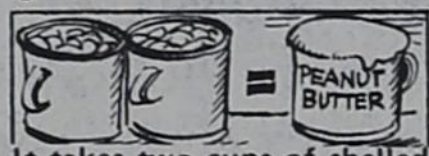
By Jettie Daniels
 Bingo Winners last week were: Game-One, Three and four, Jimmie Mosely. Game Two. Mr. Hayde Barbee. Black Out game was also won by: Jimmie Mosley and Hayde Barbee. Our December birthdays will be celebrated on the 29th. of this Month. Birthday Honoree's are: Mary Harrell, Veno Hale, Rena Parker and Mary Emerson. Party will be at 2:P.M. Weather permitting, the Senior Citizens Band from Rising Star will entertain our residents. Flower for December is the narcissus. Birthstone is

the turquoise. Roland Smith, will be back with us on January the 3rd. which is the first Tuesday in the Month. Vardie Huff's Band will be here the 16th. which is the Third Monday of the Month. Everyone has a very Cordial invitation to join us. Thanks very much to all those that brought gifts to our residents, you did indeed make their Christmas much brighter. May God bless each of you in a special way. We at Gorman Care Center, wish each of you a Happy New Year.

Pat Brown Laid To Rest Wednesday

RANGER — Zeffie Cornelia "Pat" Brown, 81, of Ranger died at 3:05 p.m. Monday at Ranger General Hospital after a lengthy illness. Services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Mesquite and Rusk Street Church of Christ in Ranger. Ronnie Lowe, minister, officiated. Burial was at Alameda Cemetery in Ranger, directed by Edwards Funeral Home. Born April 12, 1902, in Comanche County, she graduated from Proctor High School. She married Joseph Shirley Brown, August 29, 1925 in Gustine. They lived in the Chaney community south of Ranger most of their married life. A homemaker, she was a member of the Church of Christ. Survivors include her husband; two sons, Joseph Kenneth Brown of Ranger and Porter Wayne Brown of Eastland; a daughter, Ouida Dale Hummell of Lafayette, La.; 13 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Wilburn Overstreet, Coy Bargsley, Morris Underwood, Bob Perkins, Earl Taylor and Troyce Boone. two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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M	Any motorcycle or moped.	

DRIVER'S LICENSE LAW WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1984.

The new law will require Drivers to be licensed according to the type, weight, or number of axles of the vehicle being driven and if towing a vehicle by its weight. Under the new law the use of the vehicle is not considered. Drivers having a valid license may continue to operate according to the old law until the license expires. A person's license will be converted to the

classified system when renewing, needing a duplicate or when changing name or address at a driver license office.

For the first time since 1968, certain drivers with no convictions for moving traffic violations in the previous four years, will be invited to renew licenses by mail. To qualify for a mail renewal a driver must receive a mail invitation from the Department. Upon payment of the fee, these drivers will be sent a validation card to be carried with the old license. A

vision test or new photo will not be required for mail renewals.

Mail in applications will also be accepted for change of address only. Any other change requires an appearance at the local office. Forms will be made available at various public places for this purpose.

Fees for the new licenses are ten dollars for all classes of licenses except a provisional license which are computed at two dollars and fifty cents per year until the persons eighteenth birthday. Except for

the provisional license all classes of license will be valid for four years. The fee for a duplicate license is three dollars. An examination fee of five dollars will be required when changing from a lower class license to a higher class or when adding a motorcycle class.

A diagram of the classes of licenses is printed here to help explain the new law. Information can be obtained from any driver license office.

By law, butter is 80% fat.

Lucille Davis Service Held Wednesday

STEPHENVILLE — Lucille Davis, 95, of Stephenville, a 64-year Erath County resident, died at 10:40 p.m. Monday, December 26, 1983 at the Community Nursing Home. Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Stephenville Funeral Home. The Rev. Oscar Hartsfield, Baptist minister, officiated. Burial was at Desdemona Cemetery in Desdemona. Born July 23, 1888, in Ripley, Miss., she married Williams Davis in 1909 in Cornith, Miss. She was a homemaker and a member of the Methodist Church. Survivors include a daughter, Margaret Henslee of Desdemona; a sister, Elizabeth Andrews of Huntsville; a brother, Ethridge Cotton of Corinth, Miss.;

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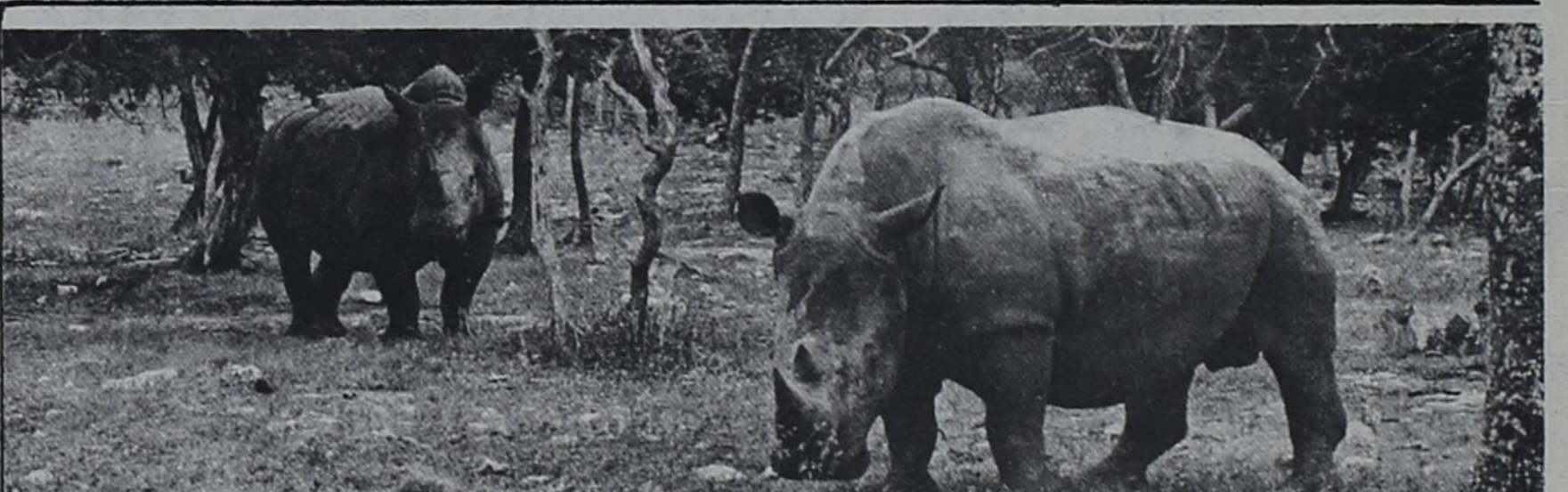
The crocodile cannot flap its tongue—it is rooted to the base of the mouth.

Bob Krueger Comments

Steps Needed to Preserve the Family Farm

America's agricultural policies, although not as headline-provoking as foreign affairs or domestic strife, affect not only the dawn-to-dusk farm workers of this country, but affect just as surely the health, pocketbook and future of both urban and rural dwellers. I recently completed a week-long tour of Texas during which I talked to farmers, agricultural economists, grocers and others who have grave concerns about the status of farmers and the agriculture marketplace. When one looks at the statistics—19,000 farming operations will go out of business this year—that concern is more than justified. Across the country, farmers' interest rates are exceeding net incomes, and average return on equity is only 4.3 percent while industrial manufacturers get a 13.7 percent return. Yet in 1983 alone Washington will spend \$11 billion on one program, PIK (Payment-in-Kind) which in the minds of many has done little more than "pick" the pockets of American taxpayers. To me, the most important element in rebuilding a strong and productive agricultural economy is preservation of the family farm, an institution that was once the backbone of American tradition. Now, such family-oriented endeavors simply cannot withstand the unfair economic policies being foisted upon them by current policy. Only the giant conglomerates that have already absorbed too much of what I call "original America" can. I do not propose that every farm should be a "Mom and Pop" operation, but I do not believe consumers are best served by the impersonal, mass production techniques of conglomerate America are applied across-the-board to the production of our food supply. I prefer instead programs that shore up and give renewed hope to those men and women, to those entire families, whose work have fed this nation better and more efficiently than any nation has ever before been fed on the face of this earth. In other words, I think we can do without nationwide "McFarms." To preserve the family farm, and to restore full productivity to our farm programs, I am proposing four basic initiatives as the foundation of a farm program I will work for in the U.S. Senate. First, we must establish policies that provide full parity for the American farmer. The federal government must again become a partner with, and cease being an adversary of, the family farmer. Necessary to that is a loan program that

meets the cost of production for all farm commodities. That is a principle established in the Depression era and it was a policy that saved the family farm then and it will work in the 1980s, too. Second, we must establish a supply management system to prevent needless and costly over-production. To accomplish that, I believe mandatory set-asides are necessary. Such set-asides would allow farmers to plant only a certain percentage of their cropland in some instances. Therefore, those farmers must also receive just, and I stress that word just, compensation. We are not talking about a handout to the farmers, but merely a fair method of compensation so their capital investment is protected so they will remain in place when demand of farm commodities increases. The 1981 Farm Bill brought us serious over-production, farm foreclosures, high interest rates and a loss of personal income not seen since the 1930s. The failures of that program are positive proof that we need a supply management program that balances supply with demand and restores commodity prices to levels that meet the cost of crop production. PIK has provided none of that and the programs I envision are replacement programs, and will not call for additional funding beyond that which is already being allocated. Third, we must better develop domestic and international marketing and food distribution systems that fully utilize our agricultural production capacity. PL-480, the Agricultural Trade and Development Assistance Act, is a strong beginning, a beginning brought about by Democrats by the way, and programs such as that, which are indeed Food for Peace endeavors, should be expanded. They are our nation's best ambassador to a hungry world. Fourth, it is imperative that we combat with vigor current efforts to weaken the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). That ongoing attack on REA is a direct attack on rural America and it is imperative that it be curtailed. The low cost of electricity brought about by REA is a factor that Washington now seeks to reverse. Instead, focus should be put on better programs for rural Americans, better hospitals, better highway maintenance, disaster programs that recognize that a drought can be as harmful as a hurricane, and programs that recognize that the farmer's stock in trade is unlike that of the typical American businessperson.



TIDA photo by Richard McCune

★ Texas Safari: an adventure among wild animals

by Richard McCune, chief of media relations, Texas Tourist Development Agency

CLIFTON, Texas — Tucked away in rugged limestone hills and lush canyons of the Bosque River area just northwest of Waco is the spectacular setting of an animal wonderland billed as The World's Largest Exotic Animal Drive Through Park, better known as Texas Safari. A lifetime dream of such a place has come true since 1981 for Waco businessman and rancher A.C. Parsons, who has been described as fascinated with animals since childhood. Parsons set off 800 acres of his 2,000-acre Seven Gables Ranch for just such a park where animals from all over the world could be seen and enjoyed close up in most cases and virtually all within average camera range. While many of the creatures are so familiar automobiles crawling the winding roads at 5 m.p.h. that little attention is given them, an admonition to remain in cars throughout the seven-mile tour of the park is the firm rule, including marked pullover stops to view Indian caves and the scenic panorama from the hilltops some 300 feet above the valley for miles around, for examples. (Animals can be taken out of the wild, but the wild can not always be taken out of the animal.) Ironically, the most dangerous animal is the seemingly docile zebra, which has a nasty temperament

and has been known to turn on their keepers. And that is why visitors see them, alongside the equally mean ostriches, in a well-fenced enclosure near the headquarters. The big birds, incidentally, are a variety from Africa, Australia and South America. Texas Safari visitors are also cautioned by humorous signs to take it easy on the steep grade leading downward to the headquarters gift shop and concession. While it's not dangerous at all, they've left the hulk of an old water truck on the bottom of a hill as a visual joke and reminder to take it easy. Most of the animals along the route are seen roaming free, with fencing apparent mostly at cattle guards and virtually none to distract from the openness as visitors move through five distinct areas. International Plains contains open-land grazing animals native to virtually every continent; Mount Kilimanjaro Preserve features mostly horned creatures of the world; in the Texas Plains are native deer, buffalo, longhorns and turkeys; and in the African Compound and Ponds are ducks, geese and swans, ignored by unruly zebras nearby. The only zoo-like containment is for lions, tigers and bears, and a giraffe is seen in a paddock adjacent to the headquarters.

Comments from visitors have been gratifying, said manager Roy Ackland, especially on cleanliness of the operation and total absence of litter. And so far, it is visitors who are the best advertisement for Safari, along with return visitors who come back to see it all again. Among the 60 or so species of wild animals, which number more than 2,000, also are a pair of huge Belgian draft horses, domestic cattle, bison and sheep of every description and origin around the world. Added to the menagerie in July 1981 were three adult white rhinoceros from South Africa, now numbering four with birth of a baby and more expected. The adults, weighing some 8,000 pounds each, arrived in huge crates on a flat bed trailer, which required a crane to lower them to the ground. To keep the rhinos cool, each crate was fitted with electric blowers. Described as small-brained, with poor eyesight but good hearing, the rhino is no match for animals wandering into its territory. The rhinos since have remained near enough to the road in the park for easy viewing and no longer care to plow through a nine-gauge fence which they can easily snap, nor display territorial vengeance. In addition to delighting travelers, Texas Safari is also in the brood stock import-export business. Young or surplus animals are sold regularly to other wildlife parks, zoos and private wildlife collectors. Many of the sheep birth year around, although springtime is a seasonal baby boom, including deer and other antlered species. Forage is abundant at the park, and most of the animals relish hay and commercial range feed, placed near all roads for even better close-ups of the creatures. The park is popular with organizations which travel in convoys of recreational vehicles they park on the grounds. Many make more than one trip around the grounds, which is just fine with the management which places no extra admission during their stay. Texas Safari seemingly knows no season, and is open every day from 10 a.m. to one hour before sundown. Photography supplies, animal feed and gifts are available at the main building. To reach it from the north on I-35, take State 22 to Laguna Park and Farm Road 219 to Clifton; from the South on I-35, exit State 6 northwest. Continue through Clifton from the south to signs on State 6, oppositely from the north and northwest. Information: Texas Safari, Route 2, Clifton TX, 76634; Tel. 817/675-3658.

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CAPITOL UPDATE

by Jim Parker



My request for comment on the private club issue appears to have, once again, resurrected the pari-mutuel wagering issue. I feel compelled to make some comments about the irony of the positions adopted by various supporters and opponents of these two issues.

With disrespect to none and with what I expect to be a position consistent with human nature, the same persons who would

apparently, wholeheartedly support a ban on private clubs in dry areas because the majority of voters have expressed a desire to live in a dry area are the same persons who have severely criticized and would chastize me for suggesting that perhaps pari-mutuel wagering is a significantly important issue to be placed on a statewide referendum so the people may be heard.

As recently as November of 1983 we all journeyed to the polls to cast our ballot on 13 issues, most of which were of considerably less

significance than the furor created by the pari-mutuel wagering issue. The people spoke by the casting of their collective ballots and I, as state representative of the 65th Legislative District, do not have to wonder how my folks would have voted on those issues. I am not, of course, suggesting we submit each issue, regardless of how inconsequential, to the referendum process but it seems that there are certain perennial issues of statewide significance that literally "cry out" for the referendum process.

I am told that it is not "politically wise" to openly discuss these issues and most certainly incur the wrath of either proponents, contestants or both. If one must avoid sensitive issues for fear of political consequences in holding office

then I will admit I am not suited to the job. What we need in government is exactly what we need in life and the beginning ingredients would have to be common sense, a little compassion, and perhaps a little more of an attempt to understand both our own positions and the positions of those who oppose us in light of the human frailties we all possess.

Whatever I do on private clubs, pari-mutuel wagering or any other issue will be done as a consequence of what I think the majority of my constituents want of me and what I perceive, from observation made in the "eye of the storm", will be in their best interest.

You can like me for it, you can hate me for it, but I know of no other way to represent you consistent with my moral and ethical upbringing and beliefs.

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ECONOMIC EMERGENCY LOAN PROGRAM TO BE REINSTATED BY FMHA

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) will resume making economic emergency loans by the beginning of next year, according to FmHA County Supervisor Jack S. Phillips.

"Economic emergency loans are designed for farmers who are in a cost-price squeeze or face other financial difficulty beyond their control," Phillips said. "In other words, the loans are for a financial emergency rather than a natural disaster such as a drought or flood."

The economic emergency

or "EE" program was in operation from 1978 to 1981. The program expired in 1981 but was later reauthorized by Congress. It is being reopened under order by the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.

"Under the program, loans will be available to farmers who are suffering an economic emergency through no fault of their own. They must show that they have tried unsuccessfully to get a loan from another source before coming to FmHA and that they

can repay the loan over a period of time, depending on the use of the funds. The funds can be used to finance debts and related uses," Phillips said.

The interest rate for direct loans fluctuates with the cost to the government of borrowing money. The interest rates for guaranteed loans, which are made by commercial lenders and backed by the government, are negotiated between the borrower and the lender.

Applications for economic emergency loans will be available at the FmHA County Office located at 312 Petroleum Bldg., Eastland, Texas, Room 312; Telephone Number (817) 629-8508.

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