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Holiday Hours Set By Offices

Most area city, county, and federal offices will be closed December 26 and also on January 2, and some of the offices will be closed a few extra days for the holidays.

Parmer County Courthouse will be closed on December 22, 23, and 26, as well as on January 2, except the sheriff's office which will remain open as usual.

Texico City Hall will be closed from December 23 through December 26, and also on January 2. Farwell City Hall will be closed December 26 and January 2 only.

Postmaster Weldon Smith of Texico and Postmaster Otis McMillian of Farwell report that both the Texico and Farwell post offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 26, and that no mail will be put up or delivered that day. On Saturday, Dec. 24, mail will be put as usual. Both post offices will also be closed January 2.

The Farwell offices of Parmer County ASCS and Farmers Home Administration will also observe the holidays by being closed on December 26 as well as January 2.

Twin Cities banks, Security State in Farwell and Texico Branch of the Citizens Bank, will also be closed December 26 and January 2.

In Parmer Jail - -

Two Muleshoe Men In Custody For Burglary

Two Muleshoe men, James Cooper, 32, and Jerry Cooper, 35, are being held in Parmer County jail in lieu of \$5,000 bond each on charges of burglary.

A routine investigation of a burglary last week led officials from Bailey and Parmer County sheriff's departments to a cache of stolen property. The find could clear up to 15-20 burglaries that have occurred in Parmer, Bailey, Lamb, and Castro Counties during the past few months, according to Parmer County Sheriff Bill Morgan.

After receiving a call from a

Muleshoe resident about a burglary, evidence led Bailey and Parmer sheriff's officials to the home of James and Jerry Cooper in Muleshoe.

After getting permission from the Coopers to search their residence, officers uncovered a considerable amount of stolen property, including tools, tires, CB radios, stereos, and furniture, according to the police report.

"I wouldn't be surprised if there were four or five more ar-

rests made in the continuing investigation," said Sheriff Morgan.

"We don't know right now who all is involved, but we should be able to solve numerous burglaries that have occurred recently," he said.

"Right now we are just trying to sift through all the stolen property to find out who it belongs to, but that's been a problem because most of the stolen merchandise was not marked by its

owners and it is making it difficult to identify," said the sheriff.

Officials in both the Parmer and Bailey County sheriff's departments advise that if anyone in the area has had anything stolen in the past few months to contact the sheriff's department in Muleshoe.

The officials also advise that a person must be able to positively identify his property in order to get it back.

Trusty Escapes, Freedom Short Lived

Manuel Hernandez Jr., 18, of Plainview, who was a trusty at Parmer County jail last week, enjoyed only a short time of freedom last Thursday afternoon when he escaped while being allowed to take out trash from the jail facility.

According to reports from Parmer County Sheriff Bill Morgan, Hernandez, a trusty, was out emptying the trash

when he broke into a run and left the area.

A call went out immediately for Sheriff Morgan who was in Bovina working on a burglary case.

Morgan said he was assisted by the Curry County Sheriff's Department and the New Mexico State Police in locating the runaway and that the escapee was apprehended about two

blocks from the courthouse and jail by Sheriff Morgan, Curry County Sheriff Wesley Myers, and a New Mexico State Policeman.

He was captured approximately two hours after he escaped.

"We had excellent help from the New Mexico law officials," Sheriff Morgan said.

Christmas Eve Celebration Set At Oklahoma Lane

Tomorrow night (Saturday) marks the 67th annual Christmas Eve celebration at the Oklahoma Lane Community Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m. CST. The Center will come alive with the singing of Christmas carols around a brightly lit tree and the sound of laughter and joy from the many Oklahoma Lane residents, relatives, and friends.

A play entitled "The Late Great Potentate" is being featured this year, and will star 15 children and a few adults. Ol Saint Nick will even drop by for a short visit to pass out Christmas candy to all the good boys and girls.

Cindy Billingsley and Sheree Montgomery, chairmen of this year's event, invite all community residents, friends, and relatives, and anybody else who would like to participate in the annual Oklahoma Lane Christmas Eve festivities, to come by and share a good time with friends and neighbors.

New County Agent Named For Parmer

Gary D. Patterson has been named the new County Extension Agent for Agriculture for Parmer County, announces Porter Roberts, county judge.

Patterson was selected to fill the post, recently vacated by Seth Ralston, at a call meeting of Parmer County Commissioners Court on December 19. Purpose of the called session was to interview applicants for the position of Extension agent.

The newly-hired agent will take over duties in Parmer County on January 16. He is currently serving as an assistant Extension agent in Hockley County.

Patterson grew up in Hale Center, graduated from high school there, and received a bachelor of science degree from Lubbock Christian College in 1981. While at LCC he was a Dean's List student and was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Judge Roberts said that the Commissioners Court interviewed three applicants for the

position and that all three were very fine and well qualified young men.

"We just felt that although all three of them were highly qualified for the position, Patterson was the one who seemed to best fit the specifications for which

we were searching."

"It was a difficult decision, choosing among the three," Judge Roberts said, "But we feel that this young man will make us a fine Extension agent and are looking forward to working with him."

Texico Kindergartners Register January 3, 4

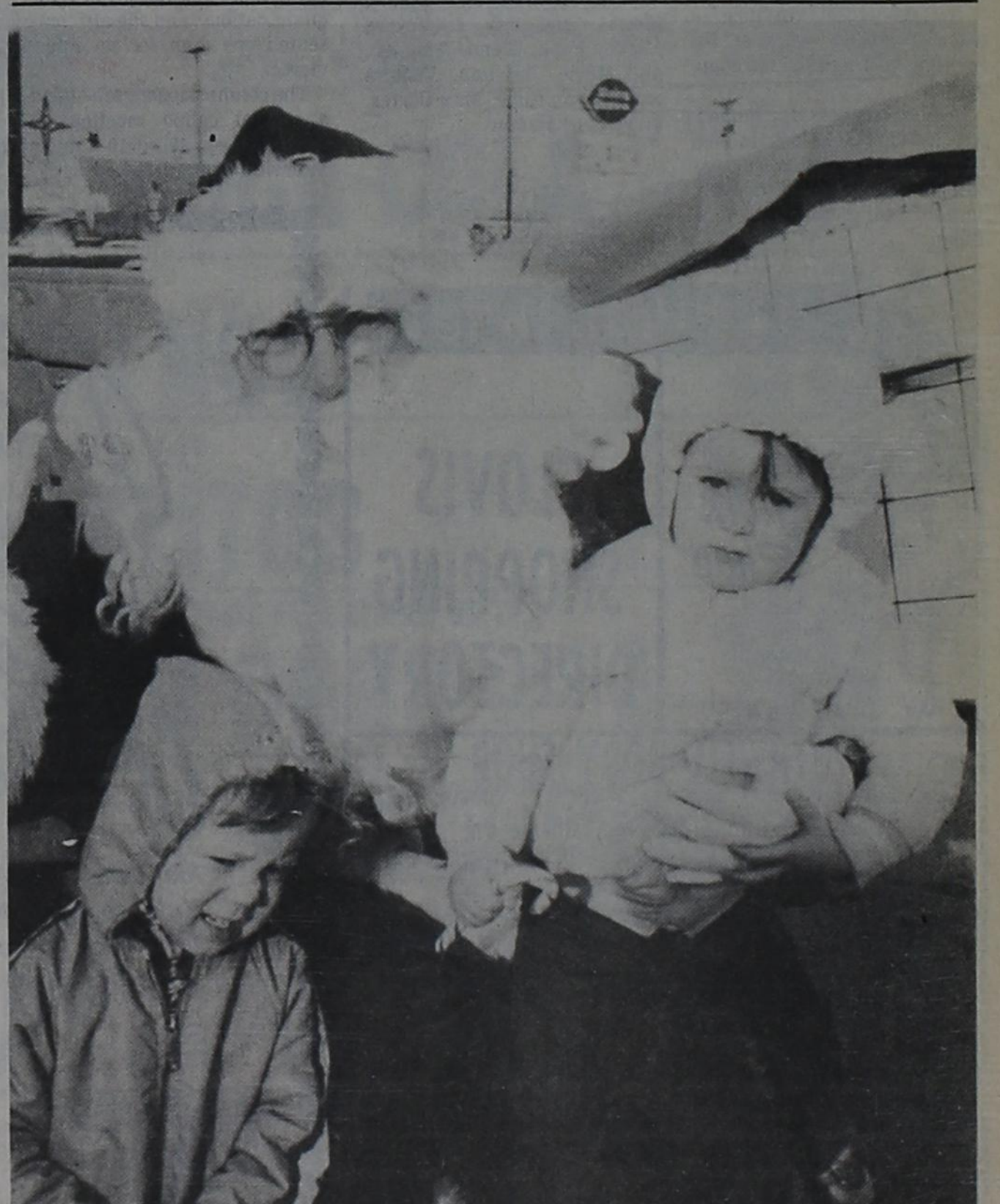
Youngsters planning to enroll for classes in the Texico School Kindergarten are reminded that they need to register at the school on January 3 and 4.

Students may register at the office of the elementary principal or in the library starting at 8 a.m. on January 3. Classes will begin at the regular school hour, 8:30 a.m., on January 4, and students will remain at the school until 3 p.m. Lunches for the kindergarten students will be 90 cents.

Kindergarten students must

have been five years of age by September 1, 1983 to be eligible to attend. At registration they must bring their birth certificates and immunization records.

Elementary Principal George Herrington says that the school nurse will be available to check the immunization records on the two registration days. Herrington also says that there will be two sections of kindergarten classes this year and they will be taught by Mrs. Sam Jenkins and Mrs. Glenda Horn.



Visiting With Santa

Three-year-old Chelsi Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Woods of Farwell, sits on Santa's lap to tell him of her Christmas wishes while her cousin, Matthew Taylor, stands near to make his Christmas list

known too. Matt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Taylor, also of Farwell. Santa made his pre-Christmas visit to the Twin Cities Saturday morning, visiting with the children on the parking lot of Capitol Foods in

Farwell. His trip to Texico-Farwell was sponsored by the local Lions Club which also furnished the candy canes given to all the kiddoes visiting with Ol Saint Nick.

Light the Christmas candle! Decorate with sprigs of pine! As you gather together friends to celebrate the time-honored traditions of this joyous season, may your hearts be filled with peace and harmony. We're wishing you a Christmas glowing with old-fashioned warmth, child-like radiance and every happiness.

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Services Held Monday For Travis S. Hancock

Funeral services for Travis S. Hancock, 75, of Bovina were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, at the Bovina Church of Christ, with Arther Judd, church minister, officiating.

Interment was in Bailey County Memorial Park in Muleshoe, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Hancock died Friday, Dec. 16, at West Plains Medical Center in Muleshoe. He was born June 14, 1908, in Knott, Tex., and he has been a resident of Parmer County for 27 years. He previously lived in West Plains, Mo.

Mr. Hancock was married to Kathryn Burns on December 25,

1929, in Clovis. He was a retired farmer, and a member of the Bovina Church of Christ and the Senior Citizens.

Survivors include his wife, Kathryn of the home in Bovina; two daughters, Mrs. Jannie Moseley and Mrs. Jannette St. Clair, both of Muleshoe; one son, Glen Hancock of Thomas, Okla.; two sisters, Mrs. Gladys Phillips of Lubbock and Mrs. Abaree McKnight of Enid, Okla.; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Randy Hancock, Rodney Hancock, Marty Moseley, Greg Moseley, Johnny L. St. Clair, Rickey Cockrum, Wilton Cox, Presley Newton, and Glen Morris.

Texico Council Hires D. Hamar As Attorney

Texico City Council met in regular session Tuesday, Dec. 13, hearing several resident requests and interviewing a person for the position of city attorney.

Duane Hamar had been requested to attend the meeting to talk with the Council in regard to his becoming an attorney for the city. Hamar said that he would be glad to represent the city, but was not familiar with municipal law. He further said that he would study the municipal laws in order to be qualified to serve in this capacity. The council decided that it will retain Hamar on a trial basis.

Max Carter was present at the meeting to ask the council's permission to cut the curbing at Katherine and Anderson, approximately 15 feet west of the intersection. He requested two cuts, one 20 feet and another 22 feet in width. He also requested permission to remove curbing to install a driveway at 303 Lamar. The third request was to be granted a variance to place a mobile home at 303 Lamar. All requests were approved.

In other business, the municipal election resolutions, in both English and Spanish, were passed and approved, and they will be published in the State Line Tribune.

Blowing trash at the landfill was the next item on the agenda. The city will pick up trash that blew into Paul Skaggs' fence and carry it back to the landfill. Butch Tharp will then cover the pit. It was also decided to have the brakes adjusted on the solid waste pickup.

City Clerk Marie Christian was instructed to have Mickey Fenn contact a local resident concerning his dogs, and issue a citation if necessary. The clerk was also instructed to contact Firestone regarding the price of some tires, and to contact Tedson Trailers to get the cost of changing hubs on the solid waste trailer.

The Municipal Judge's report was approved, and bills were approved for payment.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 6:30 p.m. MST at the City Hall.

Present at session were Mayor John R. Hadley, councilmen Vane Doshier, Lewis Cooper, Truman Kittrell and Donnie Morris, and city employees Mickey Fenn, Glenda Thigpen, and Marie Christian. Visitors were Bryan Kube, Max Carter, and Duane Hamar.

Area Residents May See White Christmas

If you've been dreaming of a white Christmas, you might just get your wish this year. And if it doesn't stay white through the coming weekend, perhaps you captured the winter wonderland look of the Twin Cities on film earlier this week.

Residents who were grumbling about the blast of Arctic air which came barreling in from Canada over the weekend plunging thermometers to their lowest points in years should have at least been able to smile at the beauty of Mother Nature Tuesday morning.

Trees of all types, from the stately pines to the common elm, and even the hated tumbleweed all were made beautiful by the heavy coat of frozen mist on their limbs and branches.

The frozen stuff on the streets and sidewalks was another matter. Although area highways

were all clear Wednesday, streets in Texico and Farwell remained somewhat slick since they were still coated with snow which re-froze during the low temperatures in the night. Some 2-3 inches of snow fell in the area, but fortunately, there was no drifting of the powdery flakes.

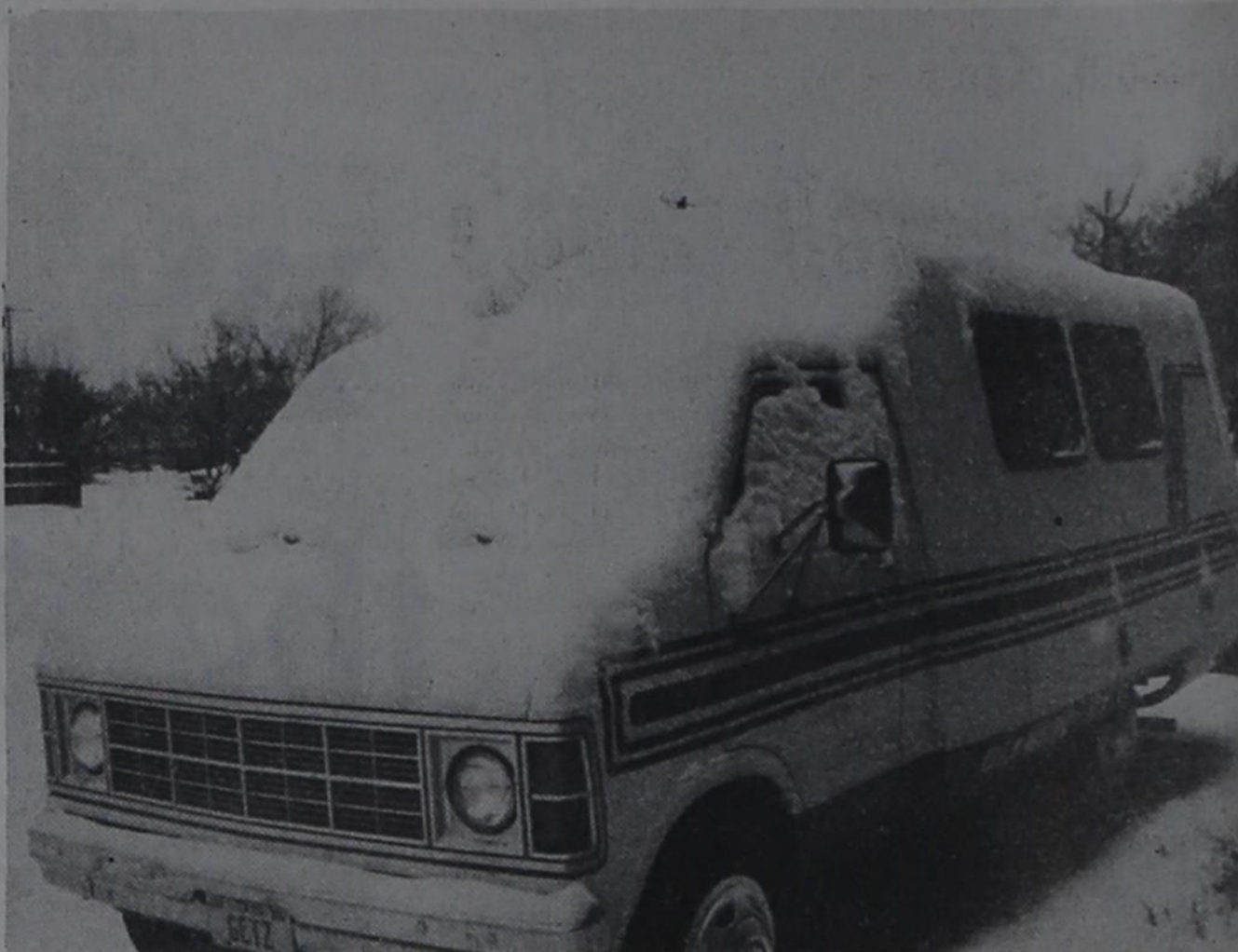
Temperature readings in the area Sunday morning were four and five degrees with most of the region not warming up to the teens even later in the day. And with the strong north winds, the chill factor was in the minus 30 degree range for several hours.

But the cruelest cut of all was Tuesday night's visit from the Ice Man who not only cometh, but also stayeth. Some thermometers reportedly registered below the zero mark during the night, but most folks say the

mercury only dipped to zero in the Twin Cities. The strong north wind again made an almost unbearable chill factor, and although the wind had subsided somewhat by Wednesday morning, light snow was falling and being outdoors was less than pleasant.

Forecasters say the area can expect more of the same starting again Thursday when a fresh cold front is scheduled to move in, again bringing more record-setting low temperatures and probably more snow.

It's time to sit back, put another log in the fireplace and enjoy the "great indoors," however, the youngsters will be glad to know that if the snow stays around, Santa and his reindeer won't have any problem with travel to and in the Twin Cities this year.



Cold, Cold, And More Cold

Like many other areas around the nation, the Twin Cities region was blasted by a cold front and snowstorm during the weekend, and predictions are for a White Christmas in the area. Intermittent flurries of snow Thursday hit the area first, and after a warming trend Friday and most of Saturday,

the prognosticators who predicted cold and snow finally got it right when the cold temperatures and blowing icy stuff hit the area late Saturday. Heavy snow started at mid-morning Sunday and continued off and on throughout the day leaving measurable amounts of white stuff plus slick streets and side-

walks. Vehicles such as this one which were outside during the storm caught several inches of the frosty stuff. The temperature was a bone-chilling five degrees Sunday morning with the strong northeast breeze making a chill factor of minus 30 degrees.

FmHA Reinstates Economic Emergency Loan Program

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) will resume making economic emergency loans by the beginning of next year, according to FmHA Parmer County Supervisor Billy R. Boling.

"Economic emergency loans are designed for farmers who are in a cost-price squeeze or face other financial difficulty beyond their control," Boling 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 opera-

tion from 1978 to 1981. The program expired in 1981 but was later reauthorized by Congress. It is being reopened under an 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," Boling said.

The interest rate for direct loans fluctuates with the cost to the government for 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 207 Ave. D., Farwell, Texas, telephone 806-481-3349.

Parmer Co. Commissioners Discuss Hiring Of Ag Agent

Parmer County Commissioners, meeting in a bi-monthly session Monday, Dec. 12, at the courthouse, discussed the hiring of a new county Extension agricultural agent.

Meeting with the commissioners court was Dr. Catherine Crawford, Extension department supervisor, who was here to discuss the vacancy of the office of ag agent. The office was left vacant when Seth Ralston resigned on December 1 to accept the position of Extension agricultural agent in Castro County.

Dr. Crawford reviewed some applicants for the position, giving a short breakdown of their qualifications, and she also presented one man for an interview.

The commissioners scheduled a special called meeting on Monday, Dec. 19, at 10 a.m. to interview any interested appli-

cant for the position. Also at the December 12 session, a written claim for damages was presented to the commissioners, on property owned by Ben Mesman where a road is proposed to be opened. The claim was received from Mesman's attorney asking for damages of \$2,660.00. The Court decided that no damages be paid.

In other business, two bills were received from Richard Collard as attorney ad litem for two juveniles. The Court approved payment of these bills in the amount of \$487.50. Also approved was the payment of expenses for a visiting district judge in the amount of \$43.35.

In addition, the Court approved payment of the bill covering the boarding care of the county foster children for the month of November in the amount of \$2,073. This amount will be reimbursed to the county.

Only one bid was received on the tractor advertised for by Precinct No. 1. This bid offered a 1976 John Deere 4430 as per bid specification with a trade difference of \$10,500. The commissioners voted to accept this bid from Big Nick Machinery of Bovina.

Because the courthouse will be closed for the Christmas holidays on the date of the next regular meeting of the group, it was decided that the court would meet on December 20, instead.

The following soil conservation work was approved and ratified, and the work will be performed when the machines are in that area and not demanded for use on the roads: Precinct No. 2: George Trimble.



Area FFA Winners

Sean Mason, left, senior at Lazbuddie High, was named Star District Farmer at the recent Littlefield District FFA banquet hosted by South Plains College.

Other FFA winners were Terry Moore, center, sophomore at Bovina High, named Star Green-Hand; and Ted Clayton, right, junior at Bovina High,

named Star Chapter Farmer. The awards were presented Monday, Dec. 12, during the banquet in SPC's Sundown Room. [SPC Photo]

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Verner-Covill Vows Repeated In Rankin

Michael Ray Verner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray Verner of Oklahoma Lane, and Joyce Covill of Rankin, Tex., were married October 15, 1983, in the First Baptist Church of Rankin.

Rev. Ray Singleton performed the wedding ceremony. The Michael Verners are making their home in Monahans, Tex., where he is employed by Halliburton Oil Company.

Rosa Lee Rubio Wed To Ruben Casillas

In a wedding ceremony performed at the Jefferson Street Church of Christ in Hobbs, N.M., on Saturday, Nov. 26, Rosa Lee Rubio, formerly of Farwell, became the bride of Ruben Casillas of Thatcher, Ariz.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Rubio of Farwell, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe

Casillas of Thatcher, Ariz. Following the ceremony a reception and dinner honoring the couple were held at the American Legion Hall in Hobbs.

The bride attended Farwell High School and had been living and working in Hobbs. The couple will now make their home in Thatcher, where the bridegroom is employed.



MR. AND MRS. RUBEN CASILLAS

Family Favorite Recipes Shared By Area Homemakers

Ruby Meeks of Farwell sent the following two recipes to share with area homemakers. She says that some persons may say that there is too much work to these recipes, "but believe me, they are worth it."

VEGETABLE MEAT CUPS
 1 beaten egg
 1/4 cup milk
 1/2 cup coarsely crushed saltine cracker crumbs (6 crackers)
 3/4 tsp. salt
 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
 1 pound ground beef
 Packaged instant mashed potatoes (enough for 4 servings)
 2 T. sliced green onion
 1/2 (10 3/4-ounce) can condensed cheddar cheese soup (3/4 cup)
 3 T. milk
 1/2 (10-oz.) package frozen peas, cooked and drained
 Combine first 5 ingredients and dash pepper. Add beef; mix well. On 4 squares waxed paper shape into 4 patties, 5-inch diameter. Shape each over an inverted 5-ounce custard cup; discard paper. Chill 1 hour.
 Place inverted cups in shallow baking pan; bake 375 for 20 minutes. Prepare potatoes fol-

lowing directions on package; stir in onion. Lift baked meat cups from custard cups and turn upright; fill with potatoes. In saucepan mix soup with 3 tablespoons milk; stir in peas. Heat. Spoon over meat cups. Garnish with parsley, if desired. Serves 4.

ELEPHANT EARS

1 package dry yeast
 1/4 cup warm water (105 to 115)
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 1/2 T. sugar
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1 cup butter or margarine
 1/2 cup milk, scalded
 1 egg yolk
 2 T. butter or margarine, melted
 2 cups sugar
 1 T. plus 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
 1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Dissolve yeast in 1/4 cup warm water; let stand 5 minutes. Combine flour, 1 1/2 tablespoons sugar, and salt in a large mixing bowl. Cut 1 cup butter or margarine into flour mixture with a pastry blender until mixture resembles coarse meal. Combine milk, egg yolk, and yeast mixture, mixing well. Chill dough 2 hours.

Turn dough out onto floured surface; knead 1 to 2 minutes. Cover and let rest 10 minutes.

Roll dough into an 18x10 inch rectangle on a lightly floured surface; brush with 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine. Combine 2 cups sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle 1 cup of mixture over dough. Roll up jellyroll fashion, starting at long side; pinch long edge (do not seal ends). Place roll seam side down, and cut into 1-inch slices.

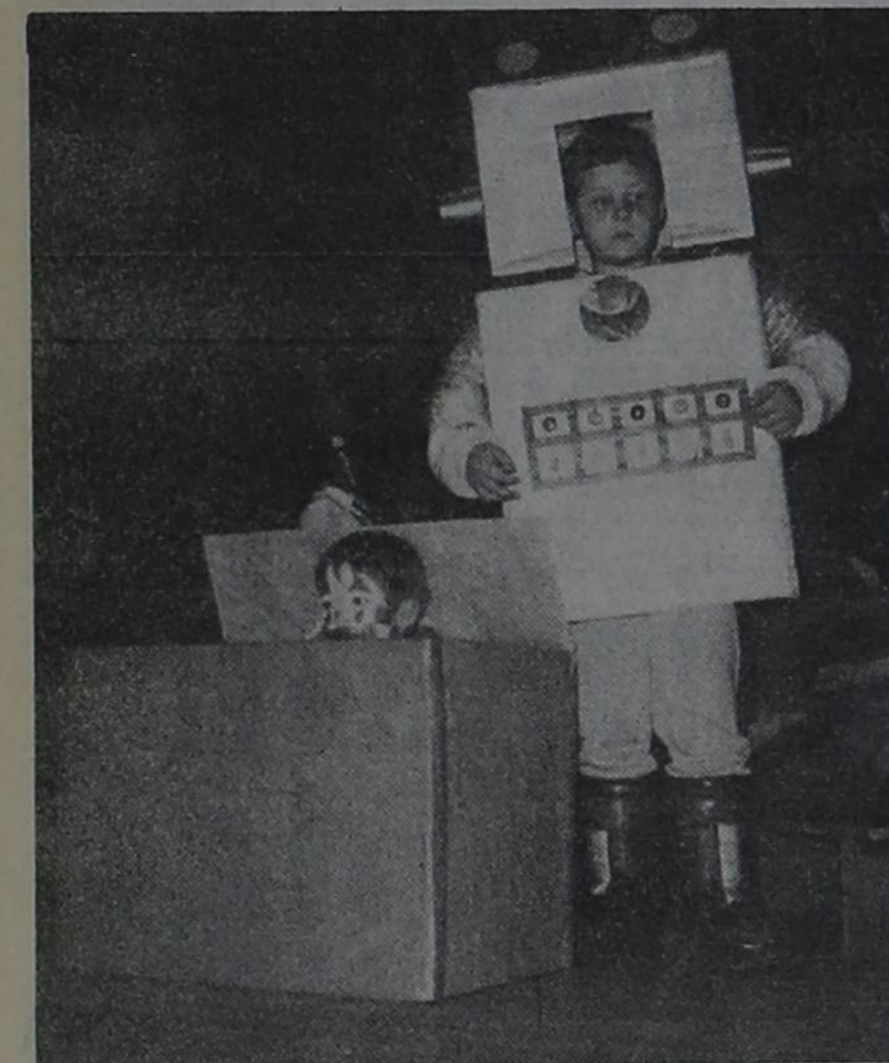
Sprinkle a portion of remaining cinnamon-sugar mixture lightly over waxed paper. Roll each slice out to a 1/8 inch thickness, turning over once. Carefully transfer slices to an ungreased baking sheet. Spread each pastry with remaining melted butter or margarine; sprinkle with cinnamon-sugar mixture and pecans. Bake at 400 for 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on wire racks. Yield: 1 1/2 dozen.

Please see more family favorite recipes beginning on Page 2, Section III, of this issue.



Toy Soldier

Farwell second graders presented the play, "The Return of the Star," Friday, Dec. 9, at the school auditorium. Playing tin soldiers in the toy store were, from left, Chris Garcia, John Lingnau and Jeremy Ortiz. The



Jack-In-The-Box

Getting ready to pop out of his box is the Jack-in-the-box, played by Brent Harrison, and standing beside him is a toy robot played by Klay Camp. They were some of the toys in a toy shop that would come alive

to talk to the new cleaning boy, who really believed in the meaning of Christmas. The action was in "The Return of the Star," a play presented by the Farwell Elementary School Musical Explorers.

Gallon Ornaments Chosen For Smithsonian Trees

Sharon Gallon of Alva, Okla., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Coffman of Farwell, was to have been in Washington, D.C., December 14 for the unveiling of The Trees of Christmas at the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of American History.

Mrs. Gallon's invitation to the event was issued after two of the handpainted tree ornaments she had submitted were chosen for inclusion in the decorating of the trees this year.

According to Mrs. Gallon, the National Society of Decorative Painters were asked to paint ornaments for a 14-foot tall tree. There are 2000 members of the

society and only 300 ornaments were selected. Mrs. Gallon submitted two of her creations, one a winter scene and another of forget-me-nots, and both were chosen.

There are 10 trees decorated in the event each year and the ornaments and decor are changed yearly. The ornaments chosen to decorate the trees become the property of the Smithsonian.

Sharon and a guest were invited to the unveiling of the trees and were then to go to the White House for a personal tour by Mrs. Reagan and were to see the White House Christmas Tree.

Texico Baptists Hear Foreign Mission Study

An excellent crowd was on hand at Texico First Baptist Church Wednesday, Nov. 16, when the Foreign Mission Book, "The Imperative Impulse," was taught by Mrs. Pat Lambright of Melrose, State WMU Director.

The meeting was opened with the Mission Study chairman, Mora Schlueter, giving the names of missionaries having birthdays on that date. Velma Kelley led in prayer.

Ruth Reid and Betsy Autrey sang a mission song entitled, "Somebody Told You," with Cheryl Smith at the piano.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
 My name is Jody Fly. For Christmas I would like a watch and roller skates and some Army men also maybe a sleeping bag. I am 4 years old.

Jody
 P.S. I love you, Santa.

Dear Santa,
 hi, I have been a good boy this year. I have been working very hard in school. Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas. thanks Santa.
 Your friend,
 Carlos

After Mrs. Lambright finished her teaching, Rev. E.G. Lambright told of the recent trip that they had made to England. Bro. Joel Horne dismissed the meeting in prayer.

Christmas wish list from Amway and Sears.

Dear Santa,
 I would like:
 1. My Little Pony Pretty Par-lor Toy, Page "94."
 2. Singer Sewing Activity Center, page "94."
 3. Donkey Kong Jr., page "596."
 4. Adventure, page "?"

Santa I hope you have a very nice Merry Christmas. Happy New Year.

Love,
 Heather Genelle Burton

Christmas list from Amway page 93. "X" I want the most.

Dear Santa,
 I would like: a "X" Play pup stacker, shirt tales musical T.V., "X" 10-pc farm set. Thank you Santa I hope you have a nice Merry Christmas. Happy New Year. I love you.

Toy Store

Representing toys in the toy store in the play "The Return of the Star," were from left, back row, Derrick Haseloff and Jody

Reyes; front row, Reace Bennett; Jack-in-the-box, Brent Harrison; and the toy robot, Klay Camp. "The Return of the

Star" was a delightful musical play put on by the Farwell Elementary School Musical Explorers, December 9.

Letters To Santa Claus

Love,
 Heidi Colleen Burton

P.S. I would like a Barbie Doll best of all.

Thank you, Santa.

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a Barbie Doll for Christmas so my big sister won't have to let me play with her Barbie Doll. You know how a big sister likes her toys and other things kept in order and never bothered by anyone else!

Also, I would like to have a Strawberry Shortcake hot cycle, if there are any left! I would also like to have one of the horses in the Breyer Collector-Series Horses-the Morgan with the white "Diamond" on his forehead. Thank You and Merry Christmas!

I love you,
 Hayley Kathleen Burton

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a 4-pack motorized 3-wheelers, a Hondo Odessey Go-Cart, a Big Foot 4-wheel Drive Truck and a Stomper Devil Canyon Set with Ford Bronco and Dodge Ram Customs Stomper 4x4's.
 And I wish you a very Happy Merry Christmas!

I love you,
 Love,
 Ivan Burton

P.S. I really would like to have the Canyon Set and the Stompers the most.

Thank you.

Dear Santa,
 I want a great big helicopter, a stomper and a race car set for Christmas. I have been a good boy this year.

Love,
 Brett Curtis

Dear Santa:
 Please bring me a stomper set and a frogger tape, and a pump BB gun and a lamp for my room and a new bicycle, and a stomper semi, and a rubber snake and a telephone, and a crayola marker set.

From,
 Brandon Kirkland

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a newborn baby doll that cries Mama, baby bed and cradle, play oven, sink and refrigerator, Big Barbie Ken clothes, shoes with it, a lamp for my room, soft cuddly rocking chair, play school book, color book with tracing paper, a TV, a table and chairs, a small piano, a coat rack for my room, a stitchery kit for me.

Love,
 Andi

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
 My name is Kade Kent. I live at 702 3rd in Farwell, Texas. I have been a good boy.

Please bring me a Blue Electric Basket, some toys, and a cassette player. Bring my brother a new work coat.

I love you,
 Kade Kent

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a dunebuggy, motorcycle, television, horse, Night 2000 that talks. How are you? I hope you have very nice Christmas. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
 Clint Austin

colors. My little sister wants a barby doll and barby doll carage. And my big brother wants a bike like I do. Iv bin rilly good. Thank you.

Love, David Vanghn

Dear Santa,
 I would like a camera cause I set the table some night and I take the trash my mom sayed that I was good

Your friend,
 Joey Martin

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Newbrough-Cherry Wedding Vows Repeated

Brenda Newbrough and Floyd Cherry were united in marriage in a candlelight ceremony in Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church on Friday, Nov. 25, at 5 p.m.

Ralph Gates, minister of the Farwell Church of Christ, officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ken and Gwen Pryor of Friona, and the bridegroom's parents are Chuck and Danalee Sluder of Clovis.

The bride was employed at a dentist's office in Clovis, and the bridegroom operates a farm north of Texico where the couple is now at home.

Two miscellaneous showers honored the couple. On December 6 at the Rhea Community Center a shower was hosted by Jane Harrington, Kathryn Harrington, Sandra Rucker, Fern Sanders, Martha Allen, Martha Schueler, Lois Potts, and Wilma Jean Hughes.

Hosting a shower for the couple in Clovis at the home of Nancye Jolly on December 8 were Beth Noward, Nancye Jolly, Kathi Cherry, Margaret Lacy, Audrey Kittrell, and Kim Jacobs.



MR. AND MRS. FLOYD CHERRY

Wedding Reminders

Friends and relatives of Dana Sue Hukill and Bennett Ray Landrum are reminded of the couple's wedding set for Saturday, Dec. 31, at 3 p.m. CST in the Congregational Church in Friona.

Parents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Hukill of Winters, formerly of Farwell; and the prospective bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Maurer of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Joel Landrum of Friona.

Sheri Lynn Ditterline and Robert Randall Hayes will exchange wedding vows Thursday, Dec. 29, at 10 a.m. CST in Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Farwell.

All friends and relatives are cordially invited.

Sheri Lynn is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Ditterline of Farwell, and Robert Randall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Robert Hayes of Odessa.

Repeating marriage vows on Tuesday, Dec. 27, in Abilene, Tex., will be Shelley Kay Scott

Friends and relatives of Nikie McDaniel and David Bonner are reminded of the couple's wedding January 6, 1984, at 7 p.m. MST in the First Baptist Church of Texico.

The bride is the daughter of the late Lester and Lanelda McDaniel and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wall of Texico.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bonner of Albuquerque are parents of the prospective bridegroom.

The bride-elect and prospective bridegroom are students at ENMU where he will graduate this month. They plan to make their home in Albuquerque.

Christians Host Trip For Christmas Gifts

Wendol and Louise Christian gave a special and unique Christmas gift to many relatives and friends this year, hosting a trip to Amarillo, dinner, and attendance at the program, "The Living Christmas Tree," at First Baptist Church in Amarillo.

The Christians chartered a bus on November 15, driven by Jerry Roten of Farwell, and went to Amarillo where all were treated to dinner at Sutphens Restaurant.

They then went to the Christmas program in which Allison (Terry) Kirkpatrick was one of the singers. She is a niece of the Donaldson Sisters and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Ellison of Farwell and Rev. and Mrs. J.J. Terry of Bovina.

Those attending the special event in addition to the host and hostess were Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hromas and Bradley, and Mrs. Tammy Willard and Amber, all of Bovina; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hromas, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carpenter, Mrs. Carrie Christian, and Mrs. Gwen Corn, Clay and Christi, all of Farwell.

Also, Mrs. Ruby Tucker of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Boone of Clovis, Mrs. Loy McLellan of Friona, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carpenter of Canyon, and Mr. and Mrs. David Eastwood of Stokes, N.C.

The Eastwoods spent four days with the Wendol Christians, enjoying visiting and pheasant hunting while here.

After the group returned from Amarillo, they were treated to refreshments of fruit fondue, soft drinks, and coffee at the Christian home.

One of the persons treated to the trip said that it was a most beautiful, unusual, and much-appreciated Christmas gift, and one that would be remembered with pleasure for a long, long time.

Anniversary Reminders

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinkson of Lazbuddie are to be honored on their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a reception in the Fellowship Hall of the Lazbuddie United Methodist Church on Thursday, Dec. 29, from 6 until 8 p.m.

Hosting the affair are the couple's children, Barbara Lust and Frank Hinkson II of Lazbuddie, Carolyn Pilgrim of Baltimore, Md., and Mike Hinkson of Turkey, Tex.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited, and the couple says, "Your friendship and love are cherished gifts, and we respectfully request no other."

Mr. and Mrs. George Hill will be guests of honor at a reception in celebration of their Silver Wedding Anniversary on Friday, Dec. 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. MST at the First Baptist Church of Texico.

Children of the couple, Du-wain, Jo Beth, Jennifer and Jaynee, are hosting the event to which all relatives and friends are cordially invited.

The couple respectfully requests, "No gifts, please."

Hospital Notes

Sheran Smallwood of Farwell underwent a tonsillectomy at Clovis High Plains Hospital Wednesday morning. No report on her condition was available at press time.

Also confined to the Clovis hospital for medical treatment this week is William Brigham of Farwell.

Elva Whitesides of Farwell had an emergency appendectomy Tuesday afternoon at the hospital in Muleshoe. Her condition was reported stable but serious early Wednesday.

Amy Dotson, daughter of Elmer and Linda Myers of Farwell, underwent surgery on her knee Tuesday at the Clovis hospital. She was expected to be dismissed to return home sometime Wednesday.

Marriage Licenses

Only one marriage license was issued from the office of the Farmer County Clerk since the last report.

Receiving the license was George Wesley Marti II and Sandra Denise Gammill.



MR. AND MRS. L. QUINTON DEWILD FOSTER

D.D. Foster, Regina King Exchange Marriage Vows

Regina King of Roswell, N.M., and Louis Quinton Dewild (D.D.) Foster of Farwell exchanged marriage vows in a ceremony in Portales on Saturday, Nov. 26.

The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J.F. King of Roswell, and the bridegroom is the son of Billie Foster of Farwell and Lewis Foster of Texico.

The new Mrs. Foster is now attending college at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, and after her graduation in May, she will join her husband in Corpus Christi, Tex., where he is serving with the United States Army.

D.D. is a 1979 graduate of Farwell High School.

Lazbuddie Young Homemakers Have Meet, Christmas Social

Lazbuddie Young Homemakers held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 1, in the Home Economics room of Lazbuddie School.

The program was presented by Mary Blinderman from Southwestern Public Service. Debbie Magby introduced the program entitled, "Festive Foods." Ms. Blinderman demonstrated the use of the microwave oven and food processor in her recipes.

She prepared a meal of ground beef and vegetable casserole, cornbread, salad, yam stuffed oranges, German mustard, cream cheese ball, hot apricot punch, cherry nut bread with cranberry spread, and peppermint bark candy. She gave handouts of the recipes to each club member along with helpful hints for holiday entertaining.

The Young Homemakers' meeting was called to order by the president, Lana Copp. Joann McDonald read the minutes and gave the financial report. Lana reported that fruit baskets had been delivered to all of the Senior Citizens before Thanksgiving. Plans were discussed for the Christmas Social.

Members present were: Lana Copp, Reta Mimms, Debbie Magby, Amy Owen, Janice Bradshaw, Marca Morris, Joann McDonald, Vickie Burch, Susie Renner, Mandi Seaton, Debbie Weir, Cindy Cargile, and advisor, Cassandra Cargile.

The group held its annual family night Christmas Social on Friday, Dec. 2, in the Home Economics room of Lazbuddie School.

Each of the Young Homemakers brought a casserole and a salad, dessert, or bread. After the meal, the children were delighted by a surprise visit from Santa Claus. Santa handed a gift and a candy cane to each child. The children all told Santa their wishes for Christmas and had their pictures taken with him.

The Young Homemakers' husbands exchanged gag gifts,

while the ladies received gifts from their secret pals.

After the exchanging of gifts was a time for visiting and games. A surprise birthday cake was presented to the club's president, Lana Copp. A good time was had by all, report the members.

Those attending were: Cassandra Cargile; Rick and Lana Copp and Jody; Donnie and Joann McDonald with Julie and Josh; Skip and Debbie Magby, Dawnda, Mandy, and Garrett; Doyle and Debbie Weir, Dawn and Dustin.

Also, Garvin and Janette Thorn with Trey; Rick and Mandi Seaton and Sheena; Dennis and Amy Owen, Darcy and Daniel; Clay and Reta Mimms, Blake and Kati; Bill and Marca Morris with Cade and Kia; Kirby and Vickie Burch, Jessica, Keith, and Don.

Carrie Christian Hosts Family Christmas Party

Carrie Christian of Farwell hosted the annual Christmas get-together of her children and grandchildren at her home on Sunday, Dec. 18.

Following a traditional Christmas dinner of turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings, the group had their Christmas Tree and exchange of gifts.

Present for the gathering were Wendol and Louise Christian, Ed and Gwen Corn and children, Dot and Donald Christian, Troy and Lillie Christian and Todd, and Vick and Denise Christian, all of Farwell; Dennis and Tammy Willard and family of Bovina; Sharmy Christian and Charles Christian of Lubbock; Joe and Loy McLellan and family of Friona; Benny, June and David Darnell, Ray and Renee Darnell, Randy and Lisa Darnell, and Van and Phyllis Crume and children, all of Amarillo; and Mary Crume of Albuquerque.

Classified Ads Get Results

Giving is a joy if we do it in the right spirit. It all depends on whether we think of it as "What can I spare?" or as "What can I share?"

Esther Baldwin York

Christmas is a gift from God that a man cannot keep until he gives it to someone else.

Dorothy Cameron Smith

Wolverines Take Top Spot At Farwell Invitational

The Texico Wolverines pushed their season record to a perfect 8-0 at the Farwell Invitational tournament last weekend defeating Littlefield, Bovina, and the tournament hosts, Farwell. Two Wolverines, Brad Steward and Terry Tubbs, were chosen All-Tournament players, and Texico Coach Scott Parker said, "They played outstanding all three games and deserved to be on the All-Tournament list."

The Wolverines got to first place by defeating Littlefield JV 57-40 in their opening game. Terry Tubbs scored 14 points to

lead his team while Kevin West put in 11. Joe Steward had 8; Doug Thornton, Regan Williams and Billy Bibbs each scored 6 points; Brad Steward got 4; and Ronnie Dunsforth had 2. The Wolverines hit 43 percent of their field goal attempts and 56 percent from the free throw stripe.

In their next game the Wolverines took on the tough and determined Bovina Mustangs, and came back in overtime to win 66-64. Terry Tubbs was certainly the hero of this game, said Coach Parker. With only seconds left in the game Tubbs

was fouled and in overtime Tubbs sank both of his free-throws to clinch the win for the Wolverines.

Brad Steward experienced a hot streak for the Wolverines as he led the scoring with 25 points. Terry Tubbs and Kevin West each scored 12; and Regan Williams scored 6.

The team hit 50 percent from the field and 74 percent from the free-throw line. And for the first time this season the Wolverines were out-rebounded by the Mustangs 35-32. Terry Tubbs led in the rebounding department with 13. Joe Steward rebounded for 6; Brad Steward, 5; and Doug Thornton, 4.

In the final game Saturday the Wolverines faced the tournament hosts, the Farwell Steers to determine who would walk away with first place, with the Wolverines proving victorious by defeating the Steers 54-41.

Brad Steward again led the Wolverines in scoring with 16 points. Kevin West had 14; Joe Steward and Terry Tubbs each scored 8; Jeff Campbell, 4; Billy Bibbs and Regan Williams, 2 each. In the rebound department Texico got 35 while holding Farwell to only 24.

"In our first game against Littlefield we played early, and we weren't mentally ready to play. But with the second quarter we were ready and played well," Coach Parker said about the win over Littlefield.

"When it came time to play Bovina we were ready to play. And it was our toughest game of the season so far. Our kids really got up to play Bovina. In overtime we held the ball to take the last shot because Brad Steward and Terry Tubbs both were in foul trouble. So Terry got fouled when he attempted to shoot, and got two free throws, hitting both of them. Bovina out-rebounded us, but it didn't make much difference because we played good defense the entire game."

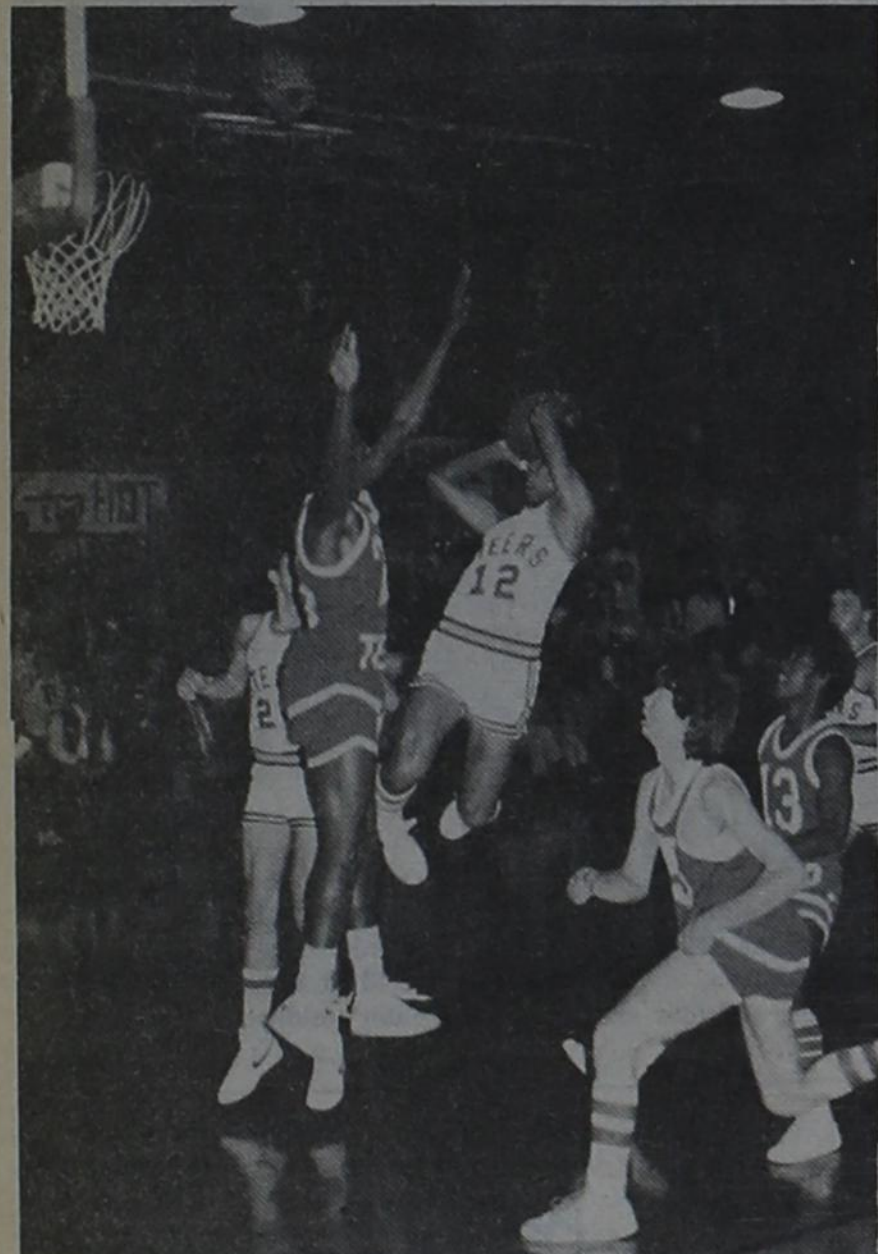
"Against Farwell we played real well. I was real proud of both teams for their sportsmanlike conduct and attitude. We just had it all together for this game. Coach Martin should be commended on his team. They played tough, and are a very good team."

Parker also expressed appreciation for the way the tournament was handled. "Farwell did a good job running the tournament, so did the Booster Club who sponsored the hospitality room. And we appreciate all the fans' support throughout the entire tournament," the coach said.

Texico's All-Tourney Team pick Terry Tubbs [43] leaps high into the air as he tries to block a shot put up by Steer Roger Robertson in Saturday night's final between Texico and Farwell in the Farwell Invitational. The Wolverines overpowered the Steers 54-41 to take the tournament championship. Under the basket looking for a rebound is Steer Mark Cole [24] and running in to assist from Texico is Ronnie Dunsforth [15]. [J. R. Ivins Photo]

Too Tall Tubbs

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The Short And The Tall

Steer Manuel Cantu [12] leaves the floor in an effort to get the ball over the Texico Wolverine defense in Saturday night's Texico-Farwell matchup in the finals of the Farwell Invitational Tournament. Texico was victorious in the game and took the tournament title. Running towards the basket on the play are Wolverines Jeff Campbell and Billy Bibbs. [J.R. Ivins Photo]

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TERRY TUBBS

BRAD STEWARD

Texico Wolverines Terry Tubbs and Brad Steward were chosen for inclusion on the All-Tournament Team after the Farwell Invitational Tournament last weekend. The Wolverines won first place in the tournament, defeating Littlefield JV, Bovina and Farwell in their quest for the tournament title. Tubbs was

high scorer for Texico in the Littlefield game and Steward was the leading point maker in the second two games. Their coach, Scott Parker, commended both boys for their outstanding tournament play and said they deserved to be on the all-tournament list.



Ready To Open Presents

With Christmas only a few days away, all area youngsters are getting ready to open their gifts, and Jessica Gutierrez and Eloy Hernandez are no exception. Posing before their classroom

Christmas tree and holding their presents, the two Texico fourth graders say their favorite thing about Christmas is not having to go to school for awhile.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Scott Meeks. I want a Smurf motorcycle like the one at Whites. I want a toy skill saw and chain saw and a Cowboy cloth that goes around your neck. When you come I am going to wake up to see you! I want a tote truck and a 4x4 that will pop wheelies on rocks. Also a tractor that will carry dirt. Here are some things for my sister. Please bring her an Atari and tapes, a baby skates doll, some new clothes and moon boots!
I think you are nice. We will leave you some black cookies and some milk. Oh, I want some tools too! A hammer and saw and some boards!

Love,
Scott

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some books and a baby doll. Lee K. wants a baby doll. I also want some clothes and a bib for my baby doll. Thank you.
I am making some cookies for you.

Love,
Meredith and Lee K. Howard

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a inch-worm for Christmas. Also I want a baby doll and lots of toys. Have a Merry Christmas!

Love,
LaShawna Brooks

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl who is almost six years old. Mama says I have been a pretty good girl this year.

I would like for you to bring me a "Strawberry Shortcake" bicycle with training wheels. I will have a 'midnight' snack ready for you. Please don't forget the other boys and girls.

Merry Christmas Santa I love you,

Brandy Lann

Dear Santa,
I want a real pony. I want a controll car and one dollar and a race car set.

Your friend,
Michael Mendoza



Finishing Touches

Kelvin Gooden and Marsha Hamilton, third graders at Texico Elementary School, put finishing touches and decorations to their home room Christmas tree last week. All the decorations for the tree were made by the students. With school letting out Wednesday

for Christmas vacation these two youngsters are eager for Santa to come visit them Saturday night.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good girl and I'm ready for you to come and see me. I hope you have had a good year, ours has been great. I am 4 yrs. old, and would you please bring me a Baby Alive doll. Thank you very much.

Your friend,
Rachel Embry

Dear Santa Claus
Are you ready to come with your reindeer, I'm ready! I am 4 yrs. old and I would like for you to bring me a Tonka crane. Thank you for coming. Have a good trip!

Your friend,
Brandon Embry

Dear Santa Claus,
If you cannot bring me a Baby Alive, as I asked you before, please give me Baby Dear for Christmas. I know there's lots of other little girls that have asked for Baby Dear. My brother and I are anxious for you to come!

Thank you,
Rachel Embry

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year.

Please bring me these things for Christmas: a big baby doll, a robe and slippers and some pretty clothes.

Thank you, Santa. I love you. Give Mrs. Santa a kiss and hug for me.

Love,
Amy James

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are all your reindeers and helpers. Hope all of you have a Merry Christmas.

Here are some things I would like for Christmas. Pierced earrings, sewing machine, movie viewer and cartridges, Etch a Sketch or Magna Doodle Sketch Box, clothes and what ever you think I will like.

Have a safe trip. I will have cookies and hot cocoa out for you.

Love you,
Andrea Carter
Texico, N.M.
Age 5

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you and everyone at the North Pole? Fine, I hope.

I have been a good boy this year. I even help my mom clean house!

For Christmas, please bring me a robe and some slippers, some A-team toys and a little cap gun with caps and a new wallet.

Say Hi to all your Reindeer and elves and Mrs. Santa. Have a safe trip on Christmas Eve. Thank you, Santa!

I Love you,
Joshua James

P.S. Please bring my little sister, Amy, a baby doll.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a new football, a basketball, a new jacket with

zip-out sleeves, an Atari game, a back pack and mountain boots. I will go to Grandmothers house for Christmas. Please bring Kartha some things too.

Lee Roberson

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you. I am doing fine. I would like to have a wild canyon set. Sorry this is a short letter. Can I ride in your sleigh?

I love you.

From Lonnie Beale Cross

Dear Santa,
I hope that I get a new pair of skates, and a Mrs. Pac-man game, and a rabbit for Christmas.

Love,
Angela C.

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Steers Snare Second In Own Tournament

The Farwell Steers won second place in their own tournament, defeating Lazbuddie and Friona to give them the chance to play their cross-town basketball mates, the Texico Wolverines, who dropped the hosts 54-41, leaving the Steers to take the second place trophy. One Steer, Alan Eubank, was named to the All-Tournament Team.

Against the Lazbuddie Longhorns the Steers had no real problem, according to Farwell Coach Mike Martin. In beating the Longhorns 43-32, Eubank scored 16 points; Mark Cole scored 14; Manuel Cantu and Kevin Owen each scored 4; and Roger Robertson scored 2.

The second game for the Steers was against the arch-rival Friona Chieftains, who had beat the Steers in the

Friona tournament last week. The victory was sweet for the Steers this time, defeating the Chieftains 55-42.

"The win over Friona was good because they beat us at our tournament last time," said Coach Martin.

Eubank again led his team to victory by scoring 19 points. Cantu scored 16; Roger Robertson, 9; Cole, 7; Daniel, 4; and Owen, 1.

"We played a good game against Friona," said Coach Martin. "We played good defense and offense. We just had everything together that night," he added.

The Texico Wolverines were now the only team standing in the Steers' way of winning their own tournament. The Wolverines led by Coach Scott Parker, got to the finals by defeating

Littlefield JV 57-40, and Bovina 66-64.

But the Wolverines were ready for the Steers and proved to be too tough and fast for the Steers and defeated them 54-41. Eubank again led his team in scoring with 10 points. Cantu had 7; Robertson, 4; Cole, 8; Daniel, 4; and Owen, 5.

"Playing against Texico we played well in the first, second, and fourth quarters, but in the third quarter they just got away from us. Our kids got tired," Coach Martin said.

"Texico is excellent with their speed and field quickness on the press. We got into foul trouble early with Kevin Owen that hurt us, but overall we played a good and fair game, and I'm proud to take second," he added.

"We would like to thank everybody associated with the tournament. Especially all the fans who conducted themselves well on both sides. We would also like to thank all the sponsors who contributed to the trophies, and the Booster Club who set up the hospitality room, also for the visiting coaches and referees. Because of all these people the tournament was a success," Coach Martin said.



'Way To Go, Cuz'

Cousins Alan Eubank and Lezlie Castleberry congratulate each other on having been chosen to the All-Tournament Teams following the Farwell Invitational Tournament played last weekend. Alan was high scorer in all three games played by the Steers as they won second place in the tournament. Lezlie led

the Steerettes to wins over Lazbuddie and Texico to take the tourney's third place trophy in the girls' division. Alan and Lezlie are both seniors. He is the son of J.W. and LeeNell Eubank, and Lezlie's parents are Jimmy and Betty Jean Castleberry.

Defeat Texico - -

Steerettes Take Third In Tourney

Hosting their own tournament the Farwell Steerettes placed third, beating Lazbuddie and Texico, with their only loss going to the Friona Squaws who won the second place trophy.

In their game against Lazbuddie, the Steerettes overcame them to win 41-24.

"This was our third time to play Lazbuddie," said Coach Larry Gregory. "We didn't do anything different, we just played our average game. But our defense has improved the last few games," he added.

Leading the Steerettes to victory and being named on the All-Tourney team was Lezlie Castleberry who scored 18 points. Other scorers for the Steerettes were Suzahn Inman, 11; and Elaine Vaughan, 12.

The second game of the tournament was against the Friona team who beat the Steerettes in a close game 36-32. "Our defense was good in this game, but our shooting was a little off. I felt like we should have beat Friona, but we made those few little mistakes," Coach Gregory said.

Vaughan led the scoring attack against Friona, scoring 13 points. Castleberry scored 9; Inman, 8; and Shonda Foster, 2.

In the third and final game against the Lady Wolverines the Steerettes were once again in fine form, beating their cross-town rivals 44-25.

"Suzahn Inman played an outstanding game against Texico," according to Coach Gregory.

Inman also led the scoring against the Wolverines with 23 points. Other Steerettes scoring were Castleberry, 7; Vaughan and Sheila Smith, 4 each; Sonia Chisum, Foster, and Camille Buchenau, each scored 2.

"All the girls played outstanding. We had excellent defense and good ball handling," said Coach Gregory.

"This tournament was good for the team because we had the chance to play some teams we don't normally get to play. And it was good experience for the girls in getting them ready for district play," he added.

The Steerettes next face Three Way January 3, when they return from Christmas vacation.

Farwell Tourney Success

Farwell's Invitational Basketball Tournament played over the weekend was a big success, say sponsors of the event and school personnel.

Good crowds were on hand for the games and there was standing room only for the spirited boys finals game between the Farwell Steers and Texico Wolverines.

The Wolverines won first place and the Bovina Fillies took first place for the girls teams.

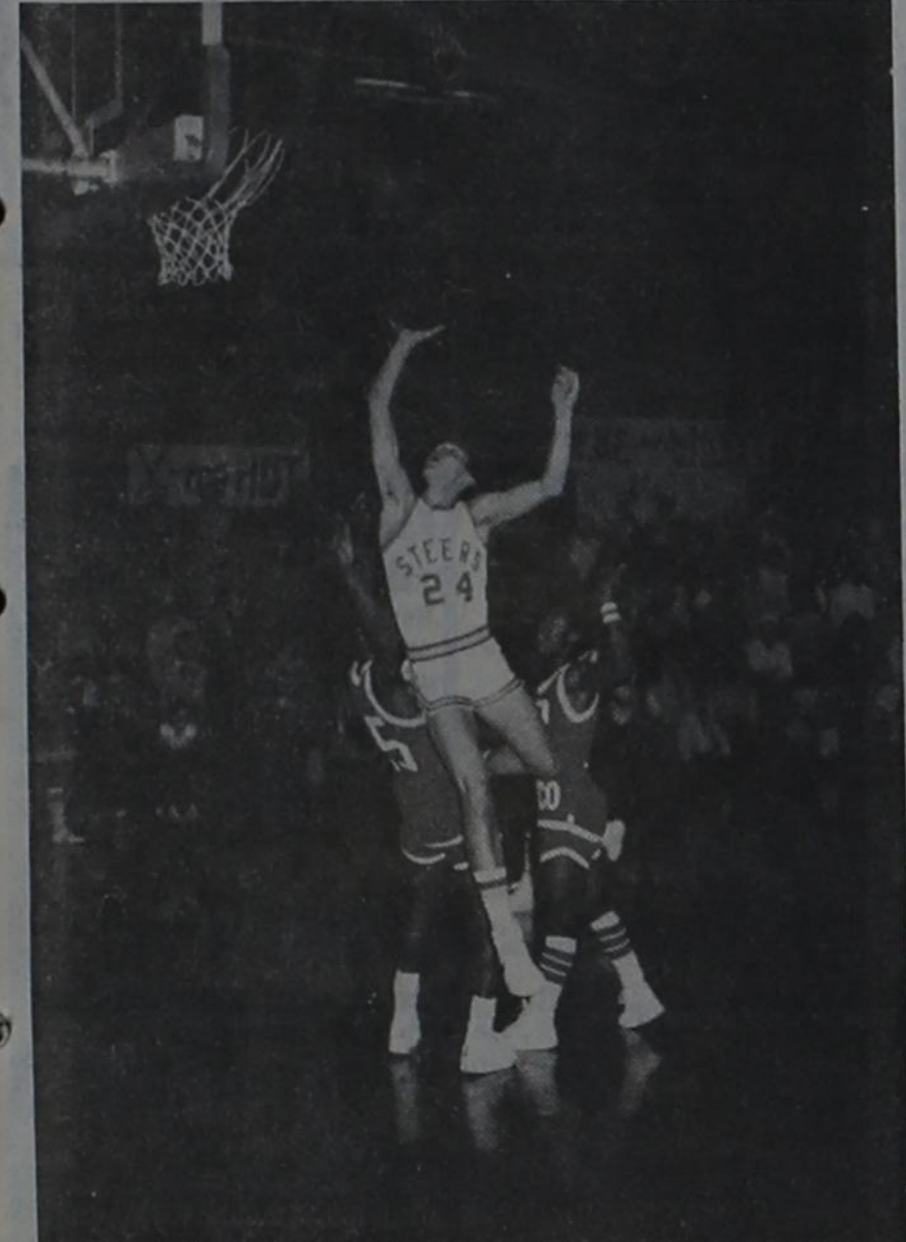
Farwell Steers won second place while the Steerettes had a big win over the Lady Wolverines from Texico to take third place.

Bovina Mustangs won third place, winning by eight over the Friona Chieftains, and the Bo-

vina Fillies took first while downing the Friona Squaws who wound up with the second place honor.

Named to the All-Tournament Teams for their efforts in the tournament were Alan Eubank and Lezlie Castleberry from Farwell; Terry Tubbs and Brad Steward from Texico; Waneta Jackson, Diane Johnston and Charles Veazey, all of Friona; and Marie Pesch, Sonia Mayfield, and Richard Shepherd, all of Bovina.

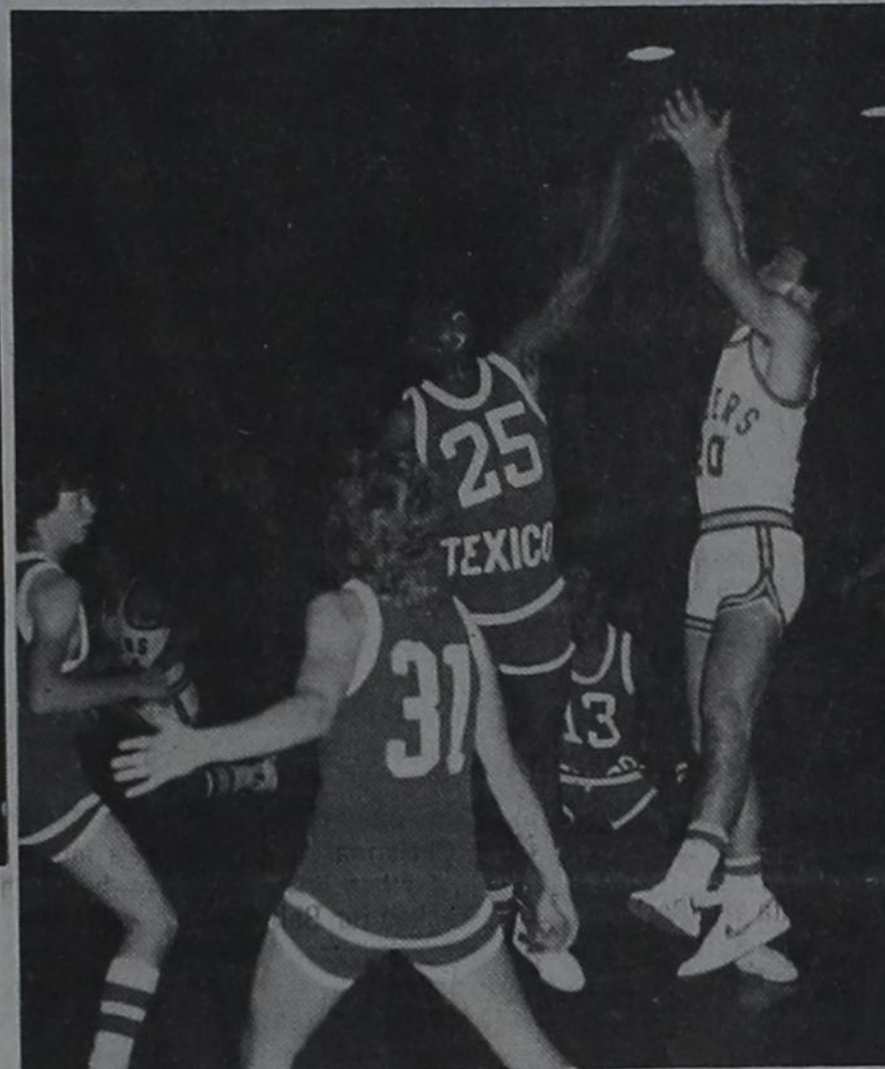
Farwell coaches and other school officials expressed appreciation to all who helped in any way to make the tournament a success, to all the visiting teams and their coaches, all the fans, the Booster Club, timekeepers, scorers, and referees.



Cole Puts It Up

Steer Mark Cole aims for the basket as he momentarily gets the edge over Texico defenders. The action was in Saturday night's tournament final between

the Twin Cities boys basketball teams. Texico won the encounter 54-41 to take first place in the Farwell Invitational. [J.R. Ivins Photo]



Up Goes Owen

Kevin Owen, #20 for the Steers, attempts a shot over the outstretched arm of Texico's Brad Steward [#25] as Wolverines Kevin West [#31], Billy Bibbs [#13], and Jeff Campbell, [far left] come into the action. Texi-

co outran and outscored the Steers 54-41 in the tournament final Saturday night to keep their perfect record intact and take the tourney's top trophy. [J.R. Ivins Photo]

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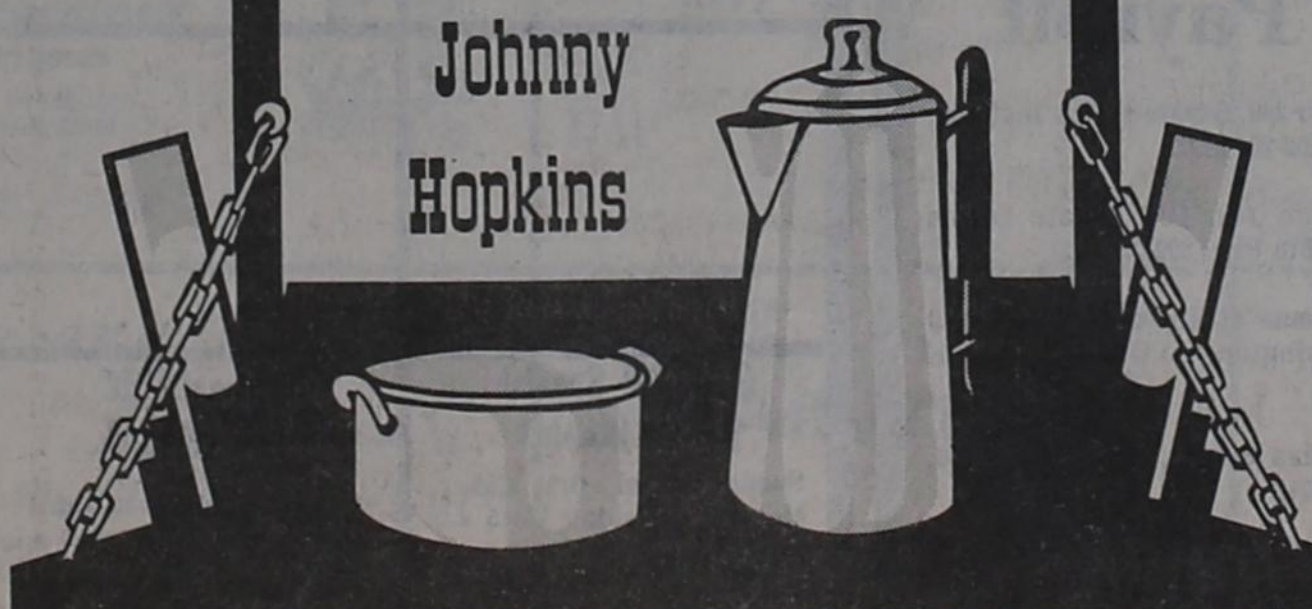
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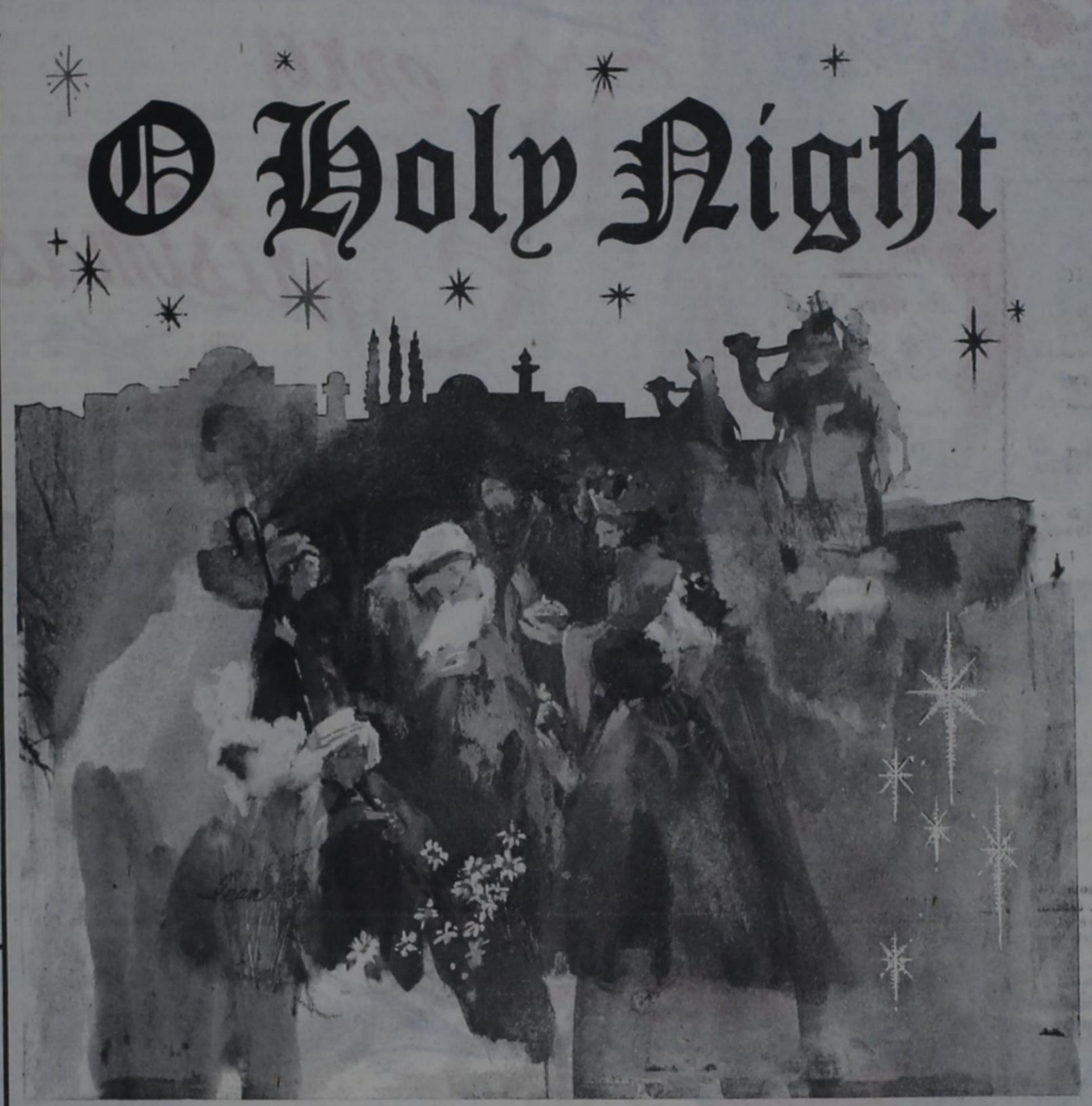
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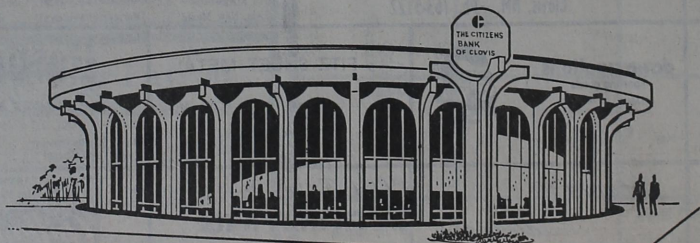
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Exchange Student Relates - -

Swedish Christmas Offers Smorgasbord Of Festivities

by Juanita Hadley

Christmas 1983 is extra special for a Texico senior, although in reality she is not from Texico, nor is she a senior in her homeland where she will lack a final year of high school upon her return.

The young lady, Anna Charlotta Liljedahl (the "je" is pronounced "yah"), is an exchange student "on loan" to the Paul Dee Barnes family of the Pleasant Hill Community by her parents, who are a realtor and an elementary school teacher, from Vaxholm, Sweden, a suburb of Stockholm.

For Lotta, as she is known to classmates and friends, the Yule season will be both familiar and strange. Most Swedes, as do most Americans, celebrate Christmas as the time of Christ's birth; however, they, as we, have incorporated into that celebration certain elements with no religious nature whatsoever.

One of the more traditional symbols of the season, the candle, plays the leading role in a ritual which in many Swedish homes signals the approach of Christmas Day. Lotta explains that on the fourth Sunday prior to Christmas, the first of four candles is lighted and is allowed to burn for a short time before being extinguished. The following Sunday, the first and a second candles are lighted, with an additional candle being lighted on the third and fourth Sunday.

Since all earlier candles are lighted each time, the fourth Sunday provides a lovely vista consisting of candles of four heights, which are then allowed to burn down. Miss Liljedahl notes that on those years when Christmas Day falls quite late

in the week, the fourth candle may be lighted a day or so after Christmas Day itself, depending on family preference.

A Swedish holiday which vies with Christmas in importance and significance is Santa Lucia Day, or Festival of Lights, occurring on December 13. The legend surrounding the event tells of Lucia's birth into a rich and noble family in Syracuse, Sicily, in A.D. 283. Supposedly on the eve of her wedding day the young woman gave all her dowry to the poor and announced that she had become a Christian. Accused of being a witch, she was put to death on December 13, A.D. 304. Later canonized, Lucia has become a popular saint, with festivities in her honor taking place especially in Italy, Sicily, and Sweden.

Lotta explains that some time before Lucia, as the day is often called, Swedish families purchase a tree to be used only for the holiday, with a separate one being bought later for Christmas. The tree, usually a pine, is placed outside, perhaps in a garden, but never inside the home, and is decorated with a myriad of lights. The tree is kept alive as long as possible, being placed in a large, vases-like container to which fresh water is added frequently.

On the morning of Lucia, tradition decrees that the youngest daughter of a family rise very early, dress in a long white dress and place long-iberry or holly garlands in her hair. In earlier times lighted candles, usually nine, were situated among the garlands; however, today the youngster more often simply carries a single lighted candle in her hand. In many instances, the girl is crowned, not with natural greenery, but with a glittery,

silver garland.

The child serves her parents a type of breakfast-in-bed consisting of coffee, special saffron buns called lussekatter, and other homemade breads which may be braided or formed into different shapes. While the term "breads" is used, the items are actually gingerbread or biscuits (commonly known as cookies in the U.S.).

In addition to the family celebration, there are others throughout the day. According to Lotta, on occasion the young people choose to honor someone other than their parents, perhaps a teacher, with an early morning Lucia visit.

But, Lotta says, the early morning activities are merely the beginning of the Santa Lucia festivities.

Upon reaching school, older students form a procession which winds its way from class to class, ending up in the cafeteria where the traditional foods are served.

Younger students participate in activities and processions within their individual classes.

However, the most notable observance of Lucia commences about five p.m. when many inhabitants gather at a given location. The young people who are to make up the Lucia group are chosen by vote of the populace earlier with one young lady selected to lead the group. She is to represent Santa Lucia. Each of the girls is dressed in a long white dress, with the leader wearing a very long red sash and a crown of silver or greenery. All other girls bear silver garlands in their hair.

Male participants are attired in long white robes and atop their heads are conical hats, approximately two feet in

height, decorated with gold stars.

Lotta, who once served as a member of the procession, notes that the same silver garlands that adorn the ladies' hair are wound about the single candles carried by both males and females and are allowed to trail into streamers.

After traversing many of the city streets, the procession and following townspeople congregate within the Lutheran Church, recognized as the national church, where the priest

speaks on an appropriate theme. During the service, the church choir, Santa Lucia procession, and members of the congregation sing numerous songs, and, in particular "Sankta Lucia."

Due to the importance attached to Santa Lucia Day, many organizations have their own observance of the holiday, often holding processions several days prior to or following December 13. As an example, Lotta mentions that a riding club to which her family be-

longs frequently celebrates the event with a slightly different procession - one in which the participants are on horseback.

Although Lucia is widely celebrated, it evidently does not diminish the Swedes' ardor for Christmas itself.

Streets, shopping centers, and malls glow with Christmas lights; red and green decorations abound, and most store windows feature Christmas trees. Store-wrapped gifts often bear stickers proclaiming such

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Examines Nativity Scene

Swedish exchange student, Lotta Liljedahl, poses amid the pieces of a lifesize nativity scene at a local church. In her

homeland, small nativity scenes, usually ceramic, are part of the Christmas decor of most homes. Paul Dee and

Nancy Barnes of the Pleasant Hill Community are Lotta's hosts during her stay in the U.S.

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greetings as "Merry Christmas from NK (North Company)," white paper for home wrapping may display hearts, which are a favorite Christmas motif, bells, winter scenes, or woodland fairies, called Tomtenissar.

Lotta explains that the Tomtenissar (Tomt = Santa house; Nissar = small men) belong to an old, old tradition. Each year, they supposedly protect one's home around Christmas time.

Only the males are seen, but it is understood that there are wives and families. The tiny men, merely two to three inches tall, all don red caps, wear old work shirts and pants, and are shod in Dutch-type wooden shoes. Another fact concerning the little fairy creatures, Lotta notes, is that they always appear to be old.

Lotta adds that, although many families no longer participate, tradition calls for a family to place a dish of hot rice porridge on the front porch for the Tomtenissar "to make them happy." They especially like

the meal if the winter is a cold one.

In the weeks just prior to Christmas, Swedish school children, much like their American counterparts, busy themselves preparing items for their parents and others.

Smiling, Lotta remembers as an elementary school student making Christmas cards for her parents; as a seventh or eighth grader, in a woodworking class constructing wooden stars with family members' names burned on, which each year are part of the family tree decorations; and each year from approximately fifth through ninth grades in sewing class preparing small yarn Santas, about two inches tall, which are always placed in the pine needles near the Christmas tree's trunk.

One Swedish custom unknown to Americans is the spreading of pine boughs on the front porch of a home so that family and visitors walk across them as they enter or leave.

Another Christmas tradition

is the heart-shaped front door wreath. Although the item may be constructed of nearly any material, it is always heart shaped. Years ago, Lotta herself made the wreath that graces the Liljedahl's door by cutting several thicknesses of newspaper into the appropriate shape, stapling them together except for an opening at the top, stuffing them with additional sheets of crumpled newspaper, and finally spray painting the entire creation bright red.

This holiday season Lotta certainly finds familiar the concept of the Christmas stocking, although she has discovered that American stockings are generally different from those in her homeland. There most "store bought" stockings are of printed fabric featuring Santa Claus, hearts, bells, and the like. The Swedish child does not hang his stocking on the chimney, but places it on the door to his room.

Both red and white varieties of the poinsettia are associated

with the Christmas season, and a familiar decoration found in most Swedish homes is the nativity scene, whose characters may be made of wood, glass, plastic, or plaster. The nativity scene in the Liljedahl home was passed down to them by an older family member.

Surprising to Americans, the angel plays a very small role in Christmas decoration, being used far more in association with Santa Lucia Day.

One of the other noticeable differences between a Swedish and an American celebration of Christmas is that in Sweden, much, in fact, most of the feverish activity takes place, not on the 25th, but on the 23rd and the 24th.

The Christmas tree, bought a few days earlier, is placed in a container similar to that used for the Lucia tree, and is also kept fresh through the frequent addition of water to the receptacle. On the 23rd, it is decorated, usually with personal homemade items such as those Lotta made in school, glass balls, and candy-filled hearts of colored paper. Most of the time, a star tops the tree.

Lotta tells of another tradition associated with the 23rd, the baking of ginger biscuits (cookies) in various shapes, some quite familiar to Americans. Among those are stars and Santa Claus. Several cookie shapes that Lotta mentions, though, are real surprises, including the heart, rabbit, leaf, and pig!

Lotta comments that throughout the holiday season and as early as Santa Lucia Day friends and family enjoy glogg, a hot mulled wine drink containing raisins and almonds.

At some point during the night of the 23rd, Santa drops by to fill the children's stockings with small gifts, which they discover on Christmas Eve morning.

For most Swedish families, Christmas Eve is the day of visiting and celebration. Lotta describes the 24th as the day she, her 20-year-old brother, and her parents spend with her mother's family, catching up on the news and eating. The noon meal is a smorgasbord, with choices of ham and a special mustard, meatballs, sausage links, and the like, served with a bread, called "Granddad's"

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Swedish Celebration

Pictured is a Swedish Santa Lucia procession in a private home. The holiday, December 13, is celebrated in honor of the young woman who declared herself a Christian in 283 A.D. and was later put to death as a witch. Participants in the procession are garbed in long white garments. The leading girl, who represents Lucia, wears a red, belted sash and a crown of greenery. Males wear tall, con-

ical hats and carry star-tipped wands. All members of the group bear candles. Also called "Festival of Light," the event is

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Poinsettia Also Popular In Sweden

The poinsettia, long associated with Christmas in the United States, is also a Swedish favorite for the Yule season. Its Swedish name means "Christmas Star." Among other simi-

larities shared by the two countries are Santa, his reindeer and sleigh, the Christmas stocking, and the traditional colors of red and green. However, one American tradition, the angel, is

not usually numbered among Swedish Christmas decorations, playing instead an important role in the celebration of Santa Lucia Day.



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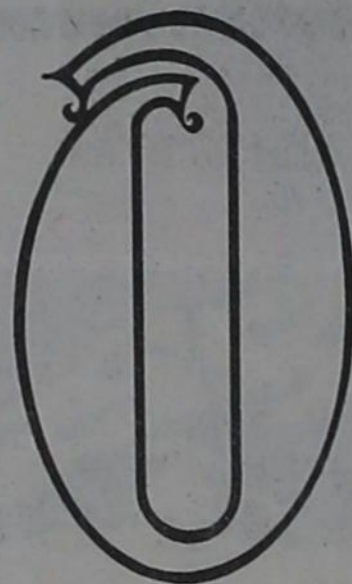
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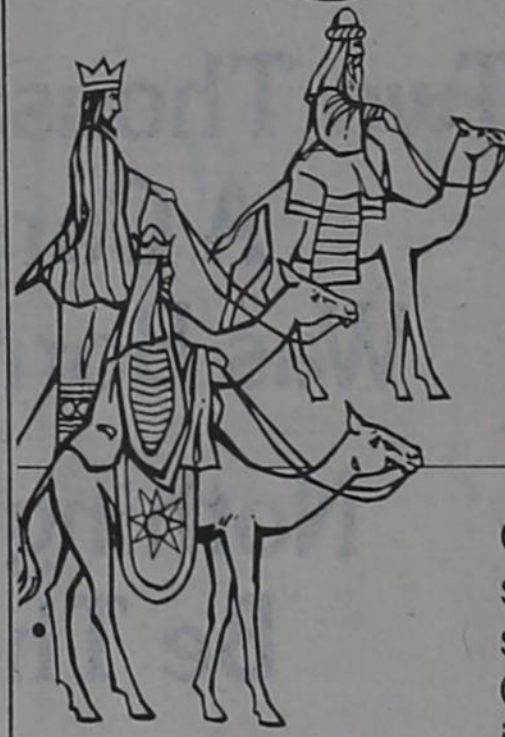
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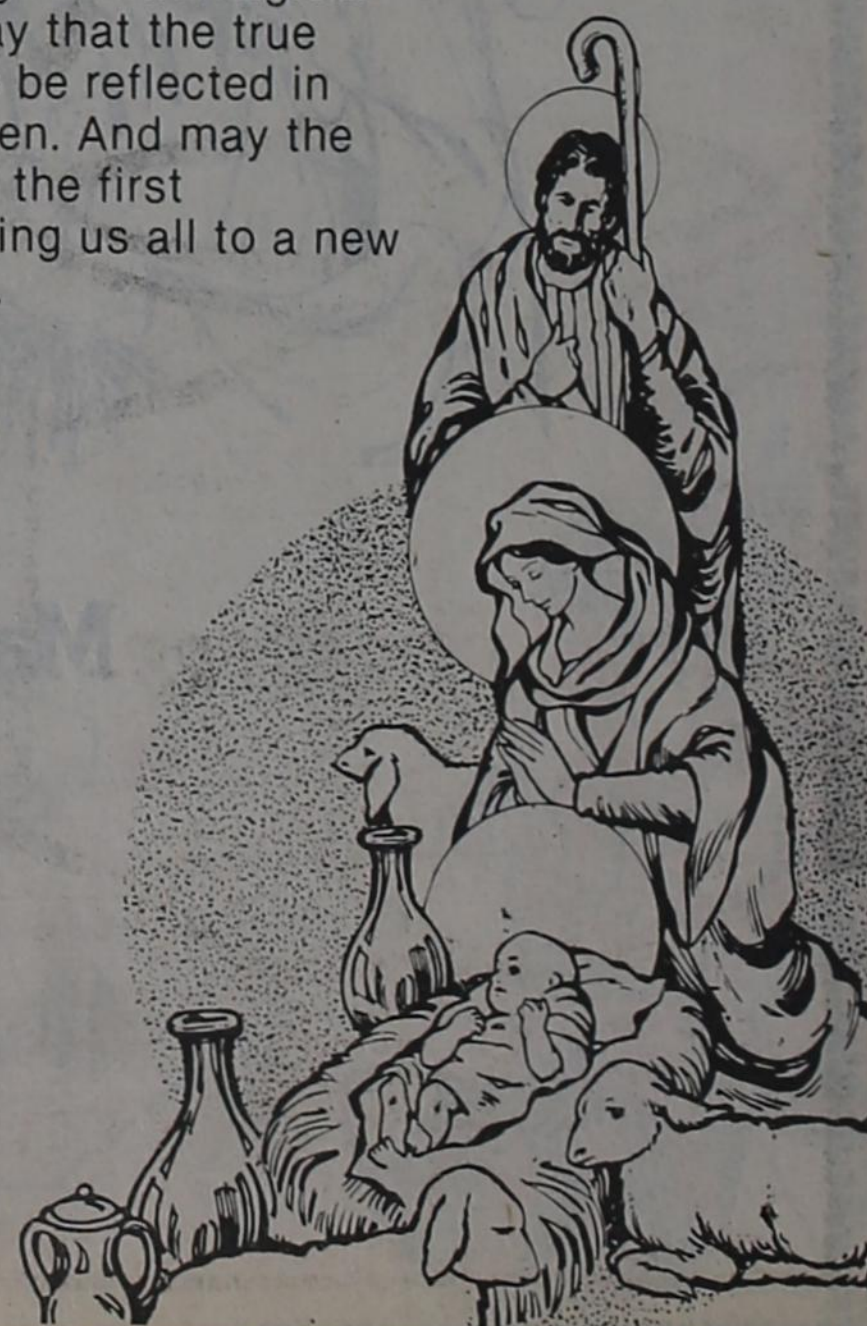


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bread," which is commonly dipped into the pork gravy. For this reason, it is also referred to as "dipping bread." Then comes the rice porridge. Somewhere within the dish is a single almond. Whoever finds it must recite a Christmas poem of some sort; and, in addition, superstition has it that this person will be the next to marry.

After a meal of this type, desserts are hardly necessary, for, as Lotta notes, "The ham and everything is so good, everybody eats a lot of it."

Laughingly, Lotta comments that the meal, usually eaten around one or two o'clock in the afternoon, is always finished before three, for at that time there is an annual Christmas Special featuring Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, other Disney characters and Santa himself.

Some time later, around six or seven in the evening, the family again has a meal, after which comes the main event of the evening - the opening of gifts.

The Swedish Santa is identical to the jolly old gentleman known and loved by American boys and girls. He, too, lives at the North Pole and makes his rounds by reindeer-drawn sleigh. However, Rudolph is not a part of their Santa story, although young and old alike know who he is.

Children are children, and everywhere they realize that a generous Santa Claus is of benefit only if he knows of presents desired. Swedish youngsters impart this vital piece of information by writing a list which is entrusted to their parents. In turn, the parents make sure that the kindly old fellow receives the information.

On Christmas Eve, there suddenly comes a loud banging on the door. The new arrival is none other than Santa himself, clad in the traditional red outfit, or at least, the semblance of it, wearing a Santa mask, and carrying a bulging bag. His booming voice asks, "Are there any good kids in here?"

Although very young children believe the visitor is Santa, he is really some family member who has undertaken the happy chore. Each person receives at least one gift from Santa's bag, and if there are not too many gifts, all may be in his bag. If not, the remainder of the presents are underneath the tree and are handed out.

In families with no small children for Santa to visit, gifts are normally placed under the tree on the 23rd or the 24th and are opened at the appropriate time.

After the "grand opening" is completed, the Liljedahls head for home, stopping enroute to pick up the mother of Mr. Liljedahl, who will spend the remainder of the evening with the family.

Each year, Christmas Day sees the members of Lotta's family again with relatives - this time, her father's.

There is again a smorgasbord, but with variations. Compliments of the grandfather's hunting skill, there is often venison steak in place of ham; also, the meal here ends with ice cream and all kinds of homemade cookies.

Following dessert, the group participates in another Swedish tradition, playing games, and especially charades. Lotta adds that her grandfather's wife knows many entertaining games, and each time she discovers a new one, the family tries it.

When asked about Christmas songs, Lotta notes that stores and malls begin playing Christmas music in late November or early December. She further comments that many families join in song while they are together for the holidays, with the best loved piece being "Nuj ar det Jul Igen" ("Now It Is Christmas Again").

The day with Lotta's Grand father basically ends the main festivities; however, there remains a final chapter in the Swedish celebration of Christmas.

In the meanwhile, New Year's approaches and the people of Sweden again rise to the occasion.

New Year's Eve witnesses parties aplenty. Several years ago, the Liljedahls and three or four other families established their own style of celebration. They participate in a progressive dinner, with a drink or perhaps the first course being enjoyed at the first house, dinner at the second, coffee at the third, and the New Year brought in at the last.

Each year on TV just prior to midnight, an actor or actress (usually some older, distinguished male) recites a poem or delivers a reading which goes along with the occasion.

Then on the stroke of mid-

night, church bells ring in the New Year, and fireworks displays, both private and public, light up the skies.

Throughout the country, celebrants make champagne toasts, hug one another, and fill the air with shouts of "Happy New Year!" There is no singing of "Auld Lang Syne," nor can Lotta recall ever having heard that particular refrain.

For many, the celebration continues throughout the night, very much as it does for some in other parts of the world.

The closing of the Swedish Christmas ceremonies occurs on January 6th, earlier known as Twelfth Night, when decorations are removed from the Christmas tree, the candy-filled hearts are given to children, and the tree, which has been kept fresh until this time, is discarded. According to Lotta, these activities are turned into a "kind of party."

It is certain that this Christmas has added numerous memories to the collection of Anna Charlotta Liljedahl, the Swedish miss who is sharing with us not only her presence but in essence the customs and traditions of her homeland. For this sharing, we can only say, "Thank you."



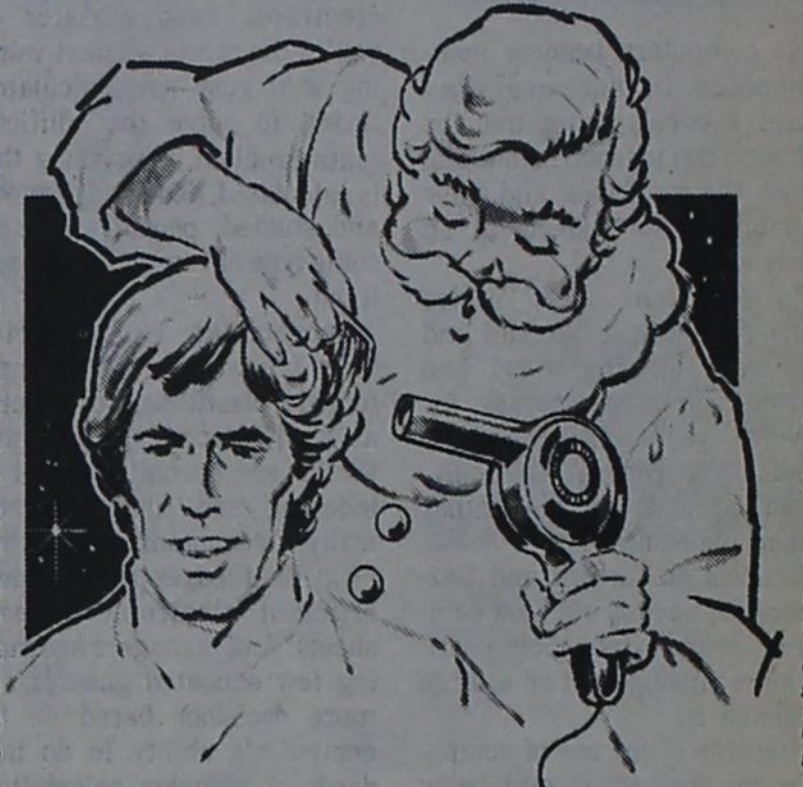
Swedish Christmas Tree Not The Same

One of the most obvious differences between a Swedish and an American Christmas is the tree. In Sweden, December 23rd is the customary day for trimming the tree, which in private

homes is almost always a live variety. Ornaments normally include glass balls, homemade candy-filled hearts, other handmade items, and the star.

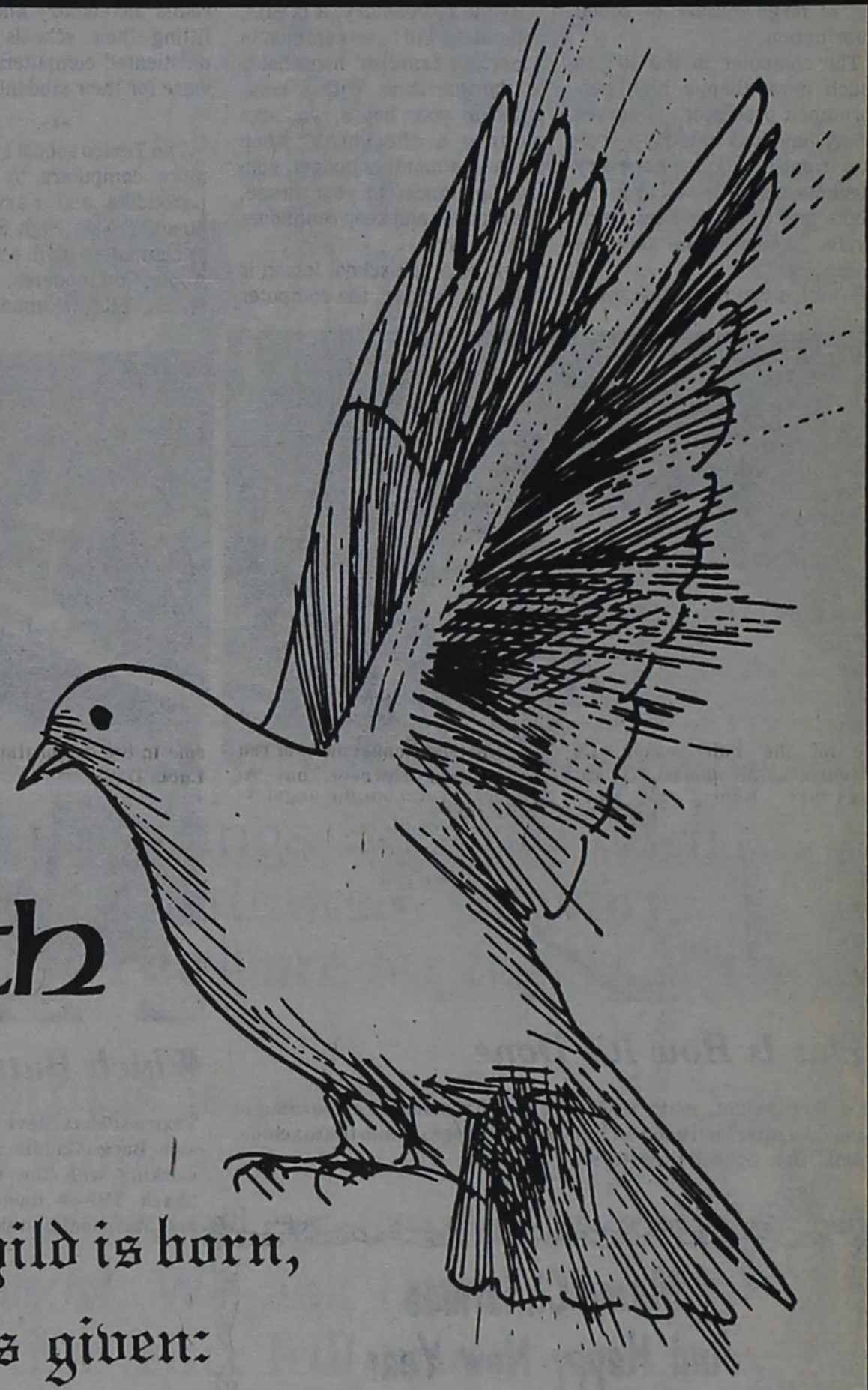
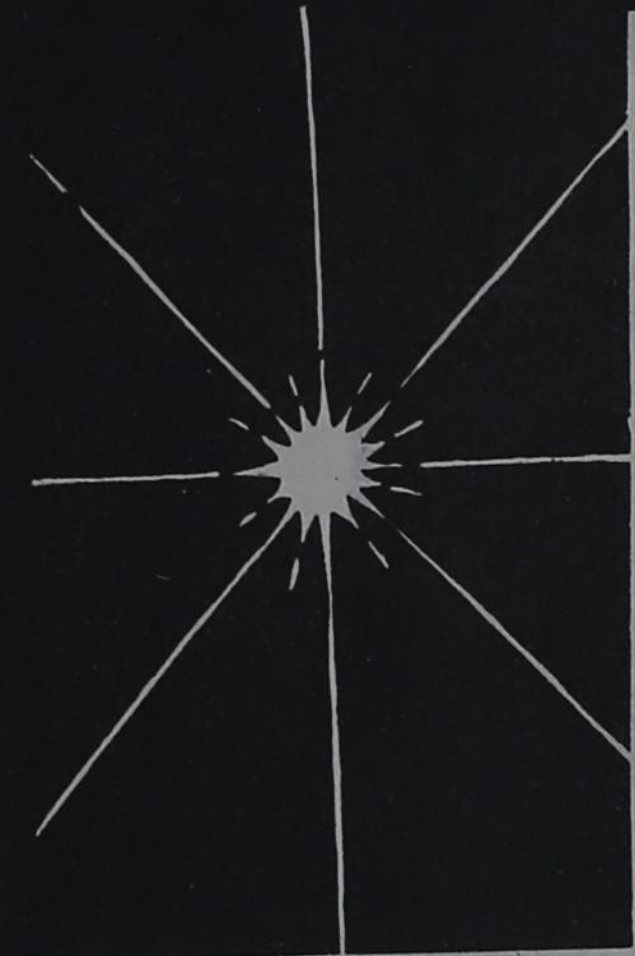
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In our local area, Texico School has taken the lead and has been offering many and varied computer courses for several years, using federal funds to purchase the equipment needed for the rather expensive equipment.

Schools at Farwell and Lazbuddie have also initiated computer courses into their curriculums although not on a large scale basis.

Benefits of the use of computers by students is still being debated, and to argue that is not the purpose of this article; it is only to point out that we do indeed live in a computer age.

COM-PUT-ER-1. One who or that which computes. 2. Any of various machines equipped with keyboards, electronic and electrical circuits, storage units and recording devices for the high-speed performance of mathematical and logical operations, or for the processing of large masses of coded information.

The computer in the 80's is much more than a high performance processor. It serves many functions in today's society. In one way or another every business aspect as well as many home and entertainment fields evolve around some form of computer.

Whether you're the checker in

the supermarket using that new electronic cash register or you're the school student working with your new calculator, trying to solve that difficult math problem, everything that is calculated, deducted, figured, and studied, people are using some type of computer to figure it out.

Secretaries are replacing their typewriters with computers and plastic disks containing a word processing program. Clerks are becoming adept at indexing and filing electronically. Accountants are putting away their ledger pads for more efficient electronic spreadsheets. And managers are making few educated guesses and more decisions based on the computer's ability to do hundreds of complex calculations almost instantly.

Telephone lines can now link your computer with other computers. With linked computers, you can send and receive mail electronically, both personal letters and business transactions. The telephone computer link will also give everyone access to central data banks containing all the information now received from newspapers, periodicals, encyclopedias, and even libraries.

By the 21st century, it is said, computers will be as common in American families' households as the television. With a computer in your house, you can balance a checkbook, keep track of a monthly budget, control appliances in your house, file recipes, and keep reminders of birthdays.

And once the school lesson is done for the day, the computer

will entertain us -- and not merely with the likes of Pac Man, Donkey Kong, and the zap 'em video games. It will play poker, backgammon, or chess at any level, as well as new types of games that test our power of logic and deduction.

In past years if you wanted to learn about computers and computer programming you had to take a special course. But more and more schools, and not just high schools and colleges, but some grade schools and junior highs, have turned to computers for teaching. As a teaching device the computer can match its space to that of the student's progress, patiently give drills and persist until the student gives evidence of mastering the material.

In upper grades, the computer may be used not only for courses, but also in application; the student may actively use the computer to plot curves from data, simulate experiments, and so on. Nationwide tests find that children learn better with a computer. The computer makes reading, writing, and arithmetic fun for young children because it holds their interest.

The Texico, Farwell, and Lazbuddie school systems are joining many school systems around the country and are outfitting their schools with sophisticated computers and software for their students' use.

The Texico school system has more computers by far than Lazbuddie and Farwell combined. Texico High School has 34 computers, with a mixture of Apple, Commodores, and Radio Shack TRS 80 models. Com-

puters are not inexpensive. Depending upon the model bought they run as low as \$400 and up to \$3000. Texico High has spent an estimated \$50 to \$60 thousand on their computer systems, printers, and software.

Is it worth it? According to Ronnie Warmuth, computer instructor at Texico High School,

it is. "Students are learning faster with computers. They can learn graphs and graphics more easily. With the computer, there is definitely more interest."

Financing for the computer systems came from federally-funded Chapter II Programs. Chapter II Program is federal

participation money granted each school based on its school population. At each school, the money may be spent differently as the school sees fit. Most of the financing is spent on necessary school equipment such as desks, chairs, etc.

"Students who learn something about computers in school have a little better chance getting a job in the working world today," said Texico Superintendent James Pierce. "With the

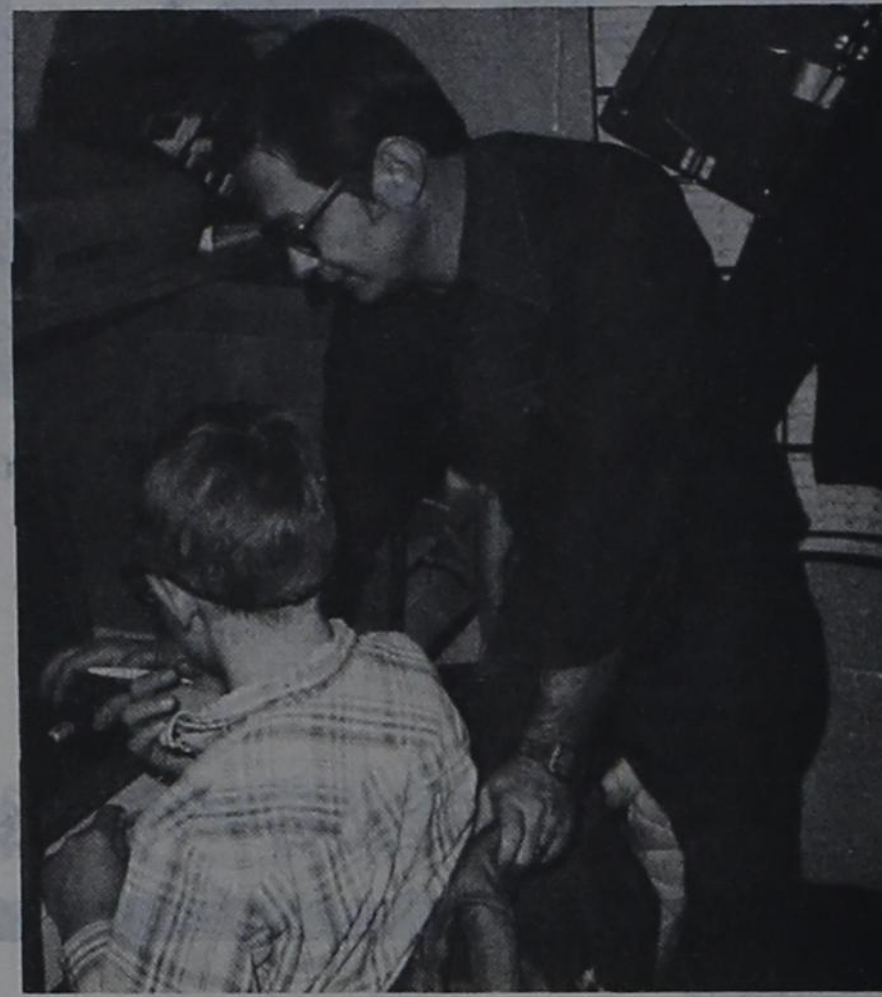
way typewriters, calculators, and cash registers are being made today, it takes some basic knowledge of the way computers work, to work them," Pierce added.

"A student must know math, English, etc., before he or she can program a computer. A computer knows only what's programmed into it," said Warmuth. "We don't let the students use the computer until they can read, write, and work arith-

metic. But I believe it will be mandatory in the future that students pass a computer literacy class before they can graduate from high school," predicts Warmuth.

At Farwell High, only two computers are being used. "We have room for four students per period. That's about 28 students per semester," said math and computer instructor Ed Wees.

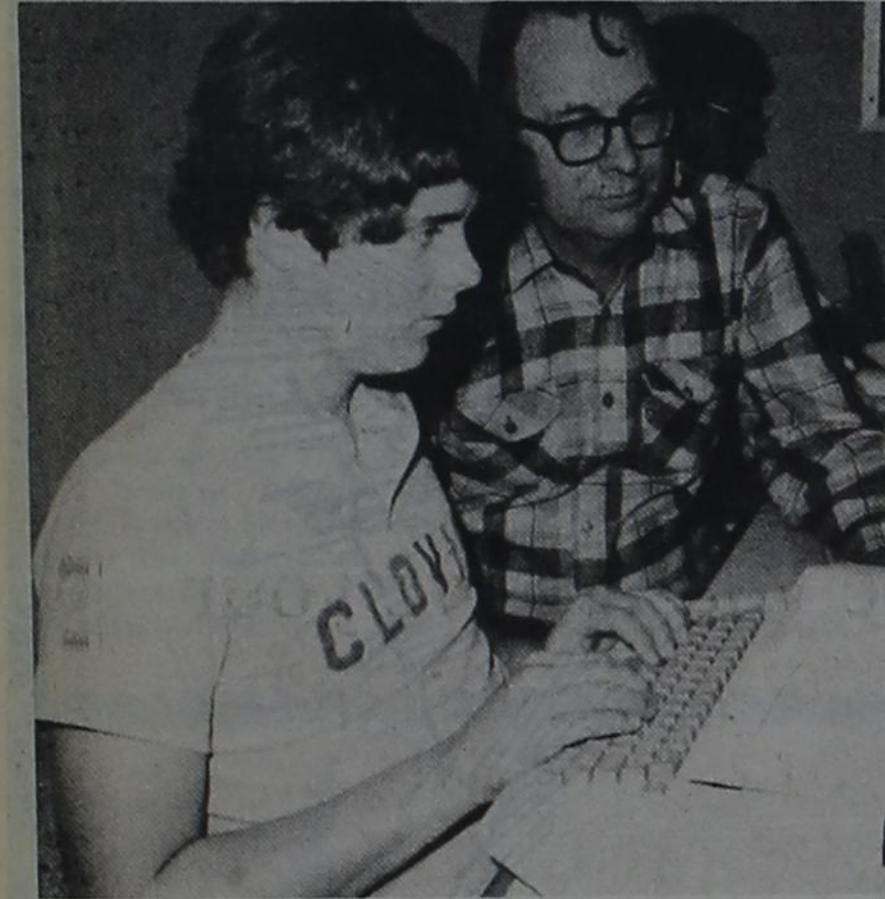
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Junior High Learning

Texico High School math and computer instructor Ronnie Warmuth is showing Mike Daniel, a junior high student at Texico, how to operate the computer. Junior high students also take the computer literacy

classes instructed by Warmuth. Students are taught to use the computer as a tool to learn many different subjects, ranging from math to graphic designing.



This Is How It's Done

Ed Wees, right, math teacher and computer instructor at Farwell High School, assists stu-

dent Erik Burton in learning to put a program into the machine.



Which Button Do I Push?

Texico seniors Steve Smith, left, and Buck Gaddis are shown working with the new Radio Shack TRS-80 model computers. Most seniors take the com-

puter class, giving them the edge in the working world. Knowing how to operate the computer helps the student

work with cash registers, calculators, and typewriters when it comes time for them to go to work.

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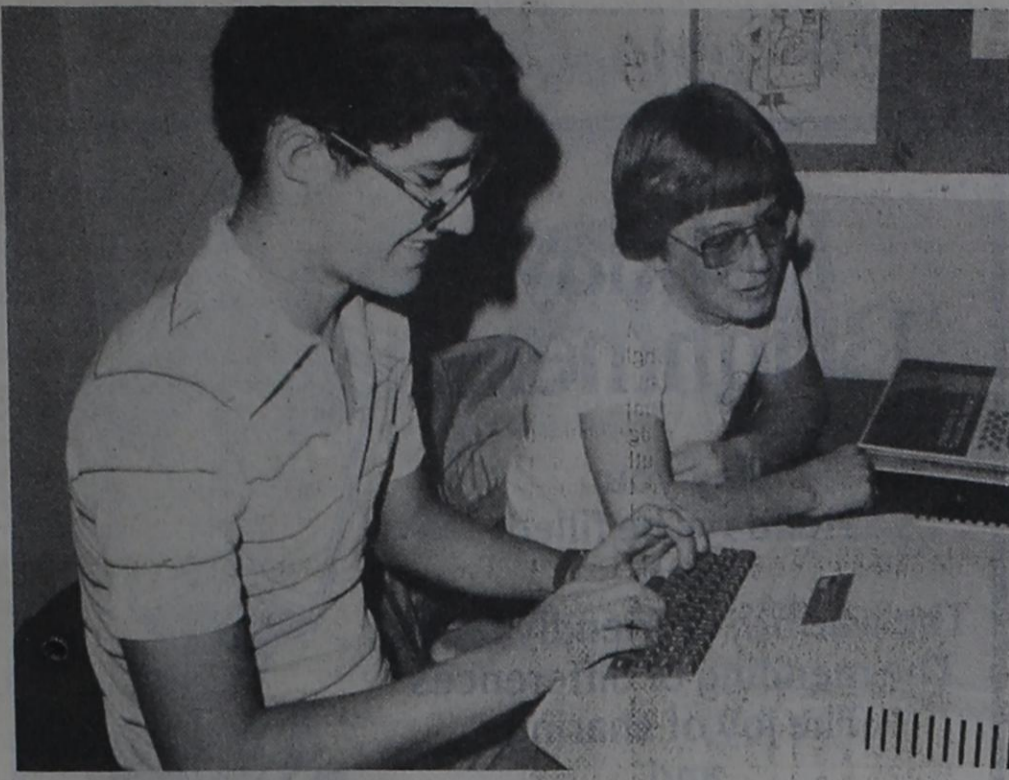
THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE

A tree is God's creation everywhere on earth - including Brooklyn. It's said man once lived in trees. When he climbed down, life never again was to be quite so simple... yet only then did the tree get truly appreciated. For here was food and fuel and shelter. Then a weapon, a tool, a wheel - and transportation. And now it's floors, doors veneers, piers, baskets, caskets... rubber for gaskets. It's a handle for brooms, shovels, rakes... syrup on pancakes. It's paper and paints... tars, spars, boxes and boxcars... storage bins and blowing pins. It's toothpicks and matchsticks... even plastics... material for distillation, lamination, insulation... windows for ventilation, and a thousand and one other we-can't-do-withouts. Yet few people look at a tree in the same way. To the small boy it's a favorite and strategic place... where you build a treehouse, spot a woodpecker, cut slingshots and fishpoles, hang old tires and climb for fun. To the naturalist it's probing a fascinating world of buds, blossoms, bark, needles, cones and leaves... spectacles of color... and some 1,035 domestic species. (Yet to a baseball player it's as simple as a stick of second-growth ash, sized and shaped to "feel like a million.") To the artist it's inspiration... alone on a windswept hill, timberline patchwork on a mountainside, thick and verdant in a valley. To the homeowner it's beauty and shade and property value... also digging, planting, pruning, edging, feeding and a lot of other weekend work. To the hobbyist and craftsman it's a new bookcase, picnic table, paneled den, plywood shelves... a chance to become downright "immortal". To the timberman it's a bustling big business, measured by cords and board feet. But most of all, a tree remains what it was in the first place... man's ever-lasting friend. For we'd sure be "stumped" for a mighty lot of things in a world without trees!

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It's My Turn

Wesley May, left, and Andy Hughes work at one of the computers at Farwell High School. Andy waits his turn as Wesley operates one of the two machines which are used by the students at Farwell High.

Computers . . . [Cont'd from Previous Page]

"We try to use the computer as a tool for learning, not a tool to teach a specific subject. It all depends on the students' motivation to learn. If they don't want to learn math, English, or any other subject, they won't. If they don't want to learn to use the computer, they won't."

"The computer is just a tool made by man, it only knows what man feeds into it. We would like to have at least one more computer for administrative work for the teachers, and maybe possible establish a computer lab in the near future," said Wees.

All financing for the Farwell computers system was locally funded and school budgeted.

Lazbuddie High School has outfitted its system with nine educational computers and software. Eight computers compile the computer class, while one computer is being used in the business office. Lazbuddie uses the Commodore PET 4016 and 4032 computers and printers.

"They're a valuable addition to any school," said Dennis Owen, math and computer in-

structor at Lazbuddie. "The computers are used as a reinforcement tool in math, and some vocabulary," he added.

Commodore computers are high-tech computers and may be used in many different ways, from adding audio to hooking them up to a main terminal system. An estimated \$12,000, has been spent on all computers and equipment at Lazbuddie, and funding for the computers came from regular school budgeting.

"Mostly seniors take the computer class," said Owen. "There's definitely more interest in the student when using a computer. And knowing how to program the computer requires the student to know most of the basic educational requirements, such as math and English. We use the computer as a teaching aid, and not just to teach one subject. We even compile the basketball statistics with the computer," he said.

We've examined these school systems in the Twin Cities area. Each school has its own philosophies and opinions on the



Girls Can Do It, Too

Rhonda Lingnau, student at Farwell High, practices at one of the school's computers. Farwell only has two computers for classroom use at this time, and students are instructed in the classes by Ed Wees, who is also a math teacher.



Computer Assembly Line

Students at Texico High School all get the chance to use the new computers, purchased by the school. At the same time, up to 25 students in each class can use the computers. And once the new educational complex is completed, occupancy space for the computer room will double, enabling at least 30-40 students to operate the computers.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas. I would like a Master's of the Universe, Castle Grayskull, and a Play Family School! Happy Birthday, Jesus! I love you!	Dear Santa, I would like some jewelry, stuffed animal reindeer and make-up.
Joshua Lynn	I love you, Pamula
Dear Santa, I want a stuffed animal Santa Claus, Roller Skates, and a Bald-Headed baby doll.	Dear Santa, I want a Baby Skate Doll, Etch-A-Sketch, and a Tippy-Toe Doll.
I love you, Natasha Shaw	I love you, Suzanne Salguero

A CHRISTMAS WISH

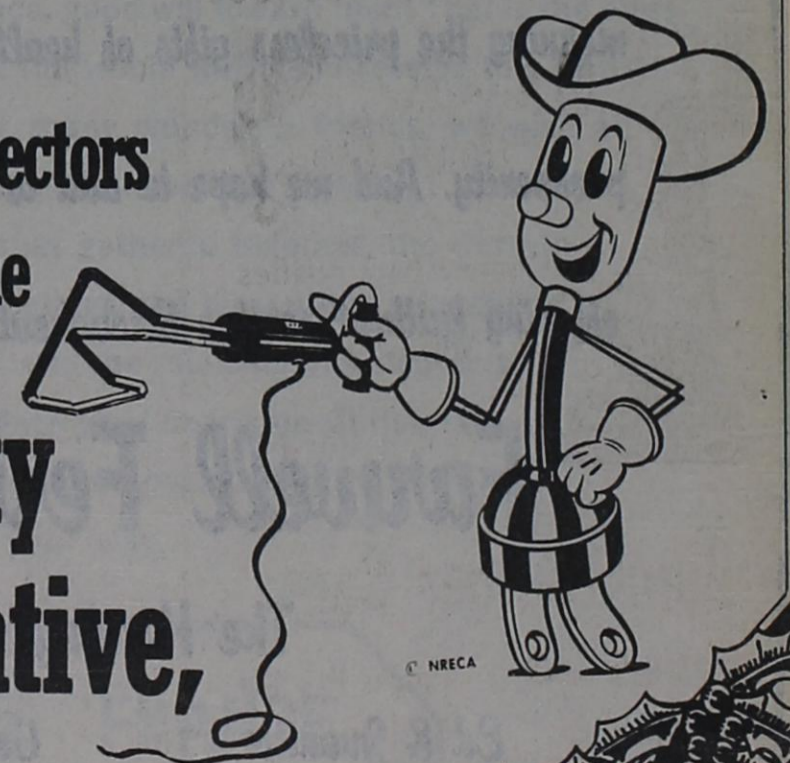


What can we wish for you at Christmastime? Gifts of diamonds and gold? Rich and exotic treasures? Everyone appreciates presents like that, and we hope you receive your share of them this Christmas. But the things we truly wish for you cannot be held in the hand and admired. Or worn. Or used. They are not sold in stores. They are far too precious for money to buy.

What we hope for you this Christmas is peace of mind, love, and joy. May you spend your holidays in the company of those you cherish, happy and contented as you share the traditions and pleasures of the season. We ask that through the Spirit of Christmas you know the true, full and lasting joy of this most blessed of times, and that each of your Christmases be happier than the one before.

We cannot buy these things and put them underneath your tree with the other gaily wrapped gifts. And so we pray that our Christmas wish may be a blessing upon you and those you love.

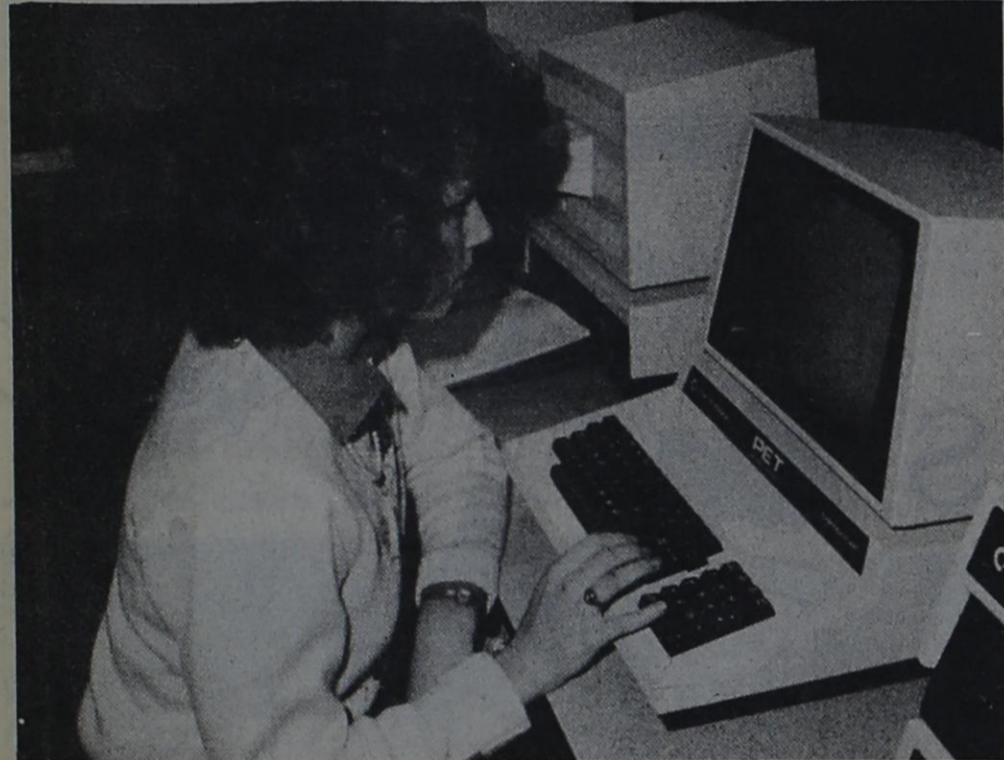
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Watch And Learn

Instructing two Lazbuddie High School students in computer operation is instructor Dennis Owen, left. Trying to learn the education reinforcement data are Donna King, seated, and Launa Brockman. Mostly sen-



Computers Are Easy

Launa Brockman, senior at Lazbuddie High School, is feeding data into a Commodore PET 4032 in the computer classroom. Launa is keeping the computer up to date on the Lazbuddie basketball statistics, proving that computers may be used for many functions.

Computers . . .

[Cont'd from Previous Page] way computers should be introduced into the school systems. Some experts agree that computer learning will diminish some of the human being's mental process and thinking because all we will have to do to figure something out is to push a button. But some teachers disagree. They say you have to know what is put into a computer.

Computers are everywhere. In fact, it's hard to find a field today in which computers are not being used. Some people think of computers as dehumanizing machines. Who created them?



Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a record player and a horse and a baton and a set of skates. I like you very very much Santa.

Your friend,
Margot Loera

Dear Santa,
I want a doll That eat and I want a care Baer set and I want a tabset.

Your friend,
Priscilla Slay

Dear Santa,
I weat a BB gun and a train and I weat horse and a saddle and I weat a tree and I am Derrick Haseloff.

Dear Santa,
I want a hors and saddle my mother siad is I am nice and a wloch.

Your Friend,
Jeremy Ortiz

Dear Santa,
I want a bickel for christmmas. And a wach with a car on it.

Your friend,
John Lingnau

Dear Santa,
I want a wach. For crismus and. Help my mom clen. The house and a Big foot truck.

Your friend,
Jody Reyes

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good in school. I'd been good in my house. This what I want for Christmas a toy truck, a tabletop Pac-Man.

Love,
Dean Rubio

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you bring me a trampoline, for Christmas and a lot of presents. Santa Claus you are very nice to bring a lot of presents. Tell Mrs. Santa Claus Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Sharla Lingnau

Dear Santa,
I want a Dallas Cowboys watch and a 22 caliber rifle. Thats all I want.

Your friend,
Mark Chandler

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a 22 for Christmas. I would like a bike for Christmas to.

Love,
Kade Kent

Dear Santa,
Guess what I want for Christmas? A barbie dream house and a western camper. And some new school clothes. We already have a Christmas tree for my school. We got a new T.V. for our room. I think it will be neat having a T.V.

Love always,
Tanya Harrison

Dear Santa,
Lupito Garza I like to have a Bgun The o mockiki.

Your Friend,
Joy

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a simon says for Christmas and I want skates for Christmas too. Tell Mrs. Santa Merry Christmas. That is what I want.

Love,
Monica Lovato

Dear Santa Claus,
I will tell you what I want after while. I will give you milk and cookies. Please give me thease toys. stomper truck, guns, three reller,

Your Friend,
Troy Cunningham

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Love,
Dara Jenkins

Dear Santa,
I want a Apple Computer. I want a TSRA Computer. I want a very good present. I want a cartridge for my computer. I want to have a happy holiday. I know you are a spirit. I am a good girl. How are you? My brother wants a go-cart.

Thank you,
Laura Vega

Dear Santa,
I want a Pac-Man watch and a Garfield Marker and crayon set. My big brother wants another Big-track. I donot know what my sister wants. I want a kitten.

Love Ethan Forsythe

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and motorcycle and GI Joe collection. We will have milk and cookies. My brother wants He-Man. How are you doing?

Love
William Maxell

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a bike and a Pac-Man watch and some pom-poms. Oh Santa I love you and Santa I want a barbieset and have a merry christmas.

Love, Laura Padilla

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a b.m.x. bike and a angel doll. I want you to have a merry merry christmas. I want you to bring me a elf doll. And a computer. And a stomper. We want you to not be cold and tell your elves that you are a artist. The toys that you bring are very special to the children. Thank you to Santa From Naresh Patel.

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, Dallas Cowboy suit, Pac-Man watch, foot Ball, shoes, racing track. I will give you some cake and cookies and milk. Thank you.

Love,
Nash Armstrong

Dear Santa,
I would like a Snoopy Doll, a bike, and toys.

I love you,
Trecha Kelley

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Skates Doll, new Roller Skates, and a new pillow.

Love,
Jennie Morris

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Skate Doll and a Herself the Elves Set.

I Love you,
Misty Robinson

Dear Santa,
I want a racing truck, a Peter Bilt truck, and an elevator.

Love,
Sam Spears

Dear Santa,
I would like a truck, a car, and a Frosty the Snowman Doll.

I Love You,
Irby Selman

Dear Santa,
I would like a stuffed animal, pony tail holders, and a swing set.

I Love you,
Maritza Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby doll, a watch and boots.

I Love you,
Christi Anthony

Dear Santa,
I want a truck, a gun, a tractor, race car, and I love you!

Jerry Martin

Dear Santa,
I would like a stuffed reindeer, a mini-skirt, and a stuffed kitty.

Love,
Carol Servatius

Dear Santa,
I want a Strawberry Shortcake Doll, a bike, and a radio.

I love you,
Teresa Juarez

Dear Santa,
I want a car, motorcycle, and a swing set.

Love,
Richie Pierce

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Care Bears doll and skates. I am in the first grade at Texico. I love you santa. I have been good. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,
Farrah Chumley

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Mega-Force Motorcycle. I am in the first grade at Texico.

I Love you,
Jared Minshew

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Baby Skates. Care Bear and roller skates. I have beengood. I love you, Santa. I will leave you Some cookies.

Leticia Ortiz

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football suit and roller skates. I love you, Santa.

Love,
Clyde Jenkins

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Care Bear and a Speak and Math. I am in the first grade at Texico.

Love,
Suzanne Richond

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Cheer Bear and roller skates. I love you Santa. I am in the first grade at Texico.

Love,
Kelly Delgado

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike. I have been trying to be nice. I will leave you cookies and milk. My sister wants a barbe and a doll. My brother wants a bike. I am in 2 grade in Texico -Elementary school.

Love, Tasha Maestas
And a Merry Christmas.
Thank you.

Dear Santa,
I want a play truch for my brother. And I want a watch, make-up set, and a cheerleader set. Next a football for my brother. And a three speed, for me and some skates. I hope you bring me that Dear Santa. I wish you a merry Christmas. I have been good so have my brother. Love, Teri Askew

Love, Richy Guss

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a fuss baby. I am in the first grade at Texico. I have been good. Love you Santa.

Debra Selman

Dear Santa,
I want a watch for Chrismas. I also want a cheerleader suit. We are going to my Grandpa's and Grandma's house for Chrismas. We are having punch and cookies.

Love, Crystal Foreman

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football set and a Lucky Bear. I am in the first grade at Texico. I have been good.

Love,
Tyrone Gooden

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Care Bears and roller skates. I love you, Santa. I have been good. I am in the first grade at Texico.

Love, Laura Garcia

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Farwell Students Collect More Than \$3,000 For St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



Top Math-A-Thon Students

The ten Farwell Elementary students each raising \$100 or more in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Math-A-Thon are, from left, front row: Lorri Murray, Christi Corn, Bea Foster; second row: Mark

Chandler, Shawn Haseloff, Clay Corn, Heather Burton; back row: Cody Monk, Amy Jo Murray, and Roger Billingsley. Clay Corn was the top student, collecting \$127.53, and he received

a solar calculator for his efforts, plus a tote bag and a T-shirt. The other nine students also received tote bags and T-shirts which they are proudly displaying.

Farwell Elementary and Junior High students again this year participated in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Math-A-Thon, and the pledges collected by the students totaled \$3,023.81.

"I am so pleased with the response that our community has made to the math-a-thon, not only for the help to St. Jude's but for the support that everyone has given to our young people and the encouragement with their math," said Karolene Inman, director of the math-a-thon at Farwell schools. "A very special thanks to everyone, not only from the students but from the school system as well," she said.

"When one of the directors

called to check on our progress, I told her we had already sent in over \$3,000," said Mrs. Inman. "She was elated and said, 'you are the first school I've called that has sent in over \$3,000'. I asked her how many schools have you called, and she replied 'over 1,000', " related Mrs. Inman.

Sixty-two elementary students and ten junior high students completed the math fun-books supplied by St. Jude's and returned the pledges. Ten elementary students brought in \$100 or more, reported Mrs. Inman.

The ten students collecting \$100 or more were: Clay Corn, who was the top student, collected \$127.53 and received a solar

calculator; Amy Jo Murray, \$121; Mark Chandler, \$117; Lorri Murray, \$112.75; Bea Foster, \$104.10; Shawn Haseloff, \$103.55; Christi Corn, \$100.92; Cody Monk, \$100; Roger Billingsley, \$100; and Heather Burton, \$100.

The above students collecting \$100 or more each received a tote bag and a T-shirt; those bringing in pledges over \$25 each received a T-shirt; and those raising pledges up to \$25 were each presented a certificate.

The reward to the students

Photos By
Karolene Inman

participating in the project was mostly self-satisfaction in giving of oneself to help someone else, but they were also delighted with their material rewards, said the teachers.

Upon receipt of the money sent to the project, the school received the following letter: "We are in receipt of \$3,023.81 from the Farwell Elementary School Math-a-thon for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please accept our sincere appreciation for your commitment and efforts on our behalf.

"For most of us, tomorrow is something we take for granted. But within the Family of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, you can talk to children who pray everyday that the doctors and scientists, the nurses and technicians will discover that new method of treatment

or that combination of miracle drugs that will save their lives.

"Though the lives of boys and girls are being saved at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, there are still too many youngsters that do not make it.

"Your support and commitment are an investment in the medical care, treatment, and life saving research that brings hope to so many. Thank you so much. Sincerely, Baddia J. Rashid, National Executive Director."

As a reward for sending in more than \$3,000, the school received 15 calculators.

Mrs. Inman again expressed special thanks from all the teachers and staff to the students, the parents, and to the community residents who helped to make this project such a tremendous success.



First Graders

First grade students in Lynn Roberts' room receiving math-a-thon honors are, from left,

and front to back, David Singer, Leonel Perales, Amanda John-

son, Justin Mahaney, Doug Sewell, and Bea Foster.



First Graders

First graders in Judy Howard's room winning math-a-thon hon-

ors are, from left, Michael Foster, Troy Chadwick, Christi

Corn, Julie Mitzelfelt, Kristi Adams, and Chance Stephens.

Love, Virginia Terrazas

Love, Jereme Woodruff

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a three-wheeler, a horse, a thousand dollars and a swimming pool. I hope your are packing. I want to remind you do not go to my house! Go to a cabin in Ruidoso. You will see it in some trees ok.

Your friend,
Nicole Charlson

Dear Santa Claus,

I can't wait untill Christmas. How is Rudoph? tell Rudoph to have a Merry Christmas. Do you now what I want a bike and some skate and that is what I want.

Happy Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a 3 wheeler and a dune buggy. I am in the first grade at Texico. I have been good. I love you Santa.

Marcos Ortiz

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a pencil pet. I am in the first grade at Texico. I love you.

Thomas Nieto

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a motorcycle and a tractor set and a truck with a trailer. I am in the first grade at Texico.

Love,

Jereme Woodruff

Merry Christmas
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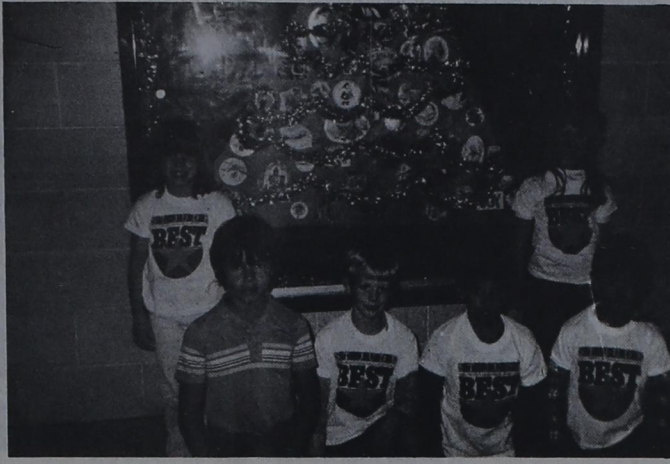
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athon honors are, from left, Britt Ginny Mitzelfelt, Oscar Saenz,



Second Graders

Second graders in the room of Nancy Burch receiving math- rie Murray, Lupito Garza, Amànda Riley, and Chris Gar-
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Third graders in Verona Traynor's room receiving math-athon honors are, from left, Tan-ya Harrison, Jody Mahaney, Eric Chadwick, Mark Chandler, Clint Austin, and Matt Mills.



Third Graders

Third grade students in Nelle Craig's room winning math-athon honors are, from left, back row: Clay Corn, Shawn Hase-loff, Amy Cumpton, Karen Ay-cock, Brandon Kirkland; front row: Kevin Welch, Alicia Smith, Krista Gates, and Kristy Stanton. Not pictured is Cindy Scuddy.

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Fourth Graders

Fourth grade students in Gretchen Montgomery's room winning math-a-thon honors are, from left, back row: Ruben

Lucio, Roger Billingsley, Laura Vidana, Heather Burton; middle row: Priscilla Galvan, Amanda Curtis, Lynda Fish,

Misty Stewart; front row: Amy Foster, Matt Foster, and Ray Haseloff.



Fifth And Sixth Graders

Fifth grade students in Karolene Inman's room receiving math-a-thon honors are, from left, front row: Heath Dollar

and Amy Jo Murray. Not pictured is Kaci Stephens. Sixth graders in Marcia Cole's room

are, front row: Kara Camp; and back row: Wayne Pierson, Lisa Geries, and Lupe Arce.



Junior High Students

Other junior high students participating in the math-a-thon project and receiving honors

are, from left, Terri Hillock, 7th grade; Joanna Castner, 8th; Robbie Fly, 8th; Jeffery Stew-

art, 7th; and Matt Geuther, 7th. Not pictured is Stephanie Scud-dy.

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The Little Boy Who Hated Christmas

by Marcia Johnson Cole

The little boy sat on a bench in the mall,
But no one noticed. He was so small
And all alone. He rubbed his eyes.

"Christmas ain't nuttin' but lotsa lies!"
He thought to himself. And on his sleeve
He wiped his nose. "I don't believe
That anyone cares!" And he pulled his head down
In his turtle-neck coat. He looked like a clown
In a way, sitting all scrunched up tight,
While all around - what a wonderful sight!

The Christmas tree that stood in the mall
With silver tinsel, was so tall
It towered over the people below,
Its lights watching them come and go.
And beside the tree was the stable small,
With wise men and shepherds - right there in the mall!
And the manger was there, all filled with hay,
And in it, Baby Jesus lay.

And Santa Claus was strolling about
With candy canes, that he'd pass out
To children, when they came to say
What they wanted to find on Christmas Day.
The Muzak sang songs of Christmas cheer,
And tidings of the coming year.

But the boy was oblivious to sight and sound.
And his cheeks were smeared, where the tears ran down.

Then an old man with a snow white beard
Came into view. And he appeared
To want a quiet place to rest.
He had no coat on, just a vest
And shabby shoes, and no hat on his head.
He sat by the boy, and nothing was said.

But in a moment, he turned with a smile,
And spoke to the lad. "In just a while,
Christmas will dawn with all its joy,
What a wonderful time to be a boy!"

The little head peeked from the turtle-neck top,
And the boy's voice snapped, "It's a FLOP."
He retreated once more into his jacket.

"My goodness!" the old man said. "What a racket
To come from a lad on Christmas Eve!
My goodness! I can hardly believe
My ears! My goodness!" he said once more.

"I HATE Christmas! It's such a BORE!"
The boy mumbled inside the coat.
But the words somehow, seemed to stick in his throat.
"And why is that?" asked the old man.

"BECAUSE," said the boy. And then the words ran
Almost together as he said more.
[But as he spoke, he looked at the floor.
He didn't meet the man's piercing eyes.
Maybe because he seemed too wise,
And too knowing.] "I hate it all,
Just sittin' here on this bench in the mall!"

"Ho, ho," smiled the man, and he scratched his head.
"So why aren't you looking around, instead
Of sitting here pouting, so sad inside,
And scrunching your head in your coat to hide?"

"Because I HAVE to sit here and wait
On Mom and Dad. They had to shop late,
Because they just got their checks today.
And they got all mad when I ran away,
And they got even madder when I cried."
And the tear-streaked face disappeared inside
The coat again. And a sniff came out
Of the turtle-neck. "So that's why you pout,
And why you hate Christmas? How very sad!
This is a time for ALL men to be glad!"

The coat interrupted. "I know all about
Jesus, and why they had to go out
And stay in a stable for his birth.
And how the angels sang 'Peace on earth',
But...well...we really don't got much of that,
With everyone rushing 'round like a cat
With a lot of turpentine on his tail.
And nobody stops long enough to say 'Hail
The power of His name' - and so -
I guess nobody seems to know
What it's supposed to be all about."
The small face was again in a pout.

"I HATE CHRISTMAS!" he said once more.
He blinked his tears, but still looked at the floor.

The old man smiled the smile of the wise.
"Well - it seems to ME," he said in surprise,
"That you hate Christmas because...well...inside
Your head you know...but you run and hide."

The boy looked up, and met the eyes
Of the old man. And to his surprise,
The old man was crying. His eyes were wet.
"You know the story, my son, - and yet,
You know it only in your head,
When it should be in your heart, instead.
How can you judge the heart of another
At Christmas? Perhaps your father and mother
Are doing - in love - the best that they can."

The little boy couldn't believe the man
Was crying. Yet the tears were there.
And the boy reached up, and touched the white hair
Of the old man's beard. And he heard himself say,
"I guess it was my fault. I did run away.
And I guess I didn't think a lot.
And maybe it was ME who forgot
Why the baby, there in the hay,
Came to us on Christmas Day."

He wiped the old man's tears away
With his boyish fingertips. "And say!
My parents know Jesus down inside -
In their hearts. And I won't hide
Anymore!" He smiled at last,
And the old man's hand he held very fast.

"I guess," smiled the boy, "The problem is ME!
But now..." he grinned as he gazed at the tree,
"I got my heart plumb open wide!
And I feel all Christmasy inside!"

The old man sat with the boy's hand in his.
He smiled again, and then said. "Tis
The most blessed thing in the world to see
Christmas, as it is meant to be."

And so the two sat silent awhile.
When suddenly, the boy jumped up with a smile.
"Hey, look, here come by Mom and Dad!
I'll say I'm sorry I was so bad,
And that now I know down in my heart
What Christmas is! And that it won't part
From me whenever tomorrow's gone,
But that it will linger on and on,
Forever and ever!" And he said, "Hey!
I think I LOVE Christmas, and Christmas Day!"

And to his folks, he began to shout.
"I know what Christmas is all about!
And Mom and Dad, I want you all
To meet my new friend I found in the mall."

But when he turned, no one was there.
His eyes opened wide. "Well now - where
Did he disappear to just that quick?"
And his parents laughed. "Was it Saint Nick?"

"Well," the boy mused. "I thought he MIGHT be.
Until he explained Christmas to me.
And then I decided...well, you'll think I'm a dunce,
But it just came to me all at once
That maybe the old man I saw - was God.
But then...that'd be pretty odd!"

Lifting his son, the father said,
"You're a good boy." And he cradled his head
On his shoulder, and turned 'round/about
And as they walked along to go out,
The boy saw - nestled there in the snow,
The Christ Child, in the manger below
The big Christmas tree. The infant's eyes
Were open. And to the boy's surprise -
The eyes were the same as the eyes of the man
Who had sat with him. "Now I understand."

And as the boy watched, the Christ Child gave a wink!
Well - I guess He could have! What do YOU think?





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Georgiana Cooper - -

Writer Sees 30 Years Of Changes In Journalism, Newspaper Jobs

by Starla Christopherson

Cooper.

Working in the field of journalism, Georgiana Cooper of Portales has seen many changes, including those in equipment and life styles over the past 30 years.

Mrs. Cooper began her newspaper career at the age of 49, after raising three children, Laurie Wright of Clovis, Lewis Cooper of Texico, and Lillian Jones of Anchorage, Alaska.

"I always thought a job on a newspaper would be ideal," said Mrs. Cooper about what she thought to be an exciting occupation.

Her first position at the Portales News Tribune was as society editor, a position she was offered after her daughter refused the position.

"Mr. Greaves, the publisher, hired me partly because I had written several letters to the editor over the years," said Mrs. Cooper.

"I did reports on all the club news, weddings, engagements, and other local happenings. It was an eight-hour a day job, six days a week, and I thoroughly enjoyed it," explains Mrs.

Support received from her husband, Marshall Cooper. He spent many hours doing household chores as well as helping with the yearly canning so that she could meet her deadlines.

At other times, he served as chauffeur, taking her to accident and fire scenes so that she could take pictures or do interviews.

During the years since her column, "Idle Chatter," began, her readers have come to know Marshall Cooper as the Man of the House, as she often wrote about him and his support.

Since beginning her career in journalism, Mrs. Cooper has been able to utilize one of her favorite pastimes, photography.

She began to enjoy photography around the age of five, when she would sit on her father's lap, watching images come out on dry plates.

Her father sent off for the dry plates he used, although some made their own, and all developing was done in the dark. To produce an image on dry

plates, the dry plate was put in a frame with photographic paper over it. Only an oil lamp was used to provide light, but the dry plates were less sensitive to light than the types of film used now.

Since then, Mrs. Cooper has learned newer methods of taking pictures, developing, and reproducing prints.

"At one time at the paper the pictures were sent away to be set in metal, but later we used a Fairchild machine to set black and white pictures on plastic plates," explained Mrs. Cooper.

Now Mrs. Cooper uses a 35 mm camera, does her own developing in a modern darkroom, and uses screens to make plates from the pictures.

She did almost all of the photography work for her job as society editor, including learning to use a 4x5 camera and the equipment necessary to enlarge or decrease the size of a picture. Most of her training was received at the paper, but she says she enjoyed learning to use the equipment so much that she often spent her free time in the darkroom at work.

"Everytime the police or a fire truck went by the house, I got out and chased them, if I could," said Mrs. Cooper, "Sometimes I caught them and sometimes I didn't."

According to Mrs. Cooper, the equipment used in the newspaper office some 30 years ago included typewriters, a teletype machine, and a Lino-O-Type machine.

The Line-O-Type was the tool used to set the newspaper print. A tape with holes corresponding with letters of the alphabet and punctuation, was run through the machine. As this was done, each character was cast in hot lead.

As the letters were cast, they would come out of the machine in trays, each tray being one line of newsprint.

"It was a weekly paper and was proofed by making a single copy by using the plate, a roller, and a piece of newsprint. Anytime a mistake was made, the entire line had to be re-set in hot lead," she said.

Now the Portales News Tribune, where Mrs. Cooper is still employed, has retired the Line-O-Type and other pieces of old equipment in favor of com-



After 50 Years

Georgiana and Marshall Cooper of Portales take a moment to relax together. This picture was

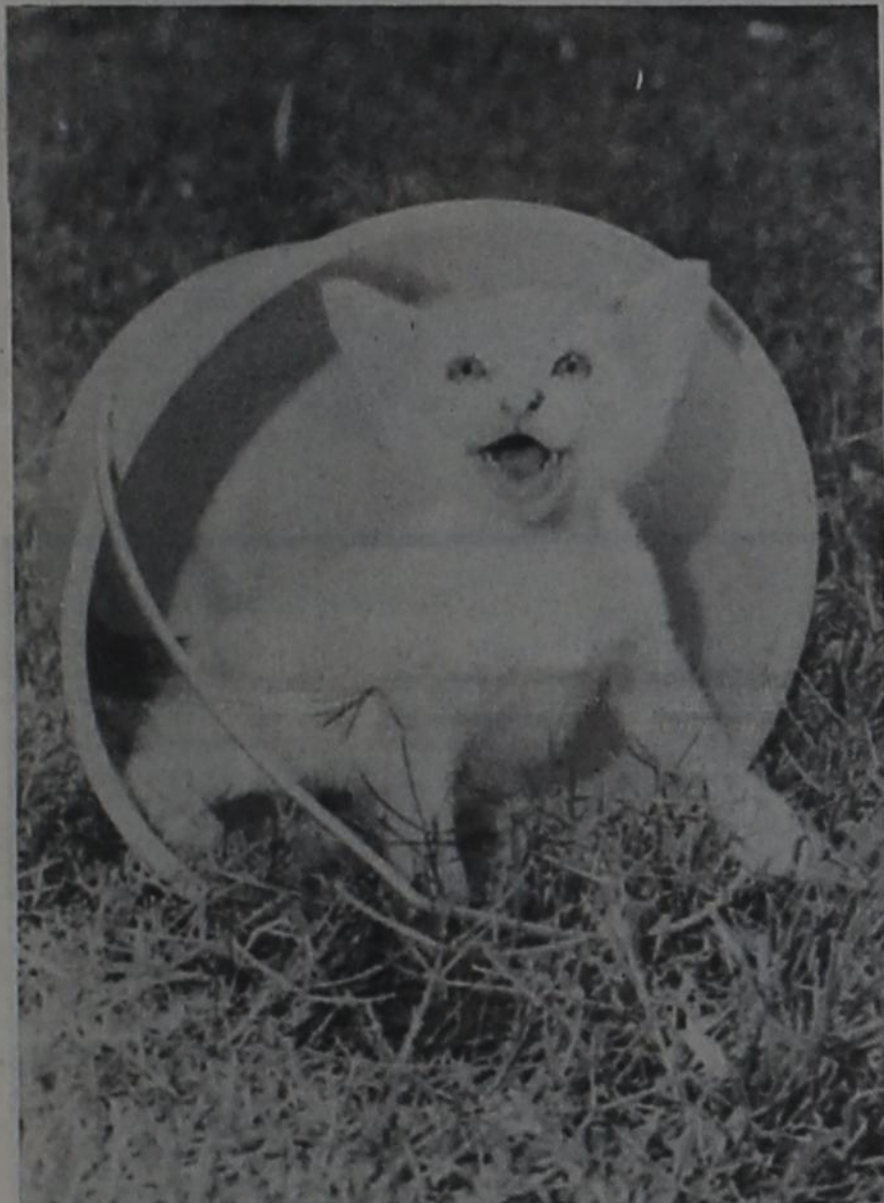
taken of the couple at a family gathering held earlier this year to celebrate their 50th Wedding

Anniversary, a family reunion, and the release of her book, "Idle Chatter."



Proof Reading

It takes many hours of hard work to gather material and write a newspaper column, and still more time to proof the copy for mistakes. Georgiana Cooper is shown here as she proofed her column some 20 years ago.

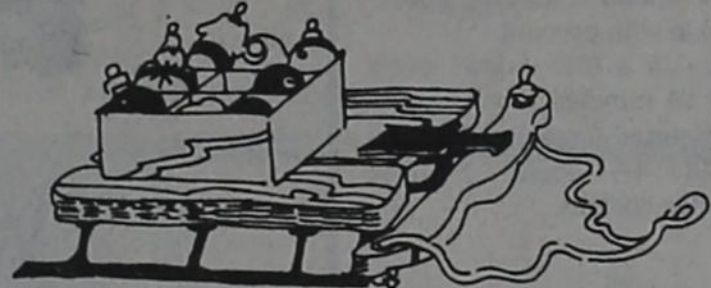


Caught With The Camera

Being quick with a camera, Georgiana Cooper snapped a picture of this demanding kitten sitting in a bucket just outside her front door one morning.

Although the kitten didn't belong to her, it was rewarded with a meal for having its picture taken for the paper.

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Dress Up Your Table With Family Favorite Foods



Almost every cook, whether a master of gourmet dishes or just an ordinary one who prepares three hearty meals a day for a growing family, or one who only cooks when he or she is entertaining, enjoys browsing through cookbooks, gleaming new ideas for main dishes or appetizers or finding out how someone else prepares a certain food.

Well, the Tribune does not boast its own cookbook, but we do try to offer the next best thing: A myriad of recipes collected from area cooks and homemakers to share with other cooks, and whether you're a beginner still trying to figure out the best way to boil eggs or if you're a seasoned chef or even cordon bleu, we hope there's something in the following offerings that you will want to try.

Thanks to all our readers who answered our plea for the recipes to help make our traditional Christmas recipe pages possible.

ped raw cranberries
1 cup chopped nuts
Sift together flour, soda, salt, and sugar into mixing bowl. Beat egg, add liquids, orange rind, and melted shortening. Add all at once to flour mixture; stir until flour is just dampened. Add cranberries and nuts, stir just enough to blend well.

Turn into greased 8 1/2 x 4 1/2 x 2 1/2 loaf pan. Bake at 350° 60 to 70 minutes. Remove from pan; cool several hours or overnight before slicing.



Coral Whitaker of Clovis again this year responded to our request for recipes, and she says that these are three of her favorite Christmas dessert recipes.

PEACH COBBLER
1 stick butter (1/4 lb.)
(Melt in slow oven or microwave in pan you'll use for cobbler)

Mix: 1 cup sugar
1 cup flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
3/4 cup milk (or a little more)
1/2 tsp. vanilla
2 or 3 dashes allspice
(Spread over bottom of pan - don't mix with butter)

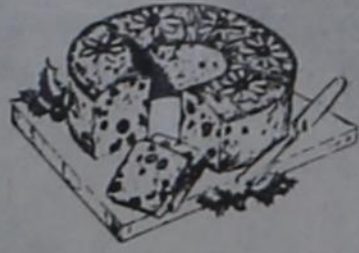
1 can peaches (#2 can) or any fruit (apples, cherries, apricots)
Defrost with sugar if frozen fruit.
Ladle over batter. Save 1/2 cup of juice to put on top. Also spread 1/2 cup sugar and 2 or 3 dashes allspice over all. Bake 400° for 10 minutes, then 350° for 25 minutes.

CRISP OATMEAL COOKIES
3/4 cup oleo
3/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup white sugar
1 large egg
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. salt
3/4 cup flour
1 1/4 cup oats
1 cup nuts (optional)

Beat oleo and sugars, add egg, vanilla, and salt, then flour and oats. Add nuts if you want. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet 350° for 12 to 15 minutes.

IMPOSSIBLE CUSTARD PIE
2 cups milk
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup Bisquick
4 eggs
1/4 cup oleo
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 cup coconut

Put all in blender except coconut. Blend three minutes. Pour in greased 9" pie pan. Let set 5 minutes, then sprinkle with coconut. Bake 350° for 40 minutes. Serve hot or cold.



Dorothy Quickel of Farwell is another of the area's cooks who consented to submit more of her favorite recipes even though she has helped us out in previous years. Dorothy was hesitant because she said that all of her recipes were obtained from friends or relatives. Who doesn't?

EAGLE BRAND FRUIT CAKE
1 qt. pecan meats (1 lb.)
1 lb. English walnuts (in shell)
1 lb. candied cherries
1 lb. candied pineapple
1 lb. pitted dates
4 oz. pkg. coconut
1 can Eagle Brand Milk
Cut fruit and nuts very fine. Combine with milk and coconut. Pack into greased cake pan. Bake 1 hour (loaf pan) or 1 1/4 hour (stem pan) at 300 degrees.

ORANGE-DATE-NUT CAKE
1 cup butter
2 cups sugar
1 1/2 cup buttermilk
1 tsp. soda
4 cups flour
4 eggs
2 T. grated orange rind
1 lb. dates (chopped)
1 cup broken pecans
Cream butter and sugar, beat in eggs one at a time. Dissolve soda in buttermilk. Add sifted flour alternately with milk. Add orange rind, dates, and pecans. Bake in tube pan at 325 degrees for 1 1/2 hours.

SAUCE
2 cups powdered sugar
1 cup orange juice
2 T. grated orange rind
When cake is done, pour sauce over cake. Make holes in cake with toothpicks to allow sauce to soak into cake. Allow to cool in pan.

WALNUT-CRUNCH PUMPKIN PIE
Piecrust for 9" pie
1 16 oz. can pumpkin
1 13-oz. can evaporated milk
2 eggs
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground ginger
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
Mix pumpkin with remaining ingredients until well mixed. Pour into unbaked piecrust. Heat oven to 400 degrees and bake 40 minutes or until knife inserted comes out clean. Cool pie.

WALNUT TOPPING
1 cup chopped walnuts
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
4 T. butter (melted)
Mix well and spoon evenly over pie. Place about 7" from broiler and broil for 3 minutes. Cool pie and serve with whipped cream.

STEWED ONIONS
2 cans onions
1 can mushroom soup
Top with cracker crumbs and cook for 45 minutes in slow oven. Good with turkey and dressing.



Mrs. A.T. (Delphene) McConnell of Muleshoe was especially good to us, as she sent five recipes to share with our readers, as well as the following comments:
"We hope your readers enjoy these recipes. Some were family favorites when our children were growing up. It might be a good idea for me to send copies to them, now that I think of it."
"Hope you will find them to your liking too. I'm looking forward to this issue of the paper for help in holiday cooking. We need some help in this busy season."
"My grandmother in Brownfield used to make teacakes when we were growing up in Seagraves. I never got her recipe, but these do taste much like hers. I'll be taking them to my little grandson in Arkansas."

OLD FASHIONED TEA CAKES
1 stick butter or oleo
1 egg
1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
2 T. milk
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. vanilla
Cream butter, sugar, egg, milk, and vanilla. Sift flour, salt, and baking powder. Add to creamed mixture. Chill. Sift flour onto counter, place dough in center, roll out, and cut. Bake in 375° oven about 8 minutes.

We cut them with a biscuit cutter or cookie cutters. For Christmas they can be decorated. Through the year, we prefer them plain.

WEST TEXAS RED BEANS
Clean 1 pound of pinto beans, wash, and soak overnight. Cook over medium heat, covered with water, until done.

1 lb. pinto beans
1 chopped medium size onion
1 stick margarine
1 T. chili powder
1 T. salt
If cooked as above, add all ingredients last hour except the beans. Cook beans for 2 1/2 hours, then add other ingredients and cook an hour or more until desired. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

I was reared with a pressure cooker so I simply clean and wash the beans, then add all ingredients and pressure cook for one hour.

HAMBURGER PIE
2 lbs. hamburger
1 medium, chopped onion
1 tsp. steak sauce
salt and pepper to taste
1 can Campbell's tomato soup
1 can whole kernel corn, drained
1 can green beans
1 or more cans biscuits (enough to cover top of pie) (Pillsbury Tender Flake buttermilk biscuits are good)

Brown hamburger in large skillet with onions, (1 use iron skillet) steak sauce, salt, and pepper. Drain and return to skillet. Stir in soup, corn, and green beans. Cook 20 minutes on stove top.
Then ten (10) minutes before serving, add biscuits to the top. Bake per directions on biscuit can. (I have substituted other type biscuits and have omitted corn.)

4 TO 5 HOUR STEW
1 1/2 to 2 lbs. lean stew meat
2 stalks celery
bunch of carrots, large chunks
1 tsp. sugar
1/2 to 1 package Lipton Onion Soup (powder)
1 cup tomato juice
2 tsp. minute tapioca
Roll meat in onion soup mix. Assemble all ingredients. Pour tomato juice over all and bake in 250° oven, for 4 to 5 hours.

Use heavy casserole dish. Serve over rice, noodles, or potatoes.

HAWAIIAN DROP COOKIES
2 cup sifted all-purpose flour
2 tsp. Clabber Girl baking powder
1 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
3/5 cup shortening
1 1/4 cups sugar
1/2 tsp. vanilla flavoring
1/2 tsp. almond flavoring
1 egg
3/4 cup well-drained, crushed pineapple
1/2 cup finely shredded coconut

Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Cream shortening, sugar, extracts, thoroughly. Beat in egg until mixture is fluffy. Blend pineapple and dry ingredients. Drop by teaspoonful on ungreased cookie sheet, 3 inches apart. Sprinkle with coconut.

Bake in a 325° (slow) oven about 20 minutes. Cookies are better stored for 24 hours.

Yield: 4 1/2 dozen, 2 1/2-inch diameter cookies.



Dardanella Helton of Texico is another of the especially excellent cooks in the Twin Cities, and she is sharing three recipes with our readers. Her recipe for Chocolate Peanut Clusters was a delightful treat which she served at a recent bridge party.

CHOCOLATE PEANUT CLUSTERS
2 T. peanut butter
1-6 oz. pkg. butterscotch morsels
1-6 oz. pkg. semi-sweet chocolate morsels
2 cups salted Spanish peanuts
Combine peanut butter, butterscotch and chocolate morsels in a heavy saucepan. Place over low heat and melt, stirring constantly, until melted. Stir in peanuts.

Drop by rounded teaspoonsful onto waxed paper; chill until firm. Store in a covered container in refrigerator. Yield: About 4 dozen.

WARM APPLE CRISP
6 cups thinly sliced peeled apples
1/2 cup sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. salt
2 T. butter or oleo, melted
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup oleo or butter
Whipped topping

Mix together apples, 1/2 cup sugar, cinnamon, salt, and melted butter. Place in greased 8-inch square baking dish, set aside. Combine 3/4 cup sugar and flour; cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over apples.

Bake at 375 degrees about 45 minutes or until apples are tender. Serve warm with whipped topping. Makes 8 servings.

CHOCOLATE ORANGE MOUSSE
6 (1 oz.) squares semi-sweet chocolate
1 tsp. grated orange rind
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 egg yolks
2 eggs
1 T. orange juice
1 cup whipping cream, whipped
Additional whipped cream
Mandarin oranges
Melt chocolate over hot water in top of double boiler. Cool. Combine orange rind, sugar, egg yolks, and eggs in container of electric blender. Blend until light and foamy. Add chocolate and orange juice, blend well. Fold in 1 cup whipped cream.

Pour into small individual serving dishes; chill until set. Garnish each with whipped cream and mandarin orange slices. Yield: 4 to 5 servings.

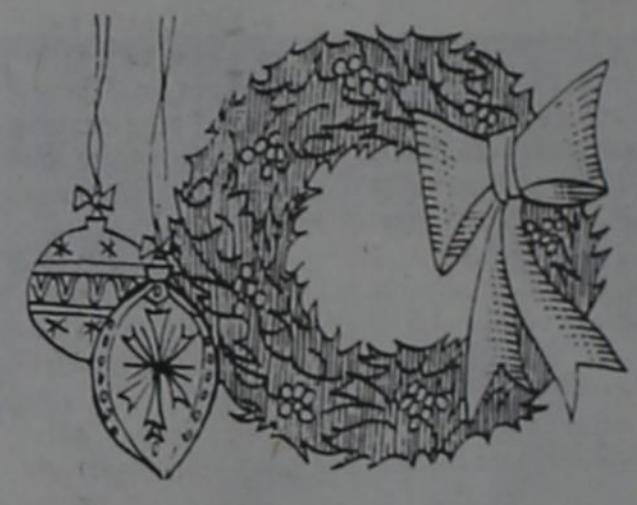
VELVETY CUSTARD PIE
Bakes in 15 minutes.
Use a glass pie pan.
4 slightly beaten eggs
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla
2 1/2 cups milk, scalded
1-9 or 10 inch unbaked pastry shell
Thoroughly mix eggs, sugar, salt, and vanilla. Slowly stir in hot milk. At once, pour into unbaked pastry shell. Dash top with nutmeg.

Bake in very hot oven (475°)
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8-inch square baking dish, set aside. Combine 3/4 cup sugar and flour; cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over apples.



Ruthie Charles of Bovina very graciously consented to share some recipes with our readers, and says she looks forward to trying the recipes from other area cooks. We are looking forward to trying these too.

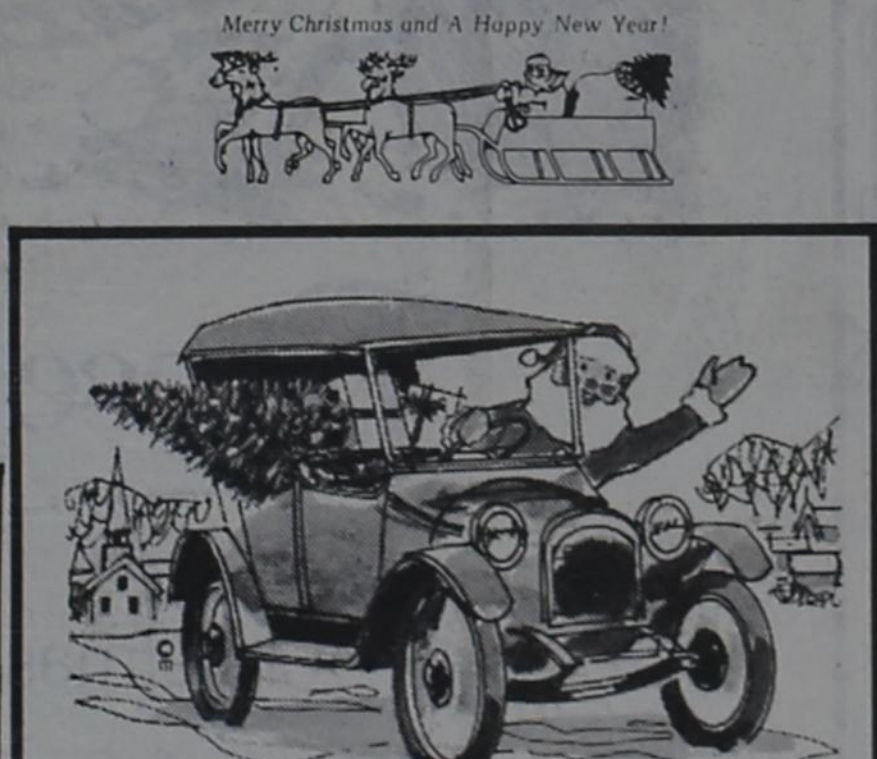


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Nostalgia - - What It Means

Pausing in the whirlwind pace of our technology, mobility, and hypertension, we glimpse a trend crossing our nation. A sizeable portion of our population, while looking ahead, is engaging in collective nostalgia. After the turbulent decade of the sixties, the fad for things of the past allows many to breathe a sigh of relief, tinged with curiosity.

As with most fads which have great public appeal, this one is being widely marketed to an enthusiastic audience. On Broadway, in a surge of revivals, old movie stars are again "tapping their way to stardom." The film industry, not to be outdone and eager to cash in as well, grinds out geysers of sentimentality-and profits. Even the hard-driving acid-rock music is shifting to more muted folk-rock, ballads, and blues.

Social analysts theorize that this wholesale dipping into the past is directly proportional to the uncertainty of the times. The superficial trimmings of the simpler life styles alleviate the harsh realities of the pres-

ent. Emanuel Swedenborg, 18th century scientist, philosopher, and theologian throws an interesting sidelight on nostalgia in his doctrine of "remains":

"Remains are all the good and all the truth which lie stored up in man's memories and in his life."
(Arcana Coelestia, 2284).

In other words, values implant themselves in both our conscious and unconscious mind during one's earlier years in a fondly remembered environment. They may lie dormant for years, only to emerge in later life, particularly in periods of turmoil and uncertainty; something we intuitively turn to as a source of strength.

Subconsciously, man is searching for the kind of world he considers more utopian than the present one. Older members of society are anxious to recapture the schmaltzy "good old days," remembering only the days which were good, and the young feel a romanticism about an era they never experienced. The yearning for a

simpler life style puts the present in a nostalgic perspective.

While the craze for the old may be a collective defense mechanism, we might also observe the positive attributes. Some segments of society are taking the word "revival" at its literal best. Not content with the superficialities of nostalgia, they are reviving significant values. There is an active concern for our national resources, appropriations for medical research, and an internal re-formulation of spiritual values.

A case in point regarding the latter is the demand for religious materials. A spokesman for the Swedenborg Foundation, New York, publishers of Swedenborg's theological works, agrees with other publishers of religious literature that sales have actually increased in spite of a rather difficult year economically. More surprising is the fact that young people are among the best customers. The shift to a younger readership dramatizes the emphasis on nonmaterialistic concerns.

It is this spiritual revival or "regeneration" as Swedenborg terms it, that is so heartening. What better time could there be to examine our life styles, attitudes, and actions than the present? We must go further than the superficiality of nostalgia to cope with the present realities of life and to prepare for the after life. In this respect the theology and philosophy of Swedenborg is deeply relevant. He discusses the importance of reviving spiritual values in his book "Divine Providence".

"He who is in evil in the world is in evil after his departure from the world; therefore if evil is not removed in the world, it cannot be removed afterwards. Where the tree falls, there it lies. So, too, does a man's life, when he dies, remain such as it has been."

Accepting this promise, perhaps the current wave of spiritual nostalgia is like a tender sapling which needs the 'sun' of life and the 'water' of truth.



Christmas Customs

In America, Christmas isn't Christmas without colorful stockings hanging on the mantel -- one for every member of the family, say NMSU Extension people. Legend says that St. Nicholas threw gold coins down the chimney which fell into the stockings drying there. Gold coins have since been replaced with oranges, cookies, toys and trinkets--you name it.

In Merry old England, the arrival of the boar's head and flaming steamed fruit pudding highlight the holiday season. The Boar's Head Ceremony was a festive old feudal Christmas custom and is still practiced at Queen's College at Oxford. Placed on a gold or silver platter, the boar's head is garnished with an orange in its mouth and surrounded by greenery. It is borne by the chief cook into a brightly decorated hall where it is heralded with singing by the college choir and placed before the provost of the college.

In Germany, Saint Nicholas and his elf, Knecht Rupprich, bring the children gifts of oranges, cookies and toys on the

eve of Dec. 6.

In Switzerland, children place their shoes or clogs on the kitchen hearth or outside their bedroom door. In the morning they find them filled with oranges, nuts and sweetmeats.

In Mexico, a pinata makes for holiday fun. It's a thin earthenware jar covered with paper-mache' to form a fanciful animal or clown and decorated with colorful tissue paper. The pinata is filled with oranges, nuts, candy, toys, and trinkets. Children, blindfolded, and carrying long sticks, try to strike and break it. A light hit brings down a shower of small packages the children scramble to collect.

In Greece, housewives bake a Christopsomo (Christ Bread) decorated with elaborate frosted ornaments, usually representing some aspect of their family's occupation. In part of the country, the Christmas bread is decorated with an olive sprig on which are hung dried figs, apples and oranges. The Christopsomo is displayed until Epiphany and then eaten.

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Photographing Stars Of Music Makes Interesting Vocation

by Keavin Lawdermilk

There are many fields today a photographer can pursue. Many photographers enter the fields of portrait, outdoor, or children's photography, but I chose a particular field of photography that is frustrating to many, that of stage and concert photography. This field held a unique challenge for me, because of the lighting, and the difficulty of capturing a person on film as they move quickly around a stage.

As my work advanced in this field, I photographed some of today's top entertainers, including Charley Pride, Rick Springfield, Crystal Gale, Barry Manilow, Kenny Rogers, Sylvia, Ray Price, Alabama, Ronnie Milsap, and Merle Haggard just to name a few.

The pictures I took are valuable to the entertainers because they could be used in many ways: album covers, concert books, presentation packages, and for their own personal use. As a concert photographer I had the chance to go many places around the country, and meet many different types of people.

Many fans have a misconception about people on a musical tour. They believe it's one continuous party, from morning to night. And in some cases that might be true, but the entertainers I worked with are very serious about their business.

As Charley Pride once said, "We're paid to do a job, just like any other worker. We are out there to do a job, entertain."

With Ronnie Milsap, for example, if anyone under his employment is caught drinking or using drugs they are fired on the spot.

Depending upon whom you toured with, you could be on the road for two to three months at a time. And the people on the road become like a second family for you, someone you could talk to, and confide in. Being on tour is a very hectic pace, and is not for everyone. You would be at one show one minute and on the road for another in an hour's time.

Catching sleep on the tour bus during the day, and doing your particular job during the night left no time for fooling around. You had to adapt yourself to constant travel, and grabbing a

hot dog here or a hamburger there, usually on the run.

A tour is planned out many months in advance. As in the case of Charley Pride, all of his concert dates are consecutive with each other (town to town). Everybody associated with the upcoming tour would meet in Dallas (Charley's home base) for the tour meeting. Persons present would consist of road crew, stage managers, lighting directors, band members, back-up singers, bus drivers, and anybody who had anything to do with the tour. Everything from hotel accommodations to what roads to take, was discussed and settled at the meeting.

Many performers travel on the buses with band and crew, but Charley would fly into a show on his personal plane only a couple hours before showtime. Usually met at the airport by Charley's manager, he would be

taken to the place of the show first so that Charley could get a look around at the stage and lighting set up. Then he would do a sound-check (Charley will not perform unless the sound is perfect. He would cancel a show before he would perform with bad sound.)

After the sound check and rehearsal, everybody would go to the motel rooms for a quick meal and a shower before returning to the auditorium. Once back at the show, a press conference would be held for members of the media (radio, television, and newspaper). After the press conference, last minute show preparations would be made. I would then get into position, and depending on the stage set up, it would generally be down in front of the stage, or sometimes out in the audience.

When Charley would go to work, so did I.



Discussing Concert

Keavin Lawdermilk, Tribune news editor, discusses the upcoming concert with Randy Owens, lead singer with Alabama. When Alabama was at

Eastern New Mexico University in Portales last month, Keavin was there to photograph the concert for them.

Charley Pride - - Country Music's 'Mr. Consistency'

Charley Pride has a dream, and it goes like this:

Somewhere in America, there's a baseball stadium packed to the rims. The crowd is a mixed bunch; some are baseball fans, but a good number know little about sports -- their interest is in country music. The unifying element for this diverse group is down on the playing field, hunkering over home plate with a Louisville Slugger. The pitcher wings a fast ball; the batter swats it cleanly over the centerfield wall. The crowd is on its feet, cheering. They are cheering for

Charley Pride, who has just hit a home run.

Charley Pride, of course, is a country singer. But before he was a country singer, Pride played professional baseball, and he still has "the right stuff," he feels to be a competent player. He even approached the manager of a major league team one time with the suggestion for just such an arrangement; for a million dollars, Charley Pride said, he would play major league baseball as a designated hitter. "The manager didn't bite," Charley recalls.

But life didn't deal Pride a hand full of baseball cards. For the past 15 years, he has been hitting, all right -- but it's been on the record charts and not into the grandstands. It's a fate that Pride is obviously happy with, and understandably proud of. Around his neck he wears a gold medallion embedded with 14 diamonds. The number of gems stand for his gold records.

More recently, Pride has been on the record charts with "More and More," which followed punctually on the heels of last year's hit "Why Baby Why."

Pride turns out hit records like clockwork, and that feat, coupled with the fact that his cuts are generally free of the fickle trendiness that infests many other country recordings today, makes him one of country music's most reliable record-makers.

Although Pride's dogged consistency as a recording artist has never harmed him, it has made it difficult at times, from a publicity standpoint, to adequately promote his talents. Pride's career, smooth and steady as a low-slung Mississippi River barge, has never really made any "big waves" as far as mercurial ups and downs, fade-outs and comebacks, or hot, splashy news. That's not Charley Pride. As he himself puts it, he's "Mister Consistency."

Almost every step Pride has ever taken has been for the better. His vigil from the Mississippi cottonfields to the baseball outfields to, finally, his status as one of country music's most respected vocalists was no accident. It was the result, as much as anything, of Pride's

strong optimistic bent of mind and his determination to succeed.

Pride says that even if things had never worked out to make a place for him in country music, he is certain that he would have been equally successful at something else -- although he doesn't really know what, outside of baseball and country music, else he might have done.

"There is no telling," he says. "Whatever I have done I have always tried to do a good job at it. When I was a cotton picker, I was pretty good. When I worked at the various jobs I worked in Memphis I was good at them. I left home when I was sixteen; anything that I did, I did a good job. I put an emphasis on doing a good job, no slouching around. That's been my philosophy all through life," he states firmly. "It still is. Keep achieving, do a good job. Excel."

And Charley Pride, obviously, is a man who lives by his philosophy -- "consistently."

Alabama - - The Group Of The Eighties

People came from everywhere, from Lubbock, Amarillo, Roswell, Hobbs, Albuquerque, Texico, Farwell, and Clovis. More than 6,000 of them crowded in the Greyhound Arena at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico, Friday, November 25 to see and hear the Alabama Band and Janie Fricke, currently two of the top acts in country music.

At first glance, it would seem, that the fantastic success of the group Alabama has come about in a brief two-year period, but a dozen years of working together closely night after night per-

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Superstar Charley

Country music superstar Charley Pride wanted the audience to see his new album "Charley Sings Everybody's Choice."

Charley performed in front of a sold out concert at the Amarillo Tri-State Fair in September.

Hope yours is a jolly holly-day! Thanks for your friendship.

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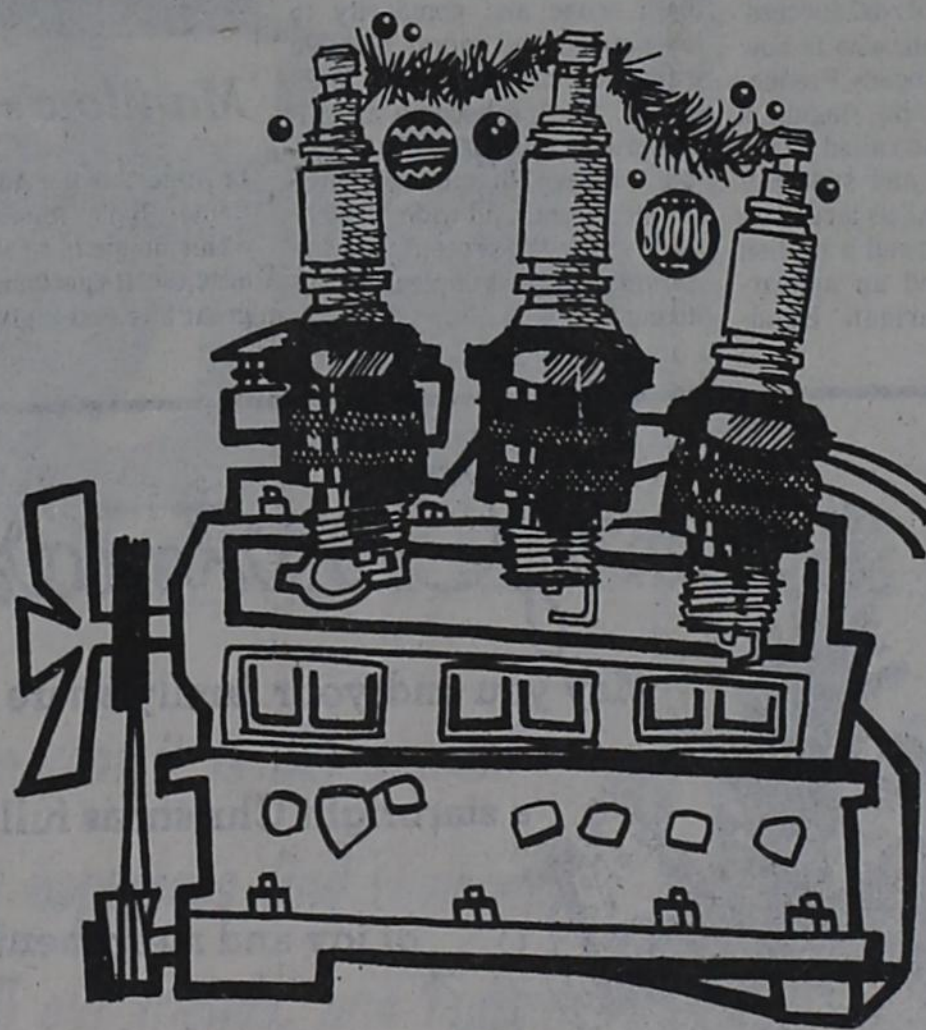
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Alabama -- (Cont'd from Previous Page)

fect the sound that has brought them the recognition they so richly deserve. Heading north up Interstates 59 and 24, it's only about a 2½ hour drive to Nashville from the small northeastern Alabama city of Fort Payne where Randy Owen, Jeff Cook, Teddy Gentry and Mark Herndon call home. Musically however, the road has been a long one. It's been a 10 year uphill journey, a decade of battling the odds. They faced never having enough money, months on the road doing one night stands, management conflicts, a seemingly constant turnover of drummers, too many "don't call us, we'll call you" refusals from record company executives, and even personal injury. The three original members of Alabama, cousins Randy, Teddy and Jeff, have somehow managed to survive it all. In the early years of day-time jobs and night time music, Alabama weathered the sea of honkey tonks and one-nighters paying their dues graciously and never losing sight of their goals.

Perhaps the first faint glimmer of stardom came when the newly formed group entered and won a local talent contest. In 1973, after three years of playing weekends around Ft. Payne and Canyonland, a nearby tourist park, Alabama made the all or nothing move which would later prove one of the most important of their music lives.

Now firmly established as a band with goals and ambitions, the boys quit their "regular" jobs and moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to play music full time in a small ocean bar. Unknown at the time, Alabama was to establish a musical landmark, the Bowery. The Bowery was little more than a collection of ladderback chairs, small tables, cement floors and waiters who proudly demonstrated their ability to carry over 30 mugs of draft beer at a clip. It was a place to learn and perfect.

Known initially as Wild Country, Alabama did more than straight no-talk song sets at the Bowery. Their stage manner was casual. On stage, the band told jokes, bantered with the crowd, swapped wisecracks and made great music. They played for tips, nothing more. During their tenure at the Bowery, Randy, Teddy, and Jeff formed a corporation, which still stands today, Wild Country Inc. They pooled their resources and reinvested in themselves. They produced low cost "road albums" which they sold during summer performances at the Bowery and on the road during the off season.

In 1979, Alabama hit the radio airwaves. The group financed and recorded a new single, "I Wanna Come Over." The band members and their wives then wrote hundreds of letters to music directors at radio stations all over the country asking them to consider the record for airplay. Impressed with the efforts of Alabama and the attention gained from primarily

Southern radio airplay of "I Wanna Come Over," MDJ Records of Dallas signed the band to a management-recording contract. "I Wanna Come Over" was a Top 40 single on the Country charts. A follow-up single on the MDJ label, "My Home's In Alabama," would become the band's anthem and soar into Billboard Magazine's Top 20 on the Country charts. In April 1980, RCA Record executives observed Alabama's performance at a New Faces Showcase in Nashville and quickly signed the band to a recording contract, providing the catalyst for what was to become a year of outstanding achievement.

Alabama wasted no time in proving their abilities. They were voted the Academy of Country Music's Vocal Group of the Year, by Billboard Magazine, and Cashbox and Radio and Records Country Music Group of the Year for 1981.

Returning to the Academy of Country Music Awards spotlight in April, 1982, Alabama would score again. Before the stage cleared, a live and nationwide television audience watched as Alabama was voted Vocal Group of the Year, recipient of honors for Album of the Year for "Feels So Right" and was named Band of the Year by the Music City News in Nashville.

It would seem Alabama has surpassed even their own expectations with sales of recordings in the millions. Part of Alabama's success can be attributed to an undying devotion to their many fans. Alabama continues to sign autographs after all concert appearances, provided the schedule and travel time allows. To truly appreciate Alabama, however, is to travel with them on tour dates across the country, spending many long hours on the road in their touring home -- a bright red, white and blue custom Silver Eagle bus. It is here, away from the pressures of last minute show preparation and the seemingly endless flow of questions that Randy, Teddy, Jeff and Mark find time to relax. The bus sound system continuously repeats and replays dozens of demo cassettes. Band members screen every note again and again, listening for the magic or key ingredient that makes a good song a great song. Travel also provides time for thought and discussion. Each night's work is analyzed for strengths and weaknesses. The positive critique of every performance is dealt among the band's four members. No one is immune from the others' review of the show...nor is anyone offended.

The strive for perfection is understood; Alabama fans deserve and receive no less. Success hasn't spoiled Alabama. And at least 6,000 music fans at the Greyhound Arena November 25 know that to be true. Alabama covers the whole spectrum of showmanship, superb musicianship, excellent vocals and harmony. They're a total entertainment package.

This is Alabama today -- the Group of the Eighties.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Mega Force motorcycle. I am in the first grade at Texico.

Love, Adam Burford

Dear Santa, Please bring me roller skates and Care Bears. I am in the first grade at Texico. I have been good.

Love, Cody Drager

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Care Bear Crayons and a Teddy Bear. I am in the first grade at Texico. I have been good. I love you, Santa. I will leave you some cookies.

Love, Andrea Montano



Singer, Song Writer, Actor

Kenny Rogers, country music's legend, sang to the largest indoor crowd ever to be held in an arena in New Mexico last

August. Kenny belted out his tunes to over 20,000 people at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

Kenny Rogers - -

A Man And His Music

A bit of mystery always hovers around success as huge and overwhelming as Kenny Rogers' has been. You can listen to a song or hear a voice and say, "Yes, that's good. I like that. It's a hit." But it takes more than good tunes and a fine voice to carve out a career like his. It takes something special, something beyond what's in the grooves, as they say in the music business, to give a man a dozen top ten singles, seven platinum albums in a row, and millions of record sales around the world--not to mention the television specials, the TV movies, and motion pictures. The something special about Kenny Rogers is the kind of person he is and the way his personality shines through all that he does. His talent as a singer, songwriter, and musician is undeniable, but it is the uses to which he devotes his gifts that make Kenny so extraordinary an entertainer. From the songs he chooses, to the charities he supports, Kenny echoes and reiterates the most admirable aspects of our history and culture: our optimism, our lack of pretention, our good will and our ability to work and to play hard and well.

Perhaps, the single most important aspect of Kenny Rogers' current success is that it took him twenty years to achieve it. He is no overnight wonder. Rogers first professional job as a musician was with a group of four high school buddies who called themselves The Scholars, which was probably wishful thinking. They drove 340 miles in a 1956 Chevrolet to play two twenty minute shows at an Air Force base in San Antonio. For this first foray into the glamorous world of show business, Kenny walked away with \$13.00 in his pocket. He's come quite a way since then.

In 1958, Kenny got his first tantalizing taste of real success. His brother, Lelan, who is now head of Kenny Rogers Productions, produced him singing a sentimental ballad called "That Crazy Feeling," and suddenly "Kenneth Rogers," as it read on the label, had himself a million selling single and an appearance on "American Band-

stand." In 1966, fortune's turning wheel brought another opportunity within reach in the form of an offer to join The New Christy Minstrels, a group who had achieved considerable success during the folk music boom of the early sixties. This was his first experience with a nationally established group, and Kenny's first introduction to the business side of the music industry.

As music styles evolved, the time came to move on and Kenny, with three other members of the Minstrels -- Mike Settle, Terry Williams, and Thelma Comacho -- formed a pop/rock group they called The First Edition.

Kenny found himself facing an uncertain future after The First Edition's break-up. For the first time since he'd joined the Bobby Doyle Trio when he was nineteen, he was on his own. He'd had seventeen good years, but at age 38, a man begins to question his future in a business seemingly dominated by youth. In the two decades he had been playing music, he had worked in jazz, folk and rock. He returned to the first music he had heard at his fiddle-playing Daddy's knee; Country/Western.

With country on his mind, Kenny signed with United Artists Records (later to be bought by EMI and renamed Liberty), and waited for the perfect song to break his career wide open. That song was "Lucille" and it made Kenny Rogers a star.

Kenny Rogers is a country singer who has moved beyond country but never lost touch with it. In the same way that The Beatles transcended rock and roll, that Ray Charles transcends rhythm and blues, that Simon and Garfunkel transcended folk music, Kenny Rogers' music has expanded in both scope and popularity to encompass the widest possible range of influences and audiences. He has become an All-American classic with roots buried deep in our collective musical past, and wide branches to shade the present with the promise of years of pleasure yet to come.

Barry Manilow - -

Mr. Dynamic

Barry Manilow is one of the most dynamic forces in the entertainment world today. At 37, he is firmly established as a multi-award winning artist whose career has spanned song-writing, arranging and recording and television.

Barry Manilow's roots are in Brooklyn, New York, where music was always in his home. By the age of seven, he began taking accordion lessons and developed into a talented and skilled musician. Upon deciding to make this his career, he attended New York College of Music and Juilliard while maintaining a job in the mailroom at CBS to pay his expenses.

At CBS, Barry (18 years old) met a director who asked him to arrange some public domain songs for a musical adaptation of "The Drunkard." Barry wrote an entire original score, and the musical became such a success that it ran off-Broadway for eight years.

The year 1967 proved to be a pivotal one for Manilow. He was musical director for the Emmy Award winning CBS-TV series, "Callback!" He also conducted for Ed Sullivan Productions and arranged a new theme for "The Late Show," in addition to writing, producing and singing radio and television commercials. A two-season run at New York's Upstairs at the Downstairs followed, with Barry half of a musical duo.

Then, in the Spring of 1972, Barry Manilow met Bette Midler, and the ensuing relationship changed the destiny of both careers as well as establishing a landmark in popular music history. Barry became Bette's musical director, arranger and pianist. He co-produced and created arrangements for her first LP, "The Divine Miss M" (for which she won a Grammy), and her second best-selling album, "Bette Midler."

Barry signed with Bell (now Arista) Records, and was about to make his solo album debut when Bette persuaded him to remain as her musical director for her first national tour. Unbilled and unannounced, Barry opened the second act of Bette's show with three original songs which literally stopped the show.

Barry's first solo tour began in the Spring of 1974, and has been followed by an unprecedented line of 24 consecutive

Top 40 hits.

On his 1981-82 "In the Round" world tour, Manilow set twelve box office and building records in the U.S., even breaking one that had been set by the Rolling Stones, making Manilow's tour one of the year's biggest. In January, 1982, he captivated the British when his United Kingdom tour kicked off with five sold out performances at London's Royal Albert Hall. Nearly one-half million people vied for the 21,500 available seats. When Manilow arrived in London at the onset of the tour, he was met by an estimated 1500 fans who had, for three hours, braved one of the worst winters in English history simply to catch a glimpse of him. Nearly 300 policemen were on the scene at Heathrow to control what the British Daily Mail described as "A fervor scarcely matched since the heyday of Presley and the Beatles." The next day, the Sun, Mirror, Daily Mail, and Daily Express all carried the same headline "Manilow Mania," describing Manilow's descent on London as comparable to "...the Beatles' commotion 15 years ago."

In late 1982, Manilow became the first pop superstar to release the EP since the product configuration re-surfaced a few years ago. Manilow's EP spotlights his hit version of Shakin' Stevens' rockabilly tune, "Oh, Julie." The other three songs also depart from his trademarked ballad style. "They're all up-tempo rock 'n roll songs," Manilow says.

Manilow's 1982-83 tour, "Around the World in 80 Dates," which embarked October 6, established 26 sellouts and set nine house records for building attendance in only the first half of the U.S. leg, while the box office phenomenon is following an identical pattern during the second half which launched January 4.

Barry Manilow is to be admired. Each time he steps onto the stage or into the recording studio, he wears his heart on his sleeve. His music reflects sensitivity and vulnerability--human qualities which he is not afraid to display. Romance is not a thing of the past and love is not lost, but alive and well in the music of Barry Manilow. As the man himself says, "I am not just a singer of notes--I am a singer of thoughts."



Manilow's Magic

In August at the Amarillo Civic Center, Barry Manilow presented his magic to a sold out crowd of 12,000. He performed all of his great hits that night, as he was

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Ronnie Milsap - -

Many Moods Make The Music

If you never tune in anything but pop music on your radio dial there's a good chance the first time you heard "There's No Getting Over Me," you thought: "Ronnie Milsap. Now, there's a new name." But if you're a hard-core country music fan, you know that Ronnie Milsap has been a major heavyweight on the country charts since 1973.

In fact, he has garnered innumerable Country Music Association awards, as well as repeated "best country artist" accolades from such major music industry journals as Billboard, Cash Box, and Record World. And for ten years before his country success, Ronnie enjoyed enormous notoriety on the rhythm and blues circuit, both as a live performer and as a studio session player.

It's just that the last few years have brought Ronnie into new musical territory starting with his first bona fide pop-crossover hit in 1977 called "It Was Almost Like A Song." Ronnie's career has been rich and varied, and the man behind all these diverse musical styles had just begun to explore a whole new world of entertainment.

Since Ronnie was born totally blind at birth (the result of a hereditary disease) and was abandoned by both his parents when he was very small, his upbringing was alternately assumed by his grandfather and by a nearby school for blind children. There was quite a contrast between his poor little hometown village of Robinsville, N.C., way up in the Great Smokey Mountains, and the sophisticated school in the "big city" of Raleigh down in the

valley. But there was one magical tie between them - music.

On the mountain, Ronnie reveled in the "joyous noise" of the Bible revival meetings his Baptist granddad would carry him to in churches and tents and at neighbors' homes. But he just as readily immersed himself in the classical pieces of Mozart and Bach that his studies introduced him to. With great speed Ronnie moved from tapping out rhythms on his granddad's barrels with pieces of stovewood to mastering the complex instruments available at his fingertips in school, and proceeded from violin and cello at seven years old to the piano, guitar, and various woodwind instruments by the time he was a teen.

As an "A" student, Ronnie had no trouble enrolling in a pre-law course at an Atlanta, Ga., Junior College, but he did suffer the uncomfortable transition of living with sighted students for the first time. Once again, however, he discovered the power of music to bridge gaps. Says Ronnie, "After a couple of days, I wandered up to a piano and began playing everybody's favorite songs. All of a sudden I was a hero. My music was something that helped me communicate - to reach people."

In 1969 Ronnie and his wife Joyce took the advice of friends and moved to Memphis, where the real action was supposed to be found. Indeed, Ronnie recorded by day and performed live every night at a famous hang-out called T.J.'s. He made many musical friends, Neil Diamond, Dionne Warwick, and

Dusty Springfield among them - but not least of all was one of his idols, Elvis Presely. Before long, he was playing gigs at "the King's" private parties.

For all his success and all the good times, Ronnie was still not quite at ease in Memphis. He had changed record labels several times but had yet to find the right deal. What's more, Ronnie longed to reach out for that audience he'd left behind in North Carolina.

Nashville, with its booming country recording business, seemed to offer possibilities to do just that. Arriving there in 1972 with Joyce and their infant son Todd, Ronnie quickly landed a singing job in the rooftop lounge of Roger Miller's King Of The Road motor inn. Soon after, he signed a brand new contract with RCA records, and later became a regular on the Charley Pride Show. Almost like magic his songs began climbing the country charts. One of his first hits, "Pure Love," was written by a then struggling songwriter named Eddie Rabbitt.

Nashville offered Ronnie the little push over the top he needed, and the new country artist put down permanent stakes. He even bought his own studio - that of rock 'n roll genius, Roy Orbison - as well as a rambling old house huge enough to store his prodigious and growing collection of old radio shows tapes, video games, magazines, and books on audio cassette, home computers, and short wave radios.

But just as he carefully coveted all the electronic gadgetry that fascinated him, so he was inclined to treasure all the bits of musical style he'd picked up over the years. Each of his albums has shades of country, rock, gospel, R&B, and now for the last five years, pop as well.

Back in April, Ronnie released his rendition of a 1961 tune called "Any Day Now" and within a few days the song was climbing the pop charts - even before it made the country lists. Now that he has an ever-widening audience by the ear, he plans to give them more and more of what they're listening for. As far as Ronnie's concerned, he may have covered a lot of ground getting to where he is now, but there's no getting over how far he plans to go.



Country Music Artist

Milsap Magic. That's what it was, at Eastern New Mexico University last year, as Ronnie Milsap brought his style of music to this area. Ronnie, born totally blind, has garnered many Country Music Association Awards.



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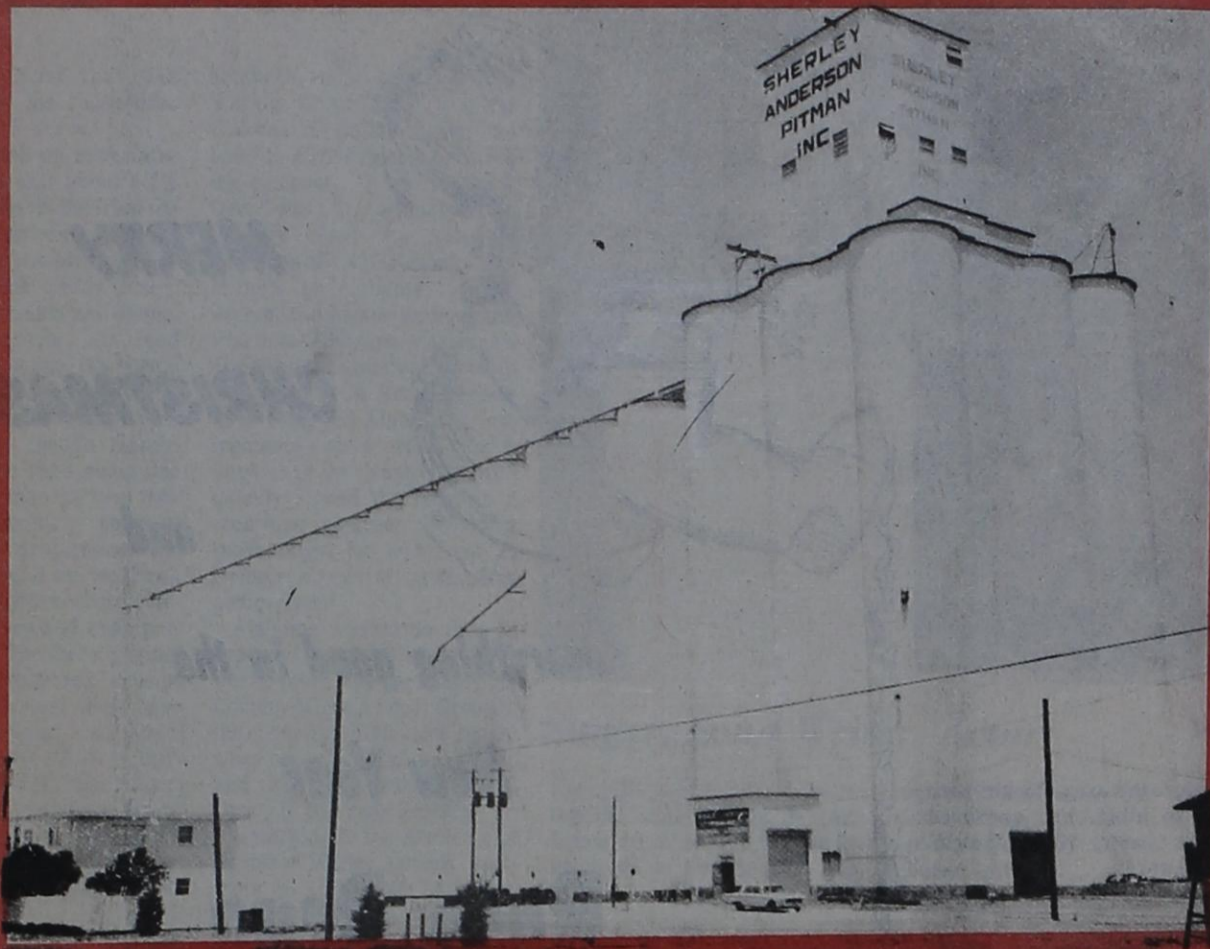
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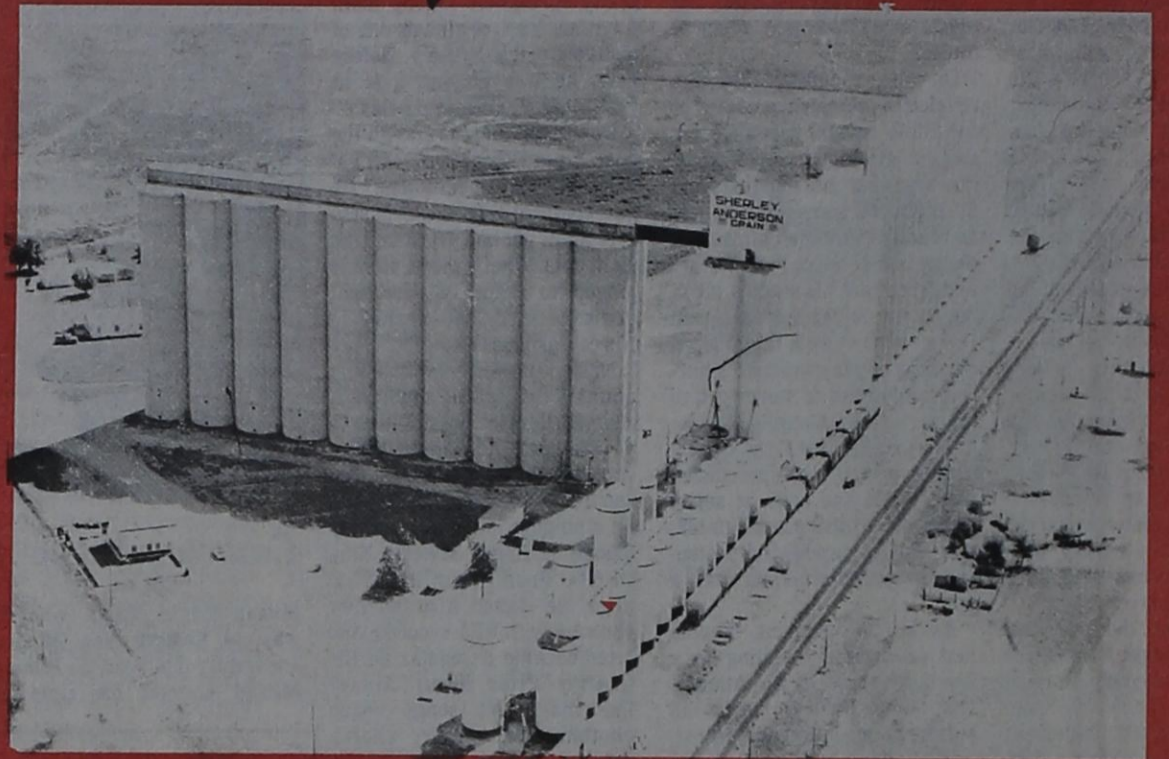
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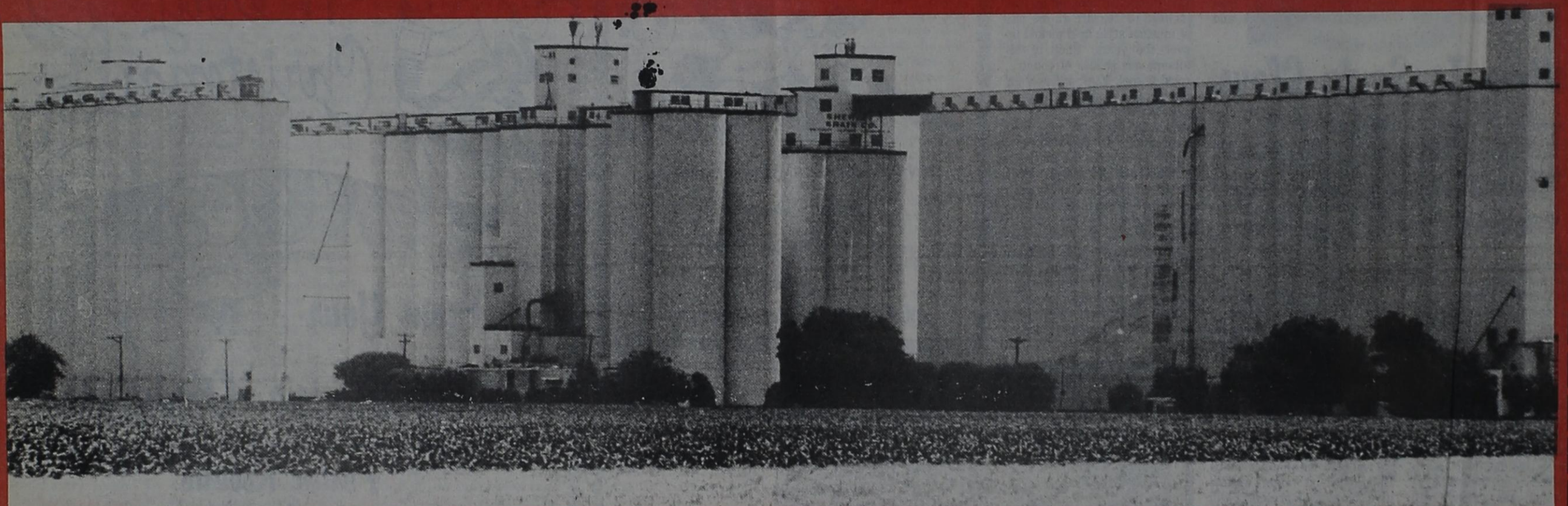
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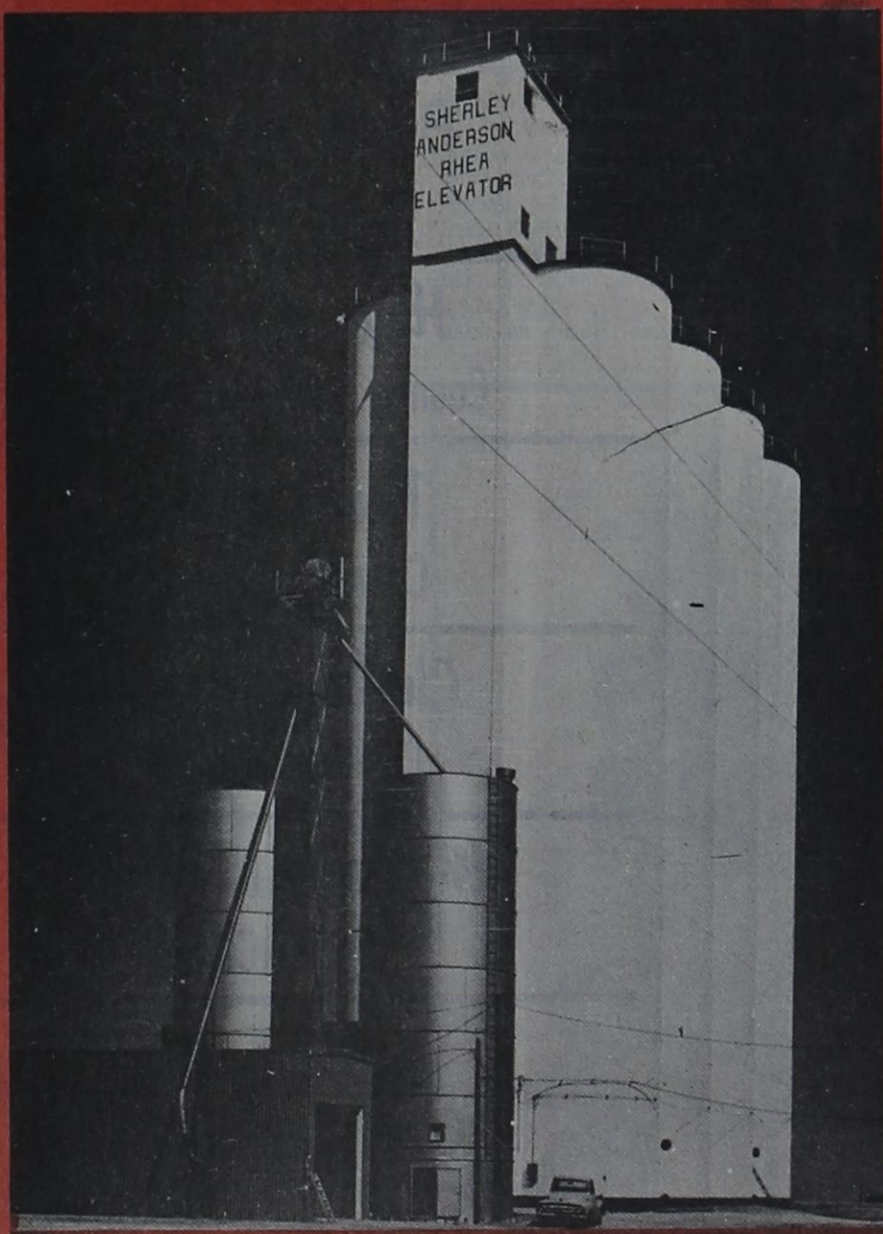
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