



(The following news arrived too late for the December 5 publication.) Sure was nice to have Thanksgiving still coming on Thursday. It is a wonder they haven't moved it to Monday too. I'm not in favor of Monday holidays. For country folks, it just means no mail. Think the kids get three days off now. When our kids were in school, they got Thursday afternoon off for Thanksgiving if their parents came after them.

We had a quiet day, only us and the turkey. The boys and wives called and visited awhile. Tony and Carleene were going down to Miami to celebrate with her folks Carl and Inez McDaniell of Mangum who winter in Florida. Joe Dale and Esther were having the day with Mike and Angie in St. Joe. Melissa and Jim were there too from Columbia.

With Ed and Eileen Logan for Turkey day were Charley, Lanette, and Stacy Bryan, Chris Shoffner, Kaelin Green, Larry Clifton of Edmond, Harvey and Jackie North, and Ray Stafford.

Eb, Eva, Brendon, and Brad Atkinson spent the day with Larry and Radonna Smith. Eva said Ryan Arrington did a good job of looking after their things while they were gone to Kansas City.

We lost two dear friends this week. Memorial services were Saturday at the Martin Chapel for H. E. Smith who died in the Burn Center of OKC Baptist Hospital. Burial was in the Buffalo Cemetery. I remember H. E. when he was just a kid riding the school bus. They have been our neighbors over 50 years.

Services are pending for Lucille Barker who died today in an Amarillo Hospital. We all loved Lucille.

Saw Iva Thompson, Leroy and Peggy Dunlap, in Cal's Saturday. They were all dressed up and on their way to Wellington to help little Jake celebrate his 5th birthday with a party. He's Dale's boy.

E. L. and Wilma Fowler went on bus trip with the LaDonna Quinn group. Had a marvellous weekend. Attended five shows plus numerous other sights. They, Darrell and Kathy Heinsolin, and children, Vikki Fowler, and Jill Drake attended funeral services at Elk for a friend, Bobby Peck.

Anne Reed is home from the Cheyenne Hospital. Jana Doss is Resident of the Month at the Erick Nursing Home. She is the niece of our friends Basil and Billy Doss, and Cal Rogers. Her dad was with the military and she was born in Japan. Lived some time in France, and all around the USA.

Grade students on the Superintendents Honor Roll were Andrea Calverley, Bailey Davis, Lacy Fowler, Jana Hanson, Brian Chandler, Heather Dolloff, Kim Gracey, and Ricky Hanson.

On the Principals Honor Roll, Chase Arrington, Kyle Cox, Tyler Locke, Tandra Jones, Michael Richardson, Ben Tignor, Shane Yarbrough, Josh Balough, Karle Humphrey, Nathan Jones, Tyson Perry, Cade Sites, Ricky Yarbrough.

Our Erick Sweetwater ball teams have been doing well. Beat Sayre and Allison, TX this past week.

With Frankie and Ruby Sutton for

the holiday were all their kids. Todd, Joyce, and Shayla Sutton, Kathy Blount, Junior, Katrina, and Kyle Cox, Beth Wilson, Laura and Michael Anderson, Jamie Cox, Sharon, Wayne and Eddy Gibson, Kenny, Terri, and Skyler Oren, Sallisaw, OK., Darrell, Linda, Bryan, and Matthew Cox. Had a wonderful time. Skyler is their little great-grandson.

Dr. and Mrs. Stan Coffey of Ama-

rillo announce the engagement of their daughter Natalie and Richard Archer. The wedding will be an event of December 21 at San Jacinto Church where Stan will perform the ceremony. Marion and Pat Jarnagin announce the engagement and approaching wedding of their daughter Rebecca Lynn to Nathan Dixon. He is son of Mike and Donna Dixon, Sweetwater. The wedding will be December 21 at the Elk Baptist Church. They will make their home in Thomas. Melvin and Dorothy Jarnagin of this community are her grandparents.

I'm a little dense. We OJed all last year and they found him innocent. Now we are OJing again and if half the jury thinks he may be guilty, he will lose his money and children. Looks like that might be double jeopardy or something.

Stella Anderson was alone yesterday since Hansford and Almada had gone to Michigan to be with their children. They called and everyone talked to her. Seems it is a bit cold up there.

With Billy and Gail Sutton over the weekend were Twila, Larry, and little Jami, Kingfisher, Zuma Sutton, Erick and Sonny.

Carol and Chuck Griffin spent the holiday at Kingfisher with Kenna, Gary Wilson and family.

Judy and Gerald Tipton had all their children home — Lisa, Jerry, Jada, and Joel Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Franks, Vincent and Eric, Watonga, Randall and Tammy Fuchs, and Jacob, Lewisburg, TX.

They have released a dozen antelopes in Roger Mills Co. We got them in exchange for some of our turkeys. I hope some hunters don't get slap happy and kill them.

Got our second Christmas card today so guess Santa is on the way. The snow is supposed to come tomorrow.

**To The Editor**  
The Wheeler Times  
Wheeler, TX 79096

Dear Editor:

Again we want to Thank All of Wheeler County and others, for most beautiful-Thanksgiving. I have seen in 75 years-Wheeler Times one of the most difficult job, and yet with patience and kindness serving All of Our People and others. To our ministers, the churches—Brother Toby and others. I have walked through the stores—Court House—Sheriff Department—Pharmacy—Funeral Home and others. Hospitals—talk to administrators, Drs., nurses, others and Care Center—For the wonderful work you are doing.

Thanksgiving is over—11-28-96. Tho, the prayers last forever. My wife is out of hospital. Prayers not only for her, also for so many who have lost their Loved Ones. Last few days in spite of these epidemics—Cancer—Heart Attack—Strokes—Aids and other. Divorce—may be worst of All. I believe there is a better way. Prayer—the only one.

**Ernest Lester**  
P.S. One of the nurses I was talking to I asked her if she knew the name of a certain person—how would I know. Reminds me of something 45

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McQueen	2		1	4
Finsterwald	7		9	6
Goad	5		2	2
Butler				0
Phipp	5		1	1
Ledbetter	1		2	2
Hernandez	1			2

**Coach Whiteley's Comments:**  
We felt the effects of the holidays in this one. Therefore we smelled "foul". These kids are playing extremely hard, and good things will come from that. We do many good things but we also make many silly mistakes. Caleb Finsterwald had a great game on both ends of the floor. Bret Goad and Donald Phipps each reached double figures in scoring as well. Our defense is improving as well as Justin Chapman and Goad kept pressure applied to the ball all night as well. Next game: Dec. 9th-Shamrock-Here

years ago—I was working on airplane I had to remember Tech orders—parts for planes to keep them in the air—I was doing something as nurses Do to keep them alive.  
**Ernest**

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**Lunch:** Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Pickle Spears, Milk/Tea, Peaches.

**Tuesday: Breakfast:** Juice, Biscuits/Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Peanut Butter/Honey, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Pizza, Corn, Salad, Milk/Tea, Pears.

**Wednesday: Breakfast:** Juice, Cereal, Blueberry Muffins, Toast/Jelly, Energy Bar, Milk.

**Lunch:** Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickles, French Fries, Milk/Tea, Apricots, Juice Pops.

**Thursday: Breakfast:** Juice, Pancake Pup/Syrup, Sausage, Peanut Butter/Honey, Toast/Jelly, Milk.

**Lunch:** Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll/Butter, Milk/Tea, Mixed Fruit.

**Friday: Breakfast:** Juice, Cereal/Oatmeal, Toast/Jelly, Milk.

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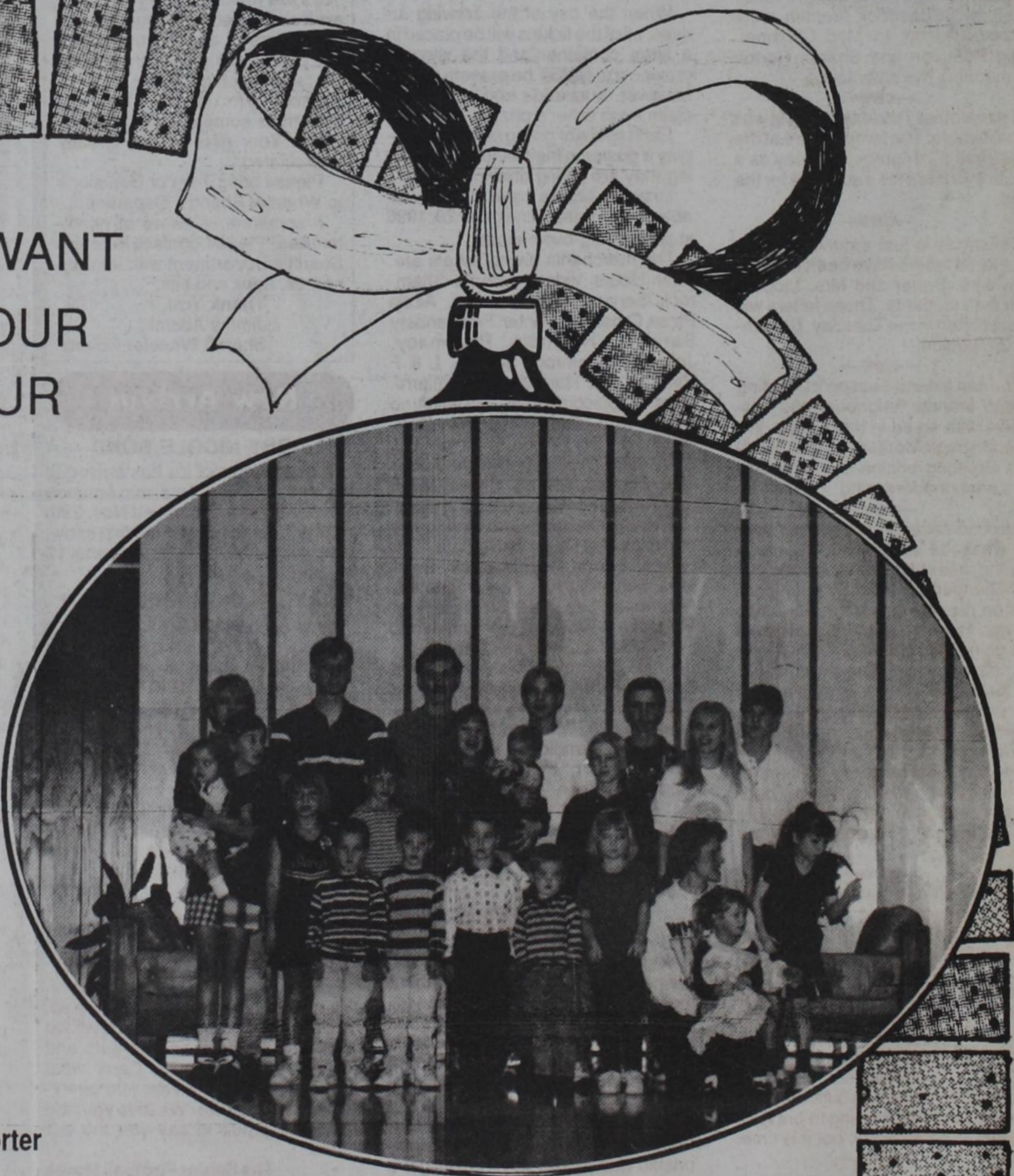
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Micah 7: 7 & 8: "Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me."

"Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy; when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me."

Hope everyone has been enjoying the nice weather we have been having, since the big snow we got a week ago last Saturday. It's a bright sunny Monday morning here in Allison this morning.

Take time some night and drive by the Vance and Caroline Boydston home and see all the Christmas lights and decorations, very pretty.

The Allison community was shocked and saddened by the car accident last Tuesday in Amarillo that took the life of Rex Miller; his wife, Virginia, is in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Our sympathy is for her, her children and families, other relatives and friends. We will miss seeing Rex around. The funeral service was last Friday at the Wheeler Methodist Church with burial at the Wheeler cemetery.

Nellie Long of Cheyenne passed away one day last week at Cheyenne. She had been in the rest home there for quite some time. Her home was also in Cheyenne. She attended the Allison U.P. church for

several years until her health got too bad for her to come. Her funeral was last Sunday afternoon with graveside services at Silent Home cemetery in Oklahoma. Several from the U. P. church of Allison attended the service and carried food to Cheyenne to help with the noon meal.

Ruby Craig Sunday afternoon guests were Rhonda McWhorter, Tanner and Tyler from Wheeler and they also visited with Wilma Gilmer.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mary Lou Cornell's mother, Mattie Elrod. She passed away last

Sunday. She had been in Wheeler Care Center for quite some time. Her home was in Anson before being moved to Wheeler Care Center. Our sympathy is for Mary Lou and Bob and all the family.

My last Saturday dinner guests were Johnnie and Darrel Harrison

from Amarillo. Johnnie spent the afternoon with me and Darrel picked up his mother, Pearl, and they drove over into Oklahoma sight seeing and visiting.

Opal and Juanita Boydston shopped in Elk City last Wednesday and Opal saw the doctor in Shamrock on Friday.

Roma and Billy Brown was in Pampa last Tuesday shopping. Last Saturday Roma and Billy visited in Cheyenne with Thursia Poindexter and Nellie Long's family. Len and Betty Brown of Dumas visited with Roma and Billy and Merlyn after church last Sunday night. Lou Miller from Clinton spent last weekend with the Roma Browns.

Len and Betty Brown got to their Allison home last Sunday afternoon and I imagine will spend a few days here.

The Baptist church folks put on a Christmas program at the Wheeler Care Center last Sunday afternoon and the Baptist Youth group handed out treats while there. Judi Cornell's father, Fred Cordell, went with her to the Care Center and got to visit with an old friend, Viola White.

Red and Anna Dukes attended the basketball tournament at Allison last weekend. Red helped with Rex Miller's funeral last Friday at Wheeler. Red and Anna visited with Bessie Crenshaw at Shamrock last Sunday afternoon and came back through Wheeler and visited with Avis Parker at Parkview hospital.

Pearl Harrison celebrated Thanksgiving holiday and weekend with the Ward and Dyann Harrison and family



at their home in Tulsa, Okla. Willis and Mary Harrison of Canyon were also there. Pearl rode to Tulsa with Willis and Mary. Others there were Monty and Terri Harrison, Will and Lena of Edmond, Okla., and Steve and Julie Durst, Dillon and Tanner of Waco. Pearl also spent two nights with her cousin, Pauline Manard, at Broken Arrow. Willis, Mary and Pearl spent Saturday with Monty Harrison and family in Edmond. They ate supper at Guthrie and also shopped at two antique stores there. On Sunday they visited Ed and Donna Nall in Oklahoma City on their way home. They stopped in Elk City at the Western Sizzler where Vivian Wallace met them for a noon meal. Willis and Mary went on home to Canyon and Pearl spent Sunday night with Vivian and came on home to Allison on Monday. The big snow back this way kinda slowed down their travels.

Last Saturday Clifton and Louise Boydston's dinner guests were Pearl Harrison and a couple of men that were here hunting.

Nelda Dukes attended the basketball tournament here at Allison last weekend to watch her grand kids play. Nelda finished her Christmas in Pampa last Saturday.

Cheryl Dupont and Sabrina did some shopping last Friday at Pampa.

Mike and Teresa Dyer and Amber went to Canyon last Saturday night and spent the night with Ron and Danette Weller and Zachary. On Sunday morning Zachary was dedicated to the Lord at the Trinity Fellowship of Amarillo. Those attending were his parents, Ron and Danette Weller and grandparents, Mike and Teresa Dyer and Tom and Dianna Weller and great-grandparents, Zeland and Charlene Rainey, Betty Dyer, Amber Dyer and Betty Ann Dyer and McKabry.

Last Saturday evening those visiting Glen and Nona Elmore were Ray and Sue Giddens, Larry and Mark Elmore and little two year old Travis. Alton and Ariel Lohberger and Suzanne Lohberger visited Virginia Miller last Sunday at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Said she was bruised up real bad from the accident.

Vance Boydston and Virginia Puryear hosted an open house and Customer Appreciation day at the Allison Post Office last Thursday. Refreshments were served by Caroline Boydston and Virginia. Kyle Boydston from Weatherford spent last weekend with Vance and Caroline.

Allen and Nadine Reynolds were in Amarillo last weekend to celebrate

their 53rd wedding anniversary and also did some shopping.

Wanda Walker visited with the family of Nellie Long last Saturday at Cheyenne and then went to Elk City and did some shopping and also visited with Jimmy and Vivian Wallace. Take time to pray—it is the greatest power on earth.

**Extension Update**  
By Joan Gray, CEA-HE

**"EXTENSION UPDATE"  
CACTUS FOR CHRISTMAS**

Poinsettias are the perennial favorites for Christmas, but once the holidays are over, those plants get thrown out with the wrapping paper. This year, why not select a plant with better staying power. Doesn't cactus seem appropriate in the Southwest for Christmas? Christmas cactus is becoming a more popular holiday plant. Experiment Station horticulturist Dr. Harvey Lang says some people prefer it over the more traditional poinsettias because after the flowers fall off, you still have an attractive and hearty plant. There are more than 70 varieties of Christmas cactus with names such as Christmas Chann, Red Radiance, Twilight Tangerine and peach Parfait. As the names suggest, they come in shades of red, orange, purple, yellow and white. Lang says Christmas cactus are tough. They'll tolerate temperatures ranging from 35 to over 100 degrees. They require little water, but unlike many cactus, they prefer low light or shade. Christmas cactus will typically bloom a second time in February. Growers control the blooming time by controlling the amount of light the plant gets. You can do the same at home each year by exposing the cactus to less light. The shorter the day and the warmer the temperature, the earlier the bloom.



These two cuties were born such a few years ago; WTA&M has given them little knowledge, I now know; Mom always gets even, they should realize; Payback time has now materialized.

Snails, tall tales and pranks we have survived, Anything possible the two have derived. Determined it seems to drive us to drink, At least that's what we let them think.

Teenage years are now left behind, "Where have the years gone?" We hear them whine; Yes, time flies and gravity does take it's toll, But, remember, your parents are STILL in control! Happy Birthdays, Big D and Sunshine

**To The Editor**  
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I wonder how many of your readers remember where they were 55 years ago? I remember that on December 7, 1941, "Pearl Harbor Day", our group who joined the U. S. NAVY and were sent from Dallas to San Diego, California, were given the 1903 Springfield rifles, immediately, as we were getting off the train and were told to "hit the beach"! We did! I was lucky to have learned to use this rifle at Texas A & M.

During the Thanksgiving Holiday, I resigned as principal of Progress Rural School near Muleshoe and joined the Navy as a Yeoman 2nd Class. I was assigned to the USS ZEILIN (APA-3). The ZEILIN was sent to the Solomons to land Marines on Tulagi. Later, we took a group of Japanese P.O.W.s from Guadalcanal to Wellington, New Zealand, from the tropics to falling snow. Our doctors gave the wounded P.O.W.s the help they needed.

I have had an interesting life. I was born in the old Wheeler, Texas, jail when my father was sheriff. I taught school for 20 years in Texas and 20 years in New Jersey. Teaching is nice when you have students who want to learn subjects which will help them in life.

I applied to go to Officers' Training School when I was on the ZEILIN. I went to Neumea, New Caledonia, when I left the ZEILIN. Unfortunately, the ZEILIN was severely damaged in a battle. I went to Columbia U. in New York City, and became an Ensign.

While there I met my present day wife, Lois, from New Jersey. We live now in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, in a nice area. So far this year we have had some snow. Today is a very nice day but it as been windy.

When I think back to December 7, 1941, I can say that I have been lucky having been in two battle in the Solomons and three typhoons off Okinawa and Japan near the end of WW-II.

My philosophy is to try to enjoy each day of your life. One might not be here tomorrow.

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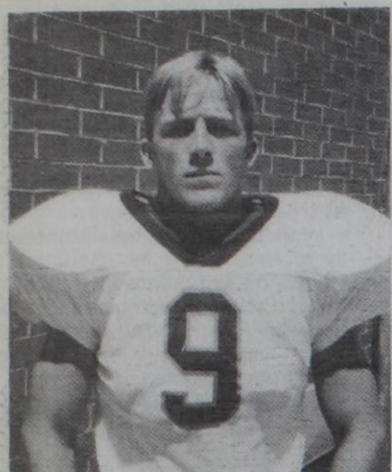
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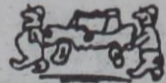
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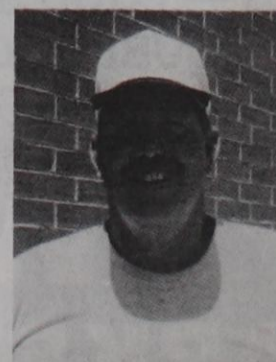
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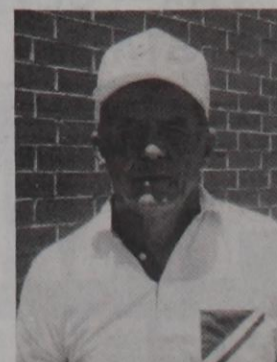
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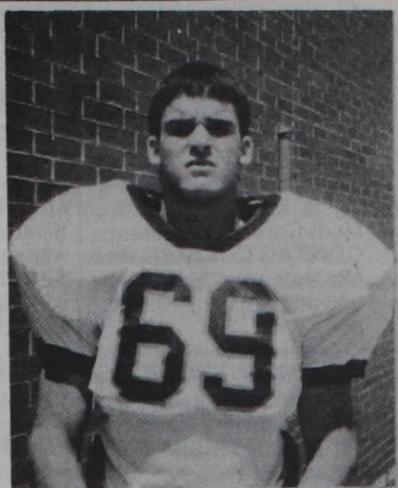
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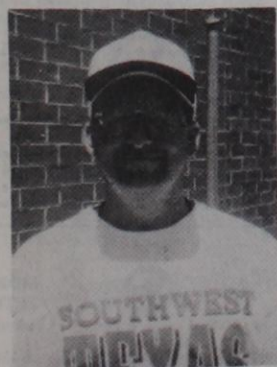
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16	Kirt Boedeker	WR/DB	5'11"	150	10
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66	Matt Sullivan	OG/DT	5'8"	165	9
69	Shane Sparlin	OG/DT	6'3"	180	12
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77	Don Hudgins	OT/DT	6'1"	220	9
78	Ben Britt	OG/DE	6'0"	185	10
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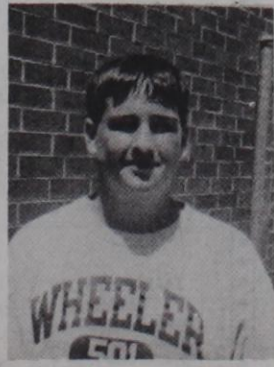
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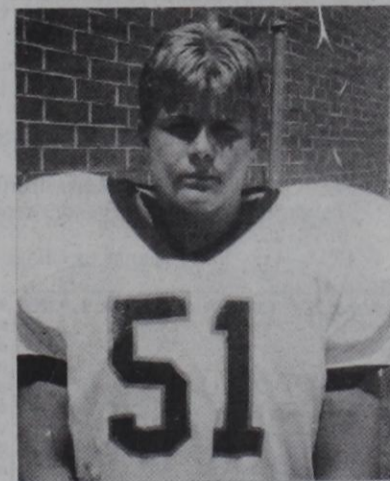
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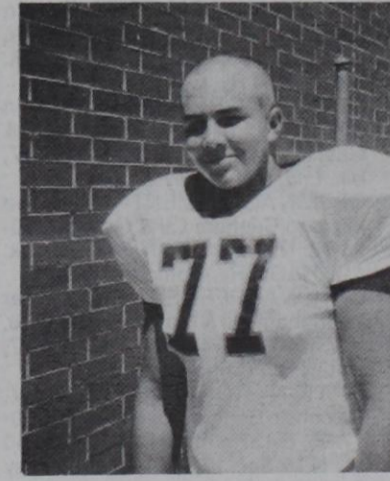
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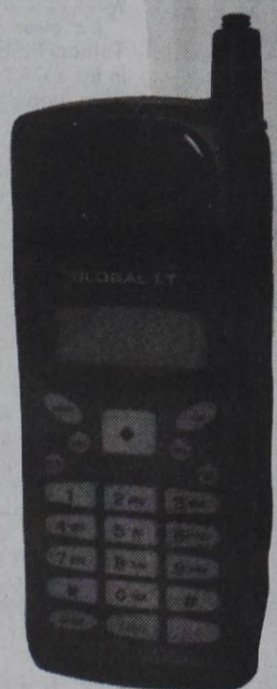
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# MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Sue Mayfield

Happy Birthday: to Lindsey Fillingim, Aaron Lancaster, Brenda Lancaster, Debbie (Dyson) Hamner and Melba Corcoran on December 12th, to Greg Estes, Bryan Light, Phil Jones, Kolton Wood, Doyle Grimes, Brady Meadows, Joshua Purcell, Stormy Suzanne Moore, Brady Hudson, Novelene Simpson, and Jenny Smith on December 13th, to Georgia Corse, Kerri Hudson, Melody Goad and Peggy Thompson on December 14th, to Kathie Jackson, Karen Meek, Amy Meadows, Stacie (Phillis) Haiduk, Nellie Horton and Shanna Leatherman, to Jeff Corcoran, Jim Hamilton, Mary Ruth Morris, Mearlene Scott, Geneva Corcoran and Amy Huff on December 16th, to Chad Hefner, Bill Howard, Sheryle Estes, Jeremy Gudgel, Holly Hodges and Heather Hodges on December 17th, to Mary Hudson, Bob Brittenham, Missy (Barr) Laverty, Bob Carey and Ida Mae Goad on December 18th, to Charlene Dukes, Kimberly Childress, Bill Dyson and Paula Shahan on December 19th, to Shelia (Moffett) Touchstone, Roy Lynn Stribling, Edna Ruth South on December 20th, to Carrie Harris, Shannon Pool, Doug Corse and Desiree Dockins on December 21st.

Happy Anniversary: to Lewis and Irene Rogers on December 12th, to Rev. Charles and Olivia Abercrombie and Daniel and Cecilia Buice on December 13th, to Jap and Alice Bailey on December 14th, to Bill and Virginia Ridgway and Vernon and Grace Moore on December 16th, to Bill and Lena Ruth James, Bill and Pearl Darby, and Tom and Alice Belle Helton on December 17th, to Mack and Linda Sides on December 19th, to Thurman and Bobbye Horn on December 20th.

I'm not sure if I've got "some-timer disease" or selective memory or what. Sometimes I remember to get all the information to ya'll and sometimes it just gets lost in the shuffle in my brain. I think about it after I turn in the news on Monday Eve, but most of the time Tuesday a.m. Then don't put it down to start next week. I'll try to do better.

A prime example is the visit I had with Pearl Darby a while back. Bill and Pearl and Melvin and Fay Farrar and Donald Farrar had moved Grandma, Lou Dick, back from Pampa after just a month. They were all so thankful for Donald's help. Donald is always willing to help when it comes to Grandma. Aunt Pearl wanted Donald to know how much they appreciate Donald being there whenever he is called.

Sorry it took me so long to remember to take care of this Pearl. (Sometimes ya'll just have to rattle may cage.)

Tim and Sallie Adcock spent their first Thanksgiving together at Tim's parents in Canadian.

Jimmy and Carol Adcock were host to over 30 family members for the big day. After a fantastic and delicious meal they all enjoyed visiting, several games of Chicken Foot and of course some taste testing desserts and a little "grazing" and nibbling.

Others taking in the festivities were Tim's two brothers and two sisters, their spouses and children and Amanda Childress and daughter, Jayton. Sam had to work.

Pray for little Jayton Childress. She had her 6 month check up Monday, December 2nd. She had a touch of pneumonia in one lung. Otherwise she was doing very well for a six month old.

You couldn't tell she was sick. Smiling and "talking" to Nanny all the way to the doctors office. Such a sweetie.

Nice to have Dan Sams join us for lunch at Sallie's Tuesday. Enjoyed the visit and getting to check out his new company pickup. Makes our "old blue" look like the next step up from horse and buggy days.

Great to see Charlotte Coward out to lunch with Virginia Ridgway's "Sister" and husband. They were out in the area checking and feeding cattle. Really a muddy, sticky mess. But we all appreciate the moisture. (Have to take the good with the bad.)

Charlotte looks great. She still has alot of pain. But nothing compared to the pain that sent her to the hospital in the first place.

The home health care aides really brighten her day and their help is a life saver. (I'm sure there are alot of resi-

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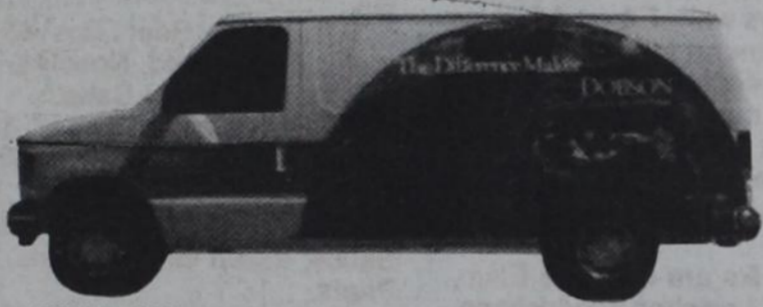
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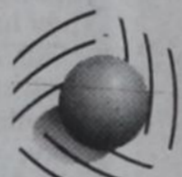
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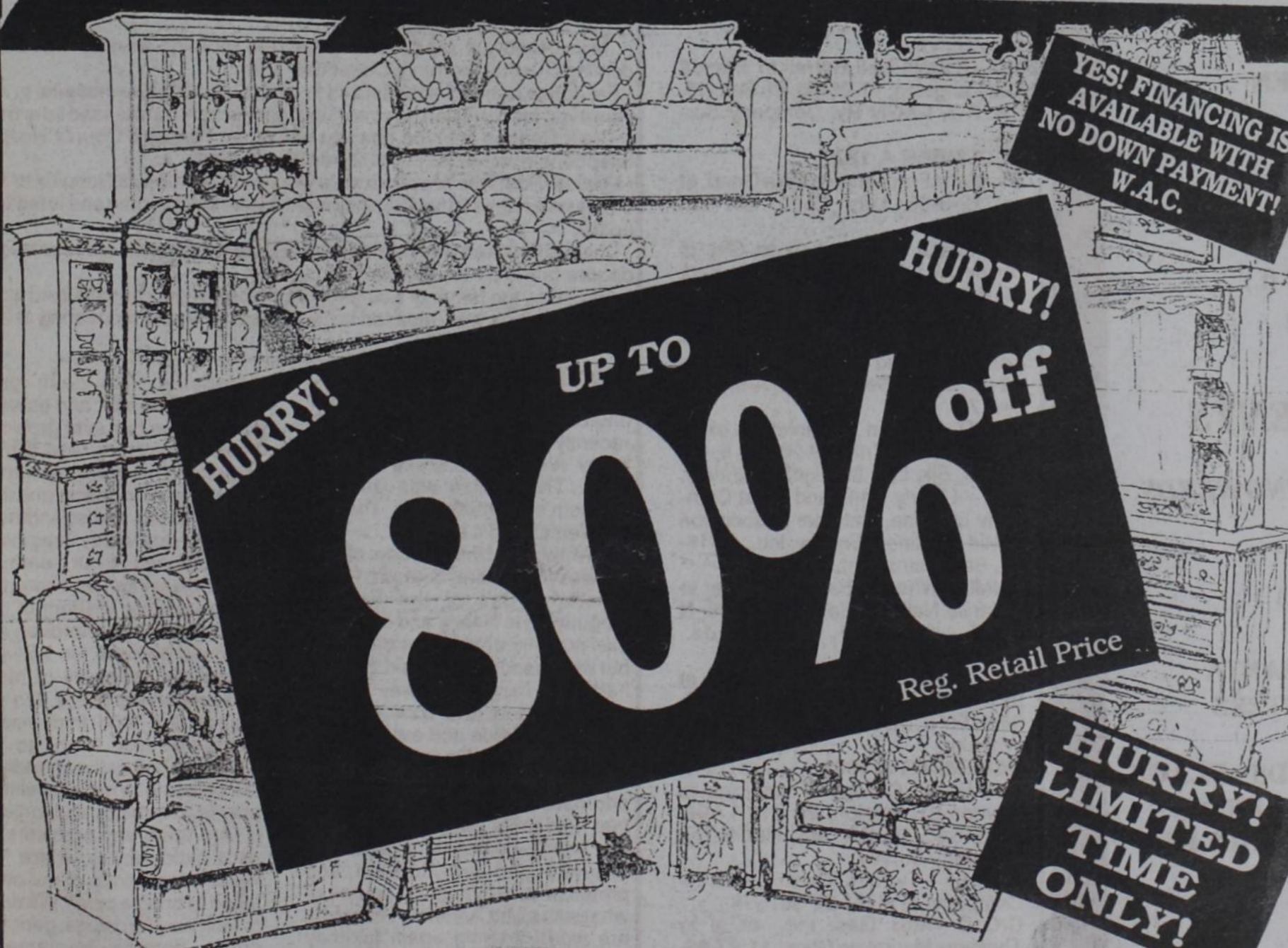
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THE WHEELER TIMES  
PAGE 9—Thursday, December 12, 1996  
"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

dents in Wheeler County that share Charlotte sentiments.)  
Jimmy Maddox and his "right handman" for the day, Clifford Waiser and Joe Van Zandt were all in for a quick lunch at Sallie's and then back to the chores of the day.

Sorry to hear that Estelle Hodges still is having problems with infection in her legs. Hope you'll soon gain some strength back and get to feeling better. We sure miss you around here. Get Well Soon!!

Surprised to see Tommy Forbes driving around town Tuesday about noon. He'd just gotten back from the doctors office.

Tommy took a pretty bad spill on the ice and snow in front of the Pampa post office. (That north entrance is always the last thing in Pampa to get back to normal in Pampa it seems.)

Afraid Tommy was pretty miserable. Bumped and bruised and pulled muscles always get our attention. Sure hope this finds you feeling better Tommy.

Wednesday found Bob and I in Oklahoma City at Saint Anthony's Hospital. Our sister-in-law, Doreen, had to have surgery to remove her left eye. She has been fighting an over active case of type A strep infection. It had settled in and destroyed the eyeball. She came through the surgery very well.

The infection had also settled in one knee. But had been getting around some better. It's really been rough. But she got to spend Thanksgiving with her family. (So much to be thankful for.)

We got to stop at Wal-Mart in Elk City on the way home. What a pleasant surprise to see Bonnie Lamb and Debbie and Tom Beasley. They too were making Wal-Mart their last stop before going home.

I'm sorry I didn't recognize you Bonnie. It's been 4 or 5 years since I'd seen Bonnie, but that's not a very good excuse. Please remember Bonnie in your prayers. She took a tumble and really messed up her shoulder. She's having to go back and forth to Elk City for therapy on her shoulder. Lots of pain and limited use of her arm at this point. Sure hope this finds you feeling much better Bonnie.

Bonnie had to get a few things before going back to Wheeler, because everything would have been closed up by the time they got back. It's had to make everyone's schedule fit.

After we got home we received some sad news. My stepdad's cousin, Betty Word, of Hereford, Texas had passed away. She'd had pneumonia. Betty was 64. She and my stepdad are the same age so it's a little scary.

Betty's funeral was Friday in Hereford. We had a fairly nice day for it. Just very breezy. Betty and her husband, Skeet, would have been married 40 years January 6th, 1997. Please keep the Word family in your prayers.

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Rex and Virginia Miller of Allison. They were in a terrible car accident Monday. Rex was killed instantly. Virginia is in an Amarillo hospital. Her condition had been upgraded from critical to serious the last report I had. She has a hard road ahead of her. Say a special prayer for Virginia.

Estelle Hodges has had a rough week. Along with all the regular procedures they have to do she also had to have two pints of blood. Your in our prayers Estelle. She seemed a little better Saturday.

I had a nice surprise Saturday morning. Judy Bridwell of Dalhart called. She and John are doing quite well. They had gotten eleven inches of snow the Saturday after Thanksgiving. They are expecting Brandie and her new husband for a nice visit 3 or 4 days around Christmas. Needless to say John and Judy are looking forward to their visit. Brandie and Mike are doing great. They live in Dodge City, Kansas but didn't have any snow when we got 5" and Dalhart had 11".

Thursday Jackie and Fred Thrasher got their pick up back from the body shop. They are really happy to have their own vehicle back. They appreciated having the rental vehicle to drive while their's was in the shop. They really enjoyed the extended cab. But there's nothing like your own vehicle. David Cross did a good job. Looks like new again.

Thursday afternoon it was good to see Charlotte Coward and Claudia Quarles doing a little shopping at Wal-Mart. They both had found some beautiful Christmas cactus. Good to see you girls looking great. Thursday night the Thrashers and

Mayfields got together at Jackie and Freds for a delicious B.B.Q'd rib supper. Jackie cooked the ribs in her new slow cooker. Talk about tender, melt in your mouth!!!

Of course we had to sneak in a couple of games of canasta before calling it an evening. Thanks ya'll.

Saturday we ran to Dumas to help Mom and Dad put up their outside Christmas decorations. The guys did a good job. They sort of went light crazy but was looking good. After running their errands we just got out of their hair and went shopping.

Timothy came up to his grandparents after he got off from work Saturday night. So we all had a good visit. The weekend was a little cool with the wind. But great for shopping.

So thankful we didn't have to contend with any of the new England states snowstorm.

Monday, Arica Lancaster brought the last of her holiday pretties for us in the area that didn't get to make the craft shows in Amarillo.

Arica and Aaron participate in several craft shows a year.

Her mom and dad, Anna Belle and Ariza Corcoran, were kind enough to open their home so we could all enjoy a new shopping experience.

Arica took the time to personalize each item if we wanted her to. She does a fantastic job.

Sorry your not going on to the state title Mustangs. But you did a great job and we're proud of you.

Sorry Pampa had to follow suit. But it's quite an honor to be third in the whole state.

After all your hard work and dedication I think all of you should take home the gold. The championship title should go to all of you.

Thanks to James Moffett. He was out delivering the sausage and meats the FFA was supposed to sell.

Thanks to James & Alesha we usually get to take advantage of the delicious fruit and the Blue and Gold sausage and meats. We appreciate it.

So sorry to hear that Betty Grayson of Allison has had a heart attack. Glad to hear that your recuperating at home Betty. Your in our prayers.

Sure hope you have a great birthday on December 16th Mary Ruth Morris. Best wishes always!!!

We got a unique Christmas card from a very special friend in South Dakota. It is a card that has special symbols from a system used by individuals who are unable to speak but have alot to say.

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Sorry to hear Deanna Nixon is still having so much pain. She went back to the doctor Monday, December 9th. He assured her that the knot above part of her incision was part of the healing process. Along with the discolorization. But her blood pressure was up so had to go back on her medication and some other heart pills. Take care Deanna. Hope this finds you feeling much better.

Ann Waiser called Euline Waiser one day last week to check on her. Ann was doing fine. They appreciate her concern.

Calvin and Leola Stuart and Gladys Richardson took care of some business and picked up Gladys' pictures last Wednesday. The pictures turned out quite well and she had enough for all of her family and some friends. So they've already been working hard on their Christmas Card list.

Sunday, December 8th, Leola and Gladys went to church in Erick, Oklahoma. After church they went by to see Iva Richardson.

Iva was confined to her home, because of a bout of walking pneumonia and possible some asthma with it. So she is trying to take it easy, and

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On November really kicked up its heels as it left Saturday. Over an inch of rain and three or so inches of snow...

The price won't be so bad if we can be sure that the supply holds up. Be sure of bad to have to start cutting wood...

We've had several on the pony list. Bonnie and Arnold Rice have about recovered from the bug. Ray and David Smith are still going to the doctor...

To The Editor
The Wheeler Times
Wheeler, TX 79096

I know we are all proud of the Mustang Football team and their accomplishments. The presentation Tuesday night was great...

after several weeks in the Elk Hospital. Leonard Bryan is ill.

Matt Carlson and Jennifer Taylor are listed in the Who's Who in American High School Students.

Kathy Heinsohn tells me there will be benefit program Sunday December 15, 2:00 at the School Multiple Purpose room for Leonard Bryan who is very sick...

We watched the Billboard Awards program and were pleased to see Oklahoma's Brooks and Dunn received the country music award.

Basil and Billie Doss, Carnegie, tell me they had Turkey day at Cordell with Glen and Marianne. They were very happy that Bob Copeland, Billie's brother...

With Albert and Lorene Bryan were Patricia and her son Terry Davis. Arnet Lee's went to Arkansas to be with their daughter.

L.G. and Ann Reed spent Thanksgiving at Elk City with his mother Pearl Reed. They enjoyed a family reunion.

Hersel and Betty Anderson had all their children and grandchildren home. As did E. L. and Wilma Fowler.

Maurice and Freda Coffey, Tulsa, spent the weekend here and visited their aunt, Bertha Coffey.

Barry Cappelman, Pastor of the Baptist, visited us Tuesday morning. We are always happy to have visitors and phone call, since our kids are so far away...

Billy and Juanita Taylor spent the holiday at Thomas with her nephew Kent Pennington and family.

December 7—Fifty-five years since Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. Most of us elderly can remember where we were when the news came on the radio...

Memorial services were held Monday at the Erick Baptist Church for Lucille Barker. She was 84 and survived by a son Bill of Amarillo and granddaughter Lenita.

Visitors in the Leonard Bryan home this week were Jimmy and Patsy Dean, Sayre, Kent and Connie Bryan, Travis and Brittany, Briscoe, TX and Dale and Misti Bryan, Dallas, Deidre and Drake of Chattanooga, OK.

Does everyone get address labels in the mail? We get enough every week to last a year or two. And calls. Someone said if it wasn't for the Reader's Digest contest literature, they wouldn't get any mail.

Theresa and Wilbur Nabors spent the holiday at Pampa with Bill and Linda Foreman. Jerry and Linda Nabors of Pargosa Springs have been here visiting.

Talked to my brother in Little Rock. All of his children had been home. Lucille White, Midland, TX, Carol Ann and Jerry Hunter, Mt. Pleasant, TX, Jimmy, Little Rock, John and Martha Haag, Pampa, and Ruth's son Don.

Mellie Stone spent the holiday at Burns Flat with Reba and John Greer. This week she met Reba at Walmart's in Elk and finished her Christmas shopping.

Jan Lowder carried the mail a couple of days while Elbert Atkinson recovered from an injured eye. Eva says her little nephew is a little better.

Our Junior High kids played Ft. Elliott this week and the girls were delighted to win. The boys weren't so lucky.

Birthdays folks are Brandee Elam, Paul Flowers, Leischen Friedrichsen, Perisha Perry, Pauline Gee, Norma Tipton.

Happiness to each.

Mustangs (from Page 1)

The Mustangs in a deep hole as they enter the locker room trailing by 17 points 35-18.

This was not the first time the Mustangs had entered the locker room at halftime down by 17 points. Remembering what happened two weeks earlier, the Mustangs come out the second half ready to try and repeat that feat.

The answer to that question could be spelled out in two words: B-I-G P-L-A-Y. As stated earlier, those two words would haunt the Mustangs on a night when they pour out their guts in hopes of knocking off another ranked team in their drive to the ultimate state finals game.

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C/C D—Atex Gas, Inc., et al to Thriftway Marketing Corp., 11-27-96, See Instrument.
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