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**HOME DESTROYED:** The trailer home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Alley was destroyed early Wednesday morning. The Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department was called at 2:56 A.M. but were unable to save anything. The cause of the fire is unknown.

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**CWE** CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

## THIRD DRAWING IS SATURDAY

First, let me correct an error. Janice Sparlin requested the recipe for the candy which ran in my column last week. As I have stated on numerous occasions, I cannot remember names. As I was writing the column last week, I left a blank space before Sparlin for a name to be inserted; I could not remember Janice's name. When Patricia read the column, she inserted Faye's name.

The paper was printed before I thought of the blank.

I hope Faye didn't have a lot of customers at the restaurant, expecting to sample the candy.

-cwe-

Andy Coates has been home for a week's visit. She arrived during the cold weather on Wednesday, December 11, and returned home Tuesday, December 17. She left 60 degree weather in South Carolina and landed in Amarillo with the temperature at 18 degrees. While she has been home, South Carolina has been having record breaking cold.

Andy has spent the week visiting friends and relatives.

-cwe-

Continuing with the Coates family as the subject, a 'Happy Birthday' bouquet was on the counter at L. & F. Repair and another arrived before I left. Leona was the 'birthday girl' Tuesday; she said I couldn't print her age. Tom Christner knows her age and he might disclose this information, but remember, he is an Aggie.

-cwe-

A 'strip of copy' was overlooked last week when the paper was being 'pasted up'. One item on the 'strip' concerned the organizational meeting of an Extension Homemakers Club. The meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 16. My apologies, it was an oversight.

Also on the 'strip': Rubin May celebrated his birthday Saturday, December 7, with all of his children and three grandchildren present. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Dyson and Colby Waters of Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Burgess of Quail and Mr. and Mrs. James May and Christine and Debbie from Petrolia.

-cwe-

Have you been by the City Cleaners to see the display of Karen Gill's 'handy work'. She has a number of 'Baby Dolls' and clothes, which she has made, on display and for sale. Any of these would certainly be loved by a little girl. The clothes will also fit the 'Cabbage Patch' dolls. Each of the items is a professional job. Birth certificates are also available for these dolls.

-cwe-

Picture Hyland's ad on page 5 with a red and green 'Christmas border'. When I stopped in Tuesday, he asked if he could have the red and green border. Color is a little too expensive; so, please use your imagination.

-cwe-

Ben Ed Hillhouse called the 'Times' to speak to the Mayor. He wanted to extend a compliment on two of the city's employees. Wheeler Vet Clinic had experienced some problem with the sewer system. The problem was found to be with the city's line and Frank Clymer and Wesley Bradstreet had the problem solved within a very short time.

Thanks for taking the time to call, Ben Ed. I am very proud of our employees; the complete staff is very hard working and very conscientious.

-cwe-

The Stas home is scheduled to be a 'hive' of activity this weekend. The older kids, their spouses and kids are to arrive Friday night or Saturday morning and there may be others.

### NOTICE

#### County History Books Ready To Pickup

Sesquicentennial committee announces the Wheeler County History books are in Shamrock. They can be picked up at the Pioneer West Museum, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 19 and 20, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

They can also be picked up Friday, Dec. 27, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 28, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The third of the four Chamber of Commerce "Cash" Drawings will be held Saturday, December 21, 1985. During the month of December a total of \$1500 will be divided into 48 envelopes for the individuals who shopped in Wheeler. \$300 was given

### "Times" Announces Early Deadline

"The Wheeler Times" will have an early deadline for the Christmas edition. The paper with greetings from businesses and individuals will be placed in the mail on Tuesday morning, Christmas Eve.

The issue will carry Christmas Greetings and Santa Letters. Here is your opportunity to send Season's Greetings to your friends; if you would like a note or an ad in this issue, contact the "Times" at 826-3123. If your youngster has not written his or her Santa Letter, there is still time; mail it to P.O. Box 1080, Wheeler, Texas 79096, or bring it by the office. The December 24 edition will replace the Thursday, December 26, paper. Friday, December 20, at 5:00 P.M. will be the deadline for placing an ad or articles in the "Christmas Edition."

### Top Cooks Named In 4-H Food Show

New ways to prepare and serve some old favorites joined traditional recipes as 120 boys and girls from 21 counties exhibited their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills at the Panhandle District 4-H Food Show in Dumas December 7, 1985. Four seniors advanced to the state competition next year.

Junior division winners and alternates in the four food categories received ribbons and plaques, but don't compete beyond the district level. Ribbons were presented by State Representative J.W. Buchanan; Dave McReynolds, manager of the Dumas Chamber of Commerce; Alvie Butler of the Ben E. Keith Co., Amarillo, and Jack Adkins and Brian Davis of Morrison Milling Co.

4-H'ers from Wheeler County and their awards were Stephanie Dollar, Wheeler 4-H, blue ribbon—Breads and Cereals; Cassidy Stinnett, Allison 4-H, red ribbon—Nutritious Snacks & Tables; Russell Woollard, Wheeler, red ribbon—Nutritious Snacks & Desserts; and Rochelle Rives, Wheeler 4-H, blue ribbon—Main Dish.

Senior representing Wheeler County were Lynette Snider, Shamrock 4-H, red ribbon—Nutritious Snacks and Desserts; Shannon Clay, Shamrock 4-H, red ribbon—Fruits and Vegetables; and Melissa Lummus, Shamrock 4-H, red ribbon—Main Dish.

Each contestant had earned championships in their county to advance to the district meet.

The dishes were judged by panels of professional home economists and homemakers. Contestants were quizzed on nutritional values, preparation methods and costs of preparation.

This show is one aspect of the year-round foods and nutrition project in 4-H, explained Sue Farris, District Director with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Four-H is the youth development program of Extension. She said the project helps youth learn the relationships between science, foods and nutrition, and food preparation, as well as food buying, managing time, use of energy, and food storage and safety.

### New Arrival

JOSEPH LAURIER BRENDAN SAUCIER

Larry and Brenda Saucier of Wheeler, Texas are proud to announce the arrival of a son, Joseph Laurier Brendan Saucier, born at North West Texas Hospital, in Amarillo on Dec. 9, 1985 at 10:27 a.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 3/4 oz. was 18 1/2 inches long.

Joseph has two big brothers Paul and Chris.

The grandparents are Mr. Gerald Fontaine of Methuen, Mass. and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Davis of Happy, Texas.

at the first drawing and \$400 was given away at the second drawing. An additional \$400 will be given at both the third and final events.

The times of the drawing for Saturday will be 2:30 p.m. and the amount to be handed out will be \$400. The "money" will be placed in 17 envelopes and given to the lucky people, who come forward when their names are called. The amounts will be 10-\$10's, 4-\$25's, 2-\$50's and 1-\$100. The fourth and final drawing for

### Wheeler Band To Present Concert

The Wheeler instrumental department will present a concert of the Mustang and Colt Concert Bands Thursday, December 19, at 7:30 P.M. in the school auditorium.

The Colt Band will perform "Kum Ba Yah," "Jefferson County Overture," "Festival of the Eternal Lights," "Tis The Season" and "A Yuletide Celebration."

Selections to be performed by the Mustang Band are "Pulsar Concert March," "Camtigue De Noel," "The First Noel" and "We Are The Reason." The final selection will also include a vocal performance by Gena Huckert and Angela Hatcher.

Two members of the Mustang Band recently took part in the clinic and concert of the Five-States Honor Band held in Liberal, Kansas. These were Amy Ivey, Clarinet and Shonda Miller, Alto Saxophone. These same two also were selected as members of the A/AA All-Region Band which will perform Saturday, January 25, in Canyon at West Texas State University.

Band Director David Hawkins invites all to attend Thursday's Concert.

### MOBEETIE

#### Honor Roll

##### 2ND SIX WEEKS

GRADE 12: Tina Densberger, Shelia Moffett.

GRADE 11: Diane Moffett.

GRADE 10: None.

GRADE 9: Greg Langley, DeAnna Smith.

GRADE 8: Kristi Hallett.

GRADE 7: Don Howard.

GRADE 6: Elizabeth Hale.

GRADE 5: Virginia Aycok.

GRADE 4: Bonnie Holder, Ky Jones, Michele Stigen.

GRADE 3: Misty Hallett, Jamey James, John Moffett, Brandy Thompson, Stephanie Tollison.

GRADE 2: Collin McCurley, Darron Remy.

GRADE 1: Sarah Hale, Megan Darby.

1985 will be held Tuesday, December 24. Eight people will go home a little richer for having shopped in Wheeler; they will share the \$400. The "money" Tuesday will be divided

4-\$25's, 2-\$50's and 2-\$100's. Remember, each time you enter a participating store, you are entitled to

### Drawing Winners Are Named

The weather for the second of the four Wheeler "Cash" Drawings was much more agreeable than the weather last year. The size of the crowd Saturday increased and the sunshine warmed the temperature to 43 degrees as those gathered waited anxiously for their name to be drawn. The same drawing last year was held with the crowd huddled close to the buildings, trying for protection the cold drizzle.

Twenty-five tickets were drawn before the 17 envelopes containing "Wheeler Cash" were handed out. Eight people were not present to claim their winnings; the amounts not claimed ranged from the \$10 envelope to the big, 100 envelope.

These drawings have been a part of the Wheeler Chamber activities for a number of years and a first occurred Saturday. The first two tickets drawn named the same person as a winner; on numerous occasions we have drawn duplicates over the span of the event, but never one right after the other. This lucky individual later returned to the pickup to claim the \$10 envelope when her name was drawn; her husband's name was drawn first.

### The Mobeetie City Council Meeting

The Mobeetie City Council convened in regular session Thursday evening, Dec. 12, at 7:30 in the regular meeting place with the mayor, three council members and the secretary present.

Due to the bad weather, expected guests from Wheeler, Pampa and Amarillo were not present.

The Mayor opened the meeting and asked that previous minutes be read and the current finance report be given. Upon motion by Roy Stribling and seconded by Wade Hathaway these were accepted unanimously.

The bills were paid with Don Moore making a motion and Roy Stribling seconding, this was approved. The grant was discussed and all approved of hiring Linda Maxey of PRPC being manager of finance and bookkeeping.

At 9:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

a ticket; ask for it, sign it, deposit the ticket in the containers which are conveniently located in the sponsoring stores and be present at the next drawing to collect your winnings.

You will receive one ticket per each dollar purchase—up to a maximum of \$500.

The \$10 envelopes were the first to be handed out; they went to eight different people. Tom Johnson's name was on the first two tickets drawn; his wife claimed the winnings. Gary Ware, Marcheta Underwood and Billy Richardson each had their names drawn before the third envelope was given to Liz Stiles. Mary Miller claimed envelope number four. Tola Faye Meek was present, so her envelope went to Etie Morris. Janice Johnson was called to the pickup to roundout her's and her husband's winnings to \$30. J. T. Tidwell and Ed Riley were both present, but Gillette Whiteside missed out and envelope no. 9 went to Hoy Hunter. The final of the \$10 winners went to Darren Brown.

Five tickets were drawn before the four \$25 envelopes were handed out. Claiming their winnings were Charlotte Saucedo, Wesley Puryear, Judy Alley and Jim Garner. Justin Rose's name was drawn but he did come forward when the name was called.

The two \$50 envelopes went to Henry Bland and Jack Hays.

The big winner for the day was Connie Lambert; she will have \$100 "Wheeler Bucks" to spend during the Christmas season. Isabel Adonna and Robert David Howard were the first two tickets drawn for the \$100.

Lyndon Loyd took charge of the announcing for the drawing. The tickets were drawn by Danny Kenney. Marshall Andis made sure the pickup and hopper were in place and helped with the mixing. Jane Thomas was on at the scene to hand out the 'money'.

### Hospital Notes

#### Old Admissions

11-28 Susie Ivey

12-07 Ida Hendrick

#### New Admissions

12-09 Grace Pettit

12-14 Jarod Cole

12-15 Elgie Dearing

Glenn Markham

Lola Weems

Stephanie Dollar

Shawn Ruth

Ardith Thomas

#### Dismissals

12-07 Margaret Francis

12-09 Elgie Dearing

12-12 Ruby Keys

Otis Reid

12-13 Oscar Pitman

12-14 Velma Kinard

Jerod Cole

### Traditional Christmas Midnight Mass

A Tradition for Catholics down thru the centuries has been Midnight Mass. The Church is decorated with poinsettias and the Manger Scene without the Christ Child is in a prominent place in front of the church. After the half hour Vigil of Christmas Song and Scripture the Christ Child is brought up in procession by one of the children and placed in the manger scene. After a solemn incensation of the manger scene which has symbolic symbolically fulfilled the incarnation, or placing, of Christ in our Midst, the Midnight Christmas BEGINS with the Singing of the GLORIA which begins with "Glory to God in the Highest and peace to His people on Earth."

All those who wish to attend and participate are cordially invited. There will be a Vigil Mass earlier Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. in Wheeler at St. Mary's Church at 7th and Canadian. On Christmas Day, there will be a Christmas Mass Celebration at 11:00 a.m. in Wellington at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

Christmas Midnight Mass with the Vigil beginning at 11:30 p.m. (beating Santa Claus to the Punch!!) will be celebrated at St. Patrick's 500 S. Main Street, Shamrock, Texas.

Fr. Paul W. Sauerbier, CM

When the day of the drawing arrives, all of the tickets will be placed in a large container and the winners drawn. You MUST be present to win; however, husbands and wives may claim each other's prizes.

Anyone who shops in Wheeler will be eligible for the drawings. The following is a list of sponsors.

Albert's Shamrock, Ware Chevrolet, B.J.'s Wearhouse, Lee Hardware, L & F Repair, Frankenbery Texaco, Thriftway, Wheeler Flower Shop, Wheeler Co-op, Johnny's Shamrock, Ben Franklin, McIlhany Dry Goods, Burton Ford-Mercury, Inc., Wheeler Lumber Co., Blue Stamp Store, The Trading Post, Hyland's Pharmacy, Loyd's Radio and TV, Maxey's Steakhouse, Flowers N' Things and Gateley's Video Movie Rentals.

The following merchants and individuals are sponsoring the drawing but will not be giving drawing tickets: Wheeler Feed Yard, Sparlin's Baker Automotive, Shirt Shack, Beef Cattle Co., First National Bank of Wheeler, Production Credit Association, Hibler Implement, Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler Redi-Mix, Cross Car Center, Rives, Insurance, Wheeler Gas, Inc., Southwestern Public Service, R.C. Callan, Wheeler Vet Clinic, Dr. Larry Barbour, Dr. Louie Mendiola, Dr. Mike Smith, Wheeler TV System, Security Federal in Wheeler, First State Bank in Mobeetie, Donlyn's, Thomas Insurance, McCain Auto and Body Shop, Speedi-Mari, Wheeler Plumbing.

### VARSIITY BASKETBALL

#### Mustangettes Win Shamrock Tourney

The Wheeler Varsity teams participated in the Shamrock Invitational this past week-end, Dec. 12, 13 and 14th. The Mustangettes walked away with the championship again, having also won the Miami Tournament the week before.

In the first game they beat Clarendon 58 to 40. Marlo Hartman led the scoring with 24 points, Dee Ann Jolly had 18, Tammy Baker and Bridgett Wallace each had 5. Bridgett led with 9 rebounds, Marlo had 7, and Dee Ann had 5. In a close and exciting second game they beat Canadian 42 to 41. Dee Ann led the scoring with 18 points, Marlo had 16, Marlo led with 17 rebounds, Dee Ann had 10, Angela Presley had 6 and Kelli Sabbe had 5. In the final game they won 61 to 53 over Claude. Dee Ann was high point with 25, Marlo had 17, Bridgett had 8, and Tammy had 6. Bridgett led with 20 rebounds, Marlo had 16, Dee Ann and Angela each had 5.

We had three girls named to the All Tournament team; Marlo Hartman, Dee Ann Jolly and Tammy Baker. Congratulations!

The Mustangs in their first game of the year lost to Clarendon 45 to 58, Randall Hugg led the scoring with 12 points, Bubba Smith had 10, Charlie Miller and Drew Thomas each had 6. Bubba led with 8 rebounds, Rusty Ellisor had 7, Dale Hazel had 6,

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### REGULAR MEETING

#### Wheeler Council Accepts Repair Bids

Regular meeting of the City Council was opened by Mayor Louis C. Stas.

Berniece Hall motion to approve the minutes as written, Joe Montgomery second, motion carried.

Only one bid was received on Phase #2 of the Swimming Pool repairs namely: Wheeler Plumbing Company for \$4,532.96. Berniece Hall motion to accept bid of Wheeler Plumbing

### WHERE

#### DO YOU PARK?

Where do you park when you report to work. Consider your customers and/or the customers of your employer as well as those of the other businesses in Wheeler when you park your car for the time you will be working. Let's all make it a point to leave the best parking spaces for those individuals, who have come to town to spend the dollar.



**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY:** The children of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Fillingim invite all their relatives and friends to a reception on Sunday, December 22. The honorees will renew the vows taken on December 24, 1935 in Arnett, Okla., when Veal Rose became the bride of Leon Fillingim. The reception will be at the First United Methodist Church of

Wheeler at 2:00 in the afternoon. The Fillingims have made their home in Wheeler since January, 1960; they moved from the Briscoe Community. The couple raised six daughters and the family now includes eighteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The entire family plans to be present for the celebration and hope you will be able to join them.

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## Mobeetie Meditations

By Goldie Gordon

If we could make it Christmas  
For all the ones we love  
And help them find the special joys  
Their hearts are dreaming of  
If we could make it Christmas  
So the whole world would glow  
With the wonder and the beauty  
Of that day so long ago  
Then love would rule in every home  
And nothing would go wrong  
If we could make it Christmas  
In our hearts the whole year long!  
Merry Christmas to Louis and  
Patricia with love for their patience  
with me and Merry Christmas to all

the Dear people who read the Wheeler News.

### Ernest and Goldie Gordon DATES TO REMEMBER

Mobeetie will have their Christmas program on Sec. 19th, 7:00 P.M. in the gymnasium. After the program Santa will arrive so all you kids come!

### BAPTIST CHURCH

The evening service on Dec. 15th was a lovely hour of Christmas songs. In Fellowship Hall everyone enjoyed refreshments together. The young people sang carols as they delivered the Christmas trays.

### MOBEETIE METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Last Sunday evening, December 15, Steve and Cindy Venable hosted Christmas at the parsonage immediately following the Sunday night service. A meal of creamed chicken, beef stroganoff, baked potatoes, biscuits, and peach cobbler



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was served. Cindy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Griffin of Quitaque, assisted in the preparation and serving of the supper. Those present were Doug and Alene Corse, Pierce and Nettie Walker, Bill and Virginia Ridgway, Kay Ridgway, Todd Ridgway, Clara Ridgway, LaVerne Scribner, Gordon and Wanda Estes, Margaret Trout, Cecil and Laura Eubanks, Clinton and Maurita Stribling, Flora Mae Kelley, Marie Gudgel, Billy and Carolyn Buckingham, George and Barbara Harris.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Sunday evening, December 22, at 6:00 pm we will be having a special candle lighting service. Please come and be a part of this Christmas celebration.

### MOBEETIE MEDITATION

By Goldie Gordon

Happy Birthday to Doyle Grimes who celebrated his birthday on Friday 13th.

His wife gave him a 42 party. Those enjoying the party were Bill and Leatha Corcoran, Doug and Doris Whaley, Harold and Lessie Austin.

Mabel Tabor attended church in Elk City on Dec. 15th. She attended her granddaughter, Nicole Bailey's 4th birthday party.

Darren Grimes visited Ethel and Marion Grimes recently.

Drew and Beverly Godwin visited the Dec. 15th weekend with Bernice and Austin Caldwell. Drew visited Saturday with Jess and Gazelle Patterson.

Nancy and Wade, Lisa and Adam and friend, Billy from Pampa visited recently with Delmar and Lisa Newman.

Dear Friends,  
I wrote to much and back in bed. Please be patient at least three more weeks.

Goldie

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### BASKETBALL

#### GIRLS SAMNORWOOD TOURNAMENT DEC. 12, 13, & 14

Girls—Lost 67-58: played Samnorwood first round scores by quarters. Mobeetie 18 36 46 54 Samnorwood 11 29 45 67

Scorers were Densberger, 27; Shelia Moffett, 8; Amy Morris, 6; Diane Moffett, 6; Jamie Arganbright, 4; Tammy Harwell, 3.

2nd round—Won 58-56, played Hedley. Mobeetie 9 24 45 58 Hedley 8 25 36 56, by quarters.

Tina Densberger, 26; Amy Morris, 12; Daine Moffett, 8; Shelia Moffett, 6; Tammy Harwell, 3; Jamie Arganbright, 3.

3rd Round—Won 48-39: Consolation Championship. Mobeetie vs. Lefors. By quarters. Mobeetie 9 21 39 48 Lefors 14 24 35 39

Diane Moffett, 5; Tina Densberger 11; Amy Morris 8; Shelia Moffett 6; Tammy Harwell 6; Jamie Arganbright 2.

#### BOYS SAMNORWOOD TOURNAMENT DEC. 12, 13, 14

1st Round—Won 60-55. Mobeetie vs. Hedley by quarters. Mobeetie 10 31 43 60 Hedley 5 21 36 55

Scorers: Waylon Howard 16; Kent McLaughlin 13; Greg Langley 11; Stephen Batton 9; Ronny Vandever 8; Eugene Baxla 3.

2nd Round—Lost 76-48. Mobeetie vs. Samnorwood. Mobeetie 4 14 32 48 Samnorwood 27 53 66 76

Scorers: Waylon Howard 15; Kent McLaughlin 15; Stephen Batton 10; Ronny Vandever 4; Eugene Baxla 3; Greg Langley 1.

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## Ain't It the Truth

BY AB GUNTER

By the way I had durn near forgot about Mrs. Davenport's tamalies we used to get, I bet most of you had forgotten too. She and Mr. Davenport had a little place right next to where Terrell and Les Womack had the

3rd Round—Lost 67-51. Mobeetie vs. Wellington.

Mobeetie 17 25 38 51 Wellington 20 40 52 67

Scorers: Waylon Howard 15; Kent McLaughlin 13; Stephen Batton 12; Greg Langley 7; Ronny Vandever 4.

service station. That station was West of the City Drug, seems like Terrell and Les called it the G an W service er something like that. Anyhow Mrs. Davenport would sell you one dozen of them dandies for Two Bits (a Quarter to some of you younger ones) the tamalies were in Corn shucks and I could smell em a mile away. She must have taught the Mexican Folks how to make em.

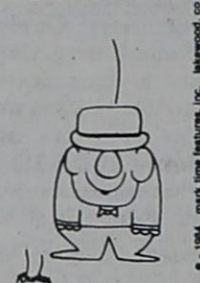
We got some new equipment in the house, yep we got a Mouse Trap that is Automatic and works twenty four hours a day. The daughter-in-law sort of loaned us a CCT Cat, cuddly, cute and tough. She gets on the table, under your feet and durn near everywhere you don't want her. Her name is Phoebe but you might as well call her Hey You or Scat cause she is more independent than my wife. When she wants outside she seems to be handy when the door is open. What a Cat, think were goin to like her though.

I been telling you we are nearly moved in, now I ain't said we are straightened up, I get to looking at some of this stuff and if I didn't know better I would say, Ode Christopher, Linda Hink and the Killingsworth all put their trash in the truck that hauled us here. We got things that no one can finger out any use for er how to hang em up.

I hear Mama calling so I guess I better go see what she wants me to do, she is trying to get ready for Christmas and feels like I ought to help a little, recon she's right but hate to do it.

See You Soon,  
Ab and Benita

## I Was a Four-letter Guy in High School.

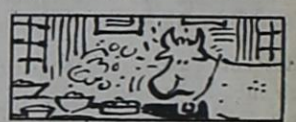


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List Price \$18,000.00  
Your Choice for only **\$15,750.00**
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- 12 lb. Turkey
- 1 can Cranberry Sauce
- 2 cans Green Beans
- 2 cans Sweet Potatoes
- 2 cans Sweet Corn
- 2 pkgs. Stuffing Mix
- 1 can Fruit Cocktail
- 2 cans Pumpkin Pie Mix
- 1 box Jello

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Sale Price **\$10,500.00**
  - 1983 Mercury Grand Marquis 4-Dr**  
302 V/8 with Automatic Overdrive Full Power & Air Conditioner, Light Charcoal Paint—36,265 One Owner Miles  
Sale Price **\$9,000.00**
  - 1983 Mercury Grand Marquis 2-Dr**  
Full Power & Air Conditioner, Silver Metallic Paint—44,749 One Owner Miles  
Sale Price **\$8,500.00**
  - 1982 Buick Electra Limited 4-Dr**  
Fully Loaded with 305 V/8 Engine, Silver Metallic Paint—41,749 One Owner Miles  
Sale Price **\$7,500.00**
  - 1982 Pontiac Bonneville 4-Door**  
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**Briscoe News**  
By Vetola Parker

If a child lives with shame He learns to feel guilty.  
If a child lives with tolerance He learns to be patient.  
If a child lives with encouragement He learns confidence.

Heard from my sister and family in McKinney, Texas they were flying to Calif., to have Christmas with their daughter Patsy Lain and children Dec. 20, coming back home 27th.

17,000 alcoholics in Amarillo T.V. said, how sad, that was according to statistics.

Tuesday morning, well it got here, ground covered with sleet, cloudy, wind out north 23 degrees in Amarillo, but 100 miles away.

Iolene Wilhelm had 22 degrees at 12 o'clock noon. It sure feels colder than that.

snow on top of our sleet, guess its slick.  
2 million have aids in America, T.V. says, that is frightening.  
Glen and Lucille Lester visited Mattie Jackson Friday.  
A icicle by my window I think is 3 ft. long.

Jessie Brown plays short back on the Bristow, Okla. Pirates football team, they beat Clinton 15 to 7. Bristow victory snapped the states longest winning streak at 22 games, extended the Pirates own winning streak to 12, and sent them into class 3A state finals Dec. 14, at Lewis Field in Stillwater against Vinita a 35 to 14 winner over Muldrow. Wondering if they won state, hope so. Jessie Brown is J.O. and Hoyle Helton's grandson, Martha's son.

Read in Verna news where Grady Dodd was to have surgery word came to me he had, had surgery and was doing all right. We sure wish for him a speedy recovery.  
Colie visited the J.O. Helton's

Friday night.  
R.L. and Rozena Zybach hosted a Birthday supper and party for Melody Goad and Joshua Purcell Thursday night. Ones there were: Clarence and Irene Zybach, Jim Goding, Royce and Deedy Zybach and Julia, Mac and Gaye Purcell, Lori, Joshua and April, Melody Goad, Shawn, Travis and Ja'Nae. The supper was a Mexican pile-on with ice cream and cake.

Joshua was 9, can't tell how old Melody was.

Last Sunday there was a tree decorating at Ardie Martin's. Ones there were: Dub and Ida Mae Goad, Fred and Kim Goad, Mika, Brit, Mike and Melody Goad, Shawn, Travis and Ja' Nea.

Essie Finsterwald was at home she was better Saturday. She goes back for a check up Monday. Some of her visitors were Doris Finsterwald, Mary Nell Finsterwald and son Andy, Effie Renfro, Ruby Zybach, we hope Essie continues to improve. Marie Wright was with Essie all week helping out. Don't see how we could do with out our kids and grandkids.

Roy and Willene Waters came home Wednesday to Briscoe home, she was feeling pretty good. They went to doctor for check-up Tuesday had to doctor for check-up Tuesday. Had to stay up there Tuesday night weather was so bad.

I try to put all the people names in paper I can. There are so many away that takes Wheeler paper wants to hear from Briscoe kids. Like the Cains and Paces in Calif. and Martha Helton so many, the kids use to be in Briscoe have moved out. Roy and Willene, Oden and Lois, Cliff and Dorothy not many left. I am sorry about that.

Zetha Daughtry came down took Colie and I to church. She wanted to see her Uncle George and Aunt Avis so we went down there after church. They talked us into staying for dinner. Others there were Kenneth and Bonita Hamon, Zeland and Charlene Rainey, Winston and Janette Rainy and Nathan, Les and Sharonda Semester, George and Avis. We got to see quite a few. After dinner we stopped at Bob and Marylu Markhams a little bit. Then by Claude and Mable's awhile.

Well I am happy to say Jessie Brown's football won first in State of Okla. at Stillwater, Okla. Dec. 14th, this was very nice.

Guess I had better say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year this week. Probably won't make it next week.

Irene had a U.M.W. Christmas Party last Wednesday night at her home there were 19 there. Ones there beside Irene were Winnie Kiker, Susie Lohberger, Suzanne Lohburger, Emma Rogers, Sharonda Semester, Charlene Rain's, Avis Parker, Carol Kiker, Kimberlee Kiker, Darena Begart, Juanita Fillingim, her mother Mrs. Boren, Janette Rainy, Donna Jo Nall, Arvil Lohburger, Edith Donaldson there were 2 visitors Doyle Johnson, and Mrs. Johnal.

Dan and Lou Trimble visited her parents Sunday, they had come in for Christmas, they hit that cold weather, others there were Richard and Bonnie Meadows and children, E.J. and Jay Meadows.

Becky Zybach and Nelda Dukes visited Raymond and Merdes Jones in Pampa after church Sunday.

Irene attended their club Christmas party at Evelyn Meek's home last Tuesday, 10th. She and Emma Rogers went together.

Mark and Annette Meek and children ate dinner Sunday with Evelyn Meek.

The Assembly of God Church had a Christmas program Sunday night, Mattie went, she said it was nice all the songs and program. Mattie talked to Millie and Birdie Lee recently.

Wanda Childress, Addie Swift and Shelly Hunt visited Mary Jane Dukes and children in Wheeler Sunday.

Pat Hudson took Mary Hudson and Mae Welch to Wheeler Friday to shop.

Mary went to church Sunday morning and night with Ray and Pat she was going to the Christmas program at Gageby Church Wednesday if she could.

Ray and Pat took Mary out to eat Sunday for her 85th birthday. I don't think Mary will care for me to say how young she is. After we get so old we are kinda proud we made it that far.

Talked to Mrs. Bill Miller Monday morning she was feeling read good.

Ralph and Juanita Markham went out to New Mexico to be with their children during Christmas.

Colie saw a new oil derrick shinning N.E. of us he went to it this morning

**MORE GAGEBY**

**Intended For Last Week**

Mary Hudson will be 85 on December 18, 1985. On December 8, a surprise birthday dinner in Mary's home was attended by Gertrude Dement of Childress, Mary Hudson of Clayton, New Mexico; Sharon Gatlin and Cindy Sweet of Borger; Minnie and Rusty Gatlin of Morse, Ray, Pat, Brady and Cheryl Hudson and the birthday girl, Mary.

Those who stopped by later for cake were Winnie & Julie Gilmer, Martha Meek and Shawn. Mary Hopes to have 15 more birthdays so she can be 100.

he said it was in S.W. corner of the Parmas land in east of Lee George house, about a mile north of where John D Glison house use to stand.  
Claud and Mable Parker's visitors Sunday were Kevin and June Shofield, Cliff and Dorothy Ogle, James Ogle.

Lou Dean Douthit visited her mother, Mrs. Lelan Luttrell, at the Wheeler Care Center last Wednesday evening.

Billie Stuckey and Lou Dean Douthit visited the Bob Kinnaman home on Saturday morning. Tressa Perry visited the Donald Stuckey's of Canadian this past weekend. Deb Kinnaman and family, Susie and Brandi Luttrell were lunch guests of the K.D. Douthits on Sunday.

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- Before hanging strings of lights, spread them on the floor and check for frayed or bare wires, cracked insulation, loose connections, and damaged plugs or light sockets.
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- Test lights before putting them on the tree. Unplug them before making repairs or replacing bulbs.
- Overloading circuits with too many lights can cause fire. Follow manufacturer's instructions about the number of lights allowed on one circuit.
- Choose a fresh, green tree, trim its base and keep it in plenty of water. If the needles are brown and break off easily, it could be a fire risk.
- If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it has been tested for flammability by Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Place your tree away from the fireplace or other heat sources and out of the traffic pattern.
- Never string lights on a metallic tree. Light strings with damaged insulation can electrically charge a metallic tree. Instead, shine unattached colored floodlights or spotlights on the tree.
- Always turn off lights before leaving home or going to bed. You'll save money and be safer, too.
- Never use lighted candles on a tree or near evergreens. And don't burn evergreens in the fireplace.
- Do not use inside lights on the outside. All outside lighting equipment, including lights, cords and plugs, should be waterproof and made for outdoor use. Also, hang sockets downward and don't leave a socket empty.
- When hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees outdoors, stay clear of electrical lines. Make sure you or your decorations don't come in contact with them.
- Should you receive a CB radio or television this Christmas, let a qualified serviceman install the CB base unit or television antenna for you. This delicate job is best left to the professionals.
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**Briscoe Extension Club**

Briscoe Extension Homemakers Club met November 5, in the Clubhouse, with 8 members and 3 guests. Members reviewed the gift suggestion list from Rosanna Cortez, she is the young lady who our club sponsors at Gristown in Whiteface, TX.

Marie Wright and Laura Underwood brought the program on Leadership, Cultural Arts and International understanding. Both received this information at the State Extension Homemakers Convention they attended in September at Longview, Texas.

Briscoe Extension Homemakers Nov. 19, in the clubhouse at Briscoe. Members voted to make two small pillows for knees and elbows for the Wheeler Care Center, and to have quilting as a money maker for 1986. Refreshments were served to 9 members and 1 visitor. Due to the holiday rush we only have one meeting during Dec. it will be 12-10 in the home of Evelyn Meek. Our next business meeting will be Jan. 7, at the club house for a bring your lunch and all day quilting.

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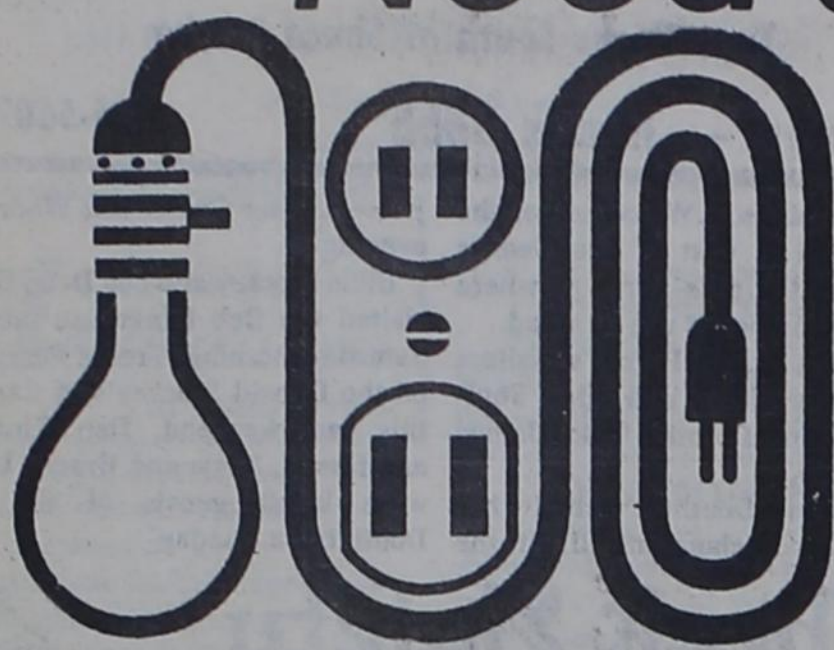
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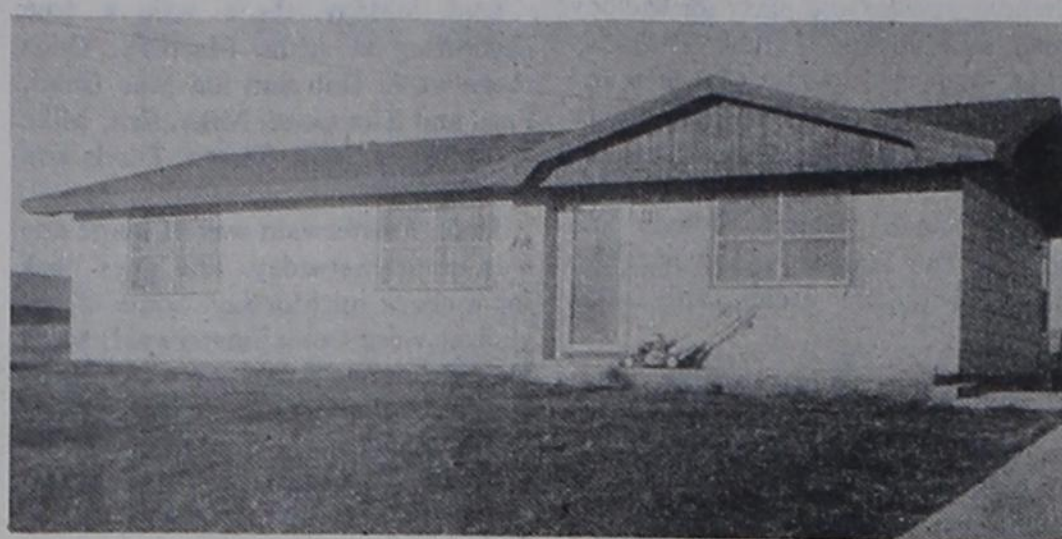
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- ✓ 1/4 section close to Allison, farm land
- ✓ 400 acres north of Twitty. Small home. **REDUCED** id. Part grass.
- ✓ 6 plus **REDUCED** bedroom home. Barn pens.
- ✓ 160 ac. in Hemphill County: Hwy. 83. Call Joe Lee.
- ✓ 1/4 section on Sweetwater Creek.
- ✓ 1/4 section with large home and barns. Good fences. Could assume loan.
- ✓ 1/2 section east of Wheeler. Owner has farmed 200 acres in past. Rest in grass.
- ✓ 1 section south of Wheeler. Owner will finance with 20% Down. Part farm land. Part grass.
- ✓ Mobile Home Park—23 Spaces; 7 Rental Trailers. Owner has moved.
- ✓ Two remodeled rent houses. One rented at present. Owner has moved and wants to sell!
- ✓ Motel—Sand and Sage. Owner finance and consider any trade.



## RESIDENTIAL . . .

- ✓ Country Living not too far from town, large country home and 234 acres of cross-fenced lovegrass.
- ✓ 3 Br., 1 bath, close to hospital; owner might finance. Good neighborhood.

- ✓ Recently remodeled two bedroom stucco home. Would make a great rent house.
- ✓ Two bedroom 1 bath and apartment w/ **SOLD** bath and washer/dryer hookups.
- ✓ Two bedroom home with garage for mechanic. Close to school. Could convert garage for another business or living area.
- ✓ 3 BR., 1 bath, garage, central heat and air. Immaculate.
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- ✓ 3 Bedroom, 3/4 bath, large yard, beautiful decorated.
- ✓ 3 Bedroom, 2 bath house, large lot, large metal shop building. Owner has been transferred and needs to sell quickly.
- ✓ Large older home. Four bedroom, two bath, many, many trees. Kitchen has many extras. Owner wants smaller home close to downtown.
- ✓ 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, well insulated, large yard, many extras.
- ✓ Remodeled house by Post Office. Has been doctor's office.
- ✓ 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, garage, barns, 30 acres, **Reduced** of Wheeler.
- ✓ 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, no down payment. **SOLD**. All finance for qualified buyer.
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- ✓ Four bedroom, two bath, brick home. Will sell for appraisal price set by qualified appraiser. Cellar, large garage and yard.
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**From Page 1**  
 Company. Bobby Vanpool second, motion carried.  
 Bill Owen reported on new regulations for dump grounds operation, also on progress of storage building. Mr. Owen reminded Council seal coating of streets should be thought about.

Richard Wallace presented receipts and disbursements and discussed same.

Council discussed multi connections for one meter deposit. Joe Montgomery motion to leave a rent house meter on and charge the owner a \$10.00 "leave on fee" plus the minimum bill. Bobby Vanpool second, vote was Joe Montgomery and Bobby Vanpool "Aye" Berniece Hall abstain from voting.

Lonnie Miller met with council to discuss law-enforcement for the City.

Greg Smith, John C. Vise and Michael Struve met with council to discuss bids on installation of fuel system at the airport. Joe Montgomery motion to accept bid of Willborn Brothers of Amarillo, Texas for fuel system equipment, excluding item 10 and 11 of bid. Berniece Hall second, motion carried.

Bobby Vanpool motion to give Airport Board permission to contract with Lloyd H. Collins Service of Clinton, Oklahoma for the installation of the fuel system at airport. Berniece Hall second, motion carried.

Joe Montgomery motion the meeting adjourn, Bobby Vanpool second, motion carried.

## EXTRA HANDLER SIGN-UP BROCHURES FOR THE TEXAS

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**BY DON KING**  
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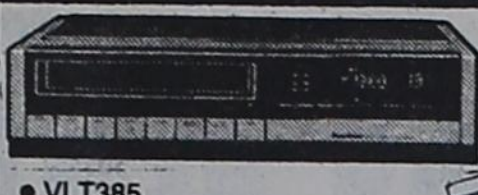
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DECEMBER 9, 1985

OL-Joe E Lee, etal to R Dale Harris Oil & Gas Properties, 10-4-85, Pt Sec 4 Blk RE

OL-Joe E Lee, etal to R Dale Harris Oil & Gas Properties, 10-4-85, Sec 5 Blk RE

EXT DT-Gerald Don Hefner, etux to First National Bank of Plainview, 12-3-85, NS0' Lot 2, LXVII, Sham.

ASSIGN-GHK Net Profits Pool Trust to Larry A Ray, etal, 11-20-85, W½ Sec 10, Camp Co School Land

RELEASE-Amarillo National Bank to Earl T Smith & Associates Inc, 12-4-85, Secs 25, 34, 35 Blk M-1

RELEASE-Amarillo National Bank to Earl T Smith & Associates Inc, 12-4-85, as above

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RDT-Amarillo National Bank to Earl T Smith, no date, See Instrument

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ASSIGN-OVERRID ROYALTY-Earl T Smith, etal to Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York Trustee, Secs 25, 34, 35 Blk M-1; 7 Camp Co; Sec 13 Blk RE

ASSIGN-Earl T Smith, etal to Flag Redfern Oil Company, etal, 9-1-85, Secs 25, 34, 35 Blk M-1; Sec 13 Blk RE, Sec 7 Camp Co School

DECEMBER 10, 1985

D-Elmer Harold Keller, etux to Robert E Burns, etal, 10-14-85, 40ac & 30ac NW Pt Sec 34 Blk 23

DT-Gadsco Inc to First National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City, 11-1-85, Secs 66, 74, 75 Blk A-5

AOL-TXO Production Corp to Apco-Finadel Joint Venture, 10-15-85, Pt Sec 49 Blk M-1; Pt Sec 4 Blk H J M Cooper

CERTIF OF MERGER-Amarex Energy Development Inc, etal to Temex Energy Inc, 12-4-85

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STIP OF INT-Kiowa Company, etal to Kiowa Company, etal, 12-4-85, Sec 1 D Tindale

DT-Amarex Private Drilling Program LTD 1978 to R G Mason, Trustee, 12-5-85, Sec 22 Blk A-7

DT-Temex Energy Inc to R G Mason, Trustee, etal, 12-5-85, See Instrument

DT-Temex Energy Inc to R G Mason, Trustee, no date, See Instrument

DT-Amarex Private Drilling Program Ltd 1978 to R G Mason, Trustee, no date, See Instrument

D-Amarillo Coca-Cola Bottling Company Inc to Dorothy J Gish, 11-6-85, W 83' Lots 6, 7 & W83' N3' Lot Blk 41, Shamrock

DT-Dorothy J Gish, etux to First Bank & Trust, Shamrock, 12-4-85, as above

AFF-City of Shamrock to Amarillo Coca-Cola Bottling Company Inc, 12-4-85, Pt Lots 5, 6, 7 Blk 41, Sham.

RDT-Lester E Pierce to Wayne Pierce, 11-18-85, Pt NW¼ Sec 38 Blk 17

RDT-First Bank & Trust to Bill Spillman, etal, 12-3-85, Pt NW¼ Sec 38 Blk 17

D-Bill Spillman, etal to Meridan Oil Inc, 12-2-85, Pt NW¼ Sec 38 Blk 17

AOL-Harken General Partnership 1980-1, etal to S Keith Tuthill, etal, 6-28-85, Pt Sec 1 Blk 2, B&B

A OF JUDG-General Motors Acceptance Corporation to Kenneth Campbell, etux, 12-5-85

MERGER AFF-Enserch Exploration Inc to Enserch Corporation, 10-30-85

ASSIGN-Enserch Corporation to EP Operating Company, 9-23-85, See Instrument

AOL-Bobby Simpson to Blake Oil Company, 11-30-85, PT NW¼ Sec 80 Blk 17

DECEMBER 11, 1985

AOL-Ki Edward Taylor, etux to Blake Oil Company, 11-27-85, Pt NW¼ Sec 80 Blk 17

D-First Bank & Trust, Shamrock to Ronnie Bailey, etal, 12-??-85, Lot 2 Blk LXX, Shamrock, Exc NS0'

D-Lawrence Lancaster to Daniel M McNeil, etux, 12-11-85, 111' x 5' Blk 6, Wheeler

D-Lawrence Lancaster to Albert Fancher, etux, 12-11-85, 111' x 75' Blk 6, Wheeler

DT-Albert A Fancher, etux to Lawrence Lancaster, 12-11-85, 111' x 75' Blk 6, Wheeler

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D-Jerry Rector to Delbert Rector,

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ASSIGN-Haber Oil Company Inc to James H Bardsdale III, 12-4-85, Secs 14, 26, 27, 34, 25 Blk A-3  
AOL-Damson 1983-84 Oil and Gas Income Fund Series 1984-4 to Damson Income Energy Limited Partnership, 11-20-85, See Instrument  
AOL-Damson 1983-84 Oil and Gas Income Fund Series 1984-1 to Damson Income Energy Limited Partnership, 11-20-85, See Instrument  
AOL-Damson 1983-84 Oil and Gas Income Fund Series 1984-3 to Damson Income Energy Limited Partnership, 11-20-85, See Instrument  
AOL-Damson 1983-84 Oil and Gas Income Fund Series 1984-3 to Damson Income Energy Limited Partnership, 11-20-85, See Instrument  
DECEMBER 13, 1985  
OL-Hiram Begert, etal to Vise Energy

Inc, 10-11-85, Lot 1 Blk 6, Allison  
RMML-First National Bank in Wheeler to James D Garner, etux, 12-11-85, 3ac NE¼ Sec 5, Certif 16/225  
D-Jerry Dan Hefley, etux to Nancy Watson, 9-22-85, Lot 5 Blk 1 Wheeler, Exc Mins  
DT-Jerry Dan Hefley, etux to First National Bank in Wheeler, 12-12-85, Pt NE¼ Sec 59 Blk A-8; Lots 6-9 Hefley; Lots 10-14 & 16-19, 22, Hefley No 2, Wheeler, Exc Mins  
DT-Steven O'Gorman, etux to First Bank & Trust, Shamrock, 12-10-85, NE¼ Sec 96 Blk 13  
RDT-Mellon Bank, NA to Transwestern Pipeline Company, 8-27-85, See Instrument  
SECURITY TERMINATION-Mellon Bank, NA to Transwestern Pipeline Company, 8-27-85, See Instrument  
RESIGNATION SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE-Peter A MacQueen to

Texas American Bank, Fort Worth, 12-5-85  
DESIGNATION SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE-Texas American Bank, Fort Worth to Greg Meyer, 12-5-85  
APPT SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE-First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Childress to David McCoy, 12-12-85, Lot sl-6, 10-12, Blk 12, Wheeler  
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To the Editor  
The Wheeler Times

Dear Editor,

Want to thank the person who wrote the letter to Wheeler Times, I do agree 100%, parents should teach their children no to talk to strangers. Nov. 26th, 1985 about 8 A.M. I parked in front of the Senior Citizens building was to work on a piano for them. I had to walk across the street to pick up a key at the apartment just across from the children which you failed to mention. Also another apartment second door from the children not mentioned, I wondered why the children were there so they told me they were waiting on the Bus, also there were a bunch of dogs there. The dogs did not bother me there until I crossed the street in front of the apartment. Then came all the dogs, your dog did bite me, one of the children came running over and tried to stop them. Also the same dog tried to bite another person, I understand Lady at the apartment that gave me the key.

I went back to Senior Citizens building and from the Sheriff Office one block south reported the dog had bit me and asked for the dog to be picked up. The lady at the desk called city hall and they said they would take care of it. I went from there to Dr. Galutia Office, took shots, went back to work and later was informed the dog was not picked up. In the evening I went back to the Sheriff's office.

I understand the dog had been put in a building near City barn. I went there and did not find it. This is a serious matter. Dec. 2nd, I went to City Hall, city manager said he would see what happened then I went to see the owner of the dog. We did talk. She did show me the dog. It looked alright. Did agree not to have the animal removed. I told her I would be back on Dec. 5th, which would be 10 days, it was alright. I could have had to take rabbi shots as to the way it was handled, I understand there is a law that the animal should have been picked up also understood owner refused to let them have it. Past 10 years I have seen hundreds of children out in streets in Wheeler and Shamrock have help many of them from being dog bit or run over, as a parent I believe I should watch after my children and keep my dog in its proper place. Some parents seem to let dogs watch after them, Wheeler and Shamrock are very careless on city ordinance.

It is the same thing here in Parkview Hospital, the Mayor, City Council have failed to create an ordinance that would stop the filthy smoking there. That is your Great Society. Why do we keep risking lives, both Drs. sick, knowing cigarette Smoke-Tobacco. Kills same as a Rabid Dog.

It is not safe for any one to walk across the street, whether you are one year old or a 100, every one has a right to speak out. There was no approach as you indicated I had a job to do and will continue doing. I will continue reporting Smoking in Parkview Hospital, designated area also.

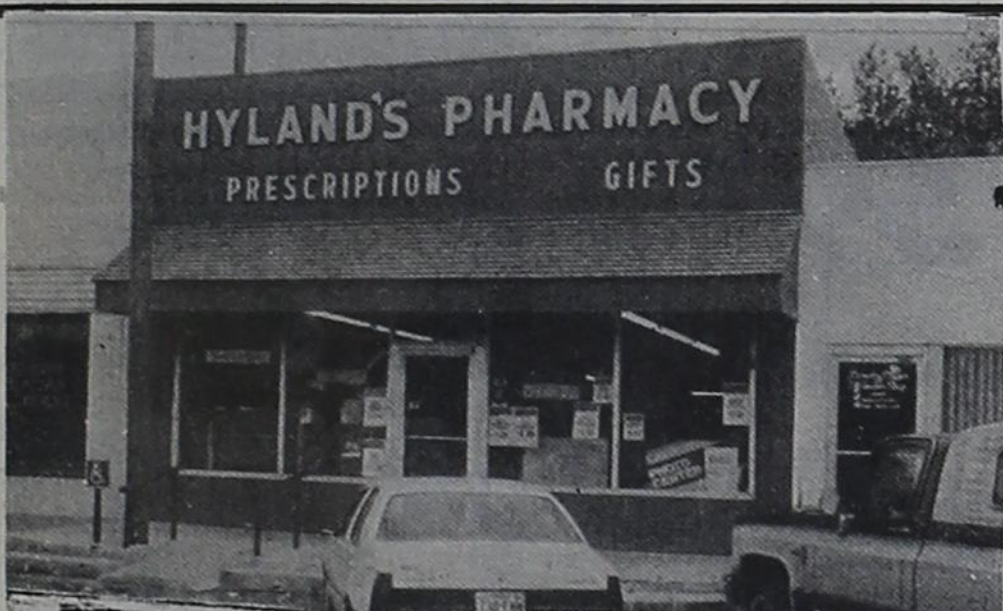
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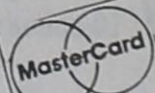
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We had some very exciting games between Briscoe and Allison Junior High teams Monday night. Both games were very close until last few seconds. Briscoe girls won 22 to 16. Briscoe boys won 42 to 38. They all played really well. Good to see so many Allison and Briscoe people present.

There have been some out with flu and chicken pox from school. Jessica Mayfield, Amanda Shields and Donnie Bell have chicken pox. Amanda has been visiting Teresa Powledge while Patti works. Melody Ratliff has felt poorly and visited us three days, but slept all day!

Nice to have Dallas and Lindsey and David and Rita as supper guests Thursday night to celebrate Dallas' 12th birthday on December 11, and Lindsey's 9th birthday December 12.

If you need firewood, call Billy Harden, 375-2237.

Lindsey Fillingim has some black and white puppies she'd like to share. They are ready to go and would make a good Christmas present. Who will be first?

Briscoe Basketball game Friday night has been changed to be at Samnorwood Dec. 20, at 7:00 p.m. McLean plays at Briscoe Dec. 28, at 6:30.

Leon and Vea Fillingim will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. Everyone invited to hear them renew their vows. They are expecting all their girls and families

**Court Records** From Page 5  
12-12-85, N½ Lot 8, all 9 Blk 31, Shamrock  
APPT SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE-First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Childress to David McCoy, 12-12-85, 30.96ac SE¼ Sec 51 Blk 17, Exc Mins  
DISTRICT CLERKS FILINGS FOR THE SAME WEEK  
#8666 James Albert Calderon VS Janell Elaine Calderon-Divorce  
#8667 Writ of Habeas Corpus  
#8668 Mabel Tabor VS George Reeves-Damages

home. Will be good to see them all. Happy Birthday to Joe Lackey and Martha Meek on December 22, Debbie Stinnett on December 25, Chris Fillingim and Mathew Taylor on December 28.

Briscoe School Christmas Program is Thursday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m. School will turn out Dec. 20 for Christmas Holidays and take back up Thursday, January 2, 1986.

Merry Christmas to all you wonderful people! And God bless you everyone! If you don't get a card from us it is not that we don't care. I'm just slow!

There was a party at the David Pearson home Friday night 13th, to celebrate Dallas Fillingim's 12th birthday. Most of the 5th and 6th grade students were there and included Rheann Watson, Tim Watson, Shawn Hunt, Kevin Shields, Niki Scott, Tressa Perry, Kelley Thompson, Jimmy Nelson, Danny Nelson,

Travis Goad, Boyce Crownover, Jody Powledge, Joe Bob Kinnaman, Dallas Fillingim. The boys stayed for a "Slumberparty." They watched V.C.R. movies and had chips and dips, cake and ice cream. Vickey and Keri Nelson and Lindsey were there for awhile, then Lindsey spent the night with Keri.

Thursday after school Lindsey Fillingim had a birthday party at school. Those present were Joshua Purcell, Sara Powledge, Rheann Watson, Waylon Walker, Jimmy, Danny and Keri Nelson, Jenny Van Vranken, Jason Mayfield, Scotty Smith, Dallas Fillingim, William and Brad Foley, Cory Kinnaman, Jamie Trimble, Shelley Hunt, and Lindsey Fillingim. They played games and had cupcakes and punch.

Friends of Cornelia Fillingim Lehman will be sorry to hear that her husband, Bob, passed away in Min-

nesota Friday morning. Sorry none of us can go with her and family.

Rita Pearson visited her mother, Mrs. Lee Lackey in Shamrock Friday.

Joe Beth Bates entertained the cheerleaders at her home Sunday afternoon with food and movies. Those present were Leslie Meadows, Julie Gilmer, Lisa Hickman, Christina and Shellie Ogle, Tonya Lehman, Mandy Ferguson and Lori Purcell. They exchanged gifts and watched "A Miracle on 34th Street" and had spaghetti and snacks.

We enjoyed having several young folk for lunch Sunday and to sack treats and visit. Those present were Jeffrey Thompson, Cheryl Hudson,

**Lines from Linda**  
Linda Doughtry, CEA (Home Economics)

**STABILITY IMPORTANT DURING HOLIDAY TIME**

For children, holidays can be a joyful time filled with fun and learning experiences. They can also be tension-filled, unhappy times. For children to receive the most enjoyment, the festivities need to be a controlled and slightly subdued.

Young children need a stable schedule. Mealtime, naps, and bedtime should change as little as possible. If parents have last minute afternoon and evening shopping, the children need to be left at home with a familiar person so their routine will remain consistent.

The sparkling lights and tree ornaments present a great temptation. Since there is a real danger to both the child and the decorations, try this compromise. Declare that the big tree is to be enjoyed with the eyes but not with the hands.

At the same time, provide the child with a small sturdy tree that can be touched at will. Work with the child to make handmade paper ornaments to decorate the children's tree. The pleasure of creating together may well be the highlight of the holiday season. Let the child choose the location and then with great fanfare and laughter celebrate the tree trimming.

Too many gifts confuse the young child. Keep this in mind when making your shopping lists. A few age-appropriate gifts are best.

Children need practice in learning to give. Baking cookies together and then having children deliver them as presents to the neighbors can begin to teach the pleasure of giving.

Very small children have difficulty understanding time concepts. If possible, minimize preparations until a few days before the holiday. Children who have been counting as month, day by day, will be frantic when the last day finally arrives.

Too much build up of expectation can ensure feelings of letdown for adults as well as children. Talk more about the meaning of Christmas and less about the gifts and special parties.

**Wheeler Senior Citizens Dec. Meeting**

BY Helen Sabbe  
The Wheeler Senior Citizens met Monday night, Dec. 16th, for a covered dish supper. Claudy Brotherton lead the singing of the birthday song to Elva Wood, Harold Nash, Doris Hays. Jack Hays gave the blessings. Elva Wood baked the birthday cake.

After the delicious meal the president, Mary Finsterwald, called the meeting to order. Elva Wood read the minutes of the last meeting. The old business was the new storm door and was installed by Jack Hays, Eli Sabbe. The water pipes froze and Eli Sabbe, Jack Hays and Laurence Lancaster did the plumbing. Elva Wood and Helen Sabbe swapped the sweeper for a lighter one and much easier to use. The new business was the election of new officers. Pres. Helen Sabbe, Vice Pres. Doris Hays, Sec.-Treas. Elva Wood, Reporter Hestall Killingsworth. The club gave the out going president, Mary Finsterwald a gift of appreciation. Jack Hays gave the devotion. The meeting adjourned. Dominoes and 88 were played.

The building was decorated with the Christmas theme. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Claudy Brotherton, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hays, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shumate, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brazeal, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Sabbe, Harold Nash, Pet Sims, Fannie Mae Bradstreet, Leon Fillingim, Iona May, Mary Finsterwald, Laurence Lancaster, Rozena Horn, Elva Wood, Jewell Holloman, Hestell Killingsworth and one guest, Frances Hefley. Mrs. Gena Mendiola sent a big bowl of delicious fruit salad and a beautiful Christmas card. We really do thank her for thinking about the senior citizens.

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Lisa Hickman, Brady Hudson, Eldon Van Hooser, Frank Hickman, Shawn Everett, Billy Harden, Julie Gilmer, Tonya Gilmer.

Nice surprise to have Lilly Sumpter and Quinton Moore visit us Sunday for supper and church. They are in the army stationed at Savannah, Georgia near the coast.

Briscoe boys and girls were in the Basketball tournament at Higgins over the weekend. Girls won consolation.

Tom and Alice Bell Helton went to

Sayre Saturday and had lunch with Joe Paul and Joyce Smith. They visited Choice Scott at Mobeetie recently.

Sunday dinner guests at Evelyn Meeks were Mark and Annette and Kaleb and Jocelyn, Gaye Hale and Elizabeth, David and Sarah, Boyce Crownover, Mike and Brenda Johnson and Amanda and Allison.

A group of ladies went to the Abraham Home Thursday in Canadian and sang Christmas songs for and with the residents and all had a great time. Those going were Evelyn Meek, Karen Meek, Lois Meadows, Peggy Thompson, Martha Meek, Willa Fillingim and Pat Hudson.

Ray and Pat Hudson took Mary Hudson out to eat at Maxey's Sunday.

Jodie, Londa and Teri Crownover spent Sunday with E.G. and Willa Fillingim. Boyce went with David Hale.

Briscoe Home Demonstration Club met at Evelyn Meek's Tuesday for their Christmas Party. They had a nice program with Martha Meek in charge. Secret pals were revealed and gifts given and refreshments served. Others who braved the icy roads and cold to go were Marie Wright, Linda Doughtry, Katie Finsterwald, Emma Rogers, Irene Zybach, Patricia Hudson.

Weekend visitors to Walter and Patricia Hand and Monty were Mike and Brenda Castle and Michelle and Angie of Shannon, Texas. Brenda is still working for Natural Gas and Mike is hauling gravel. Monty Hand visited the David Gilmer family Saturday night.

Harold and Lessie Austin visited Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Grimes west of Mobeetie Friday night.

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## Drinking, Speeding Leading Causes of Holiday Accidents

"Not only will numerous lives be lost in Texas during this New Year holiday but hundreds of others will be injured, some crippled for life", stated Major V.J. Cawthon, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Many people lost their lives last New Years holiday and the two major violations that caused these traffic deaths were speed and the drinking driver. "Most people think they can drink several beers and still be a safe driver, but even a couple of beers slows a persons ability to think and to react, which in many cases leads to tragedies", Major Cawthon said.

holidays without a single fatality, so we will be utilizing all available manpower to watch for traffic violations," Major said. Speed and driving under the influence of alcohol will be the leading holiday killers that will be targeted by our troopers. "We will not only be working the major highways, but the lesser traveled roads also, to try and prevent these accidents", he stated.

About 26,000 people are killed by the drinking driver in the United States each year, almost 70 people every day. "For people up to age 35, the number one cause of death is the traffic accident and at least 55% of these are caused by the drinking

driver", Major Cawthon stated. If each group would designate one person to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages so they could drive, many of these deaths would be prevented.

### WHEELER PUBLIC LIBRARY NEW BOOKS

We have several new books that people have requested Home Study Course for Civil Service Jobs, a Book on Antique Cars and several others.

The Wed. Study Club was kind enough to lend the records they have kept on their club, pictures, scrap book. We welcome anyone interested in them to come look them over.

We now have a copy machine. It was donated to us by Lawyer Jim Fling. We have been without one for over a year. We invite you to come make use of it. There will be a small charge.

This week I am sending out over-due cards if by Jan. 1, 1986, the library has not been contacted your name will be put in the paper. If it is our mistake we will be glad to correct it. We accept the fine, pay for the book or Donate a book that is of equal value. If your books are placed in the night depository please come in and take care of your fine. We are here to serve you.

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## Some Poetry...

### OUR COOKS BY MARIE FULKES

When you talk of our good cooks  
All bossed by Donna Green  
You feel all comfortable inside  
To think of a fine cuisine.

Mr. Miller, an ex-army chef  
A gourmet cook is he.  
He rules the kitchen mostly at night,  
Makes a bowl of soup for me.

They all work well and very good  
With cheese and chops and pumpkin pie,  
They pile out plates; I'm very sad  
I cannot pass it by.

So fat I am, and fat I'll be,  
As days are speeding on  
The nurses will be telling me  
I've managed things all wrong.

### A LITTLE TRIBUTE BY MARIE FULKES

Beulah was a sweet roommate  
She sang in voice so light  
The sound so sweet it made me cry.  
Especially late at night

Job. 35:10 Could be her Verse  
God gives a song in the night  
Her songs: "Bringing In The Sheaves" and "Stepping in the Light"

She now dwells in Mansions fair  
Where there's Eternal day  
I praise the Lord that I knew her.  
She lived the Christian way.

### CARE CENTER BY MARIE FULKES

Here in Care Center in Wheeler  
Where we're trying to make things go.  
The Nurse's Aides are Jewels  
I have often told you so.

A good nurse, is Bambi Griffin  
She is never nervous.  
The answer is her faith in Christ  
She gives us Christian Service.

Lisa Watson is so lovely  
Just a little Beauty  
She is not strong enough,  
But tries to do her duty!

Mary Ramos is tall and straight  
She has a queenly poise,  
She serenely goes about  
In all this fuss and noise.

When I am feeling lonely  
With self-pity, pain and sick  
I've found Pat Lewis can soothe me.  
With her very gentle touch.

Janine Debose is a great person  
She comforts without end,  
But I think her best ability  
Is to be a kind dear friend.

Shirley Carter is brave  
I admire her more each day  
So little, yet she does the work of  
much larger ones, their way.

Debbie Foley, is very nice  
Attractive is the word,  
All here like her nursing  
She's competent, I have heard.



Happy Birthday  
Big Mama

## Mrs. Harriett Davis Named To Direct Wheeler County Spelling Bee

Mrs. Harriett Davis, wife of Jim Davis, president of the First Bank and Trust of Shamrock has been named by the Amarillo Globe-News and West Texas State University, Canyon, to direct the Wheeler County Spelling Bee.

The Amarillo newspaper and WTSU are sponsoring the National Spelling Bee for the 38th year for students in all public and parochial schools.

Rules state that no student who will be older than 16 by the end of the current school term of in a grade higher than the 8th may participate, beginning at the school level.

Directors choose dates for their respective county eliminations and are requested to report the best speller(s) in the county to the Amarillo Globe-News by March 29. Winners from 46 counties will meet on the WTSU campus on April 26 and name the 1986 district champion. This student will represent the area in the National Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Scripps Howard Newspapers, in Washington, D.C., during the last week of May.

All expenses for the 1986 area champ and one parent will be provided.

### Basketball

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Randall and Robert Andis each had 5. In the second game they lost to Canadian 33 to 42, Randall again led

ed by the Amarillo Globe-News.

Gene Parker, director of placement, WTSU, serves as bee coordinator.

"We've worked with this program for 10 years and believe it serves to further our efforts in education. The young people who come to our campus as county finalists are outstanding and we encourage all schools in our four-state area to participate," Parker said. "The benefits are great."

The booklet, "Words of the Champions", containing more than 3,000 total words -- an increase of 500 new words from 1985 -- is used in most schools and county bees. The booklet, priced at 50 cents each, is available from Jeane Bartlett, Spelling Bee Editor, Amarillo Globe-News, Box 2091, Amarillo, Texas 79166.

Interested students and school officials are encouraged to contact either Parker or Mrs. Bartlett for additional information.

A Junior Bee for young students, grades six and under, will also be conducted in each county at the discretion of the directors. All county junior winners will be special guests of the sponsors on April 26, in Canyon. Each will be given a trophy.

the boys with 9 points, Bubba had 8, Rusty, Lee McCasland, Charlie and Drew all had 4. Drew led with 5 rebounds, Bubba and Robert each had 4.

### WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1985-1986

DATE	DAY	TEAM	PLACE	TIME	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Nov. 19	Tues.	Wellington	H	6:00	xx		xx	
Nov. 23	Sat.	Booker	H	6:00	xx		xx	
Nov. 25	Mon.	Wellington	T	6:30	xx		xx	
Dec. 3	Tues.	Follett	T	6:30	xx		xx	
Dec. 5, 6, 7		Miami Tournament		TBA			xx	
Dec. 10	Tues.	Kelton	T	7:00			xx	xx
Dec. 12, 13, 14		Shamrock Tournament		TBA			xx	xx
Dec. 17	Tues.	Miami	T	5:00	xx		xx	xx
Dec. 20	Fri.	Mobeetie	T	7:00			xx	xx
Dec. 28	Sat.	Borger	H	4:00	xx		xx	
Dec. 30	Mon.	Booker	T	6:30		xx	xx	xx
Jan. 2, 3, 4		Wheeler Tournament		TBA			xx	xx
Jan. 7	Tues.	Briscoe-Canadian JV	H	4:00	xx	xx	xx	xx
Jan. 10	Fri.	River Road	H	6:00	xx		xx	
Jan. 13	Mon.	Samnorwood	H	7:00			xx	xx
Jan. 16, 17, 18		Booker JV Tournament		TBA	xx	xx		
Jan. 17	Fri.	Allison	H	5:00	xx		xx	xx
Jan. 21	Tues.	Samnorwood	T	7:00			xx	xx
Jan. 24	Fri.	Kelton	H	7:00			xx	xx
Jan. 28	Tues.	Mobeetie-Canadian JV	H	4:00	xx	xx	xx	xx
Jan. 30		Shamrock JV Tournament		TBA	xx	xx		
Jan. 31	Fri.	Briscoe	T	7:00			xx	xx
Feb. 4	Tues.	Miami	H	5:00	xx		xx	xx
Feb. 6, 7, 8		White Deer JV Tournament		TBA	xx	xx		
Feb. 7	Fri.	Allison	T	5:00	xx		xx	xx

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## TEXAS GARDENER TIPS

### Native Texas Plants Produce Brilliant Dyes

Many of the native plants you'll see this fall and winter can do more than add beauty to the landscape—they can be the source of excellent natural dyes.

With a few samples of undyed wool yarn, you can create your own rainbow tapestry with dyes from the wild. Dyes can be extracted from many flowers, fruits, leaves, roots and barks. Plants which provide dye materials in the fall include broomweed, which produces a rich gold dye; Maximilian sunflowers that yield a soft green from the roots and a strong yellow from the blooms; and soapberries, which produce a bright yellow. Another good yellow dye can be extracted from the stems of the dodder, a parasitic vine that feeds off the plant it covers.

Plants on public lands are protected by law, but it's not hard to find neighbors or landowners who

will let you take samples from plants.



It's difficult to estimate exactly how much plant material you need, but you'll find a little goes a long way. A good rule of thumb is to collect two to three times as much plant material as wool you intend to use. For most weaving projects, you'll only need a few ounces of wool in each color and, therefore, need only a few ounces of each dye plant.

An excellent method of dyeing is through a simple solar process. Chop or cut all the plants into tiny pieces and place in glass jars. Then, fill the jar with water and set it out in the sunlight. In a few days, the water will begin to become colored

and you have a dye bath.

Before dyeing your wool, it must be treated with a mordant, which is a chemical or metallic salt that assists the wool in accepting the dye. Once the wool is treated, you can add a skein to the dye jar. You can either leave the plant materials in the jar (wrapping them in cheesecloth if you do) or remove them when the dye water is the color you want it to be.

Add enough water to fully cover the wool and plants. With most plants, two to seven days will produce a nice color. Keep a tight lid on the jar during the dyeing process. When completed, rinse the wool in warm soapy water, rinse and hang it in the shade to dry.

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### National Honor Society Induction

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. Chapters exist in three-fourths of the nation's high schools and, since 1921, millions of students have been selected for membership. Thousands of dollars in scholarships have been awarded to

senior members since 1945 by the sponsoring organization, the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Two students from Kelton High School were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society in an evening ceremony at the high school Monday, November 5.

### \$8 Million Dollars In Project Self-Sufficiency

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Samuel R. Pierce, Jr., recently announced a pilot demonstration award to Panhandle Community Services for a program called "Project Self-Sufficiency".

The Project Self-Sufficiency demonstration is a coordinated approach to breaking the poverty/dependency cycle among low income single parents. The program focuses on the

special needs of low income families by involving the cooperative efforts of local governments and local public and private resources.

Johnny Raymond, Executive Director of Panhandle Community Services, indicated that Project Self-Sufficiency combines housing assistance, which HUD allocates to the communities, with child care, personal and career counseling, transportation, basic education, job training and placement provided by local public/private partnerships. Mr. Raymond also indicated, "that the application for the project had been co-sponsored by the County Judges serving in the Texas Panhandle. Their collective support and commitment to the program's goals had a great deal to do with the selection of Panhandle Community Services for the pilot project".

The \$8 million dollar budget authority from HUD to the housing department of Panhandle Community Services, is to provide decent and affordable housing that will offer stable living conditions for the selected participants. HUD's stated purpose is an attempt for the local agency to leverage these monies for the overall program goals that involve far more than just housing.

There were more than 2,000 applications submitted for the grant; from that number 108 sites were selected for participation from across the nation. The largest single award in the nation was made to Panhandle Community Services. The agency serves the 26-counties of the Panhandle and will make a concerted effort over the next few months to solicit applications from motivated, single parents with dependent children who are interested in achieving Self-Sufficiency.



**IN RECOGNITION:** County Judge Wendell Morgan is shown here being presented a Certificate of Participation in the Project Self-Sufficiency Demonstration. Presenting the award are Louise Young, (left) Housing Department of Panhandle Community Services, and Tessie Burba, Coordinator of Wellington Center of Panhandle Community Services. The declaration reads: "In recognition of your initiative and commitment to implement a comprehensive program of services to enable single parents

with young children to become economically self-sufficient, we are pleased to include your Project Self-Sufficiency Program in this national demonstration. It is my belief that through this demonstration, which combines Federal housing assistance with a locally designed and administered program of support services, very low-income single parent families will be able to achieve economic independence and share equally in America's future."

### FIRE

From Page 1

The trailer provided a home for Ronnie and Judy Alley, their three young children and Judy's brother, Mike Hinton. The children and their clothing sizes are: Ronnie, age 7, wears size 7 in clothing and 13 1/2 in shoes; Little Mike, age 5, wears 5 or 6 slim and 8 or 9 in shoes, and Amanda, age 2, wears size 3 and a medium shoe. Judy takes size 7 pants, medium tops and size 7 1/2 shoe. Ronnie wears medium shirts and 31-34 pants. Mike wears medium shirts, 32-36 pants and 10 or 11 shoes. The family is presently staying with Ron and Joyce Thorton.

The exact cause of the fire could not be determined; wiring is suspected. Little Mike reportedly woke-up thirty—he was sleeping on a pallet on the floor in the living room; this is where the fire is believed to have started. The couple and the children escaped the house and then realized that Mike Hinton was still in the trailer. Ronnie broke a window to make the rescue.

### WARNING:

Lots of people have their Christmas trees and other decoration in place and they look very pretty. BUT, please turn them off and/or put them out before going to bed.

The Wheeler Fire Department was called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Lovell on Commanche Street at 3:46 a.m. Tuesday morning. Becky Lovell had turned the Christmas tree lights off, and thought she had extinguished all the candles, but one was missed. A candle near a window caught the curtains on fire and filled the house with smoke. The smoke woke Becky and the damage was kept to a minimum.

Fire Chief Daryl Snelgrooves reported the fire was out by the time the firemen arrived; the men worked to help clear the house of smoke. Damage was estimated to be around \$600.

### Highway Patrol Says, "BUCKLE UP"

"Christmas is a joyous time of the year, many families only get together once a year, so Christmas is a very special time for them", stated Major V.J. Cawthon, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"For some, their joy will be shattered by a traffic accident", he stated. Last year over 40 people lost their lives in traffic accidents during the Christmas holidays, and 25 of these were under 26 years of age.

Almost 98% of those killed last year were not wearing a seat belt. "Parents and other responsible persons need to set a better example and teach their children that safety restraints will help them to survive a crash", he said. "It only takes two or three seconds to buckle a seat belt, but those seconds could be the difference between joy and sadness at Christmas", Major Cawthon stated.

"Our troopers will be away from their families, working the highways trying to make them safe for all people to travel, and the public sure could help by observing all traffic laws and buckling up for safety during the holidays", Major Cawthon suggested.

### Speaking Program Builds Communications

The 4-H public speaking program can help youth become better communicators and can open many avenues for them to develop into better leaders and citizens.

Public speaking can help 4-H'ers develop skills that they can use now and in later life.

Objectives of the 4-H public speaking program include the following:

1. Recognize the need for obtaining pertinent information on a given topic.
2. Learn about organization of materials to be presented in a speech.
3. Develop a pleasing personal appearance before an audience.
4. Acquire the ability to speak convincingly in public.

The public speaking program can be especially helpful to 4-H'ers in their school programs and activities, in community service programs and activities, and in "spreading the word" about 4-H.

Those who excel in public speaking can qualify for several awards provided by the Union Oil Company of California. These include an expense-paid trip to National 4-H congress for one member per state and six \$1,000 scholarships at the national level.

4-H is the youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and focuses on the needs, interests, and concerns of boys and girls between 9 and 19 years of age, regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, handicap, religion, or national origin.

Youth interested in finding out more about the 4-H public speaking program or other 4-H programs and activities can contact the county Extension office at 826-5243, or write Linda Daughtry, County Extension Agent, Box 505, Wheeler, Texas 79096.

### Here & There

#### LAURA GUTHRIE

I think I heard the tinkle of Sleigh Bells early this week. The Spirit of Christmas is making its way around the village. There's parties for S.S. classes, for youngsters, for people at the Care Center, and individual, a flitting to neighborhood doors delivering spicy smelling loaves of bread and yeasty rolls. Certainly Christmas is approaching.

Mona Guinn drove over to Walters, Oklahoma on Monday so as to attend a Sunday School class party. She lived in Walters about a year. She had fun at the party, their "secret sisters" were revealed and she spent the night with friends.

Dorothy and Adrian drove to Okla. City on Friday night and spent the weekend with their children, Darla and Punk Childress and grandchildren Wade and Kari.

On Tuesday Dorothy and Adrian drove to Amarillo so that Adrian

could 'spend the day' in the dentist's office. Ouch!

Frankie Rogers came up from Houston to attend the anniversary party for his parents, Irene and Lewis Rogers. He returned via Amarillo and air on Tuesday. His parents took him to Amarillo.

My Steve has had a holiday but he is returning to his job in San Angelo. I'll miss him.

E.C. Baird in his definition of "The Christmas Spirit" said, "In a thousand ways I cause the weary world to look up into the face of God, and for a little moment forget the things that are small and wretched."

#### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

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Mr. and Mrs. David Bradstreet and Mrs. Carolyn Staggs wish to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, David Russell, and Carol Marie on this special day they've chosen December 27, 1985, at the United Methodist Church in Wheeler, Texas.



Sheryl Estes, left, of Mobeetle and Kellye Richardson hope to defend the Diamonds' national championship. (Photo by Canyon News)

### CANYON COACHES DOUBLE AS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

(Editor's Note: This article was taken from the Canyon News on December 8, 1985.)

By Joe Wyatt, Sports Editor

The Panhandle of Texas has produced some fine women basketball players over the years. But how good?

Well, until last year it was pretty hard to compare West Texas' lady roundballers with the rest of the country. Sure, the Panhandle has some fine college-level teams, but in most cases, the squads are not entirely made up of Texans. Last year a comparison became possible, however, as the Amarillo Diamonds won the National AAU Women's City League Championship.

The Diamonds, a team of women in their early 20s that competes in the Amarillo City League, is made up mainly of Canyon residents. And two of the Diamonds are coaches at Canyon High School.

Sheryl Estes and Kellye Richardson assist with the Canyon girls basketball program. Sheryl is the junior varsity coach and Kellye is coach of the sophomore squad.

Along with several other Canyon women, an Amarillo resident and one gal from each of Stratford and Dumas, Kellye and Sheryl take to the court each Wednesday evening to try to repeat as national champs. Reaching that goal the first time around was surprising, but now they expect success.

"I knew we were going to nationals, but I had no idea that we'd end up winning it," said Kellye who also teaches health at CHS. "I really didn't know how strong the teams would be, and there were some strong teams."

"I think if we practice a lot before we take off for nationals, we can be strong competitors. I think we can do it (repeat)," she said.

Last year's national championship tournament was held in El Paso. This year the tourney is scheduled in Detroit, Mich., and the Diamonds received a bid to the event automatically because they will be defending their title.

"This year each one of us is trying

to get a \$250 sponsor. If we can do that, we might get enough to go to Detroit," said Sheryl.

But can they do it again? For this coaching duo it's basketball practice and then games during working hours. Their participation in the Amarillo City League is extra-curricular basketball, and that's a lot of time on and around a court.

"At the beginning we practiced quite a bit, and we scrimmaged some college. Now we just concentrate on the games," said Sheryl, an ex-Lady Buff at West Texas State and also a math teacher at CHS. "We play one game a week (Wednesdays)."

"During the season, especially with Kellye and I coaching, and the other girls have jobs (some coaching), it's almost impossible to get everyone together more than one night a week, and that's when we have our games."

"Reggie (Passons, Diamonds coach) doesn't want us to get burned out or get tired of it before nationals. When it gets closer to state we'll start practicing more."

A fierce love of the sport is another thing that enables coaches to turn players after a hard day of work.

"They (Diamonds) called me at Tech one day last year and asked me if I could come up and play," said Kellye who spent two years as a member of the Texas Tech women's basketball team and is in her first year at CHS. "It was real tough for me to take off and leave school, but I missed playing ball. They didn't really have a strong city league in Lubbock."

"And I had played with some players that played on the Diamonds. I decided it would be a great opportunity."

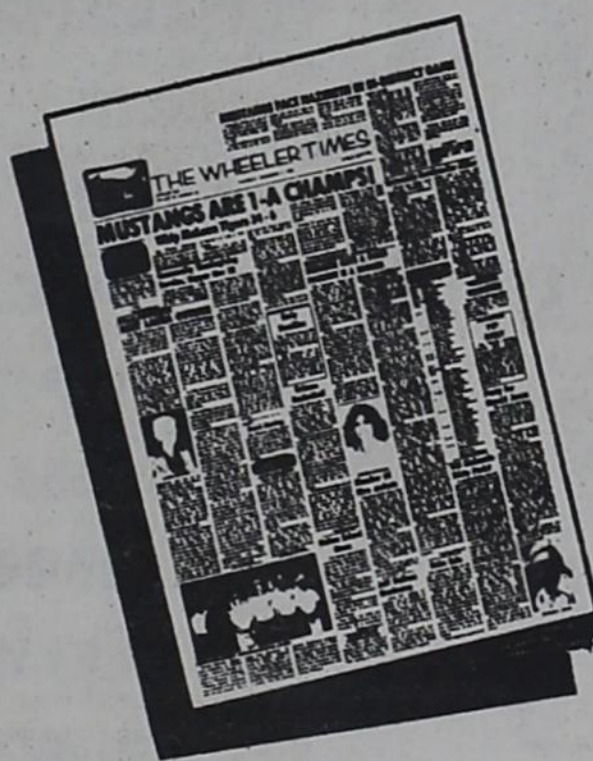
Going to a national tournament, much less winning it, is pretty good opportunity to be sure. And if this team raises the necessary funds, the trip to nationals may become habit forming.

Kelley Richardson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Richardson and granddaughter of George and Vena Richardson. Sheryl Estes, is the daughter of Gordon and Wanda Estes of Mobeetle.

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