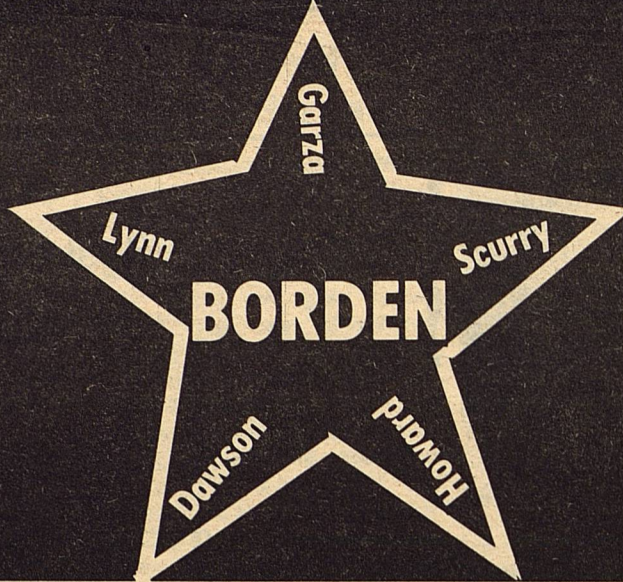


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### G.O.P. Gains Favor With Texans

On November 21, on the front page of the Dallas Morning News, a past election poll concluded "for the first time in history...more Texans now identify themselves as Republicans than as Democrats.

The nonpartisan poll, conducted by Harte-Hanks Communications and Texas A&M University, found that of the 807 adults questioned, 49 percent considered themselves as either strong Republicans, weak Republicans, or independents leaning toward

the G.O.P. Approximately 33 percent identified themselves as strong or weak Democrats or independents leaning toward the Democrat Party. The remaining 18 percent did not identify with either party.

The poll supports Presidential pollster Robert Teeter who recently surmised that a major realignment toward the Republican Party is occurring nationwide.

With a gain of four U.S. Congressmen, one State Senator, and fifteen State

Representatives, Texas Republicans registered the most significant gains across the boards of any state in the nation. On the local level the G.O.P. picked up just over one hundred new officials including twenty-three judges, nineteen county commissioners, seven tax assessors, eight sheriffs, eight justices of the peace, thirty-two constables, and two public weighers.

Information from George Strake's office (Republican Chairman of Texas)

### POTENTIAL WASTE SITE IN MCMULLEN COUNTY

(Austin)... Mr. John Simek, Chairman of the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority, announced today that the Authority has signed a contingency contract to purchase a 365-acre tract of land in McMullen County, located approximately 20 miles northwest of Tilden, Texas. The Authority will begin drilling within a few days to determine underlying geological formations and groundwater conditions. Preliminary archaeological, wildlife, and plant surveys will also be

performed on the site. Purchase of the land will depend upon the results of the site exploration work.

The McMullen County site will be the sixth tract of land which the Authority has examined in detail. Four of the six sites failed to meet the strict technical criteria established by the Authority or were unavailable from the landowner. The other potential site is located in Dimmit County, three miles south of Asherton, Texas. The Authority is continuing its

search for other suitable sites.

The Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority is a state agency which was created in 1981 to develop a site for the disposal of low-level radioactive wastes generated in Texas. Low-level radioactive waste includes materials contaminated with radioactivity from hospitals, laboratories, and other industries which handle or process radioactive materials, but does not include spent fuel from nuclear power plants.

### Water To Be High Priority For 69th Legislature Session According to Shaw

All of us in West Texas who have experienced the hardships of drought firsthand can understand the intensifying concern across the state to protect and conserve our water for future generations.

One of the most significant and critical challenges facing legislators in the upcoming session will be to reach an agreement on a long-term water plan for Texas.

If we continue on our present course, experts estimate that

shortly after the turn of the century our demand for water will exceed our total supply by an alarming amount. Consequently, we will no longer be able to have as much water as we want whenever we want it.

What was once considered to be strictly a West Texas problem, however, has become a statewide issue. This summer, the drought spread across Texas forcing nearly 100 cities to institute voluntary and mandatory limits on water

consumption.

Legislators time and again have attempted to resolve the water issue to no avail. Since 1966, Texas voters have rejected bond proposals to develop and control water resources three times. You may recall from last session a comprehensive water package met with bitter defeat in the closing days of the session when House and Senate conferees failed to reach a



Texans can thank German immigrants to the state for introducing the practice of holiday tree trimming. Settlers in Prince Solms Braunfels' colony spent most of Christmas Eve 1845, their first Christmas in the state, decorating native cedar trees. The idea quickly spread and was quite common by the early 1900s, about the time when Emmie and Ella Curry posed for this Christmas portrait. (Photo courtesy of The Institute of Texan Cultures, Elizabeth Koch Collection, ca. 1902.)

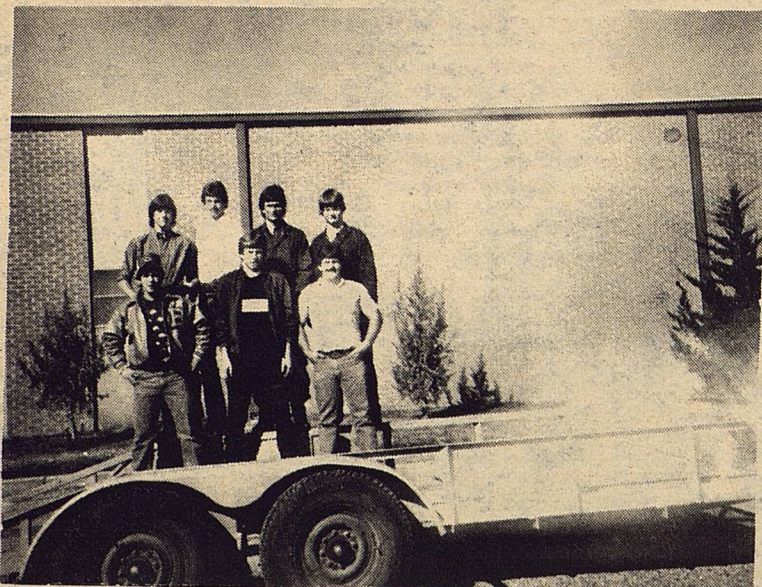
### Dashing Through The Lore of Texas Christmas Past

By Charlene Blohm

San Antonio, Texas---Along with feasts of goose and plum pudding, a large serving of oral history is dished out each year as families gather around the dinner table to share tales of Christmas' past.

Texans have witnessed a mirade of holiday traditions throughout the state's history, some of which were established as long as four centuries ago. According to reasearchers at The University of Texas Institute

# BORDEN SCHOOL NEWS



**FFA SENIORS WITH NEW HAND MADE TRAILER**  
L to R Back-Cam Stone, Michael Douglass, Kirby Williams, Dennis Buchanan, Front-Doug Adams, Robin Hood and Glen Bacon.

## F.F.A. Enjoys Busy November

The month of November started off with the FFA-FHA party in the Vo. Ag. Building. The party was a big success. The party included a movie and hot dogs. The FFA entered two teams in the district leadership contest in Snyder. The Junior Conducting team placed 3rd and will receive a district banner. Members of the team were Will Minizy; President; Harold Barnes, Vice President; Monte Floyd, Secretary; David Holmes, Treasurer; Sammy Harris, Reporter; Herry Fryer, Sentinel; Ray Martinez, Advisor. The Senior Chapter

Conducting team consisted of Doyce Taylor, President; Jeff Covington, Vice President; Simona Benavidez, Secretary; Shawn Parker, Reporter; Jerry Green, Treasurer.; Chris Cooley, Sentinel.; Darryl Hodnett, Advisor. This team also placed 3rd and also will receive a district banner.

The Vo Ag. Seniors completed a 16 foot flatbed trailer for the Borden High School. The seniors did a very good job and the trailer is expected to last for many years.

The FFA would like to thank Borden County and the surrounding areas for all their support of the FFA-FHA sausage and fruit sales. The change in fruit type from Texas Citrus to Florida was due to the freeze last winter. We hope that the fruit was satisfactory and we will appreciate your support in the future.

-s-Robin Hood- Reporter

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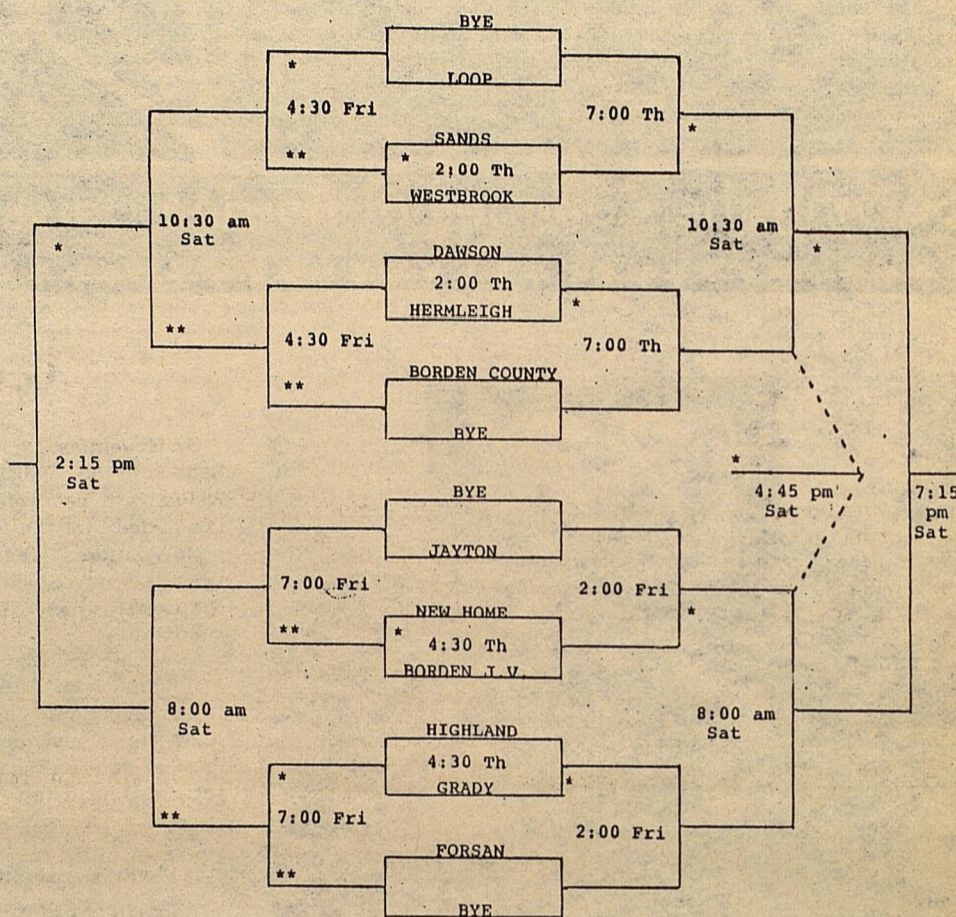
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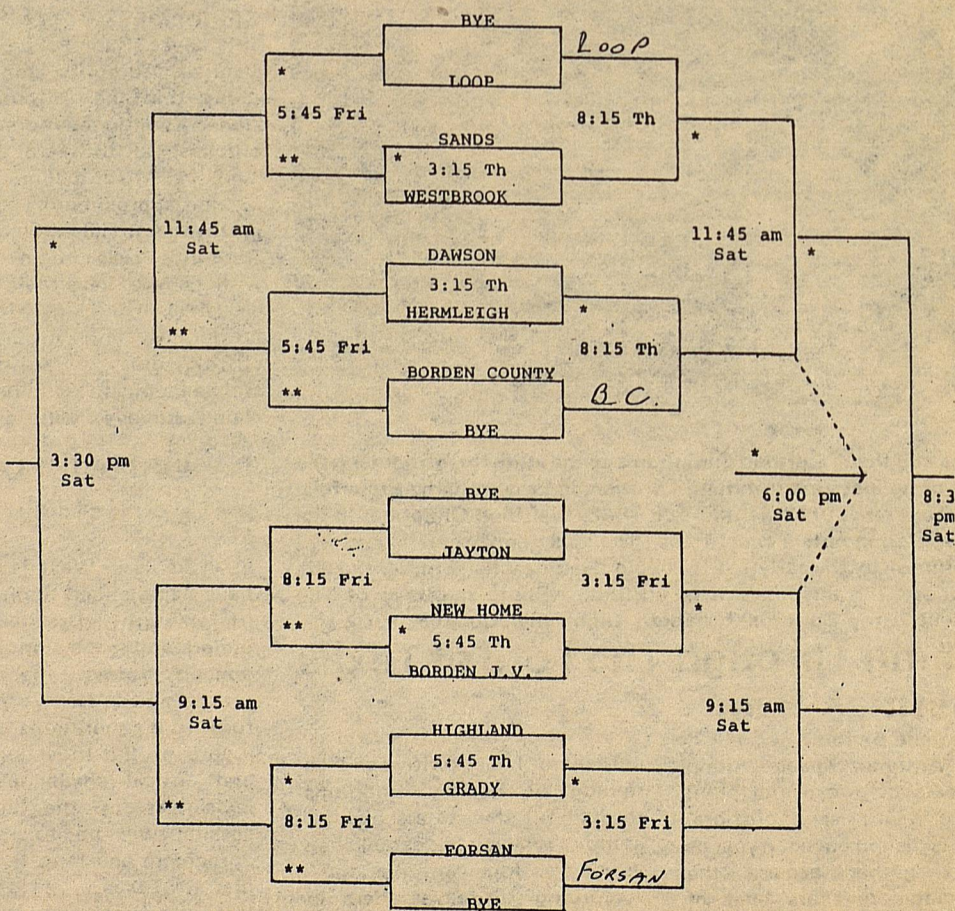
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## BORDEN COUNTY Basketball Tournament GIRLS BRACKET

DECEMBER 13, 14, 15



## BOYS BRACKET



## BILLINGTON PACES WIN OVER LOOP

Teri Billington kept Borden's Lady Coyotes' undefeated season alive Tuesday night as she led the team in six of seven categories in a narrow 35-24 win at Loop. Shooting was just as cold inside as the temperature was outside as Borden could manage to hit 3 of 16 field goal attempts the first half and were tied with the Longhorns 12-12. Turnovers also victimized the Lady Coyotes as they were guilty of 23 for the game, 9 coming in the first quarter. Teri, who led in scoring with 18 points, did most of the damage to Loop in the last quarter where she had 9 points, 6 rebounds, and 5 steals. For the game, Kelli Williams and Becky Massingill each had 6 points. Jeanette Massingill had 3, and Shawna Vaughn, who fouled

## Jr. High Boys Win Third Place

The Junior High boys lost their first game at the Sands Tournament, but came back to win the second game and capture third place.

The first game loss was to the Sands team 27-16. Randell Hollis led all Coyote scorers with eight points and Chris Kilmer had six. Cody Cooley and Jim Ridenour had two each to end

## Borden Jr. High Slays Southland

"We played good enough to win and sure enough we did", said a happy Coach Frisbie. The Coyotes zone defense made the Southland team shoot from the outside and this allowed Alex Lemons and Randell Hollis to control the defensive boards.

Jim Rios and Jim Ridenour put pressure on the two Southland guards thus causing many turnovers that lead the

out at the beginning of the third quarter, and Kim Turner each added a free throw. Teri led in field goal percentage hitting 5 of 8 for 63 percent and also led in free throw percentage making 8 of 10 for 80 percent. Kelli was

second in free throw percentage making 2 of 3 for 67 percent. Teri led in rebounds with 11 followed by Kelli and Shawna with 4 each. Kelli led in assists with 3 as Becky and Teri each added 1. Teri also had the fewest turnovers with only 1.

Next game for the Lady Coyotes is in the Highland Tournament against Novice. Game time is set for 1:00 Friday. They will then play at either 7:00 that night or at 8:00 Saturday morning.

## Jr. High Girls Extend Win Streak

The Borden County Missy Coyotes met their toughest challenge in district thus far and handled it well with a 28-17 win over Southland Monday night. This raised the girls record 28-17 win over Southland Monday night. This raised the girls record to 5-0 for the season and 3-0 in district.

Borden got out to a slow start, falling behind 4-6 the first quarter but out scored the Eagles 11-5 the second quarter to hold a 15-11 lead at half. Southland pulled to within two entering the final stanza but Borden's defense rose to the occasion holding Southland scoreless in the last period while hitting 9 points of their own. Susan Gwinn led in scoring with 10 followed close by Lisha Sternadel with 9. Elvira Balague hit 4, Kristi Adcock had 3, and Kate Phinizy hit 2.

Next game for the Jr. High will be at New Home, Monday, December 17. Game time is set for 6:00. This will be the last game for the Jr. High before the Christmas break.

## Jr. High Girls Win Sands Tourney

Borden Jr. High traveled to Ackerly, Saturday, for the Sands Jr. High Tournament. "Stand in" coaches made their debut a good one as the Jr. High girls won the championship with two wins over Sands and Grady. Due to a conflict in playing times, with the high school in the Highland Tournament, Tammy May and Peggy Frisbie led the Missy Coyotes to their third and fourth wins of the year.

In the first game, Borden gave the fans their moneys worth as they escaped with a 29-27 overtime win over Sands. Elvira Balague led in scoring with 10 points followed by Susan Gwinn and Kristi Adcock with 6 each. Kate Phinizy had 3 points and Lisha Sternadel and Rachel Romero had 2 apiece.

In the finals, Borden played Grady, who earlier had defeated Klondike to reach the title game. Borden got out to a slow start, but came on in the second half, outscoring Grady 16-3 in the final two quarters. In the 34-16 win, Susan Gwinn played her best game of her career as she controlled both ends of the floor and scored 16 points. She was followed by Elvira Balague with 6 points, Kate Phinizy and Lisha Sternadel hit 4 points, and Kristi Adcock and Kandy Belew each had 2.

Thanks to Miss May and Mrs. Frisbie for a great job and congratulations to the Borden County Jr. High Girls, undefeated champs of the Sands Tournament.

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## BOYS PLAY FOR THIRD IN TOURNEY

The Borden Coyotes won one game during the Highland Tournament. The Coyotes defeated Novice in the first game Friday 51-45 with Chris Cooley's 17 points leading the way. Giving help was Robin Hood with 14, Bric Turner with 10, Mike Douglass and Mickey Burkett had four, and Mike Murphy tossed in two points.

The Coyotes came back six hours later to play Highland and were defeated 60-44.

They could not stop their tall boy inside. Courtney Gothard, made All State last year and was

just too tall for our young men inside. Gothard had 36 points to lead all scorers. For the Coyotes, Robin Hood had 16, Bric Turner 11, Chris Cooley 10, Mickey Burkett 4, Cam Stone 2, and Mike Murphy 1.

In the game Saturday, the Coyotes faced the team from Sterling City and lost 59-51. Borden was doing fine until Hood and Burkett fouled out. Chris Cooley scored 21 points to lead both teams. Robin Hood had 15, Bric Turner 10, Douglass 3, Burkett 2.

## LADY COYOTES PLACE THIRD AT HIGHLAND

The Borden County Lady Coyotes traveled to Highland this past weekend and placed third while playing three games in 29 hours. The tournament also marked the first loss of the year for Borden.

In the first game on Friday, the Lady Coyotes defeated Novice 50-29. After jumping out to a 14-3 first quarter lead, Borden increased their lead to a 28-11 half time advantage. A sagging defense by Novice allowed the outside to open up as Kelly Williams and Becky Massingill led in scoring with 14 and 13 points respectively. Teri Billington had 9 points followed by Shawna Vaughn and Jeanette Massingill each with 6. Kim Turner added a field goal for the total. Becky led in field goal percentage hitting 6 of 8 for 67 percent. Teri led in free throw percentage hitting 5 of 9 for 56 percent. Becky also led in assists with 7, and Jeanette and Teri led in rebounds with 8. Jeanette also led in steals with 4.

Then the Lady Coyotes were delt their first defeat as they played the home team, Highland, not long after they finished their first game. Borden did hold a slim lead in the second quarter before trailing by two at half. But fatigue set in as Highland outscored the Lady Coyotes 11-4 in the third quarter. Borden fought back in the final quarter and trailed by only 3 with less than 2 minutes remaining. But Highland held on for the 35-30 win. Teri Billington led in field goal percentage hitting 5 of 8 for 63 percent and was second in scoring with 11. Kelli Williams

led in scoring with 13 points and led in free throw percentage with 75 percent hitting 3 of 4. Shawna Vaughn has 2 points and led in rebounds with 15. Teri led in steals with 4 and Becky Massingill had 4 points.

In the third place game, Borden jumped out to a 37-16 halftime lead in a 55-33 win over Sterling City. The Lady Coyotes connected lopsided victory. Kelli Williams had the hot hand with 23 points, hitting an outstanding 9 of 11 for 82 percent and was 2nd in free throw scoring with 14 points lo despite playing less than 3 quarters. She led field goal percentage hitting an outstanding 9 of 11 for 82 percent and was 2nd in free throw scoring with 14 points followed by Jeanette Massingill with 6, Becky Massingill and Kim Turner with 4, and kCindy Balague and Sherry Vaughn had 2 each. Jeanette and Kim were second in field goal percent hitting 67 percent and Jeanette led in free throw percent making 2 of 2. Shawna led in rebounds with 10 and Teri led in assists with 3. The victory was bitter sweet for the Lady Coyotes, for after dropping a 45 point decision to Highland, the host Hornets defeated Bronte the next night by 21 points in the finals.

Season record for Borden now stands at 8-1 with next game against Ropes Tuesday night at home. They then play in the Borden Tournament Thursday through Saturday. Tuesday, December 18, Borden travels to Roby for their last game before breaking for the holidays.

## Cooking Corner

December 17-21, 1984

Monday	Spaghetti with Meat Cheese Cole Slaw Beans Mixed Fruit Hot Bread Milk	Salad Bar
Tuesday	Turkey & Dressing Cranberry Sauce Vegetable Salad Mashed Potatoes Cherry Cobbler Hot Rolls Milk	
Wednesday	Christmas Holidays - No School	
Thursday	Christmas Holidays - No School	
Friday	Christmas Holidays - No School	



## LORE OF TEXAS CHRISTMAS PAST

of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, Indian tribes near what is now El Paso were introduced to the religious pageantry of the holiday as early as 1599 when the ladies and noblemen attached to Juan Onate's expedition enacted the march of the Wise Men to Bethlehem. Dedicated padres, who accompanied early Spanish military expeditions, used to miracle play, "Los Pastores," as an aid in teaching Christianity.

Another Spanish tradition dating back to the 16th century, which is still practiced today, is "Fiesta de las Luminarias," or Festival of Lights. The soft sparkle of candles is symbolic of the lighting of the way for Mary and Joseph as they traveled to Bethlehem. "Fiesta de las Luminarias" is celebrated each year along the banks of the Paseo del Rio, or River Walk, in San Antonio, and on El Paso's Scenic Drive where the glittering lights cast a peaceful glow upon the base of the mountains.

Canary Islanders introduced the now popular Texas tradition "Las Posadas" to San Antonio in 1731. "Las Posadas" is a nine-day procession representing Joseph's search for "a place of lodging" for Mary, who was soon to give birth to the Christ Child.

The French observed their first Christmas in Texas in 1686 as members of La Salle's colony extolled the Christmas Holy-Days, including the singing of Midnight Mass, at their camp on Garcitas Creek between Port Lavaca and Victoria.

More than a century later, Jean Lafitte and his pirates celebrated the holiday on Galveston Island. The rum and sugar they pillaged from merchant ships sailing in the Gulf of Mexico provided the basic ingredients for their Christmas feast. They reportedly spent most of the holiday drinking, playing practical jokes on one another and writing ribald jingles which they sang amidst much laughter.

Immigrants from Germany initiated many of the jolly folkways we now associate with Christmas in Texas. The ritual of decorating trees at Christmastime originated in Germany in the Middle Ages. Legend says that not only shepherds, but trees as well, honored the birth of Christ. The

gray, scraggly spruce was the ugliest of the trees, so the heavens took pity upon it and dropped stars from the skies to light its branches, transforming it into such a vision of beauty that the Christ Child looked up and smiled.

Prince Solms Braunfels is credited with transferring the German custom to Texas by decorating the first Christmas tree. Since the spruce isn't native to the state, however, German immigrants substituted cedar trees which they adorned with colored paper and lighted candles.

Another holiday trimming tradition established by German settlers is that of mistletoe. Regarded from ancient times as having magical properties, the plant can still be found growing in Central Texas. According to folklore, mistletoe etiquette

directs that as each person is kissed, they are to pluck off a berry and when all the berries are gone, the kissing should end.

Red and green are favorite holiday colors and nowhere are they more recognized than in the poinsettia plant, which comes to us as the result of negotiations between the governments of Mexico and the United States. The first American ambassador to Mexico, Joel R. Poinsett, was the country during Christmas 1828 in an attempt to purchase the territory of Texas. The ambassador became interested in a beautiful Mexican plant known as "the flower of Christmas Eve" and brought it back to this country.

Just as traditional yuletide ornaments abound during the holiday season, so, too, do customary meals and delicacies. Some of the more

popular Christmastime sweets, such as mincemeat pie and plum pudding, were brought to Texas by English immigrants. As you prepare your Christmas dinner this year, you might share this tale written by an English surveyor in 1872 after his holiday meal.

"No price, potentate or magnate ever sat down to such a feast. I think we had 14 varieties of meat. We could have had 16, as one of our hunters offered to furnish us with a mess of rattlesnakes and polecats, which he assured us were a most excellent delicacy, but our cook drew the line at these," the surveyor wrote.

"We had buffalo, antelope, deer, bear, rabbit, prairie-dog, possum, and possibly other animals that I do not recall; turkey, goose, brant (wild geese), ducks, prairie chickens, curlew (long-legged shore birds), quail and other birds. The most expensive meat which we had on the table was bacon, which we had to haul 500 miles," he added.

The oldest permanent Polish settlement in the state is Panna Maria in South Texas which was established in 1854 by 150 Polish citizens from Silesia who arrived at the site on Christmas Eve. Led by Father Leopold Moczygemba, the group celebrated mass under a giant oak tree and honored their holiday traditions. For Poles, Christmas Eve, or Wigilia, is the most important day of the season. As the first star appears in the sky, family members gather for a simple meal that breaks their day-long fast. The head of the household divides a smalo, flat oblong wafer, called an oplatek, that has been blessed by a priest. Each family member shares the oplatek and exchanges good wishes with all the other members.

One unusual imported treat is lutefisk, or lye fish, which is part of a traditional Norwegian Christmas Eve meal. The

delicacy, transported in dehydrated form, is first soaked in lye water, lime water and clear water, then cooked and served with boiled white potatoes, melted butter and a delicious white sauce.

Another Norwegian custom called Jule Bokking was preserved in Texas until 1890 in Normandy, the state's first Norwegian settlement, which later became known as Brownsboro. On the evening following Christmas Day and every evening up to the New Year, groups gathered in costume to make rounds of the homes. The men usually dressed as women and the women as men. They gathered in front yards and sang Christmas songs, then the host would open his house to the group for refreshments and try to guess the identity of the masqueraders.

These various customs and celebrations shared by the many cultural groups who settled the state have blended together to give Christmas special meaning for all Texans. But there is none more tradition we can't overlook--the Cowboys' Christmas Ball, the story of which will be told around many a Texas dinner table this holiday season.

Originated by an Anson innkeeper, M.H. Rhodes, who was interested in boosting business at his Morning Star Hotel, the Cowboys' Christmas Ball began as a means of bringing in more guests, but quickly became an annual affair. It is reported that cowboys from miles around attended the first event in 1885. A rancher living near Anson, William Lawrence Chitetenden, wrote "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball" poem as part of his book, "Ranch Verses," in 1893 and the piece has become an enduring part of Texas folklore.



A mother lifts her daughter to place the crowning touch, a small flag, on this family's tree. Printed in a German-language publication, the engraving's description translates to read: "From the dark green branches comes the starlike glow of glittering candles, golden nuts, twinkling paper chains of silver and gold, and colorful ornaments." (Deutsch Amerikanischer Volks Kalender, Victoria, Texas, 1892.)

## "COWBOYS CHRISTMAS BALL"

'Way out in Western Texas, where the Clear Fork's waters flow,  
Where the cattle are "a-browsin'," an' the Spanish ponies grow . . .

The music was a fiddle an' a lively tambourine,  
And a "viol came imported," by stage from Abilene.  
The room was togged out gorgeous -- with mistletoe and shawls,  
And candles flickered frescoes, around the airy walls.  
The "wimmin folks" looked lovely -- the boys looked kinder treed,  
Till their leader commenced yellin': "Who! fellers, let's stampede,"  
And the music started sighin', an' awailin' through the hall,  
As a kind of introduction to "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball" . . .

His voice was like a bugle upon the mountain's height;  
His feet were animated, an' a mighty movin' sight,  
When he commncd to holler, "Neow fellers, stake yer pen!  
"Lock horns ter all them heifers, an' russle 'em like men.  
"Saloot yer lovely critters; neow swing an' let 'em go,  
"Climb the grape vine 'round 'em -- all hands do-ce-do!  
"You Mavericks, jine the round-up -- Jest skip her waterfall,"  
Huh! hit wuz gettin' happy, "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball!"

Merry Christmas from the staff at The Institute of Texan Cultures.



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# BORDEN COUNTY EMS NEWS

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The regular monthly meeting of the Borden County Emergency Medical Service was held Wednesday, December 5, 1984, at 7:00 P.M. in the Borden High School Conference Room. EMT's attending were Gerald Boyd, Buster Taylor, Jim Burkett, Dorothy Browne, Frances Burkett, Nelva Jones, Pat Ray, Randy Hensley, Alan Day, Buddy Wallace, Dana Cooley and Lisa Ludecke. Guests present were Connie Boyd, Bryan Bacon, Glen Bacon, Jean Taylor, Gwen Ray, Rachel Ray, Meliassa Ray, Donelle Hensley, Rebecca Hensley, Micah Hensley, Kristen Wallace, Janene Day, Brendan Day, Teddy Cooley and Erin Cooley.

After our Christmas supper, a short business meeting was held. Officers for 1985 were elected. They are as follows:

- President-Frances Burkett
- Vice President-Buddy Wallace
- Secretary-Treasurer - Dana Cooley
- Reporter- Memorial Chairman -Lisa Ludecke
- Directors-Randy Hensley, Alan Day, Pat Ray

The next meeting will be Monday, January 7, 1985 at 6:30 P.M. in the Ag Building.

- MEMORIALS**
- In Memory of Earl Cary: Bill and Sadie Ludecke
  - In Memory of J.W. Gray: The Family of J.W. Gray Jimmy and Brenda Gray and Kids
  - In Memory of Jeffery Don Hunt: Gail Friends
  - In Memory of Jeffery Don Hunt: Gail Friends
  - In Memory of Ralph Lackey: Beno and Donna Hendricks
  - In Memory of Lela Faye Lankford: Bob and Sue Beal Slick and Bonnie Sneed

In Memory of Ollie Liner: Mr. and Mrs. Alan Day and Brendan

In Memory of Rose Martin: Bill and Sadie Ludecke Larry and Wanda Smith

In Memory of Benny Rinehart: J.D. and Irene Hart Mr. and Mrs. Alan Day and Brendan

Donations and memorials may be mailed to Lisa Ludecke, Box 153, Gail, Texas 79738. Checks should be made payable to Borden County EMS. Thank

## BID NOTICES

### Sheriff's Car

Borden County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 10:00 A.M., January 14, 1985 for the purchase of a new 1985 automobile for use in the Borden County Sheriff's Department. Bids will be opened and considered in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the County Courthouse. Specifications may be obtained at the office of the County Judge, 915-856-4391 or the Sheriff's Office, 915-856-4311.

Borden County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all formalities.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Van L. York  
County Juedge  
Borden County

### THANK YOU

The Borden County 4-H Club would like to thank all who supported the 4-H Club by purchasing things at the Annual Christmas Bazaar. Without the continued support of the people of the county, the 4-H Club could not complete the many projects that they do. Thank you again for your continued support.

Borden County 4-H Club  
Kandy K. McWhorter, CEA-HE

### Loader

Borden County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 11:00 A.M. January 14, 1985 for the purchase of new front end, rubber tire loader for use in Precinct No. 2. Bids will be opened and considered in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the County Courthouse.

Specifications and information may be obtained by contacting the office of the County Judge, 915-856-4391, or Larry Smith, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2, 915-856-4394.

Borden County Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all formalities.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Van L. York  
County Judge  
Borden County

### THANK YOU

I would like to take this time to say Thank You rto all may many friends for the cards, visits, flowers and thoughts during my stay in the hospital.  
-s-Fran Bennett

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

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Carriage Wheel  
Four Seasons  
Rags N' Riches  
Western Auto

\* OPEN 'TIL 9:00 P.M.

# ASCS NEWS

by Jerry Stone

## COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

The County Committee election was held on December 3rd and the votes were tabulated on December 6, 1984. Dan Shortes was elected as a committeeman. Warren Beaver and Doug Blgrave will serve as the alternates. We want to welcome the new members and are looking forward to the opportunity of working with them.

We, the office staff, along with all the farmers and ranchers, want to say "THANKS" for the nine years of dedication that H. N. Zant has given us and to say that he will be missed by all of us.

## 1985 PROGRAM SIGN-UP

The sign-up for the 1985 Farm Program is in progress now thru March 1, 1985 for Wheat, Feed Grain and Cotton. Advance deficiency and diversion payments are available. Anyone wanting their 1985 advance payments before the end of the year must be sure and sign-up before December 20, 1984.

## FAILED CROP ACREAGE

Anyone that has a crop that fails should report the failed acreage to this office before destroying the crop. If you go ahead and harvest the crop and it makes a low yield, you should file a low yield claim after you complete harvest.

## COTTON LOANS

Cotton loans are available for farms that participated in the 1984 cotton program at the rate of 55.00 cents per pound for SLM 1 one-sixteenth and 3.5 to 4.9 mike.

Seed Cotton loans are available. If you need some income on this year and you have not received your warehouse receipts and class cards, perhaps we can assist you by making a Seed Cotton Loan.

The interest rate for the month of December is 10.125 percent.

## WHEAT DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS

1984 Wheat deficiency payments should be received from Kansas City around mid December. We hope to have most of the checks verified and issued before Christmas.

## WOOL PROGRAM

Sales receipts for wool, unshorn lambs or mohair should be turned in if you wish to make application for 1984 incentive payments. The final date to turn in these receipts is January 31, 1985.

## EMERGENCY FEED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Low grade grain sorghum, oats, barley and wheat are now available to eligible producers, along with the corn already available. However, the only commodities in Texas are grain sorghum and Wheat. The same provisions apply for these

commodities as we had for the corn. Only foundation cattle owned prior to April 15, 1984 are eligible under this program. Wheat pasture cattle recently purchased are not eligible. Contact this office for further details.

## NONGRAZING DATES 1985 ACR

The county committee has established April 1, 1985 thru August 31, 1985 as the 5 month period that ACR (setaside) land cannot be grazed. For instance, if you have wheat on your ACR land, you can graze it until April 1, 1985 and then you must pull of and the land can't be grazed again until after August 31, 1985. 1985 ACR acres may not be baled, as it stands right now.

## FARM CHANGES

Any change in owner, operator, tennant or address should be reported to us so we can keep our records straight.

## NO PASS NO PLAY IN EFFECT

The State Board of Education passed the controversial no pass, no play rule Saturday putting it into effect immediately for Texas public schools.

A vote of 14-0 made the new rule covering the limitation of extracurricular activities during school hours an emergency issue, effective at once for at least the next 120 days.

Interim Commissioner of Education W.N. Kirby said the rule will not become final until second and third votes in January and February but because of the emergency designation it will be distributed to all schools immediately.

Changes in the rule could be made at the January and February board meetings.

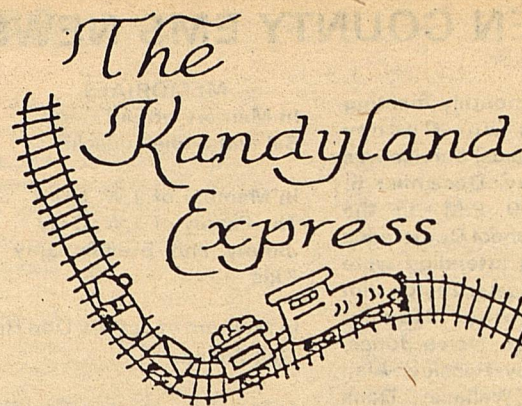
Briefly the rule says any student wanting to take part in

any school sport or other extracurricular activity must have a passing grade of 70 for the past six weeks. A grade lower than 70 in any one course automatically suspends that student from sports or other activities, including practice sessions, for the next six weeks.

The rule also limits practice and travel time for any sport or extracurricular activity to 8 hours per week or a total of 20 hours. Travel to and from the first game or performance of the week would be counted as two hours no matter how long it took.

Jack Strong of Longview, a former state senator, failed 13-2 in an effort to make the suspension apply on a full course grade, not just a six-week period.

"This means a student can fail the first three six-week periods, then if he makes a 70 in the fourth, he can play ball," Strong said.



## Poinsettia The Perfect Gift

The poinsettia is one of the most popular gifts of the Yuletide season. Its showy bracts or modified leaves give it a distinctive appearance which has become a traditional Christmas symbol. These plants are grown in 4-inch and 56-inch pots but trees and hanging baskets are also available. The poinsettia can provide long lasting beauty in the home or office if you follow some basics in selection and care.

When purchasing a poinsettia, examine the plant carefully. Avoid one which has dropped the yellow flowers at the end of each branch. Select plants which have only three to five fully opened flowers in a tight cluster. Also, avoid plants which have brown or moldy bracts. Look for strong upright plants that are well-rounded.

Once in its new environment, a poinsettia can easily last for a month or more if given proper care. Follow these guidelines for a longer lasting plant.

1. Remove or punch holes through any decorative foil or wrapping on the pot. Although it

may be attractive, foil wrapping impedes drainage and holds water. This may cause the roots to rot and the plants to deteriorate quickly.

2. Keep the plants out of hot or cold drafts.

Excessively hot, dry air from heating ducts and appliances will reduce the quality of the plant.

3. Poinsettias cannot tolerate cold or rapidly changing temperatures. Keep the plant where temperatures remain above 60 degrees F, between 565 degrees and 70 degrees is ideal.

4. Place the plant in good light, but not direct sun.

5. Poinsettias use moderate amounts of water and should be checked daily. Make sure the soil remains moist but be careful not to over water. When adding water, allow some to run through the root mass and allow some to drain out of the pot.

To be sure you receive a quality poinsettia, ask for a Texas product. It is your assurance of a locally grown plant at its peak of freshness.



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Lubbock--The sandfighter, an implement developed for farming the sandy soils of West Texas, has been transformed to fight windblown sand in Africa's sub-Sahara. But in Africa, the horsepower to pull the sandfighter isn't diesel: it's burros and oxen.

In turn, the reasearch with the sandfighter in Niger is helping the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station develop new methods for dryland farming in West Texas.

In many years, blowing sand causes crop losses in West Texas by sand-blasting seedlings and covering the young plants. The tractor-pulled sandfighter was developed to create clods and keep the sand from blowing.

The implement has been successfully modified for animal power by Dr. Robert Chase, a soil scientist with the Texas A&M University System. He has shown that it can greatly improve the survival rates of young crops at an important research center near Niamey, Niger, in the semi-arid region of West Africa called the Sahel.

"In some cases it has meant the difference between having a crop to study and not having one," Chase said.

Chase is part of a team of Texas A&M University-Texas Agricultural Experiment Station soil scientists studying soil-relate constraints to agriculture in Niger. There, drought, sand storms, weak soils, population growth and a short growing season have contributed to an emergency in local food production.

The work is being supported by TropSoils, a collaborative research program whose goal is to develop improved soil-management technology for developing countries in the tropics. Its collaborators include the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID), U.S. universities and a number of agencies and institutions in developing nations.

Dr. Frank Calhoun, principal investigator for TropSoils at Texas A&M, said that sandfighter research in Niger is helping TAES to better understand the principles and control of wind erosion under dryland cropping systems. "Our research in Niger will give us a head start on similar problems in West Texas," Calhoun said. The technical backstop program is directed by Dr. Charles W. Wendt, TAES soil physicist, at Lubbock.

Used soon after a rain, the sandfighter's times dig the damp sand into shallow depressions and small, tight clods. The broken surface traps windblown sand and reduces the damage to young crops, which are susceptible to sand blast and burial.

Chase has fitted his experimental sandfighter so that it also punches holes for seed

and fertilizer--all in one pass. Millet, a staple in the semi-arid regions of Africa, has figured in most of the tests.

So far the sandfighter has been used primarily for experimental work the Sahelian Reserach Center of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT). But Nigerien (cq) and American experts are enthusiastic about the potential for its use on Niger's beleaguered farms.

Dr. James Lowenthal, of the U.S. AID mission to Niger, says that AID is coordinating

sandfighter work on extension farms in the region. AID is also looking for ways of engineering and manufacturing the sandfighter locally for use with animals.

"We have all the pieces in place to move from research to on-farm utilization," Lowenthal says.

Chase has found that his African version of the sandfighter must be pulled more slowly than expected, possibly because of the low percentage of clay in Niger's sandy soils.

"At first we thought tractors would have to be used to achieve

the high speeds required for optimum results when the sandfighters are used in Texas," Chase said. "Fortunately, the slowest speed we tested worked

best, and that means animal traction will be practical. Tractors are still a rarity here, and they're too expensive for most farmers."

## YOUR COUNTY AGENT SAYS

With wheat starting to make good growth in Borden County, you should be on the lookout for greenbugs and winter grain mites in the fields.

Greenbugs are aphids that develop colonies on wheat. They feed mainly on leaves but can also feed on plant roots, making them more difficult to locate. Symptoms are yellow spots in the field that eventually die. This unlike leaf mist or wheat streak mosaic which are caused by fungus. Cold weather kills these and allows regrowth to occur. These two occur uniformly across the field or in a streak fashion.

Winter grain mites are true mites that have gray bodies with

eight orange legs. They feed during cool weather. Symptoms of damage is afading-out of the wheat stand with wheat taking on a grayish appearance.

When considering control of greenbugs, you should check for parasitic wasps which may move in and control the insect without the need for insecticides.

Chemicals for controlling greenbugs include dimethoate, disulfoton, malathion and parathion.

Insecticides for winter grain mite control include disulfoton, methyl parathion and malathion.

Remember to follow all label directions and precautions when using any pesticide.

## DRUG APPROVED FOR COCCIDIOSIS IN SHEEP

The drug lasalocid, a feed additive for cattle, has been approved for preventing coccidiosis, a major disease problem in confined sheep.

The disease, which has become a serious problem due to intensive production practices, caused some \$20 million in losses to the U.S. sheep industry last year.

The most serious outbreaks of the disease have been reported in feedlot lambs, usually within two to four weeks after confinement. Lambs up to two years of age are susceptible, but early weaned feedlot lambs three to five months of age are most susceptible to the disease.

Symptoms of coccidiosis in lambs include profuse diarrhea with dark, liquid, bloody feces; loss of appetite and weight;

and a dull general appearance. The disease lasts up to 10 days in lambs that recover; however, they are slow to regain their normal condition and often perform poorly during the finishing period.

Lasalocid, marketed as Bovatec by Hoffman-LaRoche, has a wide margin of safety in sheep. However, the recommended level for confined sheep is 30 grams per ton of a complete ration. This is at the rate of 15 to 70 milligrams per head per day depending on body weight.

Tests have shown no coccidial resistance problems with lasalocid, so producers and feeders should have long and effective protection for their stock throughout the growing period.

## HOLIDAY CREDIT SPENDING

College Station--Beautiful merchandise and liberal credit arrangements can encourage consumers to spend--and overspend--for Christmas.

Many department stores now invite their customers to charge merchandise without having to pay the bills until January or February.

These "no payment" plans can work to your advantage if you are already a good credit manager, says Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service home economist Nancy L. Granovsky.

If you do not have to pay a finance charge, extended credit amounts to a free loan, she points out. Then during the time you postpone payments, you can save up the cash to pay the bill.

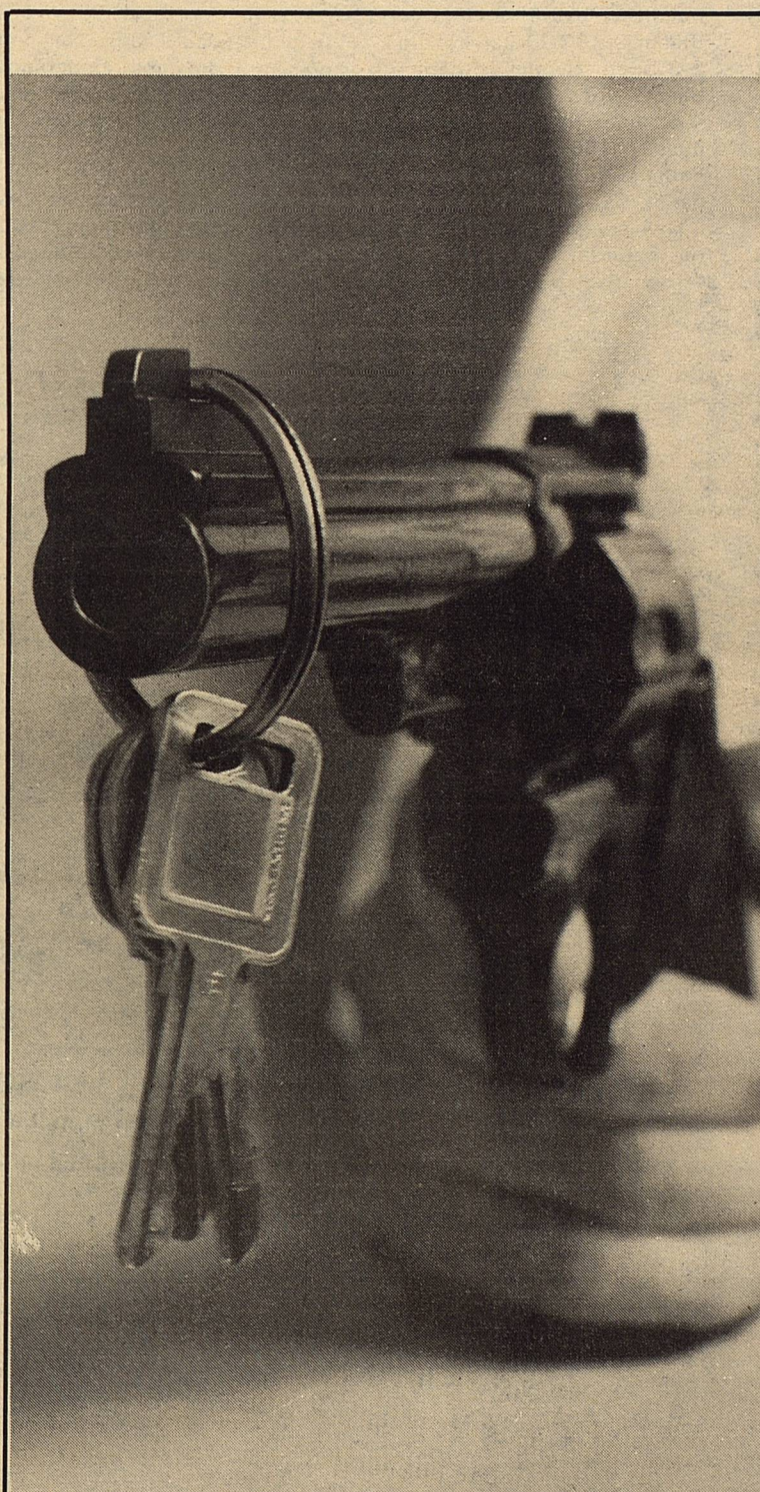
"But if you are already overextended, postponing

payments may only add to your money woes," advises Granovsky. "Delayed spending can give consumers a false sense of security or encourage them to spend more than they would have spent when paying cash."

One way to avoid the need for extended credit at Christmas is to purchase gifts year-round and take advantage of sales and other specials, she says.

But even if you shop only during the Christmas season, planning your gift purchases and setting spending limits can help you stay within the family budget.

Setting spending limits is an especially good idea if you use the no payment feature of your credit cards, adds the home economist, and can prevent an unpleasant surprise when the February bills arrive.



## A loaded driver is worse than a loaded gun.

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Drunk driving isn't someone else's problem. It's yours as well.

## WATER IS PRIORITY

compromise.

The politics of water are very complex and involve opposing factions with conflicting interests--environmentalists against river authorities, East Texans against West Texans, and farmers against city dwellers. Legislators have found that formulating a comprehensive water policy to please all of these special interests, pass both houses and win approval from the public has not been an easy task and will likely be one of our most difficult challenges of the 69th Session.

Immediately following the close of the 1983 session, a Joint Commission on Water Resources joined forces with staff members from the offices of Gov. White, Lt. Gov. Hobby, and Speaker Lewis to draft a water proposal that would pass both houses as well as meet with voter approval.

The new water plan is incorporated in a constitutional amendment. Basically, the proposal would increase the state's constitutional authority for bonding water development projects by \$600 million, \$400 million for projects such as reservoir construction and \$200 million in local water bonds. It would also create a state fund to promote conservation as well as a plan to link state funding of water projects to conservation programs.

A major feature of the bill for agricultural interests includes a new fund that would allow grants to underground water districts for demonstration projects, technical assistance, and other water conservation activities. A fund to help farmers obtain low-interest loans for water-saving equipment was not included in the bill, but may be added to the bill before the start of the session.

Due to the projections of an extremely tight budget, none of the major provisions of the package would draw on state general funds unless a local government defaulted on a loan. Furthermore, although some appropriations for research and new programs would be authorized, no appropriations would be included in the bill.

The entire water plan hinges on approval by the voters in 1986.

As with water plans in the past, initial reaction from environmentalists indicates the protection of coastal bays and estuaries will once again be a major area of controversy between environmental groups and river authorities. To complicate this complex issue even further, however, is the recent ruling by the Texas Supreme Court blocking construction of the Stacy Dam and Reservoir in West Texas.

As you probably know, the Stacy Dam project was intended to provide water into the 21st century to a wide area of West Texas. The Supreme Court rescinded the Colorado River Municipal Water District's permit to build this facility, and in doing so, greatly complicated the entire water issue.

In response to this ruling, Gov. White has said that without a change in the water rights law, the decision may have eliminated the need for new bonds to build the reservoirs because it would be impossible to get permits to fill them. An aide to Lt. Gov. Hobby went so far as to say this ruling could "sabotage" the water package and may force the authors of the legislation back to square one.

Clearly, we have some difficult decisions ahead. Next to balancing the budget, the water issue will probably be the number one priority when we meet in January.

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## Fingerling Orders Now Being Taken

By Ricky Lienex  
Range Conservationist

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, serving Scurry and Borden Counties, is currently accepting fingerling orders for pond restocking.

The District announces that the prices will remain the same as the 1984 stocking program. The following prices are now in effect:

4-6 inch Channel catfish...\$35.00 per hundred;  
6-8 inch Channel catfish \$55.00 per hundred; 1-3 inch Hybrid Bluegill...\$40.00 per hundred; 3-5 inch Hybrid Bluegill...\$60.00 per hundred; 2-3 inch Hybrid Largemouth Bass...\$70.00 per hundred; 4-6 inch Hybrid Largemouth Bass...\$160.00 per hundred; Fathead minnows ( approx. 250 per lb. ...\$7.00 per pound.

Delivery date is tentatively set for Saturday March 30, from

9:00 - 11:00 at the Soil Conservation Service office in the Snyder Shopping Center.

Suggested stocking rates for small ponds are 100 Channel catfish per surface acre. If you plan to supplemently feed the catfish or fertilize the pond then 500 catfish per surface acre can be stocked.

The Channel catfish can be stocked alone or with Fathead minnows to serve as forage.

The diet of a catfish is largely made up of aquatic insect larva, but minnows are also eaten if available. The larger 6-8 inch catfish fingerlings are recommended if large bass are present in the pond. Fingerlings of this size are generally fast enough to avoid being eaten by the bass.

In ponds greater than one acre surface area, stocking 100 catfish, 50 bass, 500Bluegill

and 2 pounds (aprox. 500) of Fathead minnows provides a balanced stocking program for most ponds.

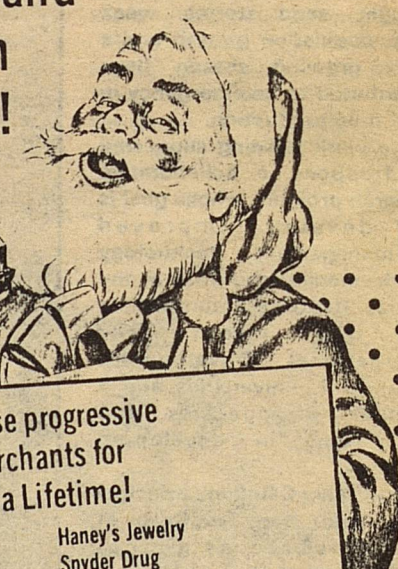
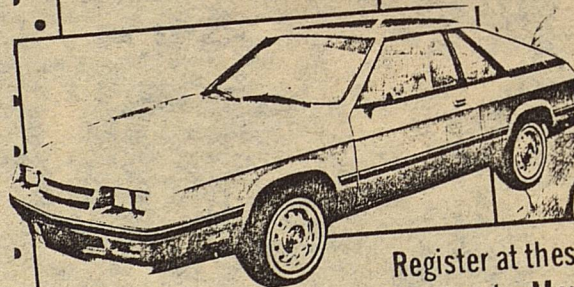
The hybrid Bluegill can be stocked alone or with bass and catfish. About 10 percent of the Bluegill will reproduce and are a good choice as forage for the bass. They do grow larger than the native Bluegill and are an excellent choice for stocking alone in very small ponds.

Plastic bags will be provided to haul fish in. The fish can be kept in the bags for up to two hours, but should be placed into the ponds as soon as possible. Payment is due upon placement of the order with checks made payable to the Upper Colorado SWCD

Fish orders will be taken through March 21. For further information call 573-0171 or come by the SCS office located at 3423 Ave. T

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