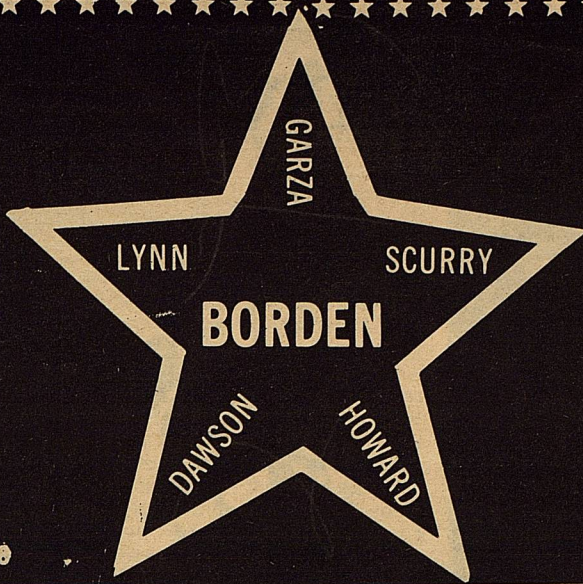


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KINDERGARDEN CHILDREN MAILING LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS, MRS COPELAND, TEACHER LOOKING ON.

Field Trip

The kindergarten class of Borden County Schools took their first field trip on Tuesday, December 4.

The students had worked very hard to write their own letters to Santa Claus. Each student also made his, or her, own envelope, stamped it, addressed it, and when they reached the post office, mailed it.

Mrs. Copeland, kindergarten teacher, explained what a post office is and how it serves the community. Mrs. O. D. Jackson, Postmistress, took the

children into the office of the postoffice. She showed them where their letters were and explained what happens to that letter from the time it was mailed until it reaches its destination. She also assured them that Santa would certainly get their letters. They were shown also, how a letter is postmarked and the boxes where mail is picked up.

This was a very educational trip for the children. They wish to thank Mrs. Jackson for being so helpful.

Election

Results of the December 3rd. election of ASC county committeemen for 1974 were announced today by Brent Murphy, chairman of the Borden County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committee.

Newly named to committee posts in the mail balloting were: Kenny Hensley, farmer in Plains community, county committeeman; J. O. Creighton, farmer on Plains, first alternate, and Ralph Miller, Rancher in Flavanna community, second alternate. Kenny Hensley will serve as committeeman for three years, and the alternates serve one year terms.

Brent said farmer committeemen are in charge of local administration of national farm programs. At least one committee member and two alternates are elected each year.

MUSEUM

Open House

The Borden County Museum will hold open house for all students on the 14th and 19th. Of particular interest will be an old fashioned Christmas tree decorated to resemble a tree of the 1900 era. The museum is indebted to the grade schools for their contributions of decorations for the tree.

The homemaking classes of Mrs. Shirley Kountz have made Christmas cookies for decorations and to serve during the open house.

The public is cordially invited to visit the Museum on the 15th and 16th from 2 to 5 p.m. Please bring your friends and help us celebrate the holiday season.



PICTURES TAKEN 1912 AND 1973

Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Taylor, Hico, were honored with a family dinner on their 60th Wedding Anniversary, hosted by their children, Darlene Holley, Hico, and Doris Rudd, Gail, their grandchildren, Donna and Ernest Turner, Johnson City, Loyd, Boyd and Evelyn Holley of Hico, and great-grandchildren, Jetta, Tonja and Bronk Turner of Johnson City. One grandson, Taylor Rudd, and 2 great grand-children, Latane and DeWayne Rudd were unable to attend. Among others who visited the Taylors during the week were a niece, Mrs. Glenn Knowls of Florida and Mrs. Joe Gilmore of Gail.

Martin Taylor was born in Del Rio in 1895 and moved to Gail with his family in 1903-- where he attended school in the old two story school house. He started working on ranches at an early age.

Martin and Skeet Porter recall a time in 1910 when he was working for the Tom Goods and they were moving a herd of cattle to "somewhere" West of Lubbock. The cattle had been dying with blackleg and after they started moving them, they did not lose another cow. Skeet was only six years old and when

they neared the alkali lakes near Tahoka, the cattle began running to the lakes and Skeet became frightened because the alkali would kill the cattle and he could not turn them but Martin came to the rescue and together they turned them.

Years later, after Martin had married and was living in Gail, Skeet rode up to his house sporting the most beautiful pink silk shirt. It caught Martin's eye and he just had to have it. Don't know what the deal was but he got the shirt- Skeet was really glad to be rid of it because he had acquired it by some sort of "Hanky Panky" from Wilbur Snyder.

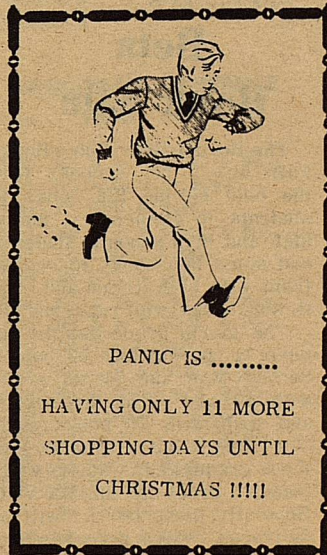
Ruth Millhollan was born in Coke County in 1895. The Millhollans moved to Scurry County in the late 1800's and a few years later to Borden County near Knapp. After her mother died, when she was twelve, she and her sisters took over the household chores. She was also a pretty good "cow-boy", herself. When she and Martin were going "courting" they and Charlie Engle and Margie Coates would ride miles on horseback to a good country dance. About this time Marg-

ie's mother had died and Margie and her sisters were caring for their baby sister, Maude Coates (Roper) Hull and Martin and Charlie would take turns carrying Maude to the dances on a pillow. (There were no babysitters in those days.) They would put her to sleep on a pallet and dance all night and return home at daybreak.

Martin and Ruth were married in Gail on December 4th 1913. In 1918 they went to New Mexico in a covered wagon driving a herd of cattle and lived out a claim. They moved back to Gail and 1925 bought a place West of town where they lived until moving to Hico in 1954.

FOUND

3 PEAFOWLS, IF THESE ARE YOUR PEAFOWLS, PLEASE-- COME PICK THEM UP AT THE JOE GILMORE HOME.



EVERYONE IS INVITED

to come to the Christmas Program at the Gail Baptist Church, December the 16th.

After the program, there will be caroling and refreshments.

Borden County School News



2ND GRADE PRESENTS PROGRAM

BACK ROW L-R: SCOTT JONES, KELLY WILLIAMS, LORI DOYLE, ROXIE WOLF, and DAWN ANN HOLMES
FRONT ROW L-R: TAMMY MILLER, KIM WILLS, TONYA NEWSOM, PENNY FULCHER, and SAMMY WILLIAMS.

Parent's Club

The Borden Elementary Parent's Club met Thursday, December 6 for their regular monthly meeting.

The second grade class presented a Christmas program for the mothers, a father, and a grandfather. The children sang Christmas Carols and each student had a part of a Christmas poem to recite. They were so pleased to have their parents there to see them and did a wonderful job presenting this program. The parents who were present were very impressed by the organization and work that had gone into this presentation.

After the program, the meeting was called to order by Pres-

ident, Dewey Faye Everett, Secretary, Comelle Williams, read the minutes of the last meeting. They were approved.

A discussion was held on the games for indoor play. These games, purchased by the parents club, are at the school and available to the students.

There was a discussion involving carpet for the Kindergarten. It was decided that the Parent's Club will purchase this carpet to be placed in two rooms of the Kindergarten building.

All elementary mothers are urged to come and help stuff Christmas stockings for the elementary grades on December 20 at 9:00.



THE FIRST AND FOURTH GRADES LOOK OVER THE BOOKS AT THE BOOK FAIR SPONSORED BY THE BETA CLUB.

Beta Book Sale

The Borden Beta Club's Book Fair was a big success with the club selling 218 books to students in elementary, junior high and high school. Students had some 365 books to choose from with both fiction and non-fiction books well represented.

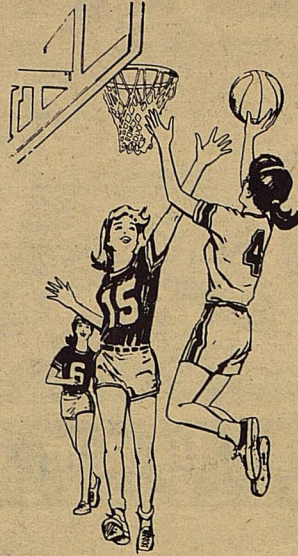
The fourth grade was the big buyers, purchasing 62 books. Second was the eighth grade with 43 and third the second and fifth with 20 books each. The Beta Club wishes to give these grades and all others who bought a great big THANK YOU. Hopefully these books will be delivered before school is dismissed for the holidays.

The Beta Club makes 206 books sold. The profit will be used to finance spring projects of the club and help send eligible Beta Club members to the Beta Convention at Dallas in January.

SENIOR CLASS

We wish to thank everyone who bought fruitcake for Christmas. Thank you for helping another Senior project become a success. We appreciate your patronage.

Thank you
Seniors '74



Girls Win

JR. HIGH GIRLS

Borden Junior High Girls defeated Dawson 43-25 on Monday, December 10. Martha Anderson scored 18 points, Lesa Hensley 13, Kevva Tucker 6, Karen Williams 4, and Renee Sharp 2 points. Lesa and Carla Jones each had 4 rebounds. Lesa led in recoveries with 6 and also had 8 scoring assists. The girls now have a record of 5 wins and 3 losses.

Boys Win

The Borden Jr. High won their third game of the year by beating Dawson Jr. High 17-12. Richard Long led the scoring with 10 points. Eurdist Rinehart 3, Perry Smith 2, Johnny Jackson 2, aided the team total.

MEADOW TOURNAMENT

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

WIN CONSOLATION

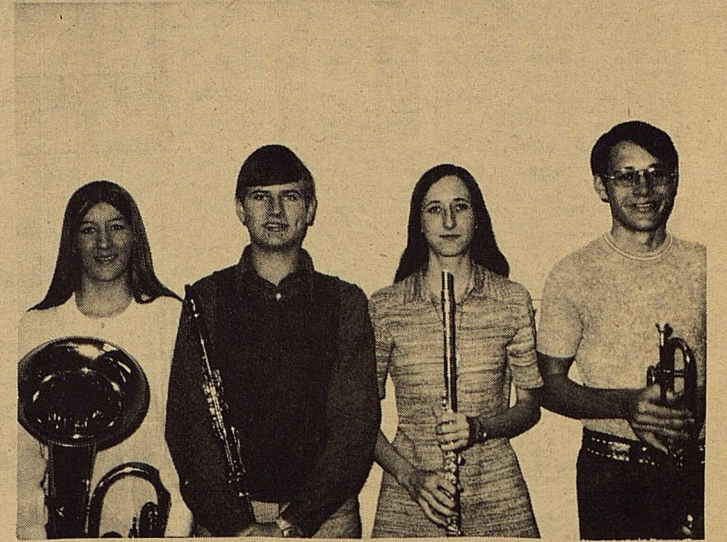
The Borden High School Boys lost their first game in the Meadow Tournament to Seagraves, but won games over Ropesville and Brownfield J. V. to take the consolation title.

In the first game Joe Hancock led the Coyote scoring with 12 points. Clifton Smith followed with 10 points. The leading scorers for the Ropesville game were Max Jones with 14 and Joe Hancock with 8.

Borden played Brownfield J.V. Saturday afternoon for the consolation title. Brownfield had lost their first game to Meadow but had beaten Loop to advance to meet the Coyotes. Max Jones led the Coyote scoring with 22 points. Monte Smith followed with 15 points and Doug Isaacs added 13 points.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

The Borden High School girls were defeated in the first round of the Meadow tournament by Loop 37-36, as Melisa Taylor scored 28 points. The girls came back to defeat LCHS 65-38 with Melisa again leading the scoring with 25 points followed by Deidre Tucker's 18. In the consolation finals, Ropes defeated Borden 51-42, with Melisa and Deidre scoring 22 and 16 points respectively. Post won the tournament, beating Loop in the finals 53-50.

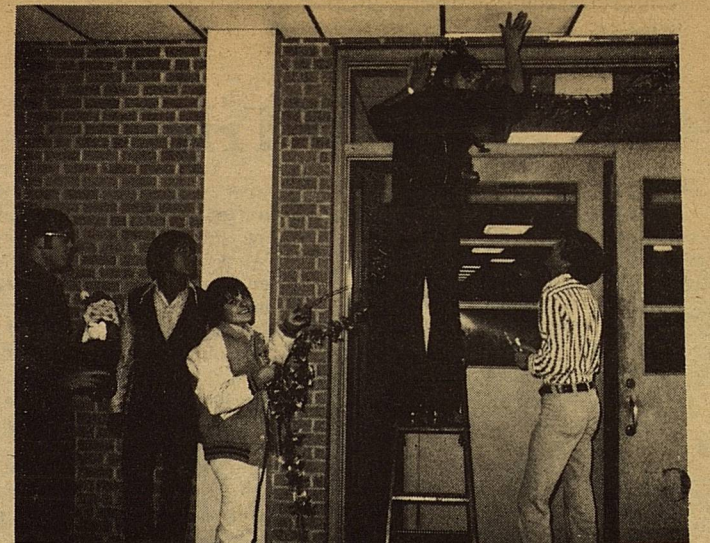


TRY OUT FOR ALL REGION BAND CONCERT: L TO R, RITA CORNETT, KEM LOCKHART, CATHERINE JACKSON, AND FRANK FARMER.

All Regional Band

Four members of the Borden Coyote Band traveled to McCamey Saturday, December 8, to compete in the Region VI Class B -Class AA Band. Saturday was try-out day to select members for the All-Region Band Concert to be held January 8, 1974 at Big Lake High School in Big Lake. This band will be made up of the top musicians from bands in Region VI.

Those selected for the band were Rita Cornett, first chair baritone, Catherine Jackson, first chair flute, and Kem Lockhart, fourth chair clarinet. Frank Farmer barely missed qualifying for the band. These students are to be heartily commended for their efforts as it required many hours of work on very difficult music and competition with some very fine area musicians.



PUTTING UP CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ARE:

L-R: GARLAND WILLIAMS, JUNIOR OLIVEREZ, LINDA GASS, STEVE WHITAKER, and CREIGHTON TAYLOR

PEE WEES

The Junior High Pee Wees divided into two groups to play some red hot basketball against each other.

The blue team won 16-14. Scoring for the Blues were-- Travis Rinehart, four points, Ben Murphy, four points, Mark Walker, four points, and Bennie Taylor, six points.

Scoring for the Gold team were: Brad Smith, with 2 points Wendall Stroup, 2 points, Ramon Vidal eight points and Tim Taylor, two points.

FFA Fruit

THE FFA FRUIT SHOULD BE

IN BY THE 16th OR 17th



Program

On December 10, 1973 the Borden County Student Council presented the student body with an assembly. The entertainment was provided by Luigi Waites. Luigi, a professional drummer, presented the students with a program dealing with everything from the basic fundamentals of playing percussion, to the skills required to play the trap set. Luigi has been playing the percussion for somewhere between fifteen and twenty years. His skills and humor kept everyone entertained.

VISIT YOUR SCHOOL AND SEE THE DECORATIONS SPONSORED BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL AND BETA CLUB

Accreditation Report

Borden County Schools were visited recently by a team from the Texas Education Agency for the purpose of accreditation.

On December 10, superintendent McLeroy received the following report.

The Borden County Independent School District was last visited for accreditation purposes in 1953, and was continued and carried as fully accredited for twelve grades.

The district encompassed approximately 889 square miles of properties used primarily for oil and gas production. The assessed valuation was \$31,020,350, estimated to be 20 percent of actual value. The tax rate of \$1.59 was divided to provide \$1.42 for maintenance and operation and 17 cents for retirement of the district's \$348,880 bonded debt.

The district operated a program of instruction for grades K-12 on one campus for an enrollment of 200. The district employed 23 professional personnel and two teacher aides.

The professional personnel were graduates of colleges and universities approved by the Texas Education Agency for teacher training programs and were properly prepared for their current assignments with one exception.

One teacher in the system was placed out of their grade level of teaching. The teacher in question was teaching some High School and some Elementary classes, but had only a secondary certificate.

For the professional growth and development of its staff members, the district participated in training workshops sponsored in cooperation with the Region XVII Education Service Center as well as inservice meetings with other schools and a nearby junior college.

The district's physical facilities consisted of a modern brick building housing grades 1-12, the administrative offices, a central library, science laboratory facilities, and a cafeteria;

a modern gymnasium building nearby housing the physical education and band programs; another large building nearby (known as "The original white building"), which was no longer in use except for one or two classes; and a small frame building, across from the parking lot, which housed the kindergarten.

The instructional organization of the district consisted of self contained classes in grades K-5 and departmentalized classes in grades 6-12. Individualized and small group instruction was observed in grades K-8, while the lecture method was observed in grades 9-12. Instruction generally appeared to be of highly acceptable quality.

There was a good supply of audio-visual materials and equipment available and in use by the teachers and students. The district was reported to be a member of the Region XVII Education Service Center and was making use of its services to reinforce the instructional program.

The vocational courses offered at the high school were Agriculture I, II, III, and IV. Four years of general homemaking were taught on a non-vocational basis. In addition to the required courses, a wide variety of other electives were offered at the high school.

Elective courses offered in the seventh and eighth grades included band, art, homemaking, science, health and physical education. The district was exceeding the 450 clock-hour requirement in electives for grades 7 and 8.

Science was being taught by the laboratory method in grades 7 and 8 using the laboratory facilities provided for the high school students. The supplies and equipment in the laboratory appeared adequate to support the teaching of science by the laboratory method, and also provided adequately for pupil experimentation.

One central library was pro-

vided for grades 4-8, and another served grades 9-12. Room book collections were furnished in grades K-3. The library facilities were attractive and the materials were well displayed. However, the library for grades 4-8 contained a number of books which appeared to be in need of repair, as well as some that were old and no longer used by the students (Principle VI, Standard 21).

Board and administrative policies had been developed and appeared to be in good order. The minutes of school board meetings were adequately kept and properly signed by the president and secretary of the board.

The most recent system-wide self-evaluation had been conducted in September 1973, and the written report was made available to the visiting team. The guidance and counseling program was outlined in writing and approved by the school board. The program was under the supervision of the elementary and secondary principals with assistance from the professional staff.

The district's immunization program was under the supervision of a school nurse, employed by the district on a full-time basis, who maintained the necessary pupil health records. Pupil attendance accounting information appeared to be in good order. Information concerning pupil attendance, health, and academic progress were adequately kept.

The district's administrators, staff, board, and patrons are to be commended for their success in providing a quality education program. In view of the conditions found on the day of the visit, the following recommendation is made.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Borden County Independent School District be continued as fully accredited for grades kindergarten through twelve.



MRS. O.D. JACKSON TAKING THE KINDERGARTEN ON A GUIDED TOUR OF THE GAIL POSTOFFICE.

Mrs. Long's Students Give Recital

Students from Borden County School who take piano from Mrs. Sid Long presented their annual Christmas recital, Sunday at 3:00 P.M. in the school auditorium. Some think it may have been their best recital ever! Most boys and girls played three carefully selected pieces by memory. Those who performed are: ASandra Kountz, Stephanie Stephens, Gena McLeroy, Scot Long, Tamm y Telchik, Monica Dyess, Debra Kou tz, Suzanne Walker, Carla Jones, Karen Williams, Glynda Burkett, Lisa McLeroy, Rhesa Wolf, Carol Burkett, Twila Telchik, Lesa Hensley, Richard Long, Dana Westbrook, and Catherine Jackson. Congratulations go to each student for such an outstanding performance!

Mrs. Long would like to thank the students, parents school administration and board for all their cooperation.

SCHOOL Lunch Menu

December 17 - 21

MONDAY
Barbequed Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Cabbage and Apple Salad
Hot Rolls/Butter
Milk
Chocolate Cake White Icing

TUESDAY
Pizza
Buttered Corn
Vegetable Salad
Peanut Butter Cake
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Turkey and Dressing
Spiced Sweet Potatoes
Cranberry Sauce
English Pea Salad
Cookies
Milk

THURSDAY
Pinto Beans Ham Hock
Potato Salad
Pineapple Tidbits
Peanut Butter Brownies
Corn Bread/Butter
Milk

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

WTC Gives Play

"Look Back in Anger"

Snyder--"Look Back in Anger" will open a four-night run at the Western Texas College Fine Arts Theatre Dec. 12.

Performances are scheduled for 8:15 each evening. Tickets will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students and will be on sale at the door.

"Look Back in Anger", written by John Osborne, was first produced in London in 1956. It has been termed a classic example of the literature of the angry young men of the '50s, and carries a psychological message.

Heading the cast is Jamie Boren as Jimmy Porter, a young man who feels trapped by his heredity and colorless environment. Donna Messimer is Alison Porter, Jimmy's wife. Bill Martin is cast as Cliff Lewis and Retha Boyd as Helena Charles, both friends of the Porters.

Charles Holland, assistant professor in the Department of Drama and Speech, is director for the play.

Free Enterprise System

At its Mid-Year Meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in Kerrville, one of the resolutions adopted by WTCOC was in regard to H. B. 1118 (Art. 21.1 of the Education Code) to provide for high school instruction in the free enterprise system.

The resolution recommends and urges the State Board of Education to draw heavily from the expertise of the business sector of the State fulfilling its "mandate to prescribe suitable teaching materials for the instructions" in the free enterprise system.

Emil C. Rassman of Midland, President of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, asks for the full support of every member of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in helping to establish in our public schools a course of instruction about the free enterprise system and what it means to the continued growth and prosperity of America.

"We are, indeed, fortunate to live in this great country," says the WTCOC President. "We have more freedom, more opportunity, more prosperity

than any people in the world.

We have the highest rate of economic growth of any industrial nation. We have more jobs and higher wages than any country in the world. Our rate in inflation, figures show, is less than that of any industrial nation. The productivity of West Texas agriculture helps make us the best-fed people in the world, with the lowest percentage of family budget going to food of any country in the world.

West Texas Chamber of Commerce believes in the American system, and we oppose those critics who would tear it down and substitute something else in its place.

Now is the time to tell this story to the youth of our land so they can have a part in perpetuating the system that has been the most productive of any in the world.

If the State Board of Education will utilize the experience of industry and men in the business world who have made the system work in formulating a course of study in the free enterprise system, the future of America will be one of continued growth and prosperity."

BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR 1973-74

Dec. 21	Teacher Work Day (Close First Semester)
Dec. 22-Jan. 1	Christmas Holidays
Jan. 2	Teacher Work Day
Jan. 3-Feb. 15	Fourth Six Weeks
Feb. 22	Teacher Work Day
Feb. 18 April 5	Fifth Six Weeks
April 8-12	Spring Vacation
April 15-May 23	Sixth Six Weeks

1973-74 BORDEN COUNTY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Teams
Jan. 3	KLONDIKE	I	5:00	HS A & B Girls, A Boys
Jan. 5	GRADY	T	6:30	HS A Girls, A Boys
Jan. 7	UNION	H	5:30	JH Girls & Boys
Jan. 8	DAWSON	H	5:00	HS A & B Girls, A Boys
Jan. 11	UNION	T	6:30	HS A Girls, A Boys
Jan. 14	KLONDIKE	T	5:30	JH Girls & Boys
Jan. 15	SANDS	H	5:00	HS A Girls, A & B Boys
Jan. 17	WELLMAN	T	5:00	HS A & B Girls, A Boys
Jan. 21	SANDS	H	5:30	JH Girls & Boys
Jan. 22	LOOP	T	5:00	HS A & B Girls, A Boys
Jan. 25	KLONDIKE	H	5:00	HS A Girls, A & B Boys
Jan. 29	GRADY	H	6:30	HS A Girls, A Boys
Feb. 1	DAWSON	T	5:00	HS A Girls, A & B Boys
Feb. 4	WELLMAN	T	5:30	JH Girls & Boys
Feb. 5	UNION	H	6:30	HS A Girls, A Boys
Feb. 7 & 9	LOOP TOURNAMENT			JH Girls & Boys
Feb. 8	SANDS	T	6:30	HS A & B Boys
Feb. 12	WELLMAN	H	6:00	HS A & B Boys

Jere's Gottings

I'm dreaming of a bright Christmas--1980. If anyone is unrealistic enough to still believe we are in only a temporary crisis, you have a better kite than Benjamin Franklin had and a bigger wood pile than I have. You even have gasoline and fuel oil vats buried deep in the south forty, a pantry stocked with dehydrated food, a goodly supply of panty hose and a drawer full of lipsticks with a new brush. This energy crisis is mighty serious and not to be short lived.

Even if all the stupid economic controls were lifted at midnight tonight and the Arabs suddenly had a change of heart, it would be a minimum of three years before the United States safely could go about business to which we have become accustomed. It will take those three years to build that long sought for Alaskan pipeline, years to build new refineries to handle new domestic oil, years to build, retool and retrack trains, years to reactivate coal mines on infinitude. Should the Arabs resume delivery to U. S., it would take about six weeks to get delivery. But the 80 million barrels already denied us are gone--not to be replaced.

It's all one big mess. And it seems one thing compounds the other. For instance, the government has finally realized they must stimulate domestic production. But, you know what? You can't get oil out of a hole with a siphon. Tubular goods (pipe and casing) aren't to be found--one reason being, the U. S. is sending what little we have to Arabia of all places.

As you all know, I'm a flag waver and tend to weep when I hear the Star Spangled Banner. I wept when the President spoke to the nation about this "new" crisis--but not for patriotic reasons. Granted, we are all spoiled, we drive too fast and we leave the lights on too often. But Nixon did not give one single proposal that would find new oil. He only dictated how we must save what little we have left. Not a word was mentioned about restoring the depletion allowance: not a word was said about reactivating passenger and train service--which would use coal. There have been hints that a new tax on gasoline might have to be levied. This added prier would

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discourage consumption but the revenue would go to the government--not the producer to enable him to look for and produce petroleum products. No thinking person would object to paying more for fuel if they thought the money would help alleviate the problem--after all a tax was not imposed on eggs when they went to a \$1.00 a dozen--and you can't fry them on a cold stove. There is even talk of buying an excess profits tax on the oil companies. Anyone with a sixth grade arithmetic education knows that without a profit, a man can't stay in business. Result--no fuel--few jobs--and a very bleak economic situation.

This crisis is effecting every segment of our economy. There is not one business that does not depend upon fuel. Trucks haul the food stuffs, planes hire people and transport goods. Petroleum products are used in fabrics, cosmetics, medicines, to name a few. Sporting events are lit by more wattage than fireflies can produce--astroturf is a petroleum by-product. But I bet such extravagances are the last to go.

I'm writing this from a motel in Alabama--sitting at a Sunday in Alabama--sitting out a Sunday of no gasoline. My point, that is that motels are to be drastically hurt. Now that we have built such lovely hotelries and marvy super highways, we can't use them. No one would object to rallying around the flag, if we could see a solution or an end in sight. But so far, the Christmasses will be dark--not even any candles.

Birthday Fun

A roundup of birthdays for special people as William Cotton, Mike and Mark Murphy of Ira, Dan and Don Fox of Dunn, Jeff Ellis, Colorado City and his mother, Mrs. Jackson Ellis, Dunn, mother and son birthday twins, was held Saturday at Katy's rock on the Colorado river.

Early a slingshot shooting contest was held. Later bountiful snacking materials of roasted weineis, buns, choli and a Western theme chocolate birthday cake with names and candles along with cold drinks were very tasteful.

In the afternoon a soft breeze down the river blew the many soap bubbles up and away over the boulders and cedar trees with many rainbows glistening. Keep sake rocks and mistletoe were collected between mulches of cracker-jacks and salt-water taffy candy. Colored balloons were fun until occasionally one getting away would go pop in a cactus bed.

Picture taking for years later reminiscing were snapped. The puppet show, "The Two Wives", as narrated by Dan Fox was very entertaining.

Mmes. Lynn Fox, Bill Murphy and Ruth Weathers enjoyed the picnic too.

Due to recent surgery of Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Ellis, along with her husband enjoyed eating birthday cake with coffee in the home with Wright and Jude Huddleston in attendance.

HOSPITALIZED

Leroy Prescott was admitted to Malone and Hogan Hospital last Thursday with pneumonia.

Patt Dyess was admitted to Malone and Hogan Hospital in Big Springs for tests.

From



's
Kitchen

I guess we all have days that we feel like we have been in a shipwreck, I know that I do. On these days I don't really feel like spending a lot of time in the kitchen but we still need a good meal. This recipe is just wonderful for one of these bad days.

SHIPWRECK

Onions, diced
Potatoes, diced
Carrots, diced
Salt and pepper
Chopped celery tops or celery
1 1/2 lb. ground meat (beef)
2 tsp. instant rice
1 cup tomato soup diluted with
1 cup water or 2 cups tomato
Alternate layers of onions,
potatoes, carrots, salt and pepper,
celery, meat and rice in
greased casserole. Season with
salt and pepper. Make opening
in layers. Cover with soup.
Bake, covered at 350 degrees
for 1 hour. Remove cover:
bake 1 hour more.

Express

Thanks

We sincerely want to thank the Gail Homemakers and everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving Benefit dinner given for Linda Perry Stanford. Thank each and everyone for your loving contributions.

With deep appreciation--
Linda Perry Stanford
and family

A Reader Writes

Final part, cont. from last week.

Oberammergau is the site of the Passion Play, which is performed every ten years during the summer months. The last play was done in 1970 and it will be done again in 1980. People from all over the world have already made reservations for the 1980 performance. Hundreds of years ago, the area suffered a terrible plague and they prayed that if God let them live, they would dedicate their lives to telling the world about Christ. Now every ten years, they perform the Passion Play, a story of Christ, his crucifixion and resurrection.

We visited the 7000 seat auditorium where the Passion Play is held--the seats are protected by an overhead roof but the stage is set well back and there is an open air space between it and the audience. I was in awe of the set-up as great care is taken to preserve everything from the severe winters. The trappings connected with the mammoth stage are stupendous and I am sure they have been made especially for this particular stage. I found backstage to be equally fascinating as the guide let us peek into the numerous dressing rooms. The rooms are spotless and every item of wearing apparel has its place. All the actors' robes are hand woven and the rough hewn sandals are made by hand. Many of the articles are hundreds of years old and greatly treasured. There is a special dressing room for the actor who plays Christ, one for Mary and Martha and so on. The colorful robes of the Roman soldiers hang



CHARLES DICKEY AND MRS. DORRIS SMITH CO-AUTHORS OF THE YULETIDE DRAMA, "THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS."

Writes Own Play

Dorris Smith and Charles Dickey (nephew of Pauline Clark of Gail) couldn't find just the right play to put on during the Christmas season at the Dyess Playhouse, so they wrote one.

The play they wrote is a fantasy, titled, "The Magic of Christmas."

It casts children as toys which come to life, as little forest animals and as elves.

The play was presented at the Service Club at Dyess AFB Friday, Dec. 8 and was quite a success.

The show was to go on in two weeks after the play was written and Mrs. Smith and Dickey saw that they had taken on a big job.

The play was a musical, and the many youngsters had to learn the songs as well as their actions. But both playwrights, were enthusiastic and optimis-

tic and set out to make a bit hit.

The story takes place in the country. It revolves around little Anna, who has been ill. Her parents move to a cottage on a hillside overlooking the village, so Anna can have plenty of fresh air and sunshine.

The setting was in the country where Anna meets the little forest animals, and makes friends with them.

Dickey has been known in Abilene principally through his music. He plays organ and piano for civic events. A music senior at McMurry, he has been entertaining in Abilene for some years.

He's also had considerable experience in musicals--he's directed the music for ten of them; at Cooper High, when he was a student; at Abilene Community Theatre, and at Dyess.

crystal, china, bric-a-brac and furniture--some solid gold---other things touched with it. Everything is in perfect condition. Ludwig didn't like to have the kitchen help around, so he devised a movable dining room floor. When the King was ready for a meal, he merely pushed a button and the dining table sank to the lower floor, where maids loaded it with food and sent it back--all laid out beautifully. Ludwig also built a Grotto not too far away. This is an unbelievably beautiful house with a tiny lake. The walls and ceiling are covered in murals resembling the outdoors. They say when Ludwig was troubled, he went to the Grotto and had his manservant paddle him around in his boat for hours.

On our way back to the hotel in Garmisch, I marveled at the magnificence of the Alps and the countryside, now shrouded in late afternoon haze. Berchtesgaden, the birthplace of Hitler, was not too far away, and I wondered how such beautiful country could have produced this mad man--and how could Ludwig lose his mind surrounded by such splendor!

That evening we attended a concert. The orchestra consisted of local artists. The music hall was a modern building and the thirty-foot glass walls on each side revealed a breathtaking scene. While we listened to the music of Bach and Beethoven, we looked out into a panorama with the snow-capped Alps in the background, trees and flowers in the foreground, and silver clouds floating by. It was truly a perfect way to end the day!

By Dorothy Dennis

Tommy Haegelin Reports

MANDATORY CHECK-off

Lubbock--Swine producers in Northwest Texas will have an opportunity to consider a mandatory check-off on market hogs during a series of educational meetings in Lamesa, Canyon, Pampa, and Vernon in December.

According to County Extension Agent Tommy Haegelin, the Texas Pork Producers Association (TPPA) may conduct a state-wide referendum and election if producers view as favorable the mandatory check-off program.

Educational meetings already have been held in Llano, Brenham and Lubbock, says Haegelin.

Meetings scheduled for the West Texas area are as follows: Lamesa, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce Building, 307 North Houston Avenue; Canyon, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. at the Randall County Farm Bureau Building, 1714 5th Avenue; Pampa, Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex, 1/4 mile east of Pampa city limits on Miami Hwy.; and Vernon, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Wilbarger Auditorium, 2100 Yamparika Street.

Swine producers in these areas, are encouraged to attend

one of these meetings, since the referendum would affect any swine producer irregardless of the number of hogs he markets.

Participants in the meetings will include Marvin Sartin, area economist management, Gilbert R. Hollis, area swine specialist, both with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Lubbock, John Fair, executive vice-president, TPPA, and Bob Gray of the Texas Department of Agriculture. Norman Brints, Extension area economist-management at Vernon, will attend the discussion in Vernon in place of Sartin.

If the mandatory check-off program is viewed favorably by most producers, the TPPA will petition the Commissioner of Agriculture for certification to conduct the state-wide referendum and election.

The balloting would result in the election of fifteen (15) directors, from as many areas of the state, who will administer funding for research, education, promotion, and disease and insect control. By this system money taken from mandatory check-off on market hogs will be used to improve the production and marketing of swine, says Haegelin.

All swine producers, he added, will be affected by the outcome of these meetings. It will be to their benefit to share their concerns, both pro and con, with other producers at these meetings.

For more information contact: Jim Owens Jones Area Information Specialist, or

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Texas Hay Crop Up; U.S. Down

AUSTIN--Excellent hay production in Texas combined with a two per cent decline of the commodity nationwide may create an out-of-state demand for Texas hay, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced.

Dr. Roland Smith, Extension Service grain marketing specialist, reported this conclusion in the Texas Livestock Market News, a publication of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Smith also noted that the outlook for feed grain prices in 1974 "will be quite sensitive to export demand and prospects for next year's crops both in this nation and abroad."

Production of grain sorghum is up 20 per cent from last year, Smith said. "If this is realized, less corn and barley may be needed in western cattle rations than earlier predicted. The feed self-sufficiency is another indication that prices may soften in early fall," he said.

Texas also more than doubled its 1972 winter harvest this summer with a record-breaking 29 bushel an acre yield and near-record.

"All indications point to a bumper crop," Commissioner White said. "We're sure to top the \$28,000,000 mark in cash receipts for hay posted last year."

NEWS GETS AROUND

Mrs. Minnie Wise celebrated her birthday Saturday. Her great grandson, Kirby Williams, celebrated his 7th birthday December 1st.

Mrs. N. M. McMichael of Lake Thomas spent Friday night with her daughter and family the Don Bryants of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Northcott of Odessa were visiting Sunday with the lady's parents the Udell Whites and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvian Sanders of Lubbock, Mrs. Pauline Brigham, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Bonny (Ladean) visited their brother, and family, the Dick Cantrells in Gail this week. They had been to Dallas and visited with their sister, Mrs. Lillie Harris. They reported that Mrs. Harris' condition has improved. If you want to send cards, she would enjoy receiving them.

Mrs. Katie Lewis returned to her home near Lubbock after spending several weeks visiting friends and relatives in Big Spring. Forsan and Coahoma.

Mr. James McLeroy, his two sons, Bob and Jim, and Mr. Ben Jarrett traveled to the Everett Ranch, southwest of Merkel this week-end to try their luck at deer hunting.

It was hard to tell who was the proudest, Mr. McLeroy or Bob, when Bob bagged his first and the only deer at the hunt.

Ed, Sharon, and Brian Huddleston traveled to Brownwood over the week-end to Christmas shop and visit Ed's dad and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Huddleston.

Coming home they stopped in Coahoma to visit Sharon's dad and mother. Rev. and Mrs. Monroe Teeters.

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with action taken by the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Municipal Water District in a regular session on October 18, 1973, the fees for recreation permits contained in the present Ordinances for E. V. Spence Reservoir and Lake J. B. Thomas were adjusted, to be effective January 1st, 1974, at the rates listed below:

Individual Daily Permit valid for 24 hours from time of issue \$1.00

Individual Annual Permits valid from the date of issue until December 31st of the year of issue \$10.00

Annual Guest Permit valid from the date of issue until December 31st of the year of issue \$40.00

All valid permits are honored at both Lake J. B. Thomas and E. V. Spence Reservoir.

All persons who have reached their 17th birthday and have not yet reached their 65th birthday, are required to have in their possession a valid recreation permit to ride in a boat fish, ski, surfboard in, from or upon the water of Lake J. B. Thomas or E. V. Spence Reservoir.

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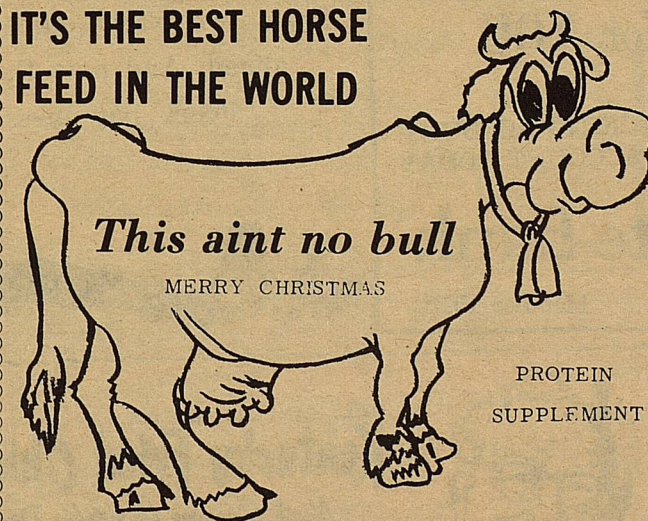
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SCRIBBLES

By Sibyl Gilmore.

Dedication of a new book, "Wagon Wheels, was held in the Garza County Museum Sunday afternoon from 2-5 o'clock.

Wagon Wheels is a History of Garza County, compiled by Garza County Historical Survey Committee and its History Book Sub-committee. Edited by Charles Didway, dedicated to and featuring the pioneers of Garza County, published by Pioneer Book Publishers, Inc. Box 426, Seagraves, Texas 79359.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick started the evenings activities with a short introduction of the book and its history, followed by Mrs. Walter Boren, Chairman of Garza County Historical Survey Committee, who commented on the work and the history of the pioneers. Mrs. Winnie Tuffin gave an outline and extended thanks to all those who helped in any way to make this book possible.

Refreshments of coffee and coffee and cookies were served throughout the evening by members of the Historical Survey Committee and entertainment consisted of music by the "Gail Goof Offs" Vivian and Pauline Clark, Joe Gilmore and Willie Cornett assisted by Mrs. Lillian Nance on the Mandolin and Mrs. Winnie Tuffin on the Organ. There is quiet a story be-

hind the old organ which now sits in the Garza County Museum. Mrs. Winnie Tuffin used to make frequent trips to Mesalero, New Mexico. On each trip she visited a little Catholic Church and played the little organ. On one such trip she told the Priest there if anything ever happened and they wanted to rid themselves of the little organ, she wanted it. Several long years later she received a letter in the mail to come pick up the organ as they had purchased a new electric organ. It is now a beautiful addition to the museum, and I would like to suggest to the citizens of Garza County to get behind the Historical Survey Committee and the Museum Committee and make your museum one of the finest in the States. You have a beautiful location, a fine building and wonderful people to work with. You can help by donating work, time, or money and above all those old antiques you have hidden and stored away. Put them in the museum so they can be enjoyed by everyone. A museum is something that old and young alike can enjoy and holds many fond memories.

Speaking for all those who attended from Borden County, I can say a big Thank You for a wonderful evening.

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Married

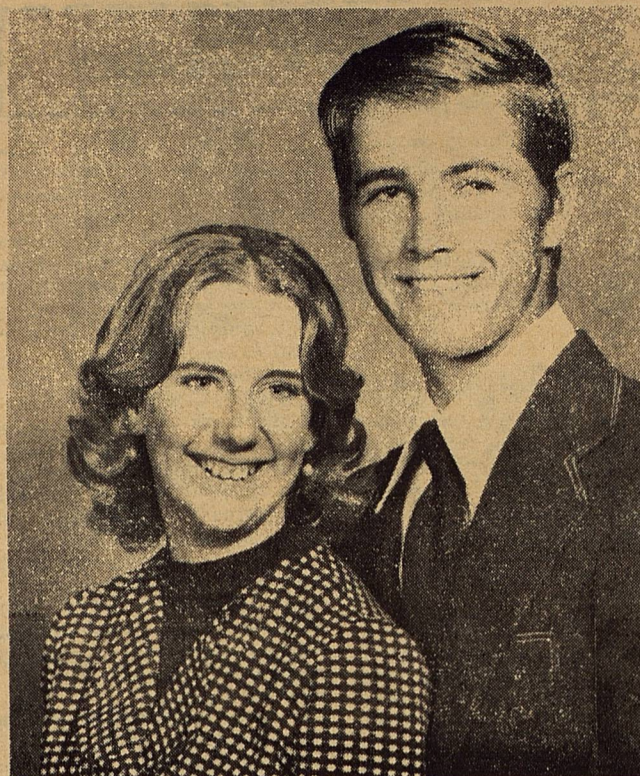
Double ring nuptials were repeated by Taleta Jean Staggs and Winston Lee Wiseman Thursday night at 7:30 in the home of the bride's parents here in Lamesa. Vows were read by Rev. Harold Stone, pastor of the Westside Baptist Church of Lamesa.

The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stone, 901 N. Ave. F, Lamesa and W. D. Staggs of Hobbs, N.M. The groom is the son of George Wilson Wiseman of Steel, Mo. and Mrs. Mary Frances of Seattle, Wash.

The bride is a senior student at Lamesa High School and is a member of VICA, Cosmetology, and the Booster Club.

The groom attended Deering High School in Deering, Mo., and is working on the Kenneth Pearson farm.

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Appearing on the nationwide market in March, the PPV, manufactured by Environmental Vehicles, Inc., is 78 inches long, weighs 120 lbs, and retails for \$395.00 (surry top cost extra).

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Branding Fish

FISH ARE BRANDED

Lubbock--It's a matter of controversy whether stocking bass in a lake with an existing bass population is worth the expense.

Do such fish end up in creels or in the bellies of bigger bass?

Perhaps the recently stocked 20,000 largemouth bass in Lake Meredith near Amarillo will help shed some light on the matter.

Stocked during the first two weeks of November, the bass were supplied free of charge by the Inks Lake Federal Fish Hatchery.

According to hatchery superintendent Clay Young, each of the eight-to-10-inch fish cost some 50 cents a piece to rear because of the extensive handling and feeding involved.

The bass were "cold branded" to help Texas Parks and Wildlife Department inland fisheries biologists keep track of the fishes' movements in the Panhandle Lake.

This brand is 1/8 inch long and is located along the left-hand side of the fish close to the dorsal fin. The mark will appear as a dark bar to fishermen. The scales in the marked area will present a wavy appearance. If the mark is indistinct, the fisherman may be able to identify the fish as being branded by a slight indentation on the branded area.

Young stated that the program is an experiment to determine the feasibility of rearing large-mouth bass to a catchable size

before release.

Bass this large are usually not preyed upon by other fish as much as are smaller fingerlings.

Anglers are asked to turn in all information on the branded fish to the nearest Parks and Wildlife Department office, stating size, date, and location of catch.

This important data will determine any future fish stockings.

Rejecting things because they are old fashioned would rule out the sun and the moon.

I prefer the errors of enthusiasm to the indifference of wisdom.

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College Station--Each year toys cause over 43,000 injuries serious enough to be treated in hospital emergency rooms, the Consumer Product Safety Commission warns.

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"Any toy can become dangerous if misused," she added. "So, to prevent potential injury keep the following in mind.

Choose a toy appropriate for the child's age and development. Often age brackets are listed on the label.

Avoid toys that could puncture or pinch--or have parts that could be swallowed easily.

Check fabric products labels for a "nonflammable" or "Flame-resistant" notice. Also examine labels on stuffed toys and dolls to see if they're washable or contain hygienic materials.

Avoid toys that make excessive noise that could cause hearing impairment.

Make sure lead-free paint is used.

"In addition, parents should check the child's toys periodically for the development of hazards," Miss Cochran advised.

JOE'S IN TROUBLE

by Terry Townsend

I've got a letter, Parson,
From my son away out west,
And my heart is truly heavy--
Like an anvil in my breast.
His letters come so seldom,
And I somehow sort of knowed
That my youn'un was a travel-

ing
On a mighty rocky road,
But I never once imagined
He would bow my head in shame
And in the dust would waller
His ol' Daddy's honored name.
He writes from out in Hilltown,
And the story's might short;
I just can't tell his mother,
It will break her pore old heart;
So I'd 'preciate it, Parson,
If you'd break the news to her:
Joe's been sent to the Legis-

lature--
He didn't say what fur.
(Taken from Poor Richter's Almanac)


Common

Cold Touch

Colds are highly contagious. You know how it goes: one child wakes up one morning with the sniffles, and a couple of days later, everyone in the family is sneezing. Many doctors have thought that a cold usually spread when the sick person sneezed or coughed, blowing the virus that caused the cold into air that was then breathed by others. Colds also could be spread by kissing or sharing a drinking glass. But now Drs. Jack M. Gwaltney, Jr., and J. Owen Hendley of the University of Virginia say their studies suggest that rhino-viruses, the most common of the identified causes of colds, more often travel by direct skin-to-


skin contact. For example, a mother will blow her child's nose for him, contaminating her hands; later she touches her own nose or eyes and catches the cold. Similarly, colds may be transmitted by touching

a contaminated surface with the fingers and then touching the nose or eyes. After you blow your nose or your child's nose and after you cover a cough, the doctors advise, be sure to wash your hands.



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