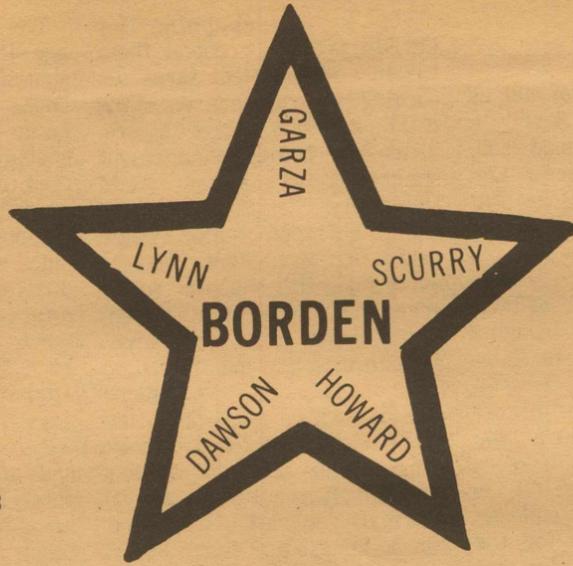


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Editorial

We received the following letter this week from Arlington, Virginia. We thought it interesting that the Borden Star had "traveled afar" and would like to pass it on to you.

How we wish we could afford to pay for such fine knowledgeable articles as Mr. Friedman writes. Maybe some day, dear Sir, we will be on more than a voluntary basis.

Dear Sirs,

I recently came across your issue of November 3rd and noticed your editorial about the Trojan Horse and the U.N. which I found to be very interesting. I am a writer, both free-lance and accredited, who is looking around for newspapers to write a column for. My specialties, from experience, include Asia and internal security work. I was in Vietnam, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Nationalist China and South Korea within the last year on two trips lasting a total of 11 weeks. As a correspondent to HUMAN EVENTS, I was able to meet with many leading figures in each of these countries as well as with military and intelligence personnel. Some of the material that I gathered from these people make very interesting reading, to say the least. Also I served as a voluntary undercover operative in Communist front groups here in the Washington area and was called before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee about what I had learned.

Last Spring I sent out several columns to newspapers around the country on an experimental basis, with some good success. Due to technical difficulties I have not set up a syndication to handle the column. However, I am contacting individual papers, such as the Star, to see if you would be interested in carrying my column. Enclosed are several stories which I had published last spring. If you are interested in the possibility of my doing a column for you, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your attention. Sincerely,
Max Friedman

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Yadon visited in Water Valley Saturday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Martin.

Skeet Porter and W.O. Cox made a business trip to San Angelo Monday.



PARALLEL TERRACES—Terraces following a four-inch rain. Note good distribution of water. Terraces were constructed under the Great Plains Conservation Program.

Rainfall records for the past 75 years show most of the south plains areas receive an average of 20 inches per year. Much of this rain falls hard and suddenly, especially in the spring. Unless something is done to hold this water on the land, most of it will run off. This causes a loss of soil moisture and erosion of rich topsoil. This eroded soil can pollute streams and lakes below.

What can a dryland farmer do to hold the rainfall he receives? Parallel terraces is one answer to this problem. When parallel terraces are constructed, point rows are eliminated, erosion is halted, and moisture is saved. The uniform distribution of water will also lessen the chances of costly failure. Spacing the terraces to fit four-row or six-row equipment means less farming expense and a more efficient operation. Parallel terraces are valuable on any cropland that is farmed as dryland or where limited water is available.

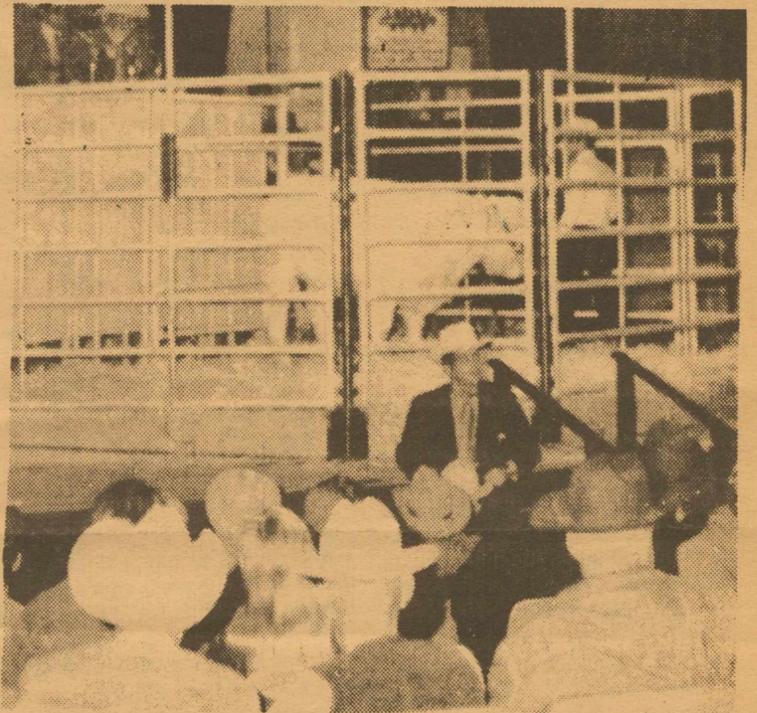
Parallel terraces are constructed from the lower side. This helps to decrease the slope of the field and eliminates the channel in front of the terrace. The interval between the terraces has the side-fall removed or flattened. This allows the water to spread over a larger area giving better

moisture distribution. This means there is more uniform plant growth and the plants produce more residue which helps control wind erosion and air pollution from blowing dust.

A new type of terrace ridge can now be used if the farmer does not wish to farm the terrace ridges. Ridges of about half the width of regular terraces can now be installed. The interval between the ridges is cut and filled to take out highs and lows and to keep the terraces parallel. The interval is also leveled so rainfall will be distributed over the entire interval.

Cost share assistance is available through the Great Plains Conservation Program and the Rural Environmental Assistance Program. Cost share assistance through the Great Plains Conservation Program is 60 percent of the cost. Parallel terraces have eliminated most of the objections farmers formerly had against terracing.

For more information about Parallel terraces, go by your local Soil Conservation Service office. They are interested in your problem and will be happy to help you.



Auctioneers George Morse and Ray Sims encourage bidders at the International Charolais Cattle Sale held Saturday at the Desert Fiesta. Charolais enthusiasts from as far as New Zealand and England attended the sale.

Charolais Breed Lauded

A complete dispersal sale of Charolais cattle was held Saturday Dec. 4th at the Desert Fiesta Theater, Carlsbad, New Mexico, by Mr. J. W. Miller, owner of the old Historical Washington Ranch there. Mr. Miller is President of Globe Universal Sciences, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller reside at Midland and Mrs. Miller is the former Pat Burns of O'Donnell, Texas.

A Cattle Growers Symposium just prior to the sale featured panel members Honorable Bruce King, Governor of New Mexico and prominent New Mexico rancher. Dr. Gerald Thomas, president of New Mexico State University and R. O. Anderson, Chairman of Atlantic Richfield, Bunker Hunt, Charolais and race horse breeder and Logan McGinness, a Charolais Breeder and coordinator of the Charolais Congress. Also Mr. Ernie Dodd, a well known English Cattle Breeder, who selected the Charolais Bulls in France for the United Kingdoms A. I. program this year.

The seven panel members gave their opinions of the Charolais breeding industry and

its future in world-wide beef producing competition to about 1,000 people in attendance at the Symposium. An imported pure French heifer topped the sale at \$10,000 going to Dr. W. R. Newton, M. D., Cameron, Texas.

High selling bull was purchased by Cleo Powell of Albuquerque. He paid \$7,100.00 for the full French Bull, Tattenhall Flic DEF6. Frank and Wilma Currey attended the sale as guest signors.

Frank sold a son of the famous Bold Ruler, imported French Bull. The purchase was made by Mr. J. R. Brummett of Shreveport, Louisiana. Also a cow sired by the Certified Meat Sire F.W.T. 028 went to Clements of Missouri. Attending the sale from this area were Mr. J. W. Holmes, Mr. Vernon Wolf, Mrs. Jack Wolf, Mr. Dennis Nix, Mr. Donald Airhart and Mr. Johnny Billingsley and Mr. Orval Evans.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McKee were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Higgins, Ross and Grady of Plainview.

What Is Christmas

Agnes M. Pharo

Christmas is a light that has flamed through the ages. It is a glow that warms the hearts of men wherever the old, yet ever-new manger story is known and loved.

Christmas is PEACE, the promise of heralding angels fulfilled for a season. It is a foretaste of what could be, if men would follow the teachings of the One whose birthday it is.

Christmas is a SPIRIT that flows from one heart to another, from one land to another. It is more precious than rubies and better than gold.

Christmas is a FAITH in goodness and kindness, in truth and love. It is faith in God, in His Son, in ourselves and our fellowmen.

Christmas is JOY, an emotion

as natural to the heart of man as the the heart of God. Surely, a joyful Creator fashioned snogarlanded fir trees and diamond-frosted stars for our delight, and small winged creatures that sing even through the rain.

Christmas is a BENEDICTION, turning men's thoughts from material things to those which are spiritual. It is a blessing which implants goodwill and friendship among all peoples.

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to PEACE.

Lighting Contest In O'Donnell

The 1946 Study Club will sponsor a residential Christmas Lighting Contest here this year, Mrs. Ralph Knight chairman of the contest committee announced today.

The contest begins on December 4, 1971 and ends on December 18, 1971, and is being promoted to spread the spirit of Christmas by means of decoration with light, she said. Winners will receive prizes.

Mrs. Knight, in announcing the Christmas Lighting Contest, stated that "our Community will receive a great many benefits from an all out effort to decorate our homes. The contest will provide pleasure for everyone participating and will help beautify our city at this season of the year and will foster a friendlier community spirit." Entry blanks, which can be obtained at Texas Electric Office, should be filled out and mailed to 1946 Study Club; P.O. Box 397 before December 12, 1971.

All contestants will please have their displays lighted from dusk to 11:00 p.m. each night during the week of December 12th through December 18th.

A special prize will be given the class with the winning decorations on a downtown window.

Prizes will be awarded on the basis of artistic merit, lighting techniques, originality and ingenuity.

Evangelist

For the second night in a row, evangelist James Robison of Fort Worth, took his audience to task at Snyder for their complacency and lack of concern for the spiritual welfare of others.

The 28-year-old evangelist who opened an eight-day crusade at Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder last Sunday dealt a sharp blow to church members who continue to bypass their Christ-given talk to "Go out into the world and to become witnesses. Every person should be a potential prospect," he said.

The crusade, sponsored by 16-area churches of various denominations continued through Dec. 5, with services at 7:30 p.m. each day.

Christmas Toys

The key to shopping for Christmas toys is to choose them wisely and to select them according to age and interest of the child, reminds Doris Myers, Extension home management specialist at Texas A&M University.

For children under three years old, Mrs. Myers says to avoid toys with sharp or rough edges that might cut or scratch. Don't choose toys with small attachments that could become loose and be put in ears, nose, or mouth, such as glass or button eyes or small wheels. Also check for poisonous paints on objects and toxic, heavy breakable toys.

Brightly colored objects that can be hung out of reach but in view are excellent gifts for children under one, the specialist says. Or look for squeak toys; sturdy, non-flammable rattles; washable stuffed dolls with embroidered eyes; colored balls; or cups and other non-breakable objects that can be chewed.

Children one-to two-years-old are safe with squeak toys and soft stuffed dolls or animals, she continues. Also consider blocks with rounded corners, push-and-pull toys with strings or rounded handles, and nests of blocks.

For the two-to three-year-old child, Mrs. Myers suggests buying wooden animals, push toys, tip-proof kiddie cars and tricycles. Don't forget large crayons; low rocking horses; sand box with buckets, shovels and spoons; large peg boards; small chair and table; or simple musical instruments, she adds.

If you're shopping for the three-to six-year-old, avoid gifts too heavy for the child's strength, the specialist says. These include electrical toys; poorly-made objects that may come apart, break or splinter; and sharp or cutting toys. Also omit from your gift list highly flammable costumes, ill-balanced mobile toys and shooting or target toys that could endanger eyes.

Some gift ideas for three-and four-year-olds are small brooms and carpet sweepers, toy telephones and dolls with simple wrap-around clothing, Mrs. Myers suggests. Doll buggies and furniture, dishes, trucks and tractors, non-electrical trains, drums and building blocks are also safe gift ideas.

The child four-to six years of age is safe with simple construction sets, paints and paint books, modeling clay or doll house and furniture. The specialist adds that other safe toys for this age group include skip ropes, small sports equipment, paper doll sets with blunt scissors, black-board and dustless chalk, and flame-retardant costumes.

For the six-to eight-year-old, Mrs. Myers says to avoid non-approved electrical toys, anything too large or complicated for the child's strength and ability, sharp-edged toys, poorly made skates and shooting toys. Instead choose well-constructed, light-weight useable tools, sleds, construction sets, roller skates or approved electrical toys. Also check for kites, playground equipment, puzzles and games, sewing material, and dolls and doll equipment.

If you're shopping for the youngster eight to 12, don't choose air rifles, chemistry sets, dart games, bows and arrows, dangerous tools and electrical toys unless they will be used under parental supervision, the specialist cautions. Instead, look for hobby materials, arts and crafts, photography, or coin and stamp collections. Children this age also enjoy puppet shows, musical instruments, bicycles gym and sports equipment, model and construction building sets, and electrical trains that have the Underwriters Laboratories' approval.

Remember, Mrs. Myers points out, a child's safety is your responsibility.

The W.C. Couch's of Denton, were visiting in Gail Wednesday, and with their daughter, Mrs. W.C. Wheeler of Lubbock.

Men's Ties Needed

I have had a request from the Kuna Indians off the coast of Panama, asking that I gather together as many old ties and send to them. Some of you may remember that Steve Dennis was located on these San Blas Islands during his volunteer work with the Peace Corps. The Kuna women do beautiful hand work and want men's ties because they are so colorful.

This is a good time to clean out your closets of Dad's old fashioned ties and at the same time they will be going for something useful and worthwhile. Mr. McMeans has consented for me to leave a box at the school for all of you to drop the ties into. I will be responsible for boxing them up and mailing them to the Islands. These people are most appreciative of anything done on their behalf and I will pass on to you any communication I have from them in answer.

Dorothy Dennis

Museum Musings

A Holiday Open House will be held at the Borden County Museum on Monday Dec. 13 to give recognition to our county officials, the Museum Committee, the Historical Survey Committee and all who have helped to make our Museum and our "Borden Citizen" such an outstanding success. Come by and have a cup of coffee with us between 10 and 12 a.m.

Recent visitors in the Vealmoor area were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Massingill of Noel, Missouri.

Jack Burleson and Carl Ruse of Odessa were Sunday visitors of W.O. Cox and Roy Anderson.

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.
Agnes M. Plato



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The Hazards Of Keeping Clean

The harder you try to keep yourself clean the better your chances are of getting seriously hurt; because bathing is a dangerous business. Filth may be harmful but the act of washing it off is worse.

The boys who used an iron wash pot or tin tub were in danger of cooking their bottoms if they had a fire going under it. Even if they moved away from the fire, the iron was still hot enough to raise blisters. Blisters can become infected and cause blood poisoning. The wooden tub was not much better because of the splinters.

The bathtub today is one of the most ingenious death traps ever invented. Every method known to man has been used to make it slippery. The modern soaps, too, are as slippery as the chemist can make them. You would think they should be satisfied but they aren't. Now they tell you to use a water softening chemical to get the dirt off easier. In actuality, it makes the water slippery too. The little hand rail in the tile wall is a sure killer. It looks strong but it is set in with only a little plaster to hold it. One grab, and out she comes.

Even so a fellow may still have a chance; so they put electric fixtures or switches where they can be reached from the tub. One touch and you may be electrocuted. Of course, some people realize the danger so they keep their hands off.

When the bathtub people heard about this, they put in a shower head. Now, when your eyes are full of soap and you stand up to get a towel — Wham! Your head hits the shower. This device was invented long ago but did not do a good job until they lowered it to shoulder level for the purpose, so they say, of permitting you to take a shower without getting your head wet. But we're not that dumb. We know why they did it. They found out that short peoples heads didn't always reach it.

If you still insist that you don't want to smell like a n old billy goat, you might try a stream or pond or tank; but then you stand a chance of drowning. So, what's left to do? The safest method is to stand out in the rain; and the only reason it's safe is because it hardly ever rains. If it did, and you stood out in it, you'd probably catch your death of cold.

Probably no one will ever pay any attention to this good sound advice and we will never know if you do because you won't be on speaking terms with anybody — not even yourself.

CLEANLINESS MAY BE NEXT TO GODLINESS BUT IT SURE AIN'T SAFE.

House hold hint: Hydrogen Peroxide will remove blood from clothing. Just pour some on the spot and it just boils out. Much better than soaking in cold water.



Thoughts At Christmas

Once again it is Christmas, the season of goodwill, love and gift giving. Time again to read the tender story of the birth of Jesus according to the Gospel of St. Luke; read of the shepherds, the stars, the wise men and to sing familiar carols.

It is time of magic for little children, the whispered secrets, the gay activities, thoughts of Christmas morning joy that cause the eyes to glow as brightly as lighted candles.

It is time for bringing home the tree, the fragrant tree, to decorate with lights, tinsel and artificial snow, always remembering how lovely God can trim a tree in silent snowfall, turning the poorest evergreen into a thing of exquisite beauty.

It is a season for home going, the gathering of loved ones, the fellowship of friends; time to send and to receive greetings, notes, letters of good wishes that spread happiness like a warm cloak; messages that bear the signature of friendship, that impart beauty and warmth of life, wishing joy, happiness and peace.

THE SMALL CITY

by Sibyl Gilmore

What do you see when you drive down the road and pass through the very small town, A blinking light? An old hound dog?

Birds not making a sound?

Or do you see the people that worked, sweated and slaved.

That carved out a meager living and the many storms that they braved?

With only God and their courage to help them the long days through to carve these little cities that you and I drive to.

So why not stop and say "Hello" It might make them feel real proud, that they live in a little city where its quiet, and loneliness is loud.

Greatly to be cherished and held in heart is the wish of peace. Only as we have peace of mind and heart, peace with God and man, can we have happiness and joy. To wish one the best in life is to wish him peace. With all the heart, let us wish peace in each individual heart and in all the world.

Asp Sting

Lately there have been a lot of woolly little creatures crawling about in trees and shrubs. They do little damage to vegetation, but you'd better beware because they have a powerful sting.

The fuzzy worms are generally called "asps," but are also known as puss caterpillars, woolly slugs, woolly worms, possum bugs, Italian asps and Mexican asps.

Asp numbers have been higher this fall than usual, says Dr. Philip Hamman, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Such increases occur periodically due to various changes in nature and in the natural enemies of the worms. Asps generally are active in both the spring and fall.

Hamman cautions everyone to be on the lookout for asps while in the yard or garden. The worms are about an inch long when mature and have a short, thick body covered by silken hairs ranging from light tan to grayish in color. Under the hairs on the backside of the worms are numerous short poisonous spines. Stings occur when a person brushes against one of the worms or attempts to remove it from exposed skin or clothing. The worm does not sting from its underside.

An asp sting is accompanied by an extremely painful and intense local burning sensation at the site of the sting. This pain may radiate up an entire extremity. Localized swelling usually occurs within a short time. Severe headache may develop and may persist for

"Shifting Sand"

By: Wilma Currey

My darling has gone to a far distant shore.

My darling has left to return nevermore.

His love for me lay in the palm of my hand,

And it filtered through lightly, Like small grains of sand.

The rapture we shared was like heaven above.

But I listened with mockery to his sweet words of love.

Come back, come back, my aching heart cries.

My pleas sound so futile when flung to the skies.

My darling, my darling in a strange foreign land,

The love that you wanted is not shifting sand!

As I wander alone in shame and disgrace,

I will pray once more to see your sweet loving face.

In dreams I set sail to wherever you are,

And cast my eyes on a shining bright star.

The angels will help me to win you once more,

Then I awake and cry as before.

For my darling has gone to a far distant land,

And the love that was mine is now shifting sand!

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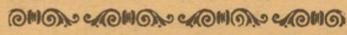
Pressure, Pressure, Pressure - I received notice from the United States Postal Service that I had to have my out of state Christmas packages in the mail by December the first - a blank admission on their part of gross inefficiency. This put me in a stew - I hadn't even eaten all the Thanksgiving "recycled turkey" before I was confronted with this ultimatum. So what to do? In this poor soul's case, she took the day off and went to a Quiet Day conducted at her church. I did this as an alibi if you want to know the truth about it but I profited greatly. I received a new perspective - or at least reviewed a nagging conceptive.

My Bishop quoted the following paraphrase by Wiley Kim Rogers. "And there were in the same country children keeping watch over their stockings by the fireplace. And, lo, Santa Claus came Upon them, 'Fear not; for Behold, I bring you good Tidings of great joy which shall be unto all people who can afford them. For unto you will be given tomorrow, great feasts of turkey, dressing, and cake; and many presents wrapped in bright paper, lying beneath a tree adorned with tinsel, colored balls and lights. 'And suddenly there will be with you a multitude of relatives and friends. Praising you and saying, 'Thank you so much, it was just what I wanted.' And it shall come to pass as the friends and relatives have gone away Into their own homes, the parents shall say one to another, 'Damn it! What a mess to clean up'. . . 'I'm dead tired, let's go to bed and pick it up tomottow'. . . 'Thank God, Christmas only comes once a year,' And they go with haste to their cold bed and find their desired rest."

How about that? Makes one stop and ponder doesn't it?

The Bishop's thesis was Advent which comes from the Greek "coming". He spoke of preparing oneself for the three aspects of the Coming, the Christ Child, daily and the second Coming. . . My thoughts are turned to just the season of Advent. Are we preparing for fun and games or are we preparing for the real nitty gritty? My better half pointed out a real analogy to me - he pointed to the weeks of preparation I spend for Christmas - shopping, cooking, freezing, and decorating. His point is that preparation for the final judgement can't be done in two-hours—it takes time and thought. I am reminded of the amusing story I read about a lady scurrying around in the week of Christmas-frantic. She met a serene friend and said, "I am so frantic—Christmas is next Thursday!" The serene one patted her and said, "Didn't anyone tell you it was coming?"

You know what I would like? Four weeks of Advent, then the festival of the birth followed by the twelve days of Christmas. The schools would let out on December 24th. All the parties and festivities would be from Christmas until January 6 - Epiphany. Sort like Easter - you don't celebrate until after the fact. This system would give another week to get ready, too. But since society doesn't agree with me, I'll stay up tonight so I can have those packages in the mail tomorrow. Probably won't get there until January 6th so I will have had my way anyway.



Meeting Of Cattle Raisers

Directors and friends of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Assn. will meet in San Angelo for their quarterly directors meeting December 10 and 11, according to Frank H. Lewis of Bay City, TSCRA president. This is the first time the directors have met in San Angelo in 10 years.

Hugh Yantis, Director of the - Texas Water Quality Board, will address the cattlement on the proposed regulations on confinement feeding of livestock as it concerns producers. R. M. "Bob" Carter of Plainview, immediate past president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Assn., will discuss pollution problems and control as it deals with livestock needing. Mr. Carter will speak at the general session on the morning of Dec. 11.

Committee meetings will be held Friday afternoon, Dec. 10 at the El patio and Dunbar West motels. The general session Saturday will be held at the El Patio, headquarters for the meeting.

Consider using a living Christmas tree this year. Since everyone seems to be more ecology minded these days, what would be more fitting than a tree that could be used in the home for the holiday season and then moved to the yard or patio as a permanent fixture.

While the traditional Christmas tree is usually a conifer of some type, many broadleaved plants also make very attractive Christmas decorations, contends Everett Janne, landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The female Yaupon holly makes a very attractive Christmas tree with its bright red berries and small dark-green leaves. Regardless of the type of plant you select, be sure it is adapted for the area or is suited for interior landscaping.

For South Texas plants that may be used as living Christmas trees include the Podocarpus, Aleppo pine and Norfolk Island pine. Suggestions for Central Texas include the Deodar cedar, Arizona cypress, juniper, Podocarpus and Yaupon holly as well as many other holly varieties. If kept indoors, the Norfolk Island pine is very useful.

In North Texas the Colorado blue spruce, Scotch pine, Norway pine and a great variety of junipers make beautiful living Christmas trees, according to Janne. Some very interesting decorative effects can be achieved by using plants that are a little out of the ordinary in regard to shape rather than the typically conical shape usually associated with the Christmas tree.

Schedule your plans so the tree doesn't remain in the house more than two weeks, advises the horticulturist. Place it where it isn't in the air stream of a heater or air vent. A room temperature of 65 degrees at night will help keep the tree fresh.

Be sure to place the root ball or container in a leak-proof tub or box, or cover the rug or floor with polyethylene film to prevent water damage. If the plant is balled-and-burlapped, put it in a container large enough to place an inch or two of damp peat moss, sawdust or pine bark around the ball to prevent excessive drying. Because of the low humidity usually found in heated homes, plants will probably require watering at least twice a week and maybe more often. They must receive enough moisture to prevent desiccation, cautions Janne.

The horticulturist advises against the use of lights on living Christmas trees as the heat from bulbs can damage leaves and bark if they touch. Small twinkle lights are usually safe to use if care is taken in placing them on the tree.

With a little care and imagination you can plan something different this year that will provide pleasure and beauty for many years to come, adds Janne.

Bob Kral TVSpeaker

Bob Kral, SCS District Conservationist at Lamesa, will be a guest speaker on the TV program "Conservation Report" on Thursday, Dec. 9th. This program is carried on channel 2 (KMID-TV, Midland-Odessa), and will appear at 7:25 a.m., during a break in the "Today" show.

Kral will discuss the subject "poisonous plants around the home", and will show slides of several garden plants in this area that are known to be dangerous.

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Court House Happenings



Borden County

Court Hearing Set

Honorable Wayland G. Holt District Judge 132nd Judicial District has set date for hearing McDowell Interest VS. Borden County on right-of-way issue. 10 AM December 22, 1971. Borden County District Court Room. This is the proposed road across the McDowell Ranch property one mile to a land locked section of land now owned by Eddie Simer who lives south of lake Thomas. It is to be the site of their future home providing they can gain access via road

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Jury Fund	\$5,556.50
General Fund	\$53,579.42
Social Security Fund	4.35
Officers Salary Fund	\$2,683.37
Commissioner Prec't 1	\$1,554.74
Commissioner Prec't 2	\$20,993.18
Commissioner Prec't 3	\$14,025.61
Commissioner Prec't 4	\$10,499.81
Permanent Improvement Fund	\$ 430.48
Farm-to-Market Road Fund	\$22,421.24
Road & Bridge 2 Fund	\$28,954.17
Available School Fund	\$ 6,899.89
Permanent School Fund	\$24,050.22

The 1971 tax collections which were collected through November 30, 1971 as reported from the Tax Collectors office amounted to \$50,215.80.

Oil Companies who paid their taxes in full in October and November are as follows:

General American Oil Company	\$ 328.38
Midwest Oil Company	\$2,167.13
Joseph O'Neil	\$ 750.50
Superior Oil Company	\$ 1,540.75
Transoceans Oil Company	\$ 3,942.75
Transoceans Oil Company	\$ 39.25
Union Oil Company	\$15,426.75
Wiser Oil Company	\$ 1,967.38
Amoco Pipeline Company	\$,677.87
Crown Central Pipeline Company	\$ 165.00
Crown Central Pipeline Company	\$ 13.88
El Paso Natural Gas Company	\$ 1,277.50
One-half payments	
Texaco Oil Inc.	\$12,694.12
(Total Co. tax 25,388.25)	
Texas-New Mexico Pipeline (Total Co. tax \$4,529.25	\$ 2,264.62

and by a wide margin. It has from the beginning and will for the unseeable future.

Borden County has yielded some 173 million barrels of oil since first production in 1949, so naturally there is occurring some decline in yields and with in tax valuations, but all things considered this figure has had a remarkable stability through the years.

Oil production has been a part of West Texas for more than 50 years and for most 20 years or more. Borden County and its touching neighbors, Garza, Scurry, Lynn, Dawson, Howard have pumped and flowed 1,683,907,085 barrels of oil. Last year these six counties yielded 98,611,725 barrels of oil or 270,170 barrels per day.

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.....By Glenn Toombs

Where did Borden County go wrong in not being able to secure some of the related industry that goes along with oil production. The total agricultural and related income for Borden County is approximately \$3,069,000 while the oil and mineral income is \$28,149,823 this is based on 1969 figures. With a total of \$369,1140 being paid in wages county wide all related industries, it would appear we have missed the boat so for as industry is concerned. From the oil field or any other field for that matter. What a pity, that Borden County has furnished the production area but hasn't been able to keep any of the proceeds.

What would you suggest?

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Jones returned from Deer Hunting at Trent, Thursday. The weather was so bad they couldn't get out of the cabin.

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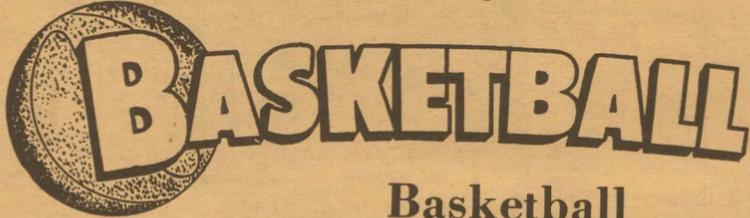
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Basketball

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Borden High School basketball teams traveled in opposite directions Tuesday night, November 30. The varsity and "B" girls played Sands at Ackerly, while the varsity and "B" boys challenged the Buffaloes at Fluvanna.

The girls varsity team was defeated by Sands 56-47. Vickie Newton led the Coyote fems with 27 points for the girls first district game of the 1971-72 season. The "B" team whipped Sands 41-38 behind Catherine Jackson's 30 points.

Fluvanna won both the boys games downing the varsity 71-57. Charles Billeck and Randy Hensley were high point men for the Coyotes scoring 18 points each. Larry White scored 45 points for the Buffaloes. The "B" score was 42-38 with Rex Cox high point man for the losers at 14 points.

Borden High basketball teams participated in the Cooper Basketball Tournament December 2, 3, and 4.

The boys team drew a bye and played their first game in the tournament Friday night, December 3. Cooper downed the Coyotes 51-21. Charles Billeck hit 7 points for the evening while Ken Don Jones and Randy Hensley each scored 6.

Saturday evening Borden County challenged New Deal for 3rd place. New Deal topped the Coyotes 58-50. Charles Billeck scored 18 points.

The Borden girls played their first game of the tournament Thursday afternoon. Friendship

dropped the fems 47-29, Vickie Newton scored 17 points for the losers.

Friday afternoon, Borden County downed O'Donnell 47-44 behind Melissa Taylor's 20 points.

New Deal and Borden County battled Saturday afternoon for 3rd place with New Deal winning, 59-38. Vickie Newton was high point girl for the Coyotes with 20 points.

BORDEN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 10	OPEN	
Dec. 14	Loop	H
Dec. 16-18	Borden Tournament	
Jan. 4	Klondike	T
Jan. 7	Flowergrove	T
Jan. 11	Dawson	H
Jan. 14	Union	H
Jan. 18	Sands	H
Jan. 20	Wellman	T
Jan. 25	Loop	T
Jan. 28	Klondike	H
Feb. 1	Flowergrove	H
Feb. 4	Dawson	T
Feb. 8	Union	H
Feb. 11	Sands	T (boys)
Feb. 15	Wellman	H (boys)



Reminder

The annual Harvest Festival will be Thursday night, December 9 from 6:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. at the Borden County Showbarn. See you there!



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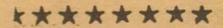
The students and teachers of Borden High School will receive a closer and more personal look into the age of space on Dec. 17, 1971 10 a.m. The occasion will be the arrival of the Space Science Education Project Unit (Spacemobile) . . . an educational unit of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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This interesting and timely program is available on request as an educational service of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to schools and colleges throughout the United States.

Parents or any interested persons are invited to attend.



School Menu

(week of Dec. 13)

- MONDAY**
Barbequed weiners
Cheese sticks
Creamed corn
Vegetable salad
Hot rolls - butter
Fruit - milk
- TUESDAY**
Fried chicken
Baked potato
English pead
Hot rolls - butter
Jello-topping
Milk
- WEDNESDAY**
Hamburgers
Lettuce-tomatoes-pickles
Potato chips
Oatmeal cookies
Milk
- THURSDAY**
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When temperatures drop below the freezing point, these insects—by some process not fully understood—gradually adjust to it. The glycerol they manufacture gives them the hardiness to withstand all but the most extreme cold weather. Among the insects that can make their own anti-freeze are certain species of ants, beetles, aphids, cutworms and flies.

According to Mr. Holmes, nature gives insects another protection from the cold, too. Most go through a metamorphosis which includes a dormant period when they are completely inactive. If insects stay dormant—in the pupal or larval stage—during the winter, they often survive the cold weather. Some insects have been found frozen in solid ice and then thawed to full activity as the weather turned warm.

Insect pests, like man, have learned to live with their surroundings. Very cold weather rarely controls these pests effectively, concludes Mr. Holmes.

Public Health Service drug authorities caution that persons who have trouble with insomnia may become overwhelmed with sedatives and come to depend on them.

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Typhoid Fever

In the small town of Hayte, Pa. last summer, a church supper turned into a lingering nightmare. Illness and death caused by a disease many believe eradicated by modern civilization, hit about thirty-three of the 130 people who attended the supper. Two died from it.

This tragic incident and several outbreaks in other parts of the world serve notice on how thin our protection is against Typhoid Fever. It has been known as the scourge of armies. It is carried by a contaminated water system or is present in human excretion. Traveling troops, never too careful of sanitary practices, once brought Typhoid Fever with them wherever they went. In the early 1800's it was recognized as a disease spread by lack of sanitation and efforts were made to control it. In this century, a vaccine against Typhoid and paratyphoid fever became available.

The drug chloramphenicol was perfected to cure those who contracted typhoid fever. In 1900, 30 people out of every 100,000 was a Typhoid Fever victim in the U.S. For the years 1966 to 1970, only eight outbreaks involving 96 people were

reported, but this does not mean that protective measures against the disease can be relaxed, disease control authorities warn.

Protection is primarily due to sanitation, clean water systems, clean practices in the home. The vaccine only protects for about six years.

In the Pa. church supper incident, the hunt for what went wrong took several weeks. The incubation period for the disease is around 18 days, but some people fell ill as much as a month later. Not all showed the same symptoms. These symptoms included high fever, weakness, headache, diarrhea, abdominal pain, sore throat and cough. In extreme stages typhoid fever organisms attack the blood system, causing ruptures of the vessels and death of tissue and organs. One person died of complications to the kidney and the other clotting in the lungs.

Through extensive testing of the food that had been prepared for the church supper, it was traced to a carrier who showed no signs of the disease herself. She had helped peel the boiled eggs that went into the potato salad.

Weight Watchers Beware

The next weeks can be a sensitive time for weight-watchers. A woman can gain 10 pounds very easily with all the feasting she partakes of during the holiday seasons. However she can avoid this if she pays heed.

Firstly, she can compensate for party fare one day with abstemious menus the next. Every day take all the exercise possible. Physical activity disposes of calories at increased rates. It helps too, in keeping the figure in firm balanced proportion.

For a routine that holds the line at waist, abdomen, hips and thighs, perform as follows:

Starting position. Lie on back with right leg raised perpendicular to floor and arms

stretched straight out behind head. Keeping knee straight, raise left leg 1 inch off floor, just enough to clear, and try to hold raise throughout.

Action. By pushing with arms, swing torso up so that you clasp right ankle with both hands. It is possible you cannot make it. In that case, clasp thigh and, working hand over hand, reach ankle.

Now release ankle and very slowly roll back, inch by inch, to starting position; relax legs. Then work with left leg. Alternating repeat 10 to 20 times.

Until you adjust to the effort you may wish to divide the count between night and morning workouts. The results are the same.

Interest Rates Steady

"The banking industry's prime lending rate may be reduced soon due to a sharp decline in money market rates in recent weeks," reports Dow Jones. Even though farm loan demand is heavy and consumer credit has suddenly taken the greatest jump in over two years, the money supply continues to out-strip demand. Bank deposits continue to rise substantially every month, and the Federal Reserve Board continues an

easy-money policy.

You may have to stand in line to see your credit man, but he should have plenty of available funds to lend at mostly steady rates in the next few months, maybe longer. President Nixon is asking for stand-by authority to put a lid on interest rates if need be.

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DES Withdrawal

The withdrawal time of diethylstilbestrol (DES) from livestock rations prior to slaughter has now been extended to seven days, says Dr. Frank Orts.

Withdrawal time for the growth promoting hormone had previously been 48 hours.

The extension of the withdrawal time stems from recent findings of DES residues in beef liver samples, points out Dr. Orts. However, no residues have been found in muscle tissue from these cattle.

The use of DES is regulated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration. DES residues are prohibited by law in meat for human consumption.

The hormone is used in many young animals to stimulate growth and is used as a feed additive in most feedlot operations, explains Dr. Orts. Feedlots have come under close scrutiny recently regarding the use of DES. Feedlot managers shipping cattle to slaughter must now certify that the animals have been withdrawn from DES for the prescribed length of time.

Violations of this directive can result in legal action against beef cattle producers, adds Dr. Orts.

This important information comes from Dr. Frank Orts, Extension Meats Specialist.

Cancer



Jon Voight, the tall, handsome screen star, whose sensational debut in "Midnight Cowboy" established him quickly as a major talent, takes on a new role as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society. His health message is aimed particularly at his young fans. "When it comes to cigarettes," says the actor, "your best tip is: don't start!"

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Nat'l Vocational Ag Conference

Over five hundred (500) teachers of Vocational Agriculture will meet in Portland, Oregon on December 4-8, 1971, for the 23RD Annual Convention of the NVATA.

Herman Stoner, President of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas will head the delegation of Texas Vo Ag Teachers attending the National Vo Ag Teachers Conference and the AVA Meeting. Bill Harrison, Region II Vice-President, Leedey, Oklahoma, will direct the activities of the seven southwestern states of Region II.

Other Vocational Agriculture teachers and members of the Texas delegation include Sidney Long, Vice President of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers of Texas, Gail; Coy Jagers, Secretary-Treasurer of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas, DeKalb; Ray Seale, Shiner; David T. McVey, El Paso; Jose Correa, Mission; Chester Booth, Whitney; Frank Brownfield, Colorado City; Harold Walker, Hico; James Graves, Powderly. Mr. McVey is the Alternate Vice-President of Region II.

Also attending will be Mr. J. A. Marshall, State Director of Vocational Agriculture Education and Mr. G. G. Scroggins, Assistant State Director of Vocational Agriculture Education, Texas Education Agency, Austin, Texas and W. H. Meischen, Executive Director, Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas, Austin, Texas.

NVATA has a membership of approximately 10,000 teachers of Vocational Agriculture with members from all of the states. There are 1210 members in the Texas Association.

"Program Development" is the theme of the Convention. The four day meeting brings together leaders from all areas of Vocational Agriculture Education for the purpose of discussing mutual problems and developing new innovations.

Dr. Robert Worthington, Associate Commissioner, Bureau of Adult, Vocational and Technical Education, United States Office of Education, Washington, D.C., will be the keynote speaker for the meeting.

Minimum Tillage

One definition of farming would be "investing a dollar in the land in an effort to reap more than a dollars worth of harvest. In this trade we need to get the greatest return possible," says soil conservationist Rodney Hyatt.

Minimum-tillage, plowing the land as little as possible to conserve moisture, offers Dawson County farmers increased water efficiency and lower production costs. Plowing exposed moist land that soon dries out.

Year to year clean tillage offers poor moisture efficiency compared to mulch or minimum-tillage. Farming in surface residue improves moisture penetration from rainfall and irrigation by increasing the soil porosity. Evaporation is reduced because residue keeps the soil at a cooler temperature.

Hyatt says, "with Dawson County's low rainfall and limited irrigation water, increased water efficiency with minimum tillage can mean a bonus in yield. Also tons of priceless top soil could be kept at home."

Planting equipment is available for use in fields covered with high residue. Herbicides can be obtained to control weeds during the growing season while maintaining residue on the surface.

A progressive approach to conserving and utilizing land and water resources will keep farmers competitive in agriculture in the years ahead.

Christmas hath a beauty...lovelier than the world can show.
Christina G. Rossetti

However much of Christmas giving, the real Christmas must first be first in the heart.
Author Unknown

Obituaries

BILLY SHEPPERD

Services for Billy Joe Shepperd, 42, a native of O'Donnell, were held Saturday in Brannon Funeral Home Chapel at Lamesa.

Garnie Atkisson a Church of Christ minister from Lubbock officiated. Burial was in O'Donnell Cemetery.

Shepperd died Sunday in California, in Supulveda Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles. He had resided in California only four months before his death. He had served in the Army, Air Force and Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Athene; two daughters, Mrs. Laura Lee Foster of Mission Hills, Calif., and Mrs. Cheryl Lynn O'Steen of Tujunga, Calif.; two stepsons, B.W. Weeks, address unknown, and Phillip W. Weeks of Sun Valley, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Opal Fay McGloun of El Campo; three brothers, Garland Shepperd of O'Donnell, Guy Shepperd of El Paso and Leonard N. Shepperd of Houston; and seven grandchildren.

MALCOLM BULL

Malcolm T. Bull, 54, a World War II veteran and one of Post's most active citizens, died Sunday in Garza Memorial Hospital in Post following an extended illness.

Services were conducted in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bob Ford, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under direction of Mason Funeral Home of Post.

A native of Amarillo, Bull had been a Post resident since 1948.

During World War II, he served with the 200th Coast Artillery on Corregidor Island in the Pacific where he was captured by Japanese soldiers in 1942. He was held as a prisoner of war for 39 months.

Bull was a member of First United Methodist Church, the masonic lodge and a former member of the school board at Post. He was a scout master and cub master for several years and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a former member of the official board of First United Methodist Church. He was owner of Bull's Ranch and Farm Supply at Post.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; a son, Timmons of Post; his mother, Mrs. Mary Bull of Taft Calif.; and a sister, Mrs. Max Simmons, also of Taft.

metropolitan areas of the south, living costs for the urban family of four on an intermediate budget averaged \$9,862. The national average was \$10,664.

According to the estimates, the family spent approximately 23 percent of their income for food, 23.4 percent on housing and 10.7 percent on clothing and personal care. Transportation accounted for 8.6 percent, while 5.3 percent went for medical care, and 18 percent was spent on taxes. All other spending, including gifts and contributions, occupational expenses and life insurance, totaled 11 percent.

Cover Crops

Saving wildlife as well as saving soil can be accomplished by concerned land users. Cover crops provide a good source of food and cover for wildlife reports Mike Bogard of the Soil Conservation Service.

Many wildlife species depend heavily upon cultivated crops for food and shelter. Seed from waste grain, field grasses, and weeds are the major food items of many game birds. Dove and quail in this area are practically dependent on food and cover in fields.

Most farm practices that benefit wildlife also benefit the land. Sorghum stubble left standing, or at least kept on the soil surface until late spring makes excellent cover and a food source if seed are produced.

Several area farmers are sewing a rye or wheat cover on their field turnover. By using only chisel and sweep type plows on such areas, the farmers can maintain a year long cover and feed source for birds. This is also quite beneficial in keeping crops from blowing out in the spring due to blowing road sand.

There is love at Christmas because Christmas was born of love. Let us, each one, keep alive this spirit of love and glorify God.

Joseph Emms

Stetson...

"Born in America, Worn around the world," reads the famous Stetson hat labels rolling out of a modern plant in St. Joseph, Mo. Earlier this year the Stevens Hat Company acquired the Stetson name, label, stock and manufacturing equipment, after the former owners were caught up in manufacturing and management difficulties in an ancient 30-acre complex of narrow, brick buildings in midtown Philadelphia.

"Not only is the Stetson alive and well," says Gary I. Rosenthal, president of the newly formed Stetson Hat Company, Inc., "but it's back home again." St. Joseph was a jumping off place west when John B. Stetson created the first Stetson western hat on a trek to the Colorado gold mines in 1860, according to Rosenthal.

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