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... Mr. Wilson's Science Class

Door Decorating Contest At Merkel Schools

Another Fine Texas Recipe

BACON WRAP AROUNDS

1 lb. liver cut 1/2 inch thick  
1/2 lb. bacon  
Cut liver into 1 1/2 inch cubes. Cut bacon slices in thirds crosswise. Wrap bacon around liver cubes

and secure with toothpicks. Place on rack in shallow pan or broiler pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes until bacon is crisp. Turn half way through baking time. Makes about 12 appetizers.  
For additional recipes, contact John C. White, Commissioner of Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 11, Austin, Texas 78711.

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the Texas State Department of Health

**Accent on Health**  
J.E. PEAVY, M.D., Commissioner of Health

Death and taxes may be inevitable, but many people are being killed or sickened by a preventable illness--carbon monoxide poisoning.

The autumn chill in the air has brought heating units and gas stoves into play in many houses and businesses. With the re-lighting of these appliances should come a sense of caution because of the odorless, colorless and tasteless gas which is present in all combustible substances. This gas can lull a person into unconsciousness before the victim knows he's in trouble, says the State Health Department.

In Texas last year, 102 persons were victims of this lethal killer. Automobile exhausts accounted for the bulk of deaths.

In Fort Worth this summer, one woman died and four other persons suffered serious illnesses from carbon monoxide poisoning. The tragedy revolved around an automobile which was inadvertently left running in a garage. Under the floor air conditioning

vents opening into the garage picked up the carbon monoxide fumes and circulated them into the home, health authorities reported.

Similar tragedies can occur on the highway from leaking exhaust pipes. A Central Texas family had their vacation interrupted only a short distance from home when the deadly gas seeped into their vehicle, causing death and illness.

While carbon monoxide is sinister, it doesn't have to be fatal if handled with caution and respect. With Texas in the midst of its fall and winter hunting season, hunters should check ventilation in their stoves, and should examine smokestacks and chimneys to be certain they aren't clogged.

In the home, make sure the damper is open before lighting the fireplace. Have your gas refrigerator service-checked annually even though newer models have improved control systems. All furnaces, regardless of fuel type, should be checked and properly vented to the outside. Combustion-chamber leakage is a serious hazard, particularly if the heating unit is old. All individual room-type gas heating equipment should be vented. And, say safety experts, don't use your gas cooking range for heating.

Automobiles and trucks, as well as other engines, shouldn't be run indoors for long periods--even with the garage door open. A charcoal grill or hibachi should be used only outdoors.

While carbon monoxide poisoning is sneaky, there are recognizable symptoms--if you are alert.

Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include yawning, headache, nausea, dizziness, ringing in the ears, and abdominal pain. Difficult breathing and unconsciousness quickly follow. The victim should get fresh air immediately and should be kept lying down and warm. A physician should be called promptly, and inhalations of oxygen or an oxygen-carbon dioxide mixture should be administered.

A little bit of carbon monoxide can go a long way. It is an insidious killer. Its physical properties--no odor, taste or smell--make it almost impossible to recognize unless you understand the symptoms listed above.

Once the gas is inhaled, it invades the blood stream through the lungs. It unites with the hemoglobin in the red blood cells so they cannot carry oxygen to the cells of the body. Asphyxiation results.

**BADGER TRACKS**  
By JANIE CLARK

Nothing much has been happening since Christmas vacation's been going on. In fact, the only thing I know of is the A Basketball boys were in the H-SU Tournament over the weekend.

In the first game, we beat Anson, second game, Petrolia beat us, and in the third game, we beat Albany to get third place in Division II of the tournament.

Darel Bunch was named on the All-Tournament team and Robert Morgan was one of the top scorers in our division.

And guess what else? Wylie was beaten by Petrolia for first place in the H-SU Tourney, so that's another good thing that happened.

With the new 1974 year coming in, the Student Council wants to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and may it be one of your best years yet!

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Fall line on close out  
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1-YEAR CERTIFICATE \$1,000 MINIMUM	6 1/4%
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The consumer's right to know:

**An open letter from Lone Star Gas**

In 1962, President Kennedy sent an historic message to Congress--the first of its kind devoted entirely to consumer interests. He pointed out that two-thirds of all spending in our economy is by consumers, that the problems consumers face today are greater than they have ever been in history and are likely to become more complex as time goes on. In the intervening years, Presidents Johnson and Nixon restated this message and cited the four basic rights of the consumer: The right to safety, the right to choose, the right to be heard and the right to be informed.

Lone Star Gas recently launched a new advertising program to inform consumers about our company and our principal product--natural gas. We believe that only by knowing the facts can you fully understand issues such as gas supply, rates (your cost of natural gas service) together with the rising costs of finding and delivering natural gas to our more than one million customers.

This in large part relates to the much publicized Energy Crisis, a label which suggests there are timely remedies available. There are. Studies by experts show there are vast potential reserves of natural gas--enough in the United States to last well into the 21st century. But adequate financial incentives are needed before enough producers will accept the risks of costly deep drilling. As most of you know, Lone Star has undertaken ultradeep wildcat drilling in Oklahoma's Anadarko Basin. Be assured that we and the natural gas industry will diligently pursue the search for those potentially vast energy reserves so necessary to sustain and improve the quality of life for everyone.

The subject of rates is much abused because many consumers and public representatives seem not to understand that cheap energy is a thing of the past. You may not have known that just a few years ago, the most expensive gas that Lone Star purchased cost less than 20 cents per thousand cubic feet. By comparison we now have paid in excess of 85 cents a thousand for major new supplies. We pay the price because we must if you, the consumer, are to be served. And because the consumer must pay his share of the cost, we have asked that your gas bill be adjusted fairly. Meanwhile, we continually strive to keep our operating costs in line with the requirements of efficient management of all resources, whether they be natural gas, manpower, plant and equipment, or the exercise of good judgment on advertising expenditures.

The right to be informed by industry and government is a protection of the consumer's right to safety, to be heard and to choose. Lone Star, in the years to come, will continue to inform you about matters vital to both ourselves and you--to assist you in the proper exercise of those rights.

Warren Fulks  
Director-Public Relations  
and Advertising

Lone Star Gas

# Total NEW YEAR'S FOOD SAVINGS

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<b>CRISCO</b> 3 LB. CAN	With \$7.50 or More in Trade Exclusive of Cigarettes.	<b>1<sup>09</sup></b>	<b>MILK</b> MARIGOLD 2% HOMO GAL.	<b>1<sup>33</sup></b>	REG. HOMO GAL. <b>1<sup>43</sup></b> PLUS DEP.
<b>FRUIT COCKTAIL</b> 303 CAN	2 FOR	<b>59¢</b>	<b>OLEO</b> ALLSWEET		LB. <b>39¢</b>
<b>PEAS</b> DEL-MONTE 303 CAN	2 FOR	<b>49¢</b>	<b>BISCUITS</b> MEADS	2 FOR	<b>29¢</b>
<b>SPINACH</b> DEL-MONTE 303 CAN	2 FOR	<b>39¢</b>	<b>PRUNE JUICE</b> DEL-MONTE 32 oz. BOTTLE		<b>59¢</b>
<b>TOMATO SOUP</b> NO. 1 CAN	2 FOR	<b>29¢</b>	<b>RED PLUM JAM</b> BAMA 18 oz GLASS		<b>39¢</b>
<b>TAMALES</b> GEBHARTS NO. 2 1/2 CAN		<b>49¢</b>	<b>KLEENEX</b> 200 size	2 FOR	<b>59¢</b>
<b>YAMS</b> JACK-O-LANTERN NO. 2 1/2 CAN		<b>39¢</b>	<b>TACO CASSEROLE</b> SCHILLINGS		<b>49¢</b>
<b>TOMATOES</b> DEL-MONTE STEWED 303 CAN		<b>29¢</b>	<b>CRACKERS</b> KEEBLER 1 lb Box		<b>39¢</b>
<b>CHILI &amp; BEANS</b> 300 SIZE		<b>49¢</b>	<b>DOWNY</b> Fabric Softner 64 oz. BOTTLE		<b>1<sup>19</sup></b>
<b>FLOUR</b> Gladiola 5 LB. BAG		<b>89¢</b>	<b>REYNOLDS ALUMINUM FOIL</b> 18X25 FT. ROLL		<b>59¢</b>

## FROZEN FOOD

<b>MIXED VEGETABLES</b>		
<b>CORN</b>		
<b>GREEN PEAS</b> 1/4 lb. Pkg.		<b>39¢</b>
<b>KEITHS LEMONADE</b> 6 oz CAN	2 FOR	<b>29¢</b>

## PRODUCE

*Specials*

<b>COLORADO DELICIOUS APPLES</b> RUBY RED	LB	<b>25¢</b>
<b>Grapefruit</b> FRESH SHELL	2 FOR	<b>29¢</b>
<b>BLACK EYE PEAS</b> CALIFORNIA	12 oz. PKG.	<b>39¢</b>
<b>BROCCOLI</b> CHERRY	LB	<b>29¢</b>
<b>TOMATOES</b>	CRTN.	<b>49¢</b>

<b>COKE or 7 UP</b> 6 CANS	<b>69¢</b>
<b>Crisco Oil</b> 48 oz Bottle	<b>\$1.39</b>
<b>WAGNOR Orange Drink</b> qt.	<b>29¢</b>
<b>RED HEART DOG FOOD</b> TALL CAN	2 FOR <b>29¢</b>

<b>BAKERS COCONUT</b>	pkg.	<b>29¢</b>
<b>Pops Rite POP CORN</b>	4 LB. BAG	<b>69¢</b>

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**MONEY ORDERS**

<b>JOHNSONS PLEDGE</b> 12 oz. CAN	<b>1<sup>29</sup></b>
<b>LIQUID JOY</b> KING SIZE	<b>69¢</b>
<b>Bold</b> GIANT SIZE	<b>79¢</b>

<b>GOOCH FRANKS</b>	GOOCH	LB.	<b>69¢</b>
<b>BOLOGNA</b>	ALL MEAT	LB.	<b>98¢</b>
<b>STEAKETTES</b>	GOOCH	1 LB. PKG.	<b>\$1<sup>19</sup></b>

<b>BACON</b>	ARMOUR	LB.	<b>1<sup>05</sup></b>
<b>CLUB STEAK</b>		LB.	<b>1<sup>29</sup></b>

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**HUNTS CATSUP**  
20 oz. BOTTLE **39¢**

**COKE COLA**  
6 PACK 12 oz. CANS **69¢**

**GRAPE JELLY**  
GRIFFIN 18 oz. GLASS **39¢**

I. G. DAIRY FRESH  
**HOMO 2 Low Fat MILK**  
GAL. JUG **1<sup>33</sup>**

I. G. DAIRY FRESH  
**BUTTER MILK**  
1/2 GAL. CRTN. **65¢**

**PINTO BEANS**  
2 LB. BAG **53¢**

**FLOUR**  
GOLD MEDAL 5-LB. BAG **83¢**

**LIPTON FILLER**  
INSTANT TEA 3-OZ. JAR **1<sup>09</sup>**

**TOWELS**  
NOTEBOOK 300 CT. PKG. **53¢**

**TOWELS**  
CHIFFON JUMBO ROLL **33¢**

**PETER PAN PEANUT BUTTER**  
18 oz. Jar **69¢**

STEP SAVER 16 oz.  
**CLEAN & SHINE** **59¢**

**CHEER**  
KING SIZE **1<sup>19</sup>**  
(1 Limit)

**COMET**  
CLEANSER **15¢**

**ZEST**  
BATH **19¢**

**OXYDOL**  
GIANT **69¢**  
(1 Limit)

**GRAPEFRUIT**  
EXTRA LARGE JUICY and SWEET

TEXAS RUBY RED **12¢**

FRESH LETTUCE.....LB. **15¢**

COLORADO RED DELICIOUS APPLES.....LB. **23¢**

FRESH CELLO CARROTS .....2 For **25¢**

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**Frozen Foods**  
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**STEAK** CHOICE BEEF CLUB.....LB. **1<sup>39</sup>**

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