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Fisher Announces Carrier Delivery Of Local Mail Effective March 30

JOHN T. KING, PUBLISHER
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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES CITY DELIVERY IN SONORA EFFECTIVE MARCH 30, 1969. SERVICE WILL PROVIDE

CINDERS

by John T. King

Bud Smith tells me the area of ground being developed near Will's Museum has a new addition—an old church bell. He thinks it will be a good time to ring it when the Broncos capture a win over Poth.

If you hear a bell ringing about 11 p.m. Friday night you'll know the Broncos were victorious in their bid for state championship.

Jack McDermott, playing with the two popular pronunciations of Poth, says, "Poth or POTH, we can beat either or both." (If it doesn't rhyme you're not saying it right.)

Gloria Kerbow, tending the store for Jack on Tuesday, announced a switch. She said she had just sold a gift to a San Angelo man who came to Sonora to shop.

The man had piloted a plane from San Angelo to the Sonora airport and had "hoofed" it to town to buy a gift while he was waiting for his passengers to tend to their business.

And from the Brady Standard comes this bit:

Many years ago when Mark Twain was a reporter on the Territorial Enterprise (1862-63), a subscriber wrote in to say that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wanted to know if it was an omen of good luck or bad.

Twain replied in the Letters Column: "Finding a spider in your newspaper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over the paper to see which merchants were not advertising so he could go to one of those stores spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterwards."

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Holiday Set For School

Christmas-New Year holidays for students and teachers in Sonora schools begin when classes dismiss December 20. The schools will resume normal course of study January 6.

DPS Office To Close For Holidays

Department of Public Safety Office will be closed December 24, 25, and 26. The office will be open 23 and 27, according to Mrs. D. J. Jones, office worker.

City Hall To Close For Holidays

The City Hall will be closed December 24 and 25 in order for employees to observe the Christmas holiday period.

LIONS TO SKIP MEETING

The board of directors of the Downtown Lions Club voted to skip the noon meeting on December 24. The club will meet on December 31, New Year's Eve.

Sonora's Weather

Compiled by Pat Brown

	Rain	Hi	Lo
Wednesday, Dec. 11	.00	67	42
Thursday, Dec. 12	.00	70	58
Friday, Dec. 13	.00	65	22
Saturday, Dec. 14	.00	63	19
Sunday, Dec. 15	.00	40	25
Monday, Dec. 16	.00	67	37
Tuesday, Dec. 17	.00	78	63

Rainfall for the month, .03; Rain for the year, 24.11.

DELIVERY TO 3,224 PEOPLE.

CONGRESSMAN O C FISHER
This telegram was received in the news office December 12, and postmaster James Trainer was also notified by Congressman Fisher that Sonora is assured of mail delivery by postal carrier.

Trainer said two new employees will be hired and applications will be taken for those desiring to take the civil service examination.

Applicants for post office positions who achieve an eligibility on the examination will be considered for employment in any post office listed on the "List of Post Offices" provided an applicant. Eligibles who wish to restrict their availability for employment to just one or a few post offices must specify the post office or offices which they would accept an offer of employment.

Trainer added that the post office department here has not recently had any applications from persons seeking an appointment with the department. Applications can be obtained at the local post office, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for appointment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, political affiliations, or any other nonmerit factor.

Trainer said that it is general knowledge that veterans seeking appointment are automatically given a 5 point credit on the civil service examination. Rate of pay for a substitute employee who will work approximately 40 hours per week is \$2.80 an hour, and the hourly rate for a regular employee with approximately 20 hours per week is \$2.72 an hour.

City To Install Street Markers

One of the big problems facing

the city will be the installation of street markers at all intersections within the town that are not now marked. City manager Jimmy H. Harris says the work will get underway as soon as possible.

Trainer says he feels the responsibility of numbering the houses could probably be undertaken by one of the civic organizations and is not a problem for the individual to be concerned with at this time.

Receptacles To Be Installed

Postal Patrons who plan to receive delivery will be responsible for installing the proper mail receptacle. Some areas of town will have curbside delivery only, while others will have door delivery. Before mounting a receptacle, the individual should check with the post office to see which type of delivery will be provided for his particular part of town.

In having ninety days to prepare for the actual start of delivery by carrier, Trainer says he hopes most of the difficulties normally encountered in making this type of transition can be overcome within that period of time.

Annual Sutton County 4-H Show Planned For January 11 At 4-H Center

The annual Sutton County 4H Livestock Show will be held January 11 at the 4H Center. County Agent D. C. Langford

says the major rule changes affecting the 1969 show include:

- 1—4H members will be limited to the showing of four crossbred and four finewool lambs in the county show.
- 2—4H members may enter ewe lambs in the regular lamb classes and the carcass show.
- 3—There will be a class for the yearling angora does.
- 4—Carcass lambs will be exhibited in the holding racks used for the Sonora Wool and Mohair show.
- 5—There will be three crossbred single lamb carcasses and two finewool lamb single classes in the regular 4H show divided as nearly equal as possible by weight.
- 6—All lambs will be weighed between 8 a.m. and 11:45 a.m., Friday, January 10 for the county show.

Latin American Baptist Church Plans Program

Members of the Latin American Baptist Church are planning a special Christmas program at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve at the church. Under the direction of Mrs. Portifirio Perez, the children of the church will re-enact the birth of Jesus in a special Christmas play. Adults of the church will also be featured in a play.

The Rev. Portifirio Perez, pastor of the church, said the community is invited to attend the program.

Sonny Sessom, 50, Killed In Collision December 14, 1968

Daniel F. (Sonny) Sessom was killed in a two-car collision December 14, 1968, three miles west of Big Lake.

Mr. Sessom was born October 15, 1919, in Sonora, and had lived here most of his life. He married Olive Albin, March 18, 1941. At the time of his death he was ranch foreman for Olin Blanks at Silver.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Roger Dale Sessom of the United States Navy, Portsmouth, Virginia; and Daniel T. Sessom of the home; four brothers, Alfred Sessom and Louis Sessom, both of San Angelo, James Sessom of Pateau, Oklahoma, and Buddy Sessom of Ozona; four sisters, Mary Brown of San Angelo, Mrs. Jack Bassam of San Angelo, Mrs. Ola Mae Hurt of Barksdale, and one sister of Louisiana whose name was not immediately available.

Services were held for Mr. Sessom at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Clifton Hancock officiating. Pallbearers were Perry Pennington and Floyd Renlee of Menard, Sam Scheuber of San Angelo, Hope Nunn, Wayne Luxton, and Charles Donohay of Big Lake, John A. Martin and Jake Merck.

Ratliff-Kerbow Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Burial was in Sonora cemetery.

EARLY DEADLINE

The December 26 issue with greetings and letters to Santa will be put in the Mail on Monday, December 23. Deadline for articles to appear in this issue is Friday, December 20. Deadline for articles scheduled to appear in the January 2 issue is Monday, December 23.

The job printing department of the News will be closed from December 25 through January 2.



O. G. BABCOCK, LONGTIME ENTOMOLOGIST for the U. S. Bureau of Entomology, examines a display of insect specimens which was among those he recently turned over to Angelo State College. Babcock, 83, has spent a lifetime collecting thousands of insects, along with approximately 200 samples of native woods, all of which he turned over to the biology department of the college.

O. G. Babcock Gives Insect Collection Specimens To Angelo State College

Insect specimens collected over nearly a lifetime in the West and Southwest have been given to the Angelo State College biology department by Orville G. Babcock, former longtime entomologist for the U. S. Bureau of Entomology. Babcock, 83, turned his collection over to ASC after deciding to reside temporarily in Houston at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Kokernot. He said he hoped the insects would be helpful to zoology students.

"The collection will be extremely valuable to the college," said Dr. Gordon Creel, head of the ASC biology department. "This is the sort of thing that takes a lifetime to put together and Mr. Babcock has spent a lifetime on this collection. Now he has turned it over to us and we're extremely grateful."

Along with the collection of thousands of insects, the retired entomologist has given the college a collection of some 200 samples of native woods, also from the Western and Southwestern states. Each sample comprises a cross section, longitudinal section and bark segment of some particular tree or shrub.

Babcock also turned over to ASC his accumulation of thousands of reprints of scientific articles, including many of his own, and a box of original documents dealing with his pioneer work in the use of sulphur in parasite control. In addition, he is giving the college a collection of scientific journals dating back to the 1920's.

Dr. Creel said all of the items will be extremely useful to zoology and botany students, especially after graduate studies are inaugurated in those fields. Wood samples, he said, are not available commercially and the scientific papers and journals are no longer available in their original forms.

Creel said Babcock's work with sulphur in parasite control was "of inestimable economic value" for a period of 39 years—or until more sophisticated insecticides were developed during recent years.

All of what Babcock terms his "bug collection" is being catalogued by ASC scientists and the insects are being placed in hermetically sealed cases.

The documents, including scores of autographed papers written by Babcock, will be preserved in the biology department's museum and will be available for research by advanced students.

One of the papers describes a new genus and species of louse discovered by Babcock and H. E. Ewing during the winter of 1932.

The parasite was found on a month-old peccary (javelina) cap-

tured about halfway between Juno and the Pecos River in Southwest Texas. After determining that the "bug" had not been reported previously, the two scientists named it "Pecarococcus javalii" and described it in a scientific paper. Another parasite later was named after Babcock, in recognition of his pioneer work in parasite control.

Babcock retired in 1948 after 30 years of service in the Bureau of Entomology. Most of that time was spent working out of the Ranch Experiment Station. A native of Colorado, Babcock was reared on a farm near Denver and attended public schools there. He graduated from Colorado A&M, now Colorado State University, at Fort Collins in 1910 after working in the metal mines in Silver Plume and Crapple Creek and in a sugar beet factory as a chemist. After receiving his B.S. degree with major in horticulture and minor in entomology, he worked briefly for the U. S. Reclamation Service.

"Then I got into bugs," Babcock said.

He spent a summer collecting fossils for the University of Wyoming, before going to the University of Maryland, then an agricultural college, where he spent two years teaching entomology and doing research work in botany. It was in Maryland that he and the late Mrs. Babcock were married following her graduation from the University of Wyoming.

After his work at the University of Maryland, Babcock went to the University of Minnesota where he was a teacher, researcher and extension worker. He started work for the Bureau of Entomology in 1918.

One of Babcock's most notable assignments was exploratory work in entomology in the Carlsbad Caverns in 1924, prior to opening of the caves to the public. He and Dr. L. H. Bailey were commissioned by the National Geographic Society to do a study of life in the caverns. Babcock did the insect phase of the study and Bailey examined mammalian life.

The veteran entomologist has been staying with Dr. and Mrs. Kokernot in Houston since the death of Mrs. Babcock in Sonora October 5. He has one other daughter, Mrs. Edward B. Tipton Jr. of Houston, and a son, Kenneth K. Babcock of McCamey.

ASC biologists are transferring Babcock's "bug collection" from the handmade boxes in which he kept the specimens to sealed cases in the college's new science building in order that the boxes can be returned to their maker. "We think he may want to start another collection," explained Dr. Wilmot Thornton of ASC, longtime friend of the Kokernots.

Court Of Honor Held For Youths By West Side Lions

Scout Troop 325 sponsored by the West Side Lions Club, held a Court of Honor at the Lions Club meeting December 10, at the club house.

New scouts receiving tenderfoot badges were James Favela, Paul Valencia, Berto Bernal Jr., Oscar Galindo, Rancie Chavez, Ralph Valencia, and Fred Leija.

Polo Cervantes, president of the West Side Lions Club, presented Manuel Carranzo and Bobby Samaniego second class badges.

Bobby Duran was awarded the Star scout badge and the public speaking merit badge with Robert Duran making the presentation. Oscar Galindo and Robert Bermea received a round-up appreciation award, and a round-up streamer was presented to Claude Flores, secretary of the Lions Club.

J. B. Morris, district scout executive, presented the West Side Lions with a certificate of appreciation for their sponsorship of the Cub Pack and Scout Troop 325.

Businesses To Close For Holidays

Most merchants will be closed December 25 and 26, for a two-day Christmas holiday. First National Bank, Federal Land Bank, Barrow Jewelry & Sporting Goods, and Sonora Men's Store are among those who will not be closed on Thursday.

The courthouse will also be closed Christmas Day only.



Eddy Smith Wins Band Honors

Kenneth Mitchell, band director, and Eddy Smith, sophomore band student, attended the South Regional VII All-District Band Contest in Brady, December 14.

Students from 19 central and West Texas cities attended the contest. Approximately 180 students playing 21 different instruments entered in solo performances. Smith placed on oboe and bassoon and was chosen all-district 68-69 on bassoon. He played in the 87 piece concert held that night. He will attend all regional contests in Brownwood in January.

Broncos Move To State Playoffs Second Time In School's History

Sonora Broncos, led by all-state halfback Ed Lee Renfro, thundered to a 47-0 semi-final win over the Clifton Cubs. The win bolstered the Broncos season record to 12-2, and added one more game to their previous ten game winning streak.

Renfro scored 33 points while picking up 281 yards on 12 carries and did not see action in the final quarter. Jesso Cook was the number two rusher for Sonora although he carried only once. Cook ran a quarterback keeper for 72 yards and a Bronco tally. Sophomore fullback Kerry Joy pounded out 58 yards on 14 carries.

Cub halfback Wayne Prescher gained 107 yards on 26 carries. Prescher was injured midway through the third quarter on an ankle tackle by Sonora's safety Sammy Perez. However, Prescher returned in the final quarter but was unable to continue his successful runs.

Neither team could get its passing attack to click while Sonora tried 0-3 and Clifton 3-13. The Bronco defense intercepted three of Garland Braune's passes. Cook snared two and Robert Mata one.

Sonora kicked off to begin the game, but held Clifton and the Cubs were forced to punt.

The Broncos wasted no time in moving their offense. Mata returned the punt 28 yards to set up the "Big Red" at Clifton's 46. Eight plays later Renfro went off tackle for 17 yards and the first Sonora touchdown of the night. Renfro added his own extra point and the Broncos led with 6:16 remaining in the first quarter.

The Broncos added a second touchdown when Renfro rambled 66 yards to score with 7:19 left in the half. The drive covered 70 yards and took three plays. Renfro again added the PAT and it was the Broncos 14, and Clifton 0. Jesso Cook intercepted a Clifton

pass at the Bronco 30 yard line. The Broncos capitalized on the Cub mishap and scored seven plays later. Again it was Renfro who climaxed the drive, this time on a 39 yard sprint. Renfro added the point after and Sonora widened its margin to 21-0.

24 seconds before halftime, Mata returned a pass interception 65 yards for the final Bronco score of the half. Renfro's PAT failed, but the Sonora team led 24-0.

Broncos Add More TD's 2nd Half
Clifton never seriously threatened at all during the first half, but they seemed to have new life as they came out in the second half. They drove to the Bronco 2 before Prescher was thrown for a five yard loss and the drive fizzled.

Sonora Broncos took over on their own seven and two plays later they added six points to their total. The first play saw Joy hit off-tackle for three yards, and then Renfro rocketed down the sideline for 90 yards and the fifth Sonora touchdown. Bill Green booted the point after and the Broncos led 34-0.

A fumble by Prescher gave the Broncos the ball on the Cub 28. Two plays later it was Renfro again. A 14 yard run through the Clifton line and a Green extra point made it 41-0 with 5:18 remaining in the third quarter.

The Cubs gathered their wits and drove to the Bronco 25 before a six-yard loss and pass incomplection killed the drive.

Sonora wasn't through and with 6:15 left in the game, Cook, playing quarterback behind his offensive team composed of second and third stringers, surprised the whole Clifton team and galloped 72 yards for the final Sonora score.

The powerful, unyielding Bronco defense was paced by Lumberas, Cook, Jim Elliott, Barry Black,

and Ted Fish.

Broncos Advance To Finals
The Broncos now advance into the finals against the number 1 rated Poth Pirates. While Sonora Broncos were successfully playing

the Clifton Cubs, Poth Pirates succeeded in beating Rosebud 35-0 in their semi-final game.

Site of the state playoffs is San Marcos, and the game will be played Friday at 8 p.m.



WOULD YOU BELIEVE ED LEE RENFRO slipped through this would be Clifton tackler for long yardage and a Bronco TD? Renfro made 5 TD's and a total of 33 points in the contest. The Broncos thundered over Clifton 47-0 to win semi-final and the right to meet the Poth Pirates in State playoff. Sonora Broncos will travel to San Marcos, Friday for the Class A State championship game in Evans Stadium at 8 p.m. Head football coach, Jerry Hopkins, has coached two teams in three years to the State playoffs. Sonora defeated Schulenberg 47-14 to win State in 1966.

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-Editorials-Features-Columns-

A Calendar Of Fact And Opinion

Not many people in the United States today review the words and ideals of the Declaration of Independence. In a publication of the California-Pacific Utilities Company, the Preamble of the Declaration appears, "When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's

God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to separation." As the utility company publication puts it, "If all the rest of the Declaration of Independence were forgotten, that one phrase, 'a decent respect to the opinions of mankind,' should lift it from the hidden archives to enlighten our modern life."

Mr. C. F. Horne, president of the Pamona Division of General Dynamics Corporation stated: "The long-range future of our free enterprise system is dependent upon the young people now in school and the education they will receive."

The Portland, Oregon, Traffic Safety Commission asks every driver to consider the precious cargo in a school bus. Never take a chance near a stopped bus. The children are generally eager—and always unpredictable.

"The average retail price of gasoline, excluding taxes, increased only two percent in the past 10 years. In that same decade, the federal government's Consumer Price Index for all items rose 18.5 percent," according to Petroleum Today published by the American Petroleum Institute.

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THE HANDY FAMILY

BY LLOYD BIRMINGHAM

IT'S ABOUT TIME I GOT RID OF ALL THESE JARS. I'LL BE GLAD TO TAKE THEM, M'DEAR—I CAN USE THEM IN A PROJECT!

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from HISTORY'S SCRAPBOOK

DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

December 18, 1858
Sonora merchants will be open Monday night beginning at 7 p.m. with an open house for shopping and refreshments. There will be carol singing and prizes given.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Langford were hosts for the Twice Tuesday Christmas party at their home.

Sonora's fire losses for the year amounted to only \$3,437.97, according to fire marshal John A. Martin Jr.

Ten students made all A's for the second six weeks to make the Honor Roll in High School.

December 17, 1948
Operators, assisted by W. R.

THE DEVIL'S RIVER PHILOSOPHER SEZ . . .

Some Startling Things Are Possible If This Plane Hijacking Continues

Editor's note: The Dry Devil's River Philosopher on his bitterweed ranch on Dry Devil's River takes a look this week at the airplane hijacking business.

Dear editor:

I've forgotten where I found it, what the name of the paper was or what date it was, but it doesn't matter, any newspaper you pick up nowadays will have the same story in it: Another Plane Hijacked To Cuba.

At last count the number was up to 30 or 40, or somewhere along there, I leave details to others, and while I may have missed some, I haven't read a single report on anything being done to the men who do the hijacking. It's the safest crime on earth today, outside maybe wrecking a college president's office. They just come on board with the rest of the passengers who think they're headed for Miami or Dallas or New York, wait until the plane is airborne, pull a gun on the crew, and direct it to Cuba, where they get off and the passengers eventually get to return.

The airlines say they don't know what to do about this, the same as college presidents; they can't afford to insult all their passengers by searching them before they come aboard, but I have a notion, although I'm not planning on being a passenger—by the time I get from this bitterweed ranch to Sonora I've had all the traveling I want and all the risks I want to run—that I'd rather be searched than flown to Cuba.

At any rate, I've been thinking about this hijacking business and it just occurred to me: what if these hijackers got organized? What if 1000 of them boarded 1000 planes the same day, forced them to fly to Cuba, and kept them?

If each plane had 100 passengers, that'd be 100,000 Americans stranded in Cuba. Keep it up every day for a few months, especially after planes start carrying 500 instead of 100, and you can see it wouldn't be long before the United States not only didn't have any planes left but very few citizens.

I'd be opposed to this. It takes all the people we've got now to keep up with the tax load, even when they let us do it on the installment plan.

Yours faithfully,
J. A.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Thursday, December 19
8 p.m., Dee Ora Lodge meeting at Masonic Hall
- Friday, December 20
Class 1-A State playoff, Sonora vs Poth 8 p.m., San Marcos
- Saturday, December 21
2-5 p.m., Sonora Woman's Club Library open
- 4 p.m., Sonora Progressive Merchant's Profit Sharing
- Sunday, December 22
Services at the Church of your choice
- Monday, December 23
7 p.m. Booster Club Meeting
- Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve
- 12 noon, Downtown Lions Club meeting, fellowship hall, Methodist Church
- 7:30 p.m., West Side Lions Club meeting at Lions Cage
- Wednesday, December 25
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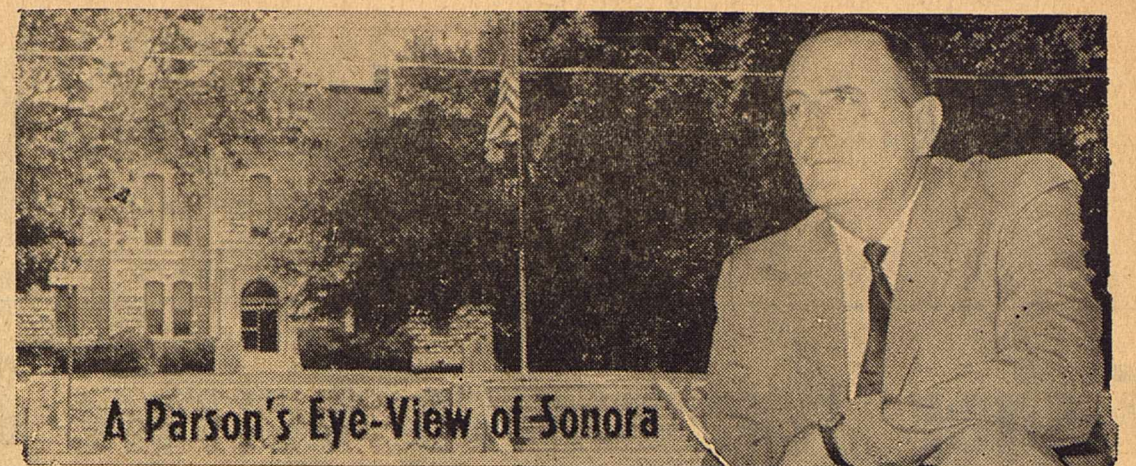
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Spell Quiz

Which of the Following is Spelled Correctly?
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(Meaning: Fermented chopped cabbage.)

See Classified Page for Correct Answer.



A Parson's Eye-View of Sonora

BY THE REV. ROSS T. WELCH

The question that is going around in Sonora this week is—"How did a team like Clifton ever reach the semi-finals?" We had much stiffer competition right here in our own district.

Could it be that they had bluffed their way? When they marched out on the field forty-odd strong, they looked fit for college competition. Then when it was time to have the captains meet on the field for the toss of the coin, they lined up fourteen men on their end of the field.

We had told ourselves all along that we were NOT superstitious—the fact that it was Friday the thirteenth did not make any difference. But I saw people shivering who were not really cold.

But from the time we held them on downs and they had to kick off to us, our team was in complete command. It was a case of Goliath and David (Ed Lee). The last quarter we got a good preview of what to expect from next year's team—and I might say they looked good. They were unable to score yet left Clifton scoreless.

No we are not superstitious, not VERY MUCH. I think nearly every avid Bronco follower had at least one 'thing' going to insure our success. We don't pretend to know all the gimmicks, but here are a few:

Walter Pope has a fur cap that he usually wears which he claims is worth two touchdowns. However, we made a good many touchdowns at Brownwood and Walter wasn't there. Whether or not he was wearing the fur cap at the time, I do not know.

It is rumored that coach Dennis Hays and principal Bob McMinn always wear red socks—the same ones I suppose wear after week.

Lots of fans wear the same articles of clothing week after week—even the same underwear. Kay Kerbow wears her socks inside out.

Someone, perhaps Bill Stewart, carries exactly the same change in his pocket every week. For four years Bill Morriss has been careful to have the same pocket knife in his pocket for every game.

His daughter, Shelley, chip off

I have received the following request:

Dear Parson: Please share your divinity recipe with avid readers of your column, giving full instructions for the benefit of those who cannot make good divinity—perhaps never having had a good recipe. You will be blessed.

Thank You. —Some Parson Fans'

I feel terribly flattered. I suspect the reason my 'Fans' did not sign their names was because they were ladies who did not want to admit having to seek cooking hints from a mere male. But I have always said, if a parson shouldn't make good divinity, who should? Here is the recipe, and I give Betty Crocker all the credit:

"Place in saucepan over low heat

- 2 cups sugar
 - 1/2 cup light Karo
 - 1/2 Cup water
 - Stir until sugar is dissolved, increase heat and cook without stirring to 252 degrees. Remove from fire and pour, beating constantly, in a fine stream into 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten. Continue beating until mixture loses its gloss and holds its shape. Add
 - 1 tsp vanilla
 - 1/2 cup broken nuts
 - Drop quickly from tip of a spoon onto waxed paper."
- The only real secret to making good divinity that I know is to have a reliable candy thermometer. Also, if you discover after you have put in your vanilla and nut meats that your candy does not stand in a peak, just keep beating, if you have cooked it to the right temperature it will stand up.
- As for the nuts, I usually use pecans because I have them. But my mother made good divinity (without a thermometer) and she always preferred English walnuts. Now you all know my secrets and my candy will no longer bring premium prices at the Lions Club Auction and the W.S.G. bake sale.
- Drew Wallace was delighted to see Santa Claus at the party at the Methodist Church Sunday night. But he was rather indifferent to the sack of candy Santa gave him. And he was broken hearted when Santa left.
- Explanation: Drew had set his heart on getting a guitar and had told Santa so every time he had seen him on T.V. When Santa left without giving him his guitar Sunday night, he thought the old gentleman had let him down. When we explained that Santa would return with the toys on

Dealers Selling Firearms, Ammunition Confronted By Strict Regulations

A new law went into effect December 16, covering the purchase of ammunition and firearms. It also covers the sell of firearms and other "weapons" to minors, or youths under eighteen.

Public Law 90-618 passed by the 90th Congress October 22, 1968, is headed "an act to amend Title 18, United States Code, to provide for better control of the interstate traffic in firearms."

In checking the bulletin issued to George Barrow of Barrow Jewelry and Sporting Goods, some of the rules pertaining to the sell of firearms and ammunition are as follows:

First, if the merchant wants to continue selling ammunition he must obtain a license which will cost \$10 a year.

Second, he must file a form entitled "Firearms Transaction Record", recording the name, age, a residence of each purchaser, along with other information.

A dealer must not sell if he has reasonable cause to believe purchaser is . . .

- a fugitive from justice or under indictment or has been convicted of a felony.
- a narcotics addict.
- unlawful user of marijuana or other drug.
- an adjudged mentally incompetent person.

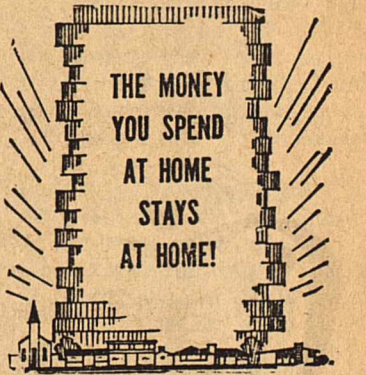
Several pages in the bulletin pertain to the sell of guns, and each state has individual laws listed also. The State law for Texas (Tex. Penal Ann.) an act cited as "Gun Control Act of 1968", reads as follows, in part:

"any person who sells, or gives a minor, pistol, dirk, dagger, slung shot, blackjack, hand chain, night stick, pipe stick, sword cane, spear, bowie knife, or a knife with a blade over 5 inches in length without written consent of a parent or guardian of such minor, shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$200 . . ."

The lengthy document was sent by the Internal Revenue Service, alcohol and tobacco tax division, and Barrow said he thought the simplest thing for most merchants, "or at least speaking for myself—is to turn the document over to a tax attorney to be sure that everything is clearly understood in regards to the sell of ammunition, et cetera."

As one man said, "all these new laws are enough to make any dealer think twice."

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DEL MONTE 303 PUMPKIN 19¢
DIAMOND Cut & Whole No. 3 sqt. can SWEET POTATOES . . 4 cans \$1
HIP-O-LITE 7 oz. jar MARSHMALLOW CREME . . 23¢

DAIRY DELIGHTS

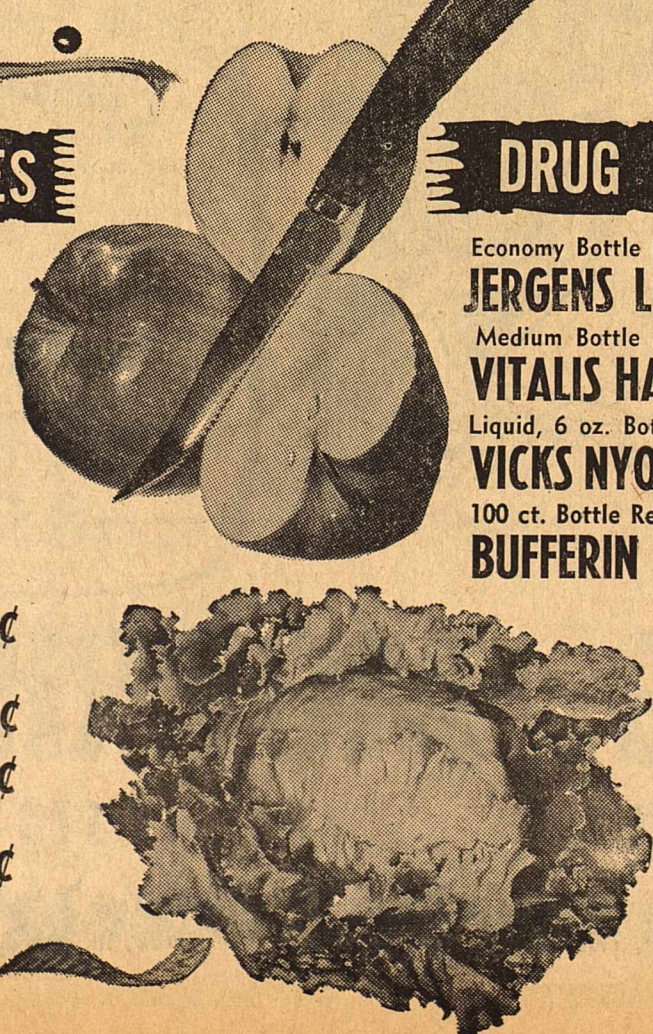
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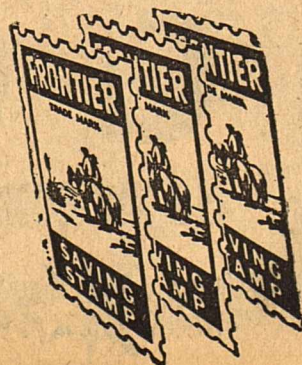
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TEEN SCENE

by Kay Kerbow

The basketball uniforms will remain locked up for another week as the Broncos beat the Clifton Cubs in their semi-final game by a score of 47-0. The mighty Broncos face the Poth Pirates in their second bid for state in three years.

Poth is the Number 1 team in the state and remains undefeated (until Friday!!) Kickoff time is 8 p.m. in San Marcos at Evans Field.

Girls basketball began against Iraan last Tuesday night in Iraan. For their first game in the season and for most of the girls their first game ever, they responded well against the experienced team. One of their star players was the Sonora coach's younger sister. Can't hit her, huh???

The girls played Ozona Monday night in Davidson Memorial Gym. After one game's experience, they did much better in driving, shooting, and guarding. Becky Tittle was high in the "B" game with 11 points. Trouba Teaff hit 12 points in the "A" game to become high point girls.

Next game is here January 7 against the Ozona teams. Your attendance will be most appreciated.

Tests are going on this week much to the students misery. Periods 1, 3, and 5 were held Wednesday with 2, 4, and 6 coming on Thursday.

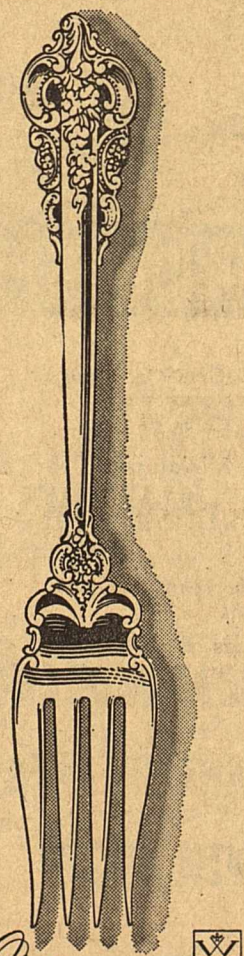
Things are humming with students dreading tests and anticipating the STATE game. Signs are on every wall and doors are painted to urge football boys to a victory!! (They don't need much urging either!!)

Hark, the herald angels shout, two more days 'till we get out. Only two more days until the much looked forward to Christmas holidays. School doesn't resume until January 6 giving us 16 days of freedom!! Getting out of school and winning state will make Friday, December 20, a day to remember, especially for the seniors. They will be watching their last football game as a student of S.H.S.

Attention! The band is doing a new show this week. After four weeks of the same show and music, they decided to change the show and yes, the music too.

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Snips, Quips, And Lifts

by Lottie Lee Baker
PEACE ON EARTH

—CHRISTMAS—the day of days which declares the universal human consciousness that peace on earth comes from goodwill to all men.

Just Arrived



Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson of Alice are parents of a daughter, Carolyn, born December 4, 1968, in an Alice hospital. Carolyn weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces, and to welcome her are a brother, Bryan, and a sister, Brenda.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Jack Wardlaw, and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Johnson of Graham.

—While Thanksgiving has its foundation on Plymouth Rock, Christmas rests upon the Rock of Ages.

—SCHOOL MOTTO: Laugh and the class laughs with you, but you stay after school alone.

—To all my faults my eyes are blind; mine are the sins I cannot find; but your mistakes I see a plenty, for them my eyes are twenty-twenty.

—You are an old-timer if you can remember when the sky was the limit.

—Christmas shopping makes it harder than ever to laugh at our own expense.

—If war was ever abolished, what would we do with our money?

—Careless drivers are gamblers who play the hearses.

—Watch the face of the clock

and you'll never be more than one of the hands.

—A woman likes a strong silent man because she thinks he is listening to her.

Boss: "Well, did you get the letter I sent you?"

Office Boy: "Yes sir, I read it counter some bumps, be glad. At on the inside and on the outside you are out of the rut."

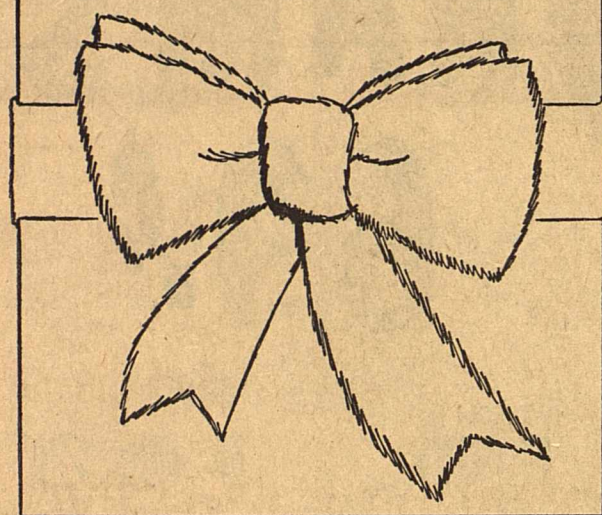
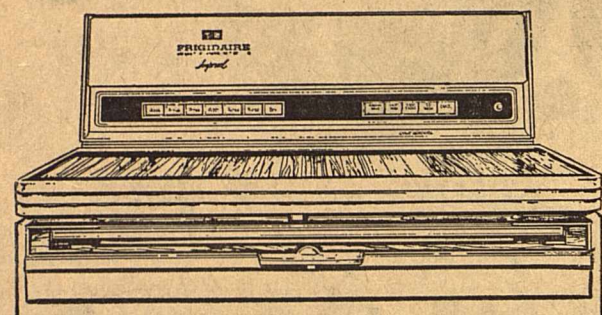
On the inside it said 'You're fired.' On the outside it said, 'Return in five days'. So here I am!

A LIFT FOR THE WEEK

—You give but little when you give of your possessions, but you truly give when you give of your self.

—If you are beginning to en-

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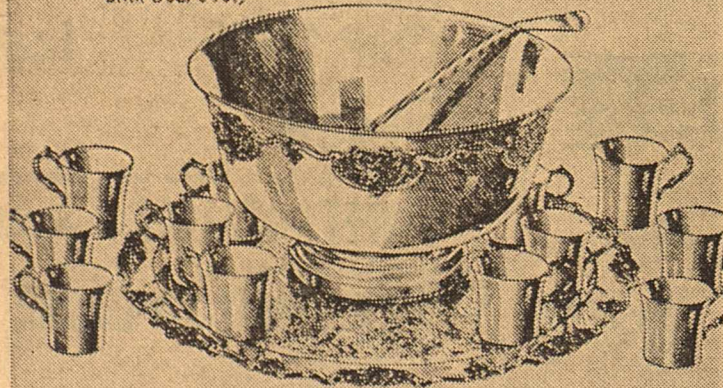
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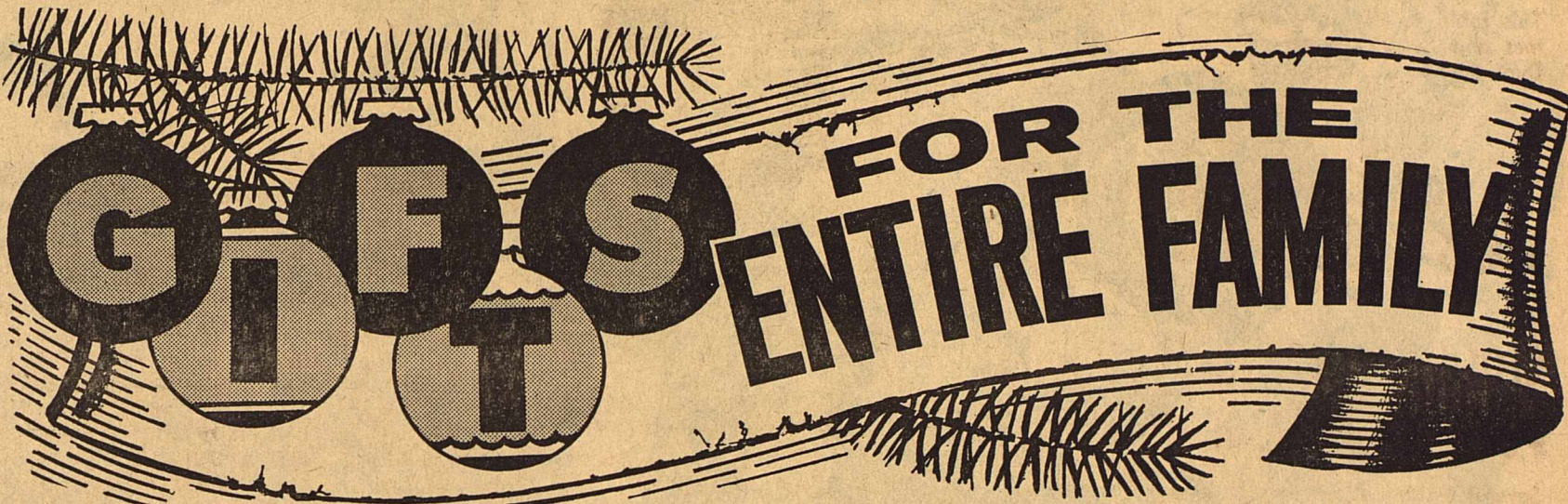
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FOR SALE—2 ACRES ON TOP HOSPITAL HILL. BEAUTIFUL VIEW. 387-2222. tf47

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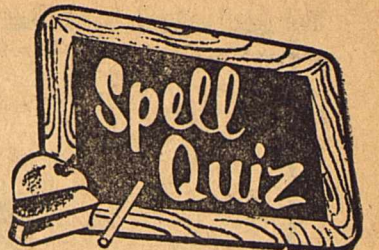
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GOOD EARNINGS—All year round. To apply write Johnnie Giroux, District Manager, Montell Rural Station, Uvalde, Texas 78801. 1c

Card of Thanks

Many thanks to the men of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department for their prompt action in putting out the trash fire at my home recently.

Mrs. C. O. Ridley 1c15



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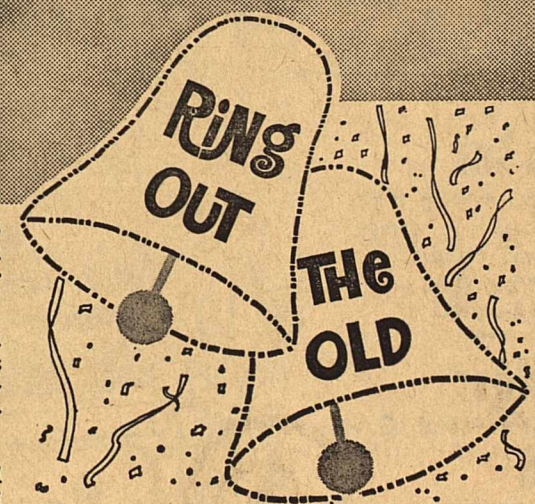
The old year wanes. The last sands trickle down the hourglass as the old man totters into irrevocable past and a lusty infant year begins.

Bells ring in church steeples, confetti rains, horns blow. People sing and shout and maybe shed a tear. Cries of "Happy New Year" fill the ears and fall on happy hearts, or sad.

To some, the old year brought joy and happiness. To others it held sadness and despair. Thus, men greet the new year differently; some with mockery, some with resolution, still others with a smile.

Whatever your feelings about the year ahead, there is one way to be sure of its promise. God is the source of all goodness. Make Him and His Church a part of your life and you will find the strength and inspiration to make each day prosper.

The sum of its days shapes the year.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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THANKS!

A Big Thanks to the many Sonora, Sutton County, and area people who have made Neville's their shopping headquarters during this holiday season. We've been very busy helping Santa make this the best Christmas ever for hundreds of you good people.

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OUTDOORS IN TEXAS

BY VERN SANFORD

Texas offers one type of fishing that recognizes no particular season.

The day can be as hot as blazes—or as cold as the nose of hound on a frosty morning—but this kind of fishing is always good.

We're talking about snapper fishing off the coast of Texas.

Year in and year out you can catch snapper if you are willing to take the punishment dealt by the weather.

Actually, it isn't the heat or the cold that will stop you from catching snapper. It's the wind and the waves. Sometimes the waves get mighty "high—and wide" between the shore and the snapper reefs. But if you can whip them, you've got it made—summer or winter.

Most snapper fishing on the Texas Gulf Coast has been done out of Galveston and Freeport. They are not too far apart, and usually the fishermen go into virtually the same area. There is a heavier concentration of party boats around Freeport so it is safe to say that most of the snapper fishing for sport is out of there.

You can reach snapper banks from many other places along the coast—such as Port Arthur, and Port Isabel, and the Corpus Christi area.

There's another access point, too. It's out of Port Mansfield. These new banks are located closer to the mainland but as yet the general public hasn't become aware of their existence.

Since the banks out of Port Mansfield are close enough they can be fished with outboards. Difficulty is that few of these smaller boats are equipped to locate the banks.

Actually, successful snapper fishing depends almost entirely on locating the reefs. Most of them are down from 10 to 40 fathoms, and some even deeper. It takes a good boatman with proper electronic equipment to locate them. Sometimes due to the wind and wave action, it is even difficult for the experienced boatman to find them. But once you're over the banks,

it becomes fairly simple to get all the snapper you want. And for a bonus you might catch a dozen different species of deep water fish, including ling, grouper, jewfish, kings, and quite often sharks.

Snapper fishing off the party boats usually is the most productive. Sometimes a boat will return to its dock by 6 o'clock with its ice boxes loaded down with a ton of snapper. And every fisherman completely worn out.

Hauling up one of these fish from the bottom—with a heavy rod and reel—is a pretty good chore. Some weigh as much as 30 pounds. After you catch a few big ones you are ready for a rest and something to eat.

It takes very little preparation to go on a party boat fishing trip. Party-boat operators know your needs and are ready to serve.

Most of the regular snapper fishermen have their own equipment. It consists of a heavy rod not more than 5 feet long and not less than a 4-0 reel and a line that will test over 100 pounds.

You'll need a heavy rig. It consists of a steel or heavy monofilament leader, with two hooks at the end of the stageons extending from heavy swivels. Some 16-ounce lead weights are tied to the end of the leader. Their purpose is to carry your bait quickly to the bottom. Usually the water depth will be at least 150 feet. Extra large, heavy hooks are a necessity.

A few personal items should be part of your equipment. These include heavy canvas gloves to use while handling the fish, a pair of fish grippers or heavy pliers, and a large ice box or garbage pail in which to carry your fish.

Another must is an old hand towel. Tuck it under your belt and use it to wipe your hands after

handling the slimy fish or after baiting your hook with frozen squid or sand trout. Bait is furnished by the operators when you sign on to one of the party boats.

If you do not have this equipment and don't want to acquire it for such an occasional trip, it can be rented from the boat operator for a nominal price.

Operators furnish the ice. Also drinking water. Take along plenty of food and beverage because you will build up quite an appetite.

Better take along some sea sickness pills, too, just in case. Whenever you want to go snapper fishing, write the chamber of commerce in any of these coastal cities and you will get detailed information.

Just Arrived



Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Love are parents of a son, Stephen Joel, born December 11, 1968. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces. Stephen was born at 4:10 a.m. in his parents car on the way to a San Angelo hospital. The Loves have another son, David Tom, three years old.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Preston Love, and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Davis of El Paso. Mrs. Effie Hammel of El Paso, and Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Davis of Evansville, Indiana are the maternal great-grandparents.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Thursday, December 19	Mrs. Herb McKee
Mrs. Turney Friess	B. H. Cusenbary
Jana Ruth Harris	Jon Barton Dungan
Friday, December 20	David Ray Mathis
Mrs. Artie Joy	Veronica Favila
Mrs. C. R. Emdy	
Jan Williams	
Mrs. Smith Neal	
David Tom Love	
Saturday, December 21	
John Bunnell	
Mike Ballard	
Wess Hill	
Vicki Ann Drennan	
Sonny Flores	
Sunday, December 22	
Ralph Tipton	
Rev. Lea Roy Aldwell	
Frank L. Moore Jr.	
Nancy Reynolds	
Merry Lou Glasscock	
Mrs. Harold Schertz	
Monday, December 23	
Benny Friend	
Mrs. Dock Rape	
Joe Wallace	
Peggy Lynn Grobe	
Kaye Ann Saunders	
Tuesday, December 24	
Mrs. J. W. Pepper Jr.	
Alan W. Saunders	
Jack Moore	
John Moore	
Wednesday, December 25	
G. W. Archer Jr.	



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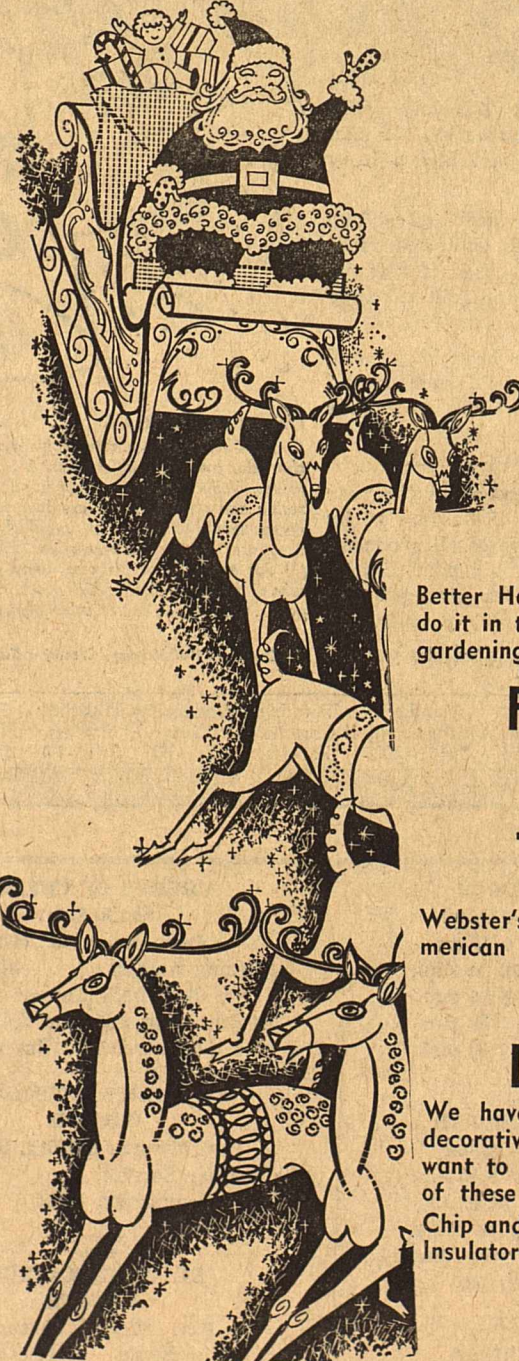
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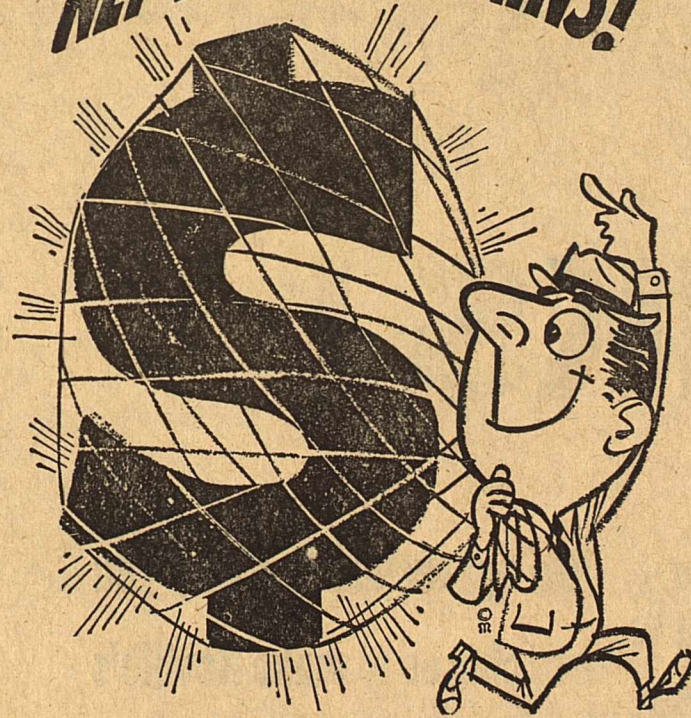
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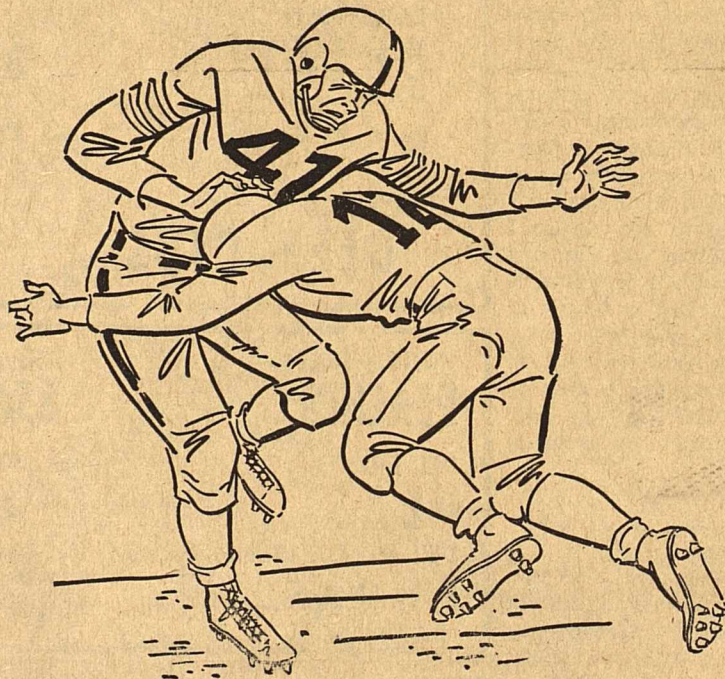
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Sept. 20, Sonora 6, Big Lake 15
Sept. 27, Sonora 21, Ballinger 23
October 4, Sonora 21, Ozona 20
October 11, Sonora 30, Rankin 6
October 18, Sonora 48, Menard 6
October 25, Sonora 20, Mason 7
November 1, Sonora, 45, Eden 8
November 8, Sonora 7, Eldorado 0
Nov. 15, Sonora 20, Junction 0
Nov. 22, Sonora 29, Rankin 13
Nov. 30, Sonora 7, Coahoma 6
Dec., 13 Sonora 47, Clifton 0

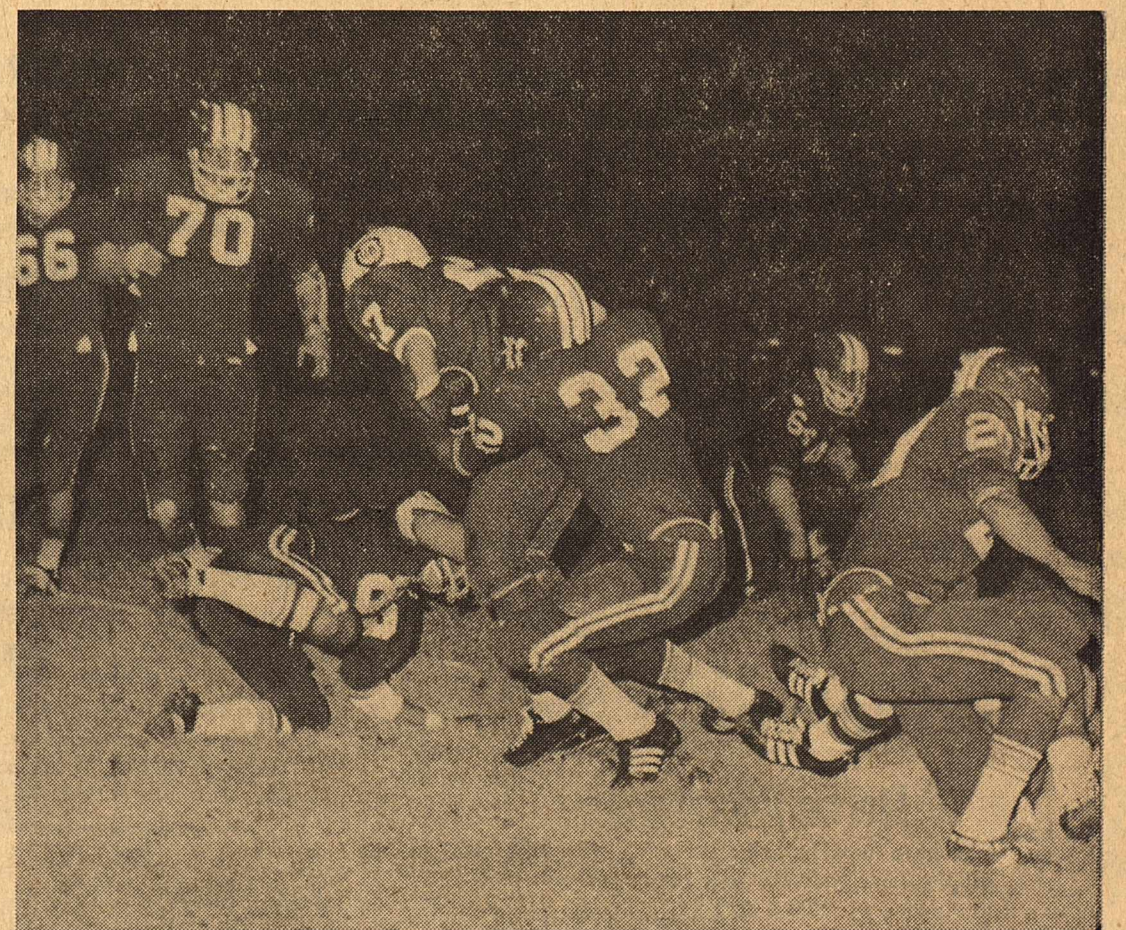
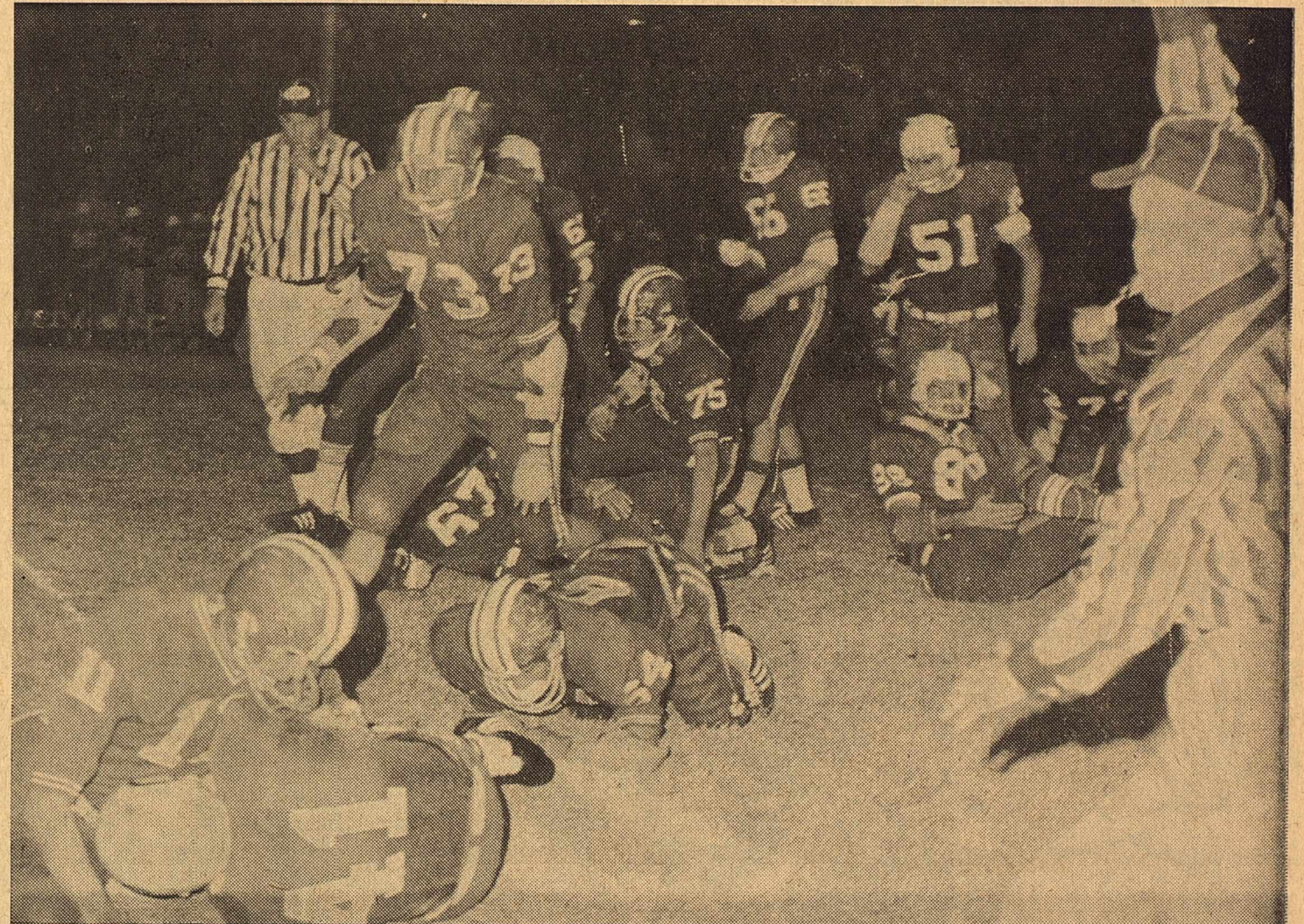
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Paula Gonzales
Zora M. Parker, Ozona *
Imogene Griffin *
Louise Drennan *
Lillian Galbreath, Eldorado

Frankie Schriener, Eldorado *
Johnie Alexander, Eldorado
Essa Hoover, Eldorado
Magdalena Vidal
Robert Emerson
Kenneth Richardson, Eldorado *
Montie Warren, Roosevelt *
G. A. Browne
John K. Wilson *
Willie Fay
Linda Villarreal, Ozona *
Elizabeth Alexander, Eldorado
Herminia Carranza *
Edna Cunningham
Epifanis Lumbreras
Kathy Morgan *
Albert Martin
Jim Cawley, Eldorado
Marvin McAngus, Eldorado
W. P. McConnell
Mrs. W. P. McConnell
*Patients released during the same period.



Phone News to Hazel McClelland, 387-2513

Mrs. Mack Cauthorn and Mrs. L. E. Johnson Jr., were in San Angelo Monday for a livestock sale. Mrs. Bill Fields has returned home after visiting her children, Mr. and Mrs. James Bunyard in San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Fields in Austin. Mrs. Hub Hale and Mrs. Clyde Hill were visiting in San Angelo Wednesday.

Thursday Night Bridge Club
Mrs. Collier Shurley entertained the Thursday Night Bridge Club with a Christmas party at her ranch home December 11. A turkey dinner was served to Mmes. James Morris, Joseph VanderStucken, Lossie Kelley, Bill Fields, L. E. Johnson Jr., Duard Archer, Robert Kelley, Eulah Newell, Frankie Gibson, Howard Kirby, Ruby Dameron and Pauline Thompson. Mrs. Lossie Kelley won the high score prize; Mrs. Kirby won second high; Mrs. Newell won the slam prize, and Mrs. Morris won bingo. The club members had a Christmas tree with gifts for everyone.

42 Fun Club
The 42 Fun Club met with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wright at the ranch December 11. A Christmas dinner was served and gifts were exchanged. Present were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Awalt, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Crites, Mr. and Mrs. Si Loeffler, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Mearns, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Willman. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Radle. Pete Thompson won high for club; Mrs. Radle won high for guests, Mrs. Thompson binged for ladies, and Freeman Mearns binged for men.

HMC
Mrs. L. E. Johnson Jr. and Mrs. Dantes Reiley were in San Angelo Wednesday visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Gil Trainer of Ft. Worth were here for the weekend visiting their families, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Black and Mr. and Mrs. James Trainer.

Mrs. Miers Savell and Mrs. Ernest McClelland were in San Angelo Saturday to attend the bridal shower of Miss Debbe Huling, bride elect of Jimmy Cole of Sterling City. Debbe is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Huling, who formerly lived in Sonora, and she is the niece of Mrs. McClelland.

While I was in San Angelo I saw Mrs. Sid Evans and Mrs. Ray Glascock. They both had lived in Sonora, and I had a long visit with them. Billy Sid Evans takes the Devil's River News and he says he sure does like to keep up with all the Sonora people. Billy Sid and his family live in Spearman.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ward, Cathy and Kelly were in San Angelo Saturday visiting.

Mrs. Sim Galscock and Mrs. Russell Oliver were in Odessa last Tuesday visiting with Mrs. Oliver's children.

Mrs. Elizabeth Goodwin visited relatives in Coleman while her grandson Billie W. Taylor and a son, Frank, Kevin and Billie Cash and Mrs. Cashes Taylor attended the football game at Brownwood.



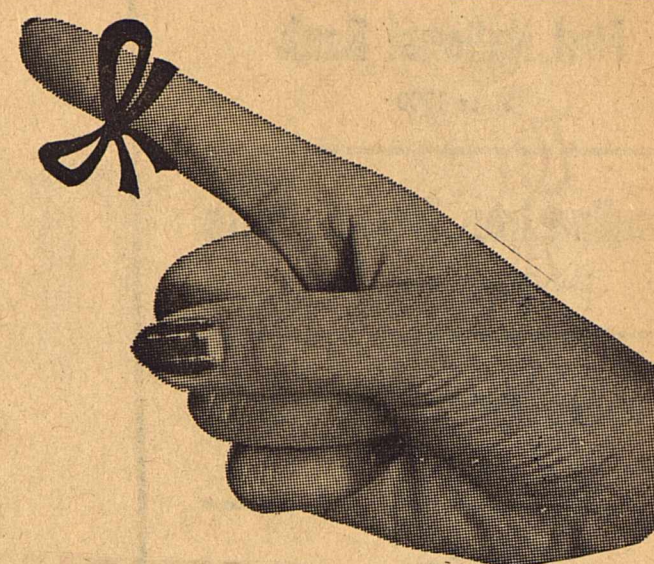
See the Bronco Boosters Play the All American Red Heads Tuesday, January 14, 1969, 7:30 p.m., High School Gym. Tickets \$1.00 and \$2.00 from Booster Members.

Gleaners Meet For Annual Party

The Gleaners Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Rip Ward, Monday night for their annual Christmas party.

The group was served the evening meal by the hostess and gifts were exchanged.

Attending the party were Mmes. Joe Neil Smith, Jamie Parker, B. E. Burton, Cleveland Nance, Eddie Russell, Nolan Johnson, Clifton Hancock, David Williams, Herman Pettiet, E. B. Keng, J. W. Sutton, Erma Turner, Bill Johns, Mandy Simmons, Larry Hill, Roger Spencer, Kenneth Mitchell, Smith Neal, Horace Hill, Lester Byer, Donald Jones, Jerry Hopkins, and J. A. Cauthorn.



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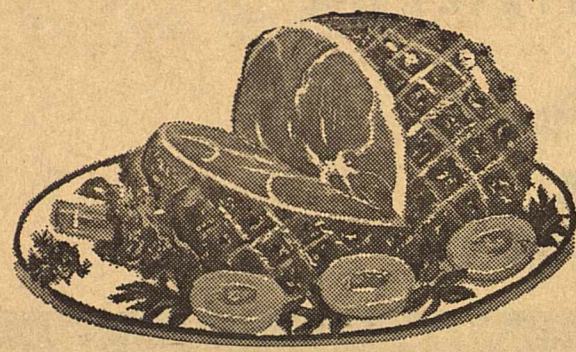
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DEL MONTE, Yellow Cream CORN	No. 303 25¢

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STOKELY'S APPLE SAUCE	No. 303 23¢
DEL MONTE ZUCCHINI SQUASH	No. 303 29¢

CHICKEN-O-SEA TUNA	Flat Can 39¢
BAMA APPLE JELLY	18 Oz. Glass 35¢

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