

Merry Christmas

THE WEATHER
Compiled by Pat Brown

	Rain	HI	Lo
December 14	.08	59	39
December 15		65	29
December 16		64	29
December 17	.12	59	25
December 18		64	35
December 19		64	36
December 20		42	32

Rainfall for the month, .61; rainfall for the year, 34.53.



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Amoco Employees, Other Volunteers Just Want To Help Needy Families

By Wes Burnett
Christmas will be a little happier this year to at least 20 local families through the efforts of the AMOCO Goodwill Benefit Program.

The voluntary AMOCO employee project, now in its second year in Sonora, is designed to provide help to needy families who might not otherwise have enough food or gifts to go around.

"We just want to do something to help people, especially children, to have a happy Christmas," AMOCO's Al Henson explained.

In addition to the volunteer employees at AMOCO, Henson expressed praise for a multitude of employees and companies in Sonora who donate time and money each year.

"We sure do need to say thanks to all these people," Henson added, "this is really not limited to our employees."

A list of other volunteers: Coahoma Contractors Inc.; Sam Jones, Baker Line; L.E. Brookover, Lerondo Well Service; Tom Hansen Co.; Pool

Co.; Bill Mobley, Dowell; Western Wire Line; John Rapone, Randall Nelson, Richard Flemming, Western Wire Line; Dickie Wood, Worth Well; Dowell;

Charlie Niblett, Cardinal; Archie Whitaker, Ace Transport; Holloman Construction; Ben Montgomery, W.S. Anderson and Son; James Merrill, Halliburton; Al Lynch, NOWSCO; Joe Sasser, Leland Guinn, SCADA Systems; Tommy Tims, Basin Tanks; S.L. Massey, Baker Oil Tools;



Pam Smith and Al Henson inventory a few of the items donated to local needy families.



Santa, I hope you'll bring me Chas Pittillo gave Saint Nick the lowdown on all he expects under his tree come Christmas morning. Chas visited with Santa at Morrison's Store last week when the jolly old man made an early visit to Sonora. Chas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thompson.

Susie Maddux, Sutton Specialty Co.; Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Co.; Larry Maddux, Rucker-Acme Tool; Lester Cole, Max Martin, Robert Wilkerson, Richard Simpson, John Young, Paul Burrow, Luther Stewart, Sonny Nixon; Jack Bebee, Sonics.

Wednesday volunteers met and distributed the materials to the families.

"That's when we see the real reason for this program," Henson added, "you can just see the happiness in the faces and you know you've done something good and it is sure worth all the effort."

AMOCO's Hal Snyder is chairman of the Goodwill committee and he is assisted by Henson and Pam Smith.

They estimate this year's contributions to be valued at between \$1,200 and \$1,500.

"But it's not the dollar value that counts," Henson emphasizes, "it's what this little dab of food and gifts means to people...and it means a lot."



Hey Kiddies!!
Santa's Coming To Town!

He'll come riding in on a fire truck at 1 p.m., Friday bringing in loads of candy for boys and girls.

Santa will make his visit on downtown Main Street.

Offices To Close Dec. 24, 31

A number of offices in Sonora will observe Friday closings on both December 24 and December 31 in observance of Christmas and New Year's.

Among those closing will be the city hall, offices in the courthouse, First National Bank and the School Tax office.

Most business places will be open Christmas Eve so that shoppers may do their last minute buying.

Jim Miles To Be Ordained

Ordination services will be held Wednesday, December 29 at the Presbyterian Church of the Good Shepherd.

Jim Miles, who has been serving as student minister at the church, will be ordained at the services. The Rev. David Northcutt, of Pecos will be in charge of the service, with the Rev. Jack Ware of Port Arthur to bring the sermon.

Past minister of the church, the Rev. Homer Akers of Barstow, will charge the congregation and the Rev. Dr. Carl Siegenthaler, professor at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Metropolitan Missioner of the United Urban of Austin, will charge the pastor.

Mr. Miles is a graduate of Sul Ross State University and did his post graduate work at UTLC in El Paso and Texas Tech in Lubbock. He received his master of divinity degree at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Mr. Miles and his wife, Judy, and three sons, Jim, Matt and Stephen, are now residing in Sonora.

30th Annual 4-H Livestock Show Set

The thirtieth annual Sutton County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale has been scheduled for January 15, 21 and 22 at the Sutton County 4-H Center.

The show will begin Saturday, January 15 with the judging of live carcass lambs. On Friday, January 21 the market lamb show will head the activities beginning at 9 a.m. At 2 p.m., the Angora goat show will begin, followed by the steer show at 3 and the rabbit show at 3:30.

At 10:30 Saturday, January 22, display of lamb carcasses and results of that judging will start the final day's activities.

A barbecue luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m., and the auction sale of lambs will follow. Presentation of awards and drawing for a pair of handmade boots will conclude the show.

Seventy-one 4-H members will exhibit 248 head of livestock in the show and 53 lambs or lamb carcasses will be sold in the auction sale. Club members will be awarded

prize money for top animals and will be allowed to sell one lamb or one lamb carcass in the auction.

Buyers may bid as much as they wish in the auction sale but the 4-H member will receive a ceiling price of \$100 per head with all that is bid in excess of that amount going into the 4-H fund for other club activities. Champion lambs and carcasses may bring a ceiling price of \$125 per head.

One lamb will be sold in a Chinese Auction to raise money for other 4-H activities and to help maintain the 4-H Center. This is the only fund raising activity of the 4-H Club during the year.

Other 4-H activities supported by funds raised at the annual show and sale include a junior 4-H horse show, 4-H ball, district and county 4-H camps, a 4-H achievement party, livestock judging, horse judging, wool and mohair judging, range judging, grass judging, the 4-H dress revue, 4-H

food shows, 4-H shooting sports program, and other special activities of the club.

Drawing Winners Named

Mrs. June Hurt and Mrs. Charlotte Wilson were winners in Saturday's profit sharing coupon giveaway. Each were recipients of \$225 worth of gift certificates from participating merchants.

Friday, Christmas Eve, will be the final and largest of the drawings with two persons being winners of \$425 worth of merchandise. The drawing will be held at 2 p.m., in front of Tedford's Jewelry.

Merchants participating in the profit sharing giveaway are Morrisons, First National Bank, Food Center, White's Auto, Tedford Jewelry, Neville's, Gosney's, Westerman Drug and Ruth Shurley Jewelry.

Cities Get \$302.8 Million In Rebates

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said recently that Texas cities received a total of \$302.8 million in city sales tax rebates during the 1976 calendar year, a 14.4 percent increase over 1975.

"The jingling of those cash registers has been music to ears, both at the state and city level," Bullock said.

Bullock said his office mailed checks totaling \$50.6 million today to 864 Texas cities as their December rebate of the one-cent city sales tax.

The December rebate was \$9.8 million over that for the same month a year ago.

The biggest check--\$10.3 million--went to the City of Houston. Tiny Bloomburg will receive the smallest--\$4.42. Net payment to the City of Sonora was \$19,785.99.

The city sales tax is collected by retailers along with the four percent state sales tax. The Comptroller's Office rebates to the cities their share on a monthly basis.

Farm Sales Total 5,069,000 In Sutton

The market value of all agricultural products sold by the 166 farms in Sutton County in 1974 amounted to \$5,069,000, according to a preliminary report of the 1974 Census of Agriculture released today by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis.

The figures are for farms qualifying under the definition first used for the 1959 Census of Agriculture: A farm includes all agricultural operations conducted at any time during the census year under the control of an individual management, provided that sales of agricultural products amounted to, or normally would amount to, at least \$250 for places of less than 10 acres or \$50 for places of 10 acres or more.

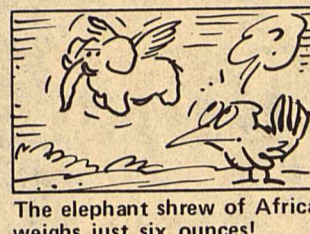
Figures for farms with sales of \$2,500 or more are shown for 1974 and 1969. These farms accounted for \$5,038,000 of all agricultural products sold in 1974 and \$4,454,000 in

1969.

There were 131 of these farms in 1974 compared with 154 in 1969. The average size increased from 7,078 to 7,296 acres during the five years. The value per acre increased from \$64 to \$104 raising the average value per farm from \$451,362 to \$755,410.

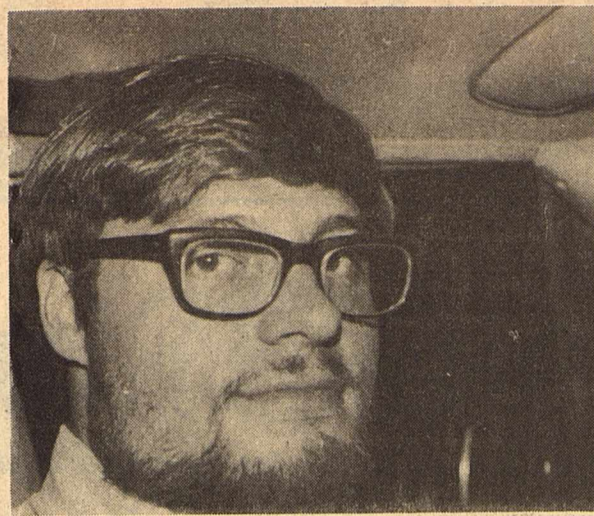
The market value of livestock and their products on farms of \$2,500 or more of sales was \$4,820,000 in 1974; poultry and their products, \$161,000; and crop sales, including nursery products, hay and forest products, \$57,000.

Farms reporting less than \$1,000 in sales numbered 12 in 1974. The value of agricultural products sold on these farms totaled \$5,000.



The elephant shrew of Africa weighs just six ounces!

Have You Seen This Man?



Jack HilkerMissing Since Nov. 11, 1975

Jack M. Hilker is 26 years old. His light brown hair is short, and he sports a neat, closely cropped beard. He enjoys the outdoors, and works as a concrete carpenter.

This description is not unique, and would fit many young, energetic, independent men. And Jack is just such a person.

But there is something about Jack Hilker: he is missing.

Jack Hilker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hilker of Bedford, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston located between the historically famous towns of Lexington and

Concord. Almost a year ago, Jack left his family in Bedford to head out on an adventure that many young men dream about but few are able to live: to see a part of the western United States, to photograph his experiences, and to work just enough to provide for his Spartan existence.

So, Jack set off last February in his 1968 gray Ford van, (Mass. plate BB22-482) which was equipped for sleeping, writing, and carrying the tools of his trade. He landed a job with a construction company in Arizona. He worked on this job all summer, and when it was finished, the company gave him an "800" phone number to call when he wanted to work again.

Having some free time and the independence to travel around, Jack and a friend hiked through the Sierra Mountains last fall, and ended up in Anaheim, California last November. There, Jack had the opportunity to visit with his father, who was in Anaheim on a business trip. Jack told his father that he had phoned the construction company, and had been told there would be work in Houston, Texas starting November 15th.

For Jack, who is a muscular six feet and weighs about 190 pounds, the opportunity to return to work pleased him, for it would allow him to continue his independent life. He left his father in Anaheim in the morning of November 11th and promised that he would call his family in Massachusetts as soon as he was located.

That morning is the last time Mr. and Mrs. Hilker have heard from their son, though a package they sent to him in Phoenix, Arizona via United Parcel Service was picked up, presumably by him, on November 12th. The Hilkers have received no letters, no telephone calls, no indication from Jack's Master Charge or checking account that any charges

were made or checks were written after November 11th.

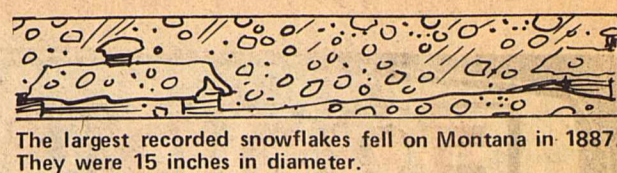
Jack told his father during their visit that he would be heading to Houston on Route I-10. The Hilkers contacted the construction company, Brown and Root in Houston, and they said they did not as yet have Jack's name in the work computer as having started a new job on November 15th.

So now, Jack Hilker is a police statistic. His name has been entered on the Missing Person's list through the National Crime Information Center, and police in Bedford and Texas are seeking clues to his disappearance. There have been no accident reports; Jack's van has also disappeared, and there is no trace of the young, ambitious man who left Bedford to pursue his dream.

The Hilkers seek the help of any person who might have met Jack or seen him during his trip to Houston. They hope to get the Civil Air Patrol, or a private pilot, to search the long stretch of desert which I-10 winds through on its way to Houston.

They do not believe their son purposely deceived them when he announced he was going to Houston on another construction job. They believe that something has happened to Jack which would prevent him from calling his home.

Any information to help the authorities in their search for Jack Hilker should be relayed to your local police department, or to Inspector Thomas McNeany of the Bedford Police Department-Bedford Mass. 01730.



The largest recorded snowflakes fell on Montana in 1887. They were 15 inches in diameter.

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Elementary School News

One Third Level Language Arts Section is busy planning original Christmas plays. The class is divided into four groups. Each group is writing a play and making costumes and props. Other third graders will be invited to see the plays on Wednesday.

Third Level Social Studies classes are learning how Christmas is celebrated in other lands. They have discovered that many of our Christmas customs are borrowed from other countries.

The Third Level halls are decked with bright wreaths and jolly Santas. Happy Christmas carols are heard from the music room. The students are ready for Christmas.

Mrs. Raphael's fourth grade students have completed the unit on the deserts of the world in their Social Studies class. The students wrote reports of the different animals that live in the desert. These reports were read by each student and everyone enjoyed hearing them. They also did art work pertaining to the desert.

All the fourth grade classes are enjoying doing Christmas art along with special Christmas projects. The students are looking forward to the Christmas party and the holidays.

The fourth and fifth graders enjoyed a Water Conservation Program presented by Virgil Polocsek, District Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service.

Mrs. Friess' students are enjoying making Christmas tree ornaments for their Christmas tree.

The fifth grade social studies classes have concluded a unit stressing concepts on why people from European countries came to America, what influenced the location of early settlements in America and who were some of the first people to come to America.

As a highlight of the beginning unit on Early Homes in America, all fifth level students toured the James Hunt home which was enjoyed by each student. Each student wrote the Hunt's a thank you letter expressing their appreciation for the tour. From reading these letters, the Hunts will know what impressed each student the most. A big THANKS to the Hunts and Mrs. Rousselot as a guide for this educational and delightful tour.

One math group has completed a unit on Geometry, how to read

and make bar and line graphs. Multiplication will be the next big unit. Other math groups are just beginning the geometry study. Some fifth graders are learning about measurement and using the multiplication operation with exponents.

Students discussed safety habits of this season. Some topics studied were hunting safety, highway safety and fire cracker safety.

Fifth grade science classes enjoyed studying the treasures of our earth, thanks to Mr. Polocsek's presentation on Soil Conservation. The students have been most interested in this study as they follow it up with the discovery of the past. We have made fossils and simulated a prehistoric dinosaur scene.

Community Calendar

Thursday, December 23
 3-5 p.m., Senior Center open.

7:30 p.m., Meeting of Jaycees, Commercial Restaurant.

Friday, December 24
 2 p.m., Profit Sharing Christmas Drawing.

Saturday, December 25
 Christmas Day.

Sunday, December 26
 Services at the church of your choice.

Monday, December 27
 3:15 p.m., Brownie Troop 150 meeting at Scout Hut.

4 p.m., Meeting of Historical Society, Miers Home Museum.

Tuesday, December 28
 12 noon, Downtown Lions Club luncheon in fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church.

2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Miers Home Museum open.

7:30 p.m., West Side Lions Club meeting at Commercial Restaurant.

Wednesday, December 29
 1-5 p.m., Community Action Council Representative in judge's office, courthouse.

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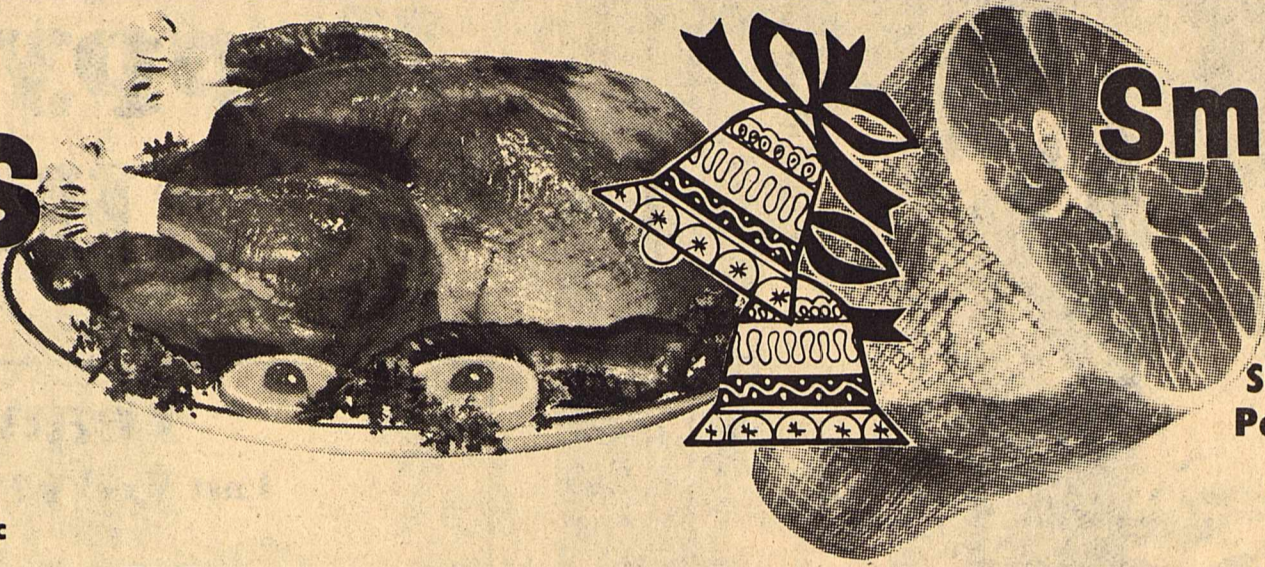
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Young Turkeys

W/D USDA Grade 'A' 10-14 Lbs. Limit 2 Lb. **53¢**

7-9 Lbs. Lb. **59¢**



Smoked Ham

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Butt Portion Lb. **89¢**

Shank Portion Lb. **79¢**

water added

Frozen Foods

Kold Kountry Whipped Topping 3 9-oz. Tubs **\$1**

Kold Kountry Pie Shells 3 2-Ct. Pkgs. 9 in. Size **\$1**

Kold Kountry Coffee Creamer 16-oz. Ctn. **35¢**

Kold Kountry Candied Yams 2 12-oz. Pkgs. **\$1**

Kold Kountry Broccoli Spears 10-oz. Pkg. **45¢**

W/D Med. or Hot 2-Lb. Pkg. **\$1.95**

Whole Hog Sausage Lb. **98¢**

Rodeo Backboard Halves - water added W/D Smoked **Boneless Ham** Lb. **\$1.89**

W/D Smoked **Sausage** 12-oz. Pkg. **99¢**

W/D Reg. or Beef **Franks** 12-oz. Pkg. **79¢**

W/D Reg. or Beef Sliced **Bologna** 12-oz. Pkg. **79¢**

Swift or Agar Fully Cooked 3-Lb. Can **\$4.79**

W/D Frozen (With Soy) **Beef Patties** 3 Lb. Pkg. **\$1.29**

USDA Choice Beef Sirloin Tip **Boneless Steak** Lb. **\$1.79**

USDA Choice Beef Sirloin Tip **Boneless Roast** Lb. **\$1.69**

Chuck Quality **Ground Beef** Lb. **\$1.09**

Fresh Produce

Golden Ripe **Bananas** Lb. **15¢**

Wash. St. Red or Golden Delicious **Apples** 3 Extra Fancy Lbs. **\$1**

California Large Navel **Oranges** 5 E-Z Peel No Seed Lbs. **\$1**

Krecks USDA Grade 'A' Fully Cooked **Smoked Turkey** Lb. **\$1.19**

W/D Red-Basting USDA Grade A Armour or Swift **Young Turkeys** 10-14 Lbs. Lb. **59¢**

All White **Turkey Roast** 3 1/2 Lbs. **\$2.98**

Agar **Ham Patties** 1-Lb. Can **\$1.19**

Eckrich - A Variation of Lunch Meats **Smorgas Pack** Lb. **\$1.59**

Hickory Sweet **Sliced Bacon** Lb. **88¢**

W/D USDA Grade A With Ribs **Turkey Breast** Medium Size Lb. **\$1.59**

W/D Premium Quality **Fresh Oysters** 10-oz. Jar **\$1.29**

Armour **Sliced Bacon** 1-Lb. Pkg. **\$1.19**

W/D **Smokes** 12-oz. Pkg. **99¢**

Ocean Spray **Cranberries** 1-Lb. Bag **39¢**

East Texas Sweet **Potatoes** 4 Lbs. **\$1**

Zipper Skin **Tangelos** 4 Lbs. **\$1**

Large Stalk Green **Celery** 3 Stalks **\$1**

All Purpose Russet **Potatoes** 10-Lb. Bag **89¢**

All Grinds **Maryland Club Coffee** 1-Lb. Can **\$1.99**

Thrifty Maid **Pineapple** 2 20-oz. Cans **\$1**

Gala Dinner **Napkins** 2 50-Ct. Pkg. **\$1**

Wishbone Italian **Dressing** 8-oz. Btl. **63¢**

Diamond Cut Sweet **Potatoes** 3 22-oz. Pkg. **\$1.00**

Keebler Toast Snack **Crackers** 10-oz. Pkg. **72¢**

Tom Scott 12-oz. Pkg. **Mixed Nuts** **99¢**

Swanson Chicken **Broth** 4 13-oz. Cans **88¢**

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Ocean Spray 48-oz. Btl. **Cranberry Cocktail** **\$1.15**

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Good Buy

LeSueur **Peas** 17-oz. Cans 2 For **88¢**

Green Giant Whole Kernel **Niblets Corn** 3 12-oz. Cans **\$1**

Kraft Miniature 10 1/2-oz. Pkg. **Marshmallows** **43¢**

Nestle Chocolate **Morsels** 12-oz. Pkg. **\$1.29**

Karo Red Label **Syrup** 32-oz. **99¢**

Imperial Powdered **Sugar** 16-oz. Pkg. **33¢**

Stove Top Chicken or Cornbread **Stuffing Mix** 6-oz. **69¢**

Kimball Heavy Duty Aluminum **Foil** 18" x 25" Roll **69¢**

Fanning Bread & Butter **Pickles** 14-oz. Jar **59¢**

Lindsay Select Pitted **Ripe Olives** 6-oz. Can **65¢**

Limit 1 Per Family with \$7.50 Additional Purchase or More Excluding Beer, Wine & Cigarettes

Gold Medal Flour 5-Lb. Bag **59¢**

•All Purpose

•Self Rising

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Gandy's **Sour Cream Dips** 3/\$1

Whipping Cream **Half & Half** 2 8-oz. Pkgs. **\$1**

Kraft Philadelphia Brand **Cream Cheese** 2 8-oz. Pkgs. **\$1**

Kountry Fresh **Mix for Eggnog** 59¢

Kountry Fresh **Cheddar Cheese** 10-oz. **99¢**

Kountry Fresh Crescent Dinner **Rolls** 2 8-oz. Cans **88¢**

Pillsbury All Varieties **Cookies** 15-oz. Pkg. **99¢**

Kraft Pimento or Olive Pimento **Jar Cheese** 5-oz. Jar **63¢**

Limit 1 Per Family with \$7.50 Additional Purchase or More Excluding Beer, Wine & Cigarettes

Crisco 3-Lb. Can **99¢**

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Kraft Marshmallow **Kreme** 7-oz. **55¢**

Pepperidge Farm **Cakes** 17-oz. **\$1.43**

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Morton **Mini Pies** 3 8-oz. **\$1.00**

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Crackin' Good **Saltines** 16-oz. **39¢**

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Head & Shoulder **Shampoo** 4-oz. Tube or 7-oz. Lotion **97¢**

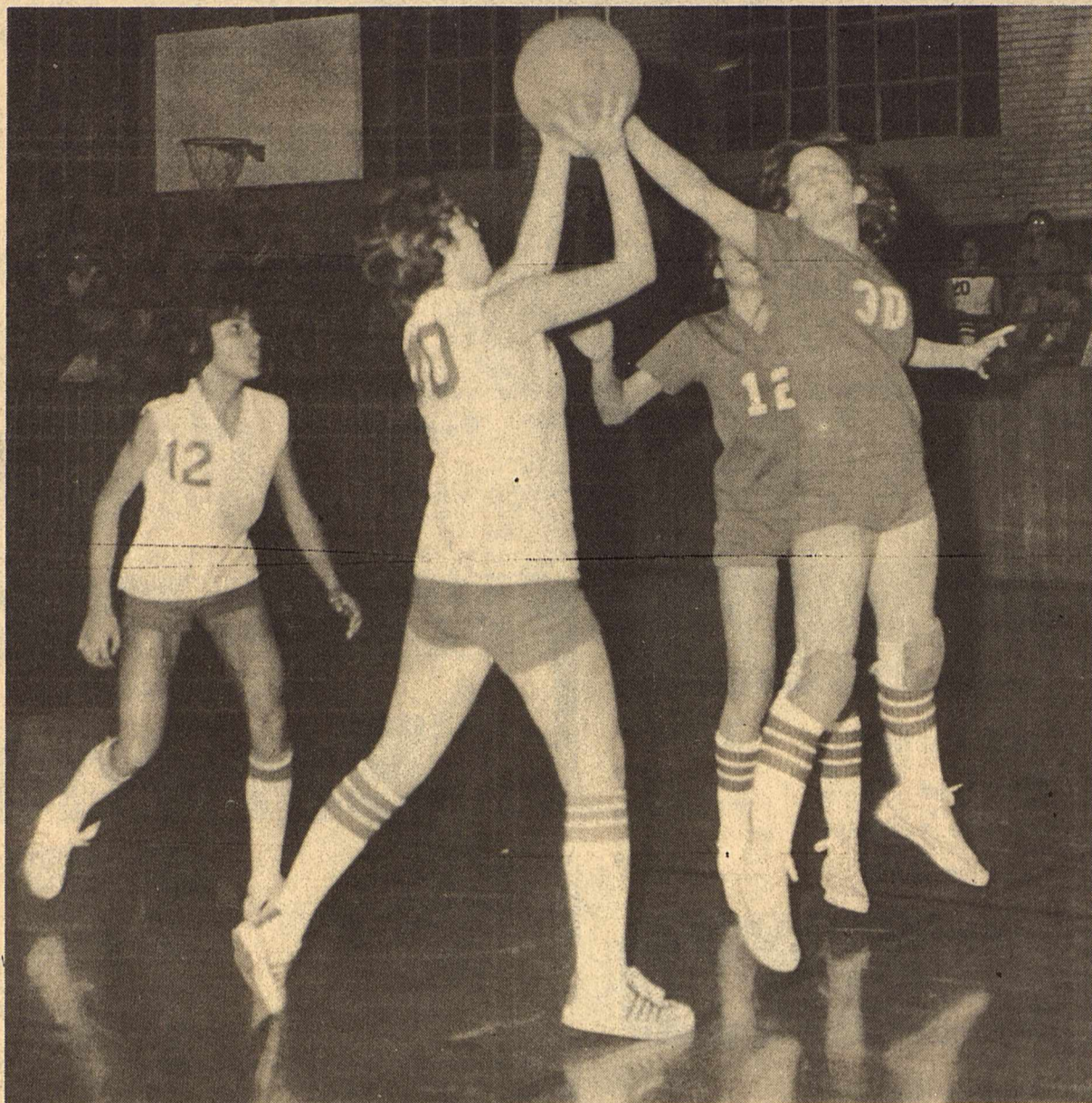
Style Reg. or Hard to Hold **Hair Spray** 13-oz. **67¢**

Alka Seltzer Plus **Cold Tablets** 36-Ct. **\$1.19**

Kimball Fruit Cocktail 3 16-oz. Cans **\$1**

Bronco Basketball

**No Games This Week
Happy
Holidays**



Tonya Ridgeway (40) adds two points to the seventh grade girls' win over Ozona last Monday night. Teammate Jessica Robledo (12) assists in the play. All teams will be off this week in observance of the Christmas holidays.

		Last Week's Results		Opponent		Season	
		won	lost			won	lost
Bronco Varsity	26	Brady 41	2	9			
Girls' Varsity	33 39	Reagan County 44 Alpine 43	8	7			
Jr Varsity	69	Brady 71	2	5			
Girls' Jr Varsity	38 49 41	Reagan County J. V. 43 Alpine J. V. 43 Crane J. V. 19	3	7			
8th Grade Boys	25 32	Iraan 28 Ozona 18	2	2			
8th Grade Girls	20 29	Iraan 21 Ozona 15	1	3			
7th Grade Boys	30 26	Iraan 13 Ozona 22	2	2			
7th Grade Girls	27 21	Iraan 8 Ozona 16	3	1			

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The youth of First Baptist Church presented a special Christmas drama Sunday evening at the church. Youth director Joey Graves, was in charge of the production. Youth pictured are Eric Neal, Denise Neal, Marche Lane, Jimmy Waters, Cody Savell, Dottie Tacker and David Wells (front row), Susan Dunnam, Craig Cooper, Chip Savell and Flaire Lane (back row).

Police Reports

A two car collision occurred at the corner of Prospect and 2nd Streets December 14, at 3:43 p.m. No injuries were reported.

2:30 p.m., Chappo Samaniego of 316 Ben Juarez reported to police that someone had cut both tires on the right side of his car while it was parked at his residence.

December 16, police were advised of a dead dog in the 1400 block of Crockett.

December 17, 8 p.m., Robert Cook reported theft of tape caddy and 23 eight track tapes from his car.

8:30 p.m., Prowler reported at 301 Plum. A

regular patrol of the area revealed no suspect.

1:30 a.m., Police answered disturbance call at local restaurant.

December 18, 9 a.m., Answered call to local laundramat.

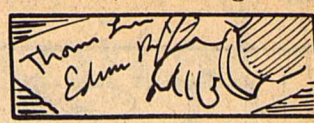
9:45 a.m., Traveler called requesting officer assistance regarding trouble with local service station operator.

9:50 a.m., Service station operator call reporting trouble with customer.

12:15 a.m., Unknown

person called in reporting youngsters throwing rocks at passing motorists on E. 2nd Street. Four boys were talked to regarding the incident and released.

11 p.m., Answered call to south side of town regarding family disturbance.



The two youngest men to sign the Declaration of Independence were only 26 years old. They were Thomas Lynch and Edward Rutledge.

An unconfirmed report to the U.S. Weather Bureau states that on July 16, 1949 a freak heat wave in Portugal brought the temperature up to 158°F. for two minutes.

Junior High Honor Students Named

The following students in Sonora Junior High School made the honor roll for the second six weeks of school, according to Principal Smith Neal:

SIXTH GRADE - All A's: Espy Whitehead and Marney Sorenson. All A's and one B: Philip Kemp and Albert Chavez.

SEVENTH GRADE - All A's: Gina Thompson, Angie Bautista and Steve Jennings. All A's and one B: Delma Reyna, Joey Trevino, Eric Neal, and Cathy Polocok.

EIGHTH GRADE - All A's: Annabelle Gonzales, Kandis Carta, Valerie Tedford, Marche Lane, Paula Friess and Yolanda Reyna. All A's and one B: Lidia DeHoyas, Jo Ann Guerra and Lee Burch.

Students making the honor roll for the first quarter of the year are as follows:

SIXTH GRADE - All A's: Philip Kemp and Marney Sorenson. All A's and one B: Tracey Brownlee and Albert Chavez.

SEVENTH GRADE - All A's: Delma Reyna, Shannon Hurt, Joey Trevino, Angie Bautista, Cathy Polocok and Steve Jennings. All A's and one B: Maray West, Gina Thompson and James Burnett.

EIGHTH GRADE - All A's: Annabelle Gonzales, Kandis Carta, David Martin, Paula Friess and Yolanda Reyna. All A's and one B: Lee Burch and Kari Hill.

Hospital News

Patients receiving treatment at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital during the period from Tuesday, December 14 thru Monday, December 20 include the following:

- Joyce Hicks*
- Kim Cox*
- Elizabeth Stewart*
- Nellie Olson*
- Myrtle Berry*
- Clara Hall*
- Rosa Gutierrez*
- Baby Girl Gutierrez*
- Ida Lee Hancock*
- Tommy Womack*
- Rebecca Martinez*
- Stanford Trainer*
- Willie Andrews
- Erlinda Sanchez*
- Frank Wipff*
- Dim Patrick*
- Catarina Beresky*
- J.D. Bishop*
- Baby Girl Beresky*
- Jo Ellen Neal*
- Lillian Hubbard
- Baby Boy Neal*
- Dorteo Castro
- Robbie Morris
- Sarah Campbell
- Roy Cochran*
- Laura Odum
- Maggie Glasscock

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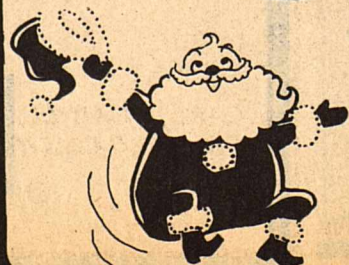
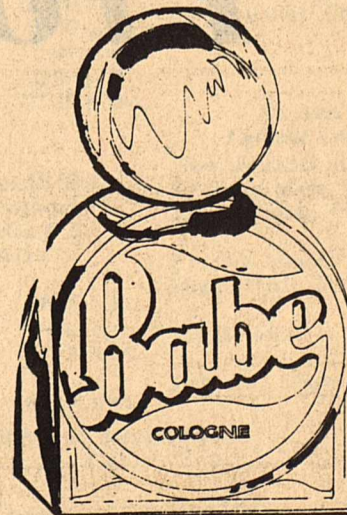
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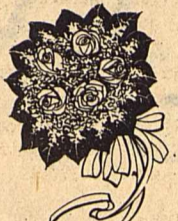
Have a neat Christmas

Della's Hair Studio

Dee's Notes
by Dee Nevill

TEACHERS, students, parents, school personnel and others--will scatter tomorrow as classes dismiss for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. There will be much coming and going as some leave town and others of us have visitors arriving from various points. Truly, 'tis a busy season! The famed Peppermint Ball, of long years standing, will be held Wednesday night. Private parties herald in the season throughout many homes. Come January 2, we will all be ready for a change of pace!


CONGRATULATIONS to Jo Ellen and Smith Neal who are parents of a son, Christopher Smith, who despite his tiny size has already become 'king' of the Neal household.



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Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year



WHITES AUTO

changing the lifestyle of the Neal's two older children as well as his parents! We also extend congratulations to Catarina and Jim Beresky on the birth of their daughter. Catarina is employed at City Hall and Jim at Dowell. They are parents of another daughter, Deedee.

WITH some of the sick.. our prayers are united with the First Baptist Church congregation that Ida Lee Hancock, who is in Bexar County Hospital, Rm 819, San Antonio, is well on the way to recovery. Our prayers for Sue, daughter of Mattie and Hoot Nix, who is also in a San Antonio hospital--for Rhonda Hopkins-Browne who had back surgery and will be confined to a cast for some time--and to those hospitalized here--we trust you will be better soon.

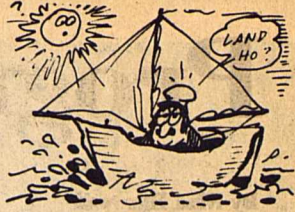
FINAL drawing for \$425 in bonds and merchandise for two people will be awarded Fri. at 2 p.m. in the vicinity of Tedford Jewelry with John Tedford conducting the drawing. A visit from Santa Claus will occur at 1 p.m. with Sonora volunteer firemen bringing Santa in on a fire truck. Candy will be distributed to children. Last weeks winners were June Hurt and Charlotte Wilson. See you Saturday!

THANKS to the Fire Department for the loan of their PA system at last week's drawing--we appreciated it--no more sore throats from shouting!

COUNCILMEN meeting in a special meeting last Tues. night with the Airport Advisory Board approved an addition to the hanger belonging to Bill Morriss and also approved erection of an additional hanger at the airport. Additional access road will be constructed to separate auto parking area from that used in parking of planes.

FLING Ding members!! --remember your guest list must be in to the secretary no later than Monday, Dec. 27, with the rush of Christmas perhaps you have forgotten..the dance is Jan. 22, so invitations are to be in the mail very soon. Gary Lee Orchestra will provide music.


New Arrival



Cody Jo Bush was born December 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Joey Bush in the Ozona Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holmes of Kerrville and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Granger of Sonora.

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SEVERAL Sonorans plan a Jan. trip to South America..among them, the Lea Roy Aldwells, Edwin Sawyers, Sonny Anderson, and perhaps others we may be overlooking..they have promised to remember us as they suntan! (Now, we trust they won't blister!)

REMEMBER City Hall and the Courthouse will close Christmas Eve..if you have business to conduct in either of these places..better hurry..business as usual Monday for both places.

WE at the Chamber Office extend to all our friends and neighbors throughout Sutton County sincere best wishes for the holiday season..and folks, do remember.. "Support Our Chamber Members--They Support Our Community"..this is very true and you might thank them if you have enjoyed their efforts to serve you this past year..let us know how we can improve our service to you in the coming year.

Mrs. Hamilton Entertains Monday Club

Mrs. Clayton Hamilton entertained members of the Monday Night Bridge Club December 20 with a holiday supper.

Those attending were Mmes. Joe Neil Smith, Horace Hill, Helen Condra, Pauline Thompson, Betty Renfro, W.H. Hill, Frank Adkins and Wayne Brasher.

Table corsages of red carnations were given to Mmes. Adkins and Thompson as cut prizes. Winning at bridge play were high, Mrs. Thompson; second high, Mrs. Condra; game, Mrs. Smith; and bingo, Mrs. Renfro.

A bride-to-be's First Stop . . .

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The following brides and brides-to-be have made their selections with us

Armandina Capuchina, bride-elect of Guadalupe Gutierrez
Janey Davis, bride-elect of Mike Dillard
Roxianne Pittillo, bride-elect of Bill Thompson
Pat Garmon, bride-elect of Charles Frye
Mrs. Gene Thompson, nee Jeannette Quirk
Mrs. Scott Campbell, nee DeAnna Schwertner

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NEVILLE'S

Program Progressive At Kerrville State Hospital

By Nina Harwood
Kerrville Daily Times

Services and facilities provided for patients at state hospitals nowadays are a far cry from those of past years. No longer are patients isolated from the outside world. They are now permitted to participate in useful activities, not only on the hospital grounds, but off the premises as well.

Kerrville State Hospital ranks among those at the top in providing such a progressive program to rehabilitate patients.

A program initiated at Kerrville State Hospital on Aug. 19, 1974 known as Partial Hospitalization Ser-

vices, Unit A, conducted in building 601, is one of the most progressive established for residents who do not require 24-hour continuous hospitalization and for those who do not require a full complement of nursing and medical personnel. This service provides special therapy and other treatment modalities for residents who spend only a portion of their time on the unit; and for those who are working in the community in some appropriate occupation designed to assist them in social reintegration and vocational rehabilitation.

Supervising the activities is Mrs. Louis Hei-

mann, who said patients treated average around 50. However, there is a 60-bed capacity available, 30 for men and 30 for women.

One of the outstanding accomplishments this year was that 10 of the patients were able to vote in the November General Election.

The unit contains comfortable sleeping quarters, a large central recreation and television room, coffee room, conference room and two carpeted lounges. A well-equipped carpeted visiting room also is provided.

The patients take care of their own quarters, keeping them clean and

making their own beds. Wardrobes to hang clothing are contained in the sleeping quarters, the wardrobes also equipped with shelves and a desk.

The clothing room also has ample space for garments and long shelves for shoes, everything kept in apple pie order.

Applicants for residency in Unit 601 are carefully screened by the unit psychiatrist and social worker, the following qualifications taken into consideration:

1. The resident must be physically strong enough to take part in all activities on and off campus.
2. He must be mentally competent with contact good enough to participate in and benefit from group meetings, therapies and counseling.
3. He must be socially acceptable for participation in social events and off campus employment.

Each resident accepted must sign an agreement expressing his desire for self-improvement through participation in unit milieu.

There are five groups, each meeting separately once a week with the resident council chairman who is L.G. Davenport and the secretary. Chairmen who make up the council meet once a week.

Awards are posted on a chart denoting those who have good attendance records, are competent in industrial activities, vocational work, etc. These tend to serve as an incentive, Mrs. Heimann said.

The carefully planned milieu provides:

- Unit government with weekly meetings conducted and recorded by residents with staff assistance and support.
- Peer review whereby a resident may receive a written recommendation by his peers for an outstanding award.
- Special committees consisting of the combined efforts of staff and residents.
- Shared responsibilities of maintenance and cleanliness of the unit.
- A six-week course in clothing care and personal grooming by the O.T. Department of Kerrville State Hospital.
- A 60-hr. course by the O.T. Department in nutrition and home care at the Outreach Center in town.
- Shared responsibilities in care and maintenance of the residents' coffee room.
- Regularly scheduled off campus picnics provided by the Rehabilitation Department at the hospital.
- Transportation for unsupervised trips to town for miscellaneous shopping each week.
- On and off unit recreation, including night dances, concerts at the local auditorium and stage plays at a local open-air theater located on the

Guadalupe River bank.

-Invitations to churches in town by local church people who furnish transportation.

-Regularly scheduled church services on the hospital grounds for both Catholic and Protestant groups.

-Tri-annual shopping trips to town for the purchase of personal clothing and shoes.

-Regularly scheduled group activity therapy at the day treatment center, a branch of the local Outreach Center.

-Vocational placement in town for residents who are motivated to secure jobs.

At this time, five patients are now employed outside the hospital.

Professional services that provide assistance include: Special Services Department, Kerrville State Hospital; Texas Vocational Rehabilitation Department; Volunteer Services of the hospital; job placement services at the Senior Citizens Center in Kerrville; Social Services Department of the hospital and other individual staff members, and the Texas Commission for the Blind.

Residents are carefully selected for the job most suitable to their individual aptitudes and physical abilities.

A follow-up service is provided by the Social Service Department of the local Senior Citizens Center and the unit case worker. Regular reports are available on the progress and adjustment of each resident employed, and encouragement and support are continuously offered by the staff.

When a job is terminated because of unsatisfactory performance, the staff carefully evaluates the residents to rule out or treat physical and emotional debilities. In case of illness, the resident is given another chance at a later date.

The staff also provides daily medical observation and diagnostic evaluation with special attention to specific physical and emotional problems; professionally supervised 24-hr. nursing care; individual and group psychotherapy; medical, surgical, dental and ophthalmological consultation when indicated and, when necessary, hospitalization in the state hospital, medical and surgical unit or at a general hospital in town.

According to Mrs. Heimann, this type of hospital treatment facility could be called the "Will-Way

Unit," because, if the patient demonstrates the will to achieve and go forward, the staff will provide a way for him to attain his goal.

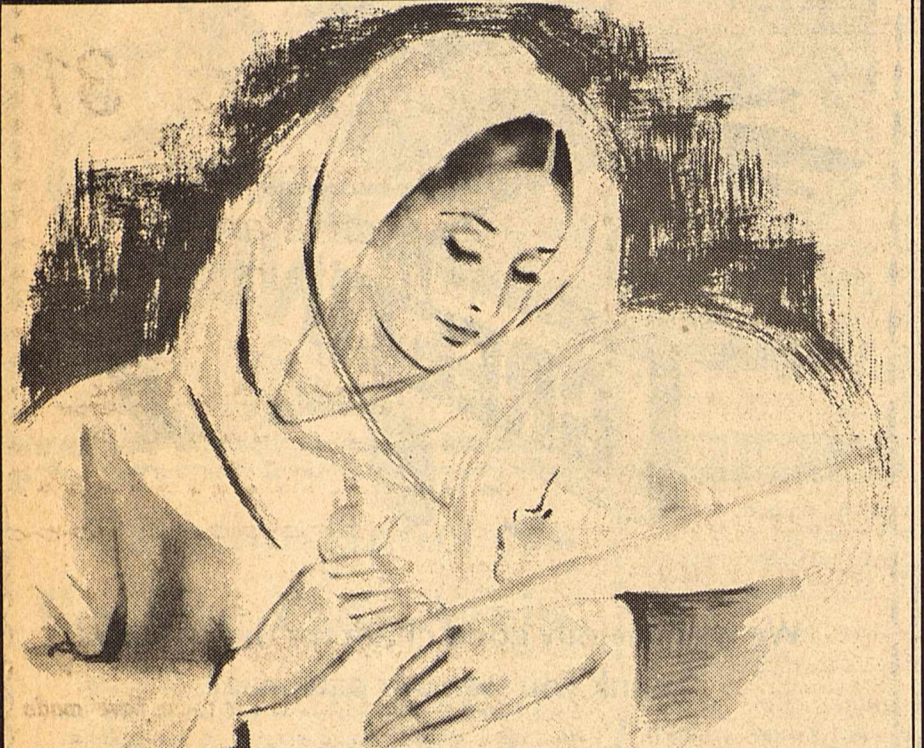
"It is not the intent of the treatment program to direct every resident toward return to a community life," Mrs. Heimann pointed out, adding, "It will try to provide assistance in developing all the skills and abilities in each resident to a point which is equal to the skills of those residing outside of the hospital. It is further hoped there will be some members of this unit who may choose to embark on the course of rejoining the community outside the hospital."

The philosophy upon which this treatment facility and residential unit was conceived is that of considering the age-old axiom of "Where there's a Will, There's a Way." The unit is meant to provide and encourage maximum independent function of all residents with support from the hospital staff as well as support from the residents themselves within the unit, Mrs. Heimann explained. The thrust of this unit is in the direction of promoting responsible, appropriate and mature behavior on the part of its residents and supporting each member in his search for individualization.

A recent innovation to the unit was acquiring a mascot, "Sally," a frisky female dog which had

been impounded in the city pound and which the Animal Welfare Society of Kerr County had spayed.

"It was Phillip Lawrence's idea we acquire a dog," Mrs. Heimann said. "We contacted the executive department which granted us permission to get 'Sally' who is now a full-fledged member of the family. Lawrence a patient, takes care of 'Sally', seeing to it she gets her daily walks, is kept groomed, feeds her, wrestles and plays with her, and she is allowed to sleep by his bed. Needless to say she provides plenty of entertainment for the patients as she is so bouncy and desires plenty of attention which she gets from those in the unit."



At This Holy Time Seasons Greetings From The Junction Stockyards

Since it is impossible to greet each of you individually, our family would like to take this means of wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As this year draws to a close, we realize there is no time more appropriate than the holiday season to say "Thank You" and to express our sincere appreciation for the confidence you have placed in us and the opportunity you have given us to serve you.

The circumstance of this year has made us more thankful than ever for the wonderful friends we have made and we sincerely appreciate your goodwill and friendship.

It is our wish and prayer that the coming year be a happy and healthy one for you and your family and we will continue to have the opportunity to be of service to you.

May God Bless Each Of You
The Willard Jordan Family

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Christmas Joy

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To All of Our Friends
This Holiday Season

MORRISON'S

Sonora Minister Speaks



One of the most hopeful aspects of Christmas is that it tends to call forth the finest in human nature. Selfishness is forgotten, or at least put aside for the while. Giving to others, and for others, takes on a significance not seen before, as we search for the special gift which we hope will give pleasure to the one for whom it is meant. Somehow we want to give our best at this

season of the year, and that is a tribute to the reality of what Christmas is all about. For Christmas is about giving: God giving of himself that we human beings might understand two things.

First, that we might understand God's love and concern for us. God gave of himself instead of a "thing". "Things" can be given easily, or with little meaning; it is almost if not entirely impossible to give ourselves unless we love. Thus when we know that God gave himself, we cannot avoid the implication that he loves us. Nor can we feel left out, for the Christmas story is always told with the understanding that it in-

cludes everyone. Christmas, then, says we are loved.

The second understanding is that if we are loved, we are important. We should not have too much trouble understanding this, for those whom we love are important to us. This is not something for which we ought to have a false pride, puffing ourselves up, but simply a healthy regard for ourselves. Actually, this understanding ought to do away with all snobbishness of feelings of superiority. God has given himself for all, therefore all are important, and no one is more important than any other one.

This Christmas, then, reaffirm these two facts: God loves you, and you are important.

Paul Terry
Sonora United Methodist Church

<p>Hope Lutheran Church A.B. Wagner, Pastor Sunday School 10:20 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Church of God of Prophecy Kenneth Cook, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Eve. 7:00 p.m. Wed. Eve. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Church of Christ Bible School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Youth Group 5:00 p.m. Sunday Eve. 6:00 p.m. We. Eve. 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>First United Methodist Church Rev. Paul Terry, Pastor Church School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Sonora Tabernacle United Pentecostal Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Eve. Worship 7:30 p.m. Wed. Services 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>St. Ann's Catholic Church Rev. Michael Fernandez Weekday Mass: Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8 a.m. Evening Mass: Mon., Wed., Sat. 7 p.m. Sunday Mass 8 a.m. Holy Day Mass 7 a.m.</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church Rev. Ray Nations, Rector Holy Com. 8 a.m. Holy Com. 11 a.m. 1st and 3rd Sundays Morn. Prayer 11 a.m. 2nd and 4th Sundays</p>	<p>First Baptist Church Rev. Clifton Hancock, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship 10:50 a.m. Training Union 6:00 p.m. Eve. Worship 7:00 p.m. Wed. Services 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>The Church of The Good Shepherd Presbyterian U.S. Jim Miles Sunday 10:00 a.m. Study Class 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Classes 3 & 4 p.m.</p>

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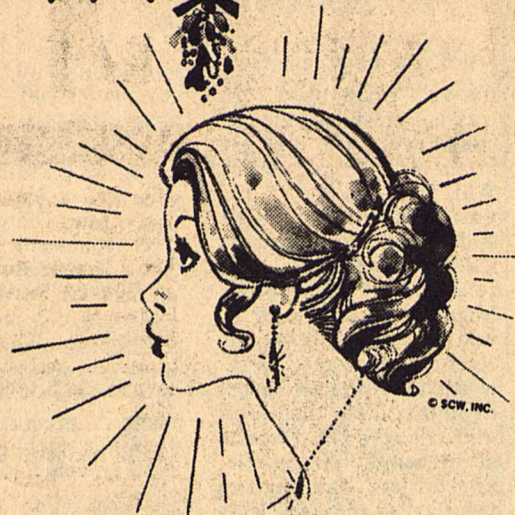
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Happy Holidays



May your Christmas season be filled with beautiful things!

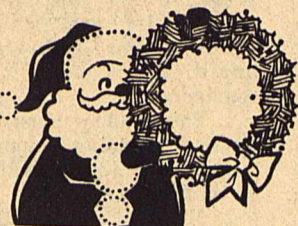
Buntyn Beauty Salon

Adco Water Wells Awarded Bid For Athletic Field Well

The board of trustees met in regular session December 14 and accepted a bid from ADCO Water Well Service to drill a well at the football field to provide water for watering the athletic fields. After considering the amount of instructional time lost and the late hours the team arrives home from some of the games, the board voted to limit the junior high sports program travel to 100 miles one way. The board approved the purchase of two homes from Burley Lumber Company of San Angelo. The three bedroom, two bath

homes will be placed on the school property on Brookside. Isabel Guerra, a 1974 graduate of Sonora High School, was employed as a teacher's aide. This position is funded by the Tom Green County Community Action Committee and will provide valuable work experience for Ms. Guerra. Plans for the new vocational building were approved. The building will house the programs of distributive education, drafting, industrial arts, CVAE - construction trades, classroom, restrooms, and office space.

Ann Cowley and Nancy Brockman were elected bus drivers and resignations were accepted from Vivian Mears and Jinx Taylor as bus driver and junior high secretary respectively. The superintendent, Dr. Joe R. Andrews, was given a three year contract beginning July 1, 1977.



Board of Education Holds Holiday Banquet

The board of education sponsored a Christmas banquet for all the faculty and staff Monday night. A Christmas supper consisting of turkey, ham, dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, home made bread, salads, strawberry gelatin, and dessert was served to the large crowd. The Home Economics department, under the direction of Mrs. Celeste Prugel and Mrs. Dianne Keller, decorated the cafeteria with Poinsettias, white table cloths, greenery, and other Christmas

ornaments. Mrs. Patsy Schwiening and her cafeteria staff arranged the tables to accommodate the group. Sam Stewart, president of the board, welcomed the educational employees and announced that both full and part time employees would receive a bonus for their contribution to the educational system. Stewart turned the program over to Miss Debbie Strickland who was in charge of the program. Miss Strickland led the group in several Christmas songs and also sang

"Chestnuts Roasting Over an Open Fire." Miss Strickland and Miss Lynne Vancil presented a reading of the Nativity story as the congregation sang Christmas carols in designated places of the reading. Miss Wanda Nixon entertained the teachers with a solo of "O Holy Night." The program was ended with a Strickland - Janice Morriss duet of "Do You Hear What I Hear?" while Mrs. Charlotte Wilson accompanied them on the piano.

Community Park Receives \$6300 In Cash Donations

A total of \$6300 in cash donations have been made to the Sonora Sutton County Community Park fund since the March fund-raising barbecue and

Petro-etts dance. The park board wishes to thank the companies and individuals who have generously donated their time, labor, equipment, materials and cash throughout the year. Additional cash donations have been made by Messrs. and Mmes. Lea Roy Aldwell, Rex Cusenbary, Harvey Russel, G.H. Davis, Robert Halbert, Gene Shurley and Bud Whitehead. Also to Mrs. Hattie B. Epps, the Charles Graves Children, Jaycees, Jaycee-ettes, Mrs. Alvis Johnson, Lerrondo Well Service, Profiles, Inc., Producers Auction of San Angelo, and Westerman Drug. Plans for the upcoming year include completion of the baseball fields,

drainage, tennis courts, fencing the picnic and concrete slab areas and repairing and painting the grandstand. Anyone who would like to make a donation or a request may do so at the 1st National Bank or contact any board members. New officers will be elected this winter and all meeting of the board are open to the public.



The bristlecone pines growing in California's White Mountains are estimated to be more than 4,600 years old, making them the oldest living trees in the world.

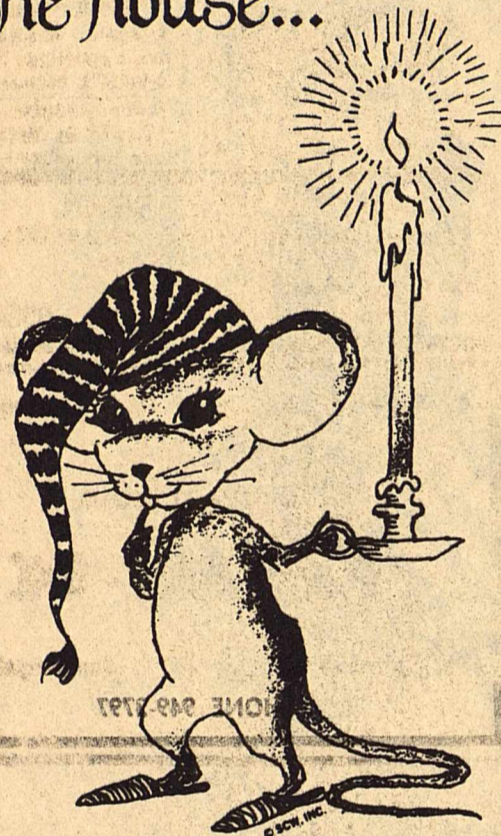


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San Angelo Savings Association

Junior High News

By Kay Holdridge. Two of the four Jr. High basketball teams came home from Iraan with victories. Both the seventh grade girls and boys won their games by 27 to 8 and 30 to 13 respectively. The eighth grade teams lost by a combined score of four points. The girls lost by a single point as they scored 20 points. The boys lost a 25-28 decision.

The teams hosted Ozona Monday night. The seventh grade teams both won. The girls won by a 21-16 margin and the boys by a 26-22 count. The eighth grade boys and girls also won both games by a 32-18 count and 29-15 respectively.

A short choir program and devotional were held Wednesday during activity period in celebration of the Christmas season. The choir, under the direction of Miss Debbie Strickland, entertained the Jr. High with Christmas carols.

School was let out at 2:30 yesterday and will resume Monday, January 3.

Mr. Smith Neal, Jr. High Principal, and his wife, Jo Ellen, are the proud parents of a son, Christopher Smith, who was born last Thursday. The baby's arrival was eagerly awaited by the faculty and the students. In fact, some of the students were so interested that one might think that the newest Neal had 200 plus brothers and sisters.

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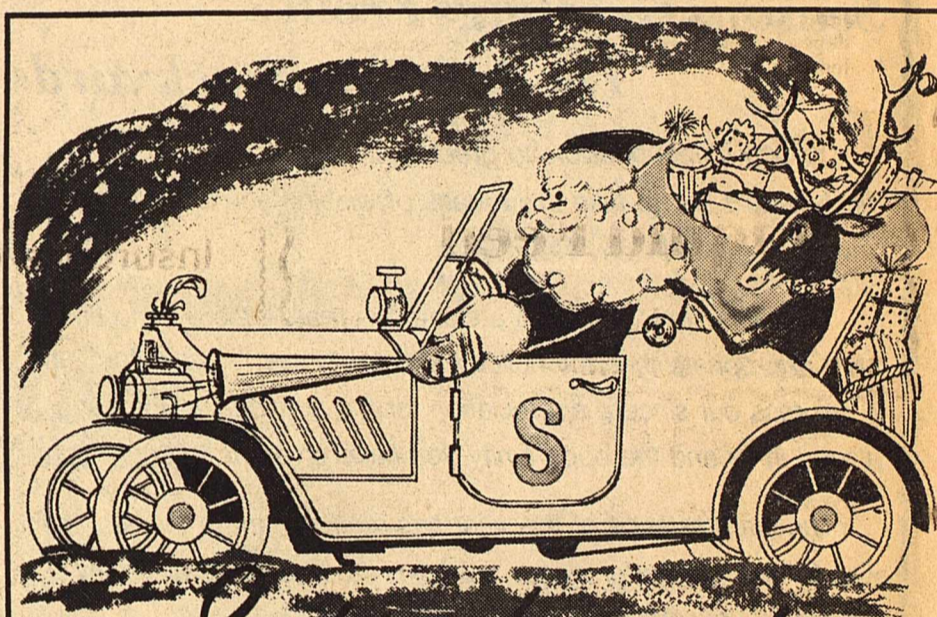
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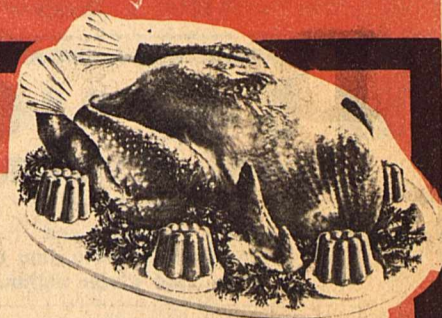
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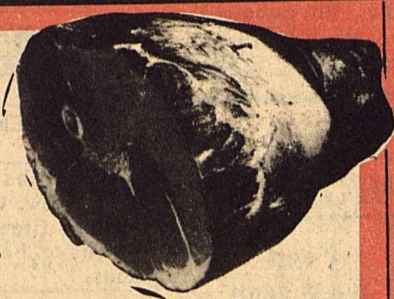


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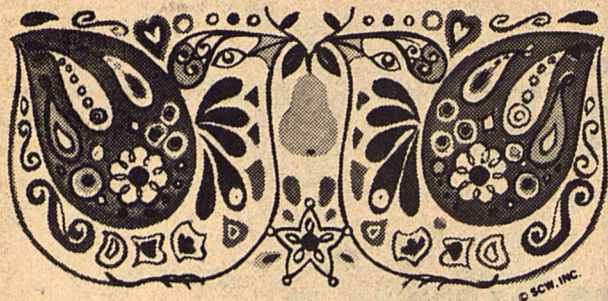
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National Poster Boy and Family Involved in March of Dimes

For the Zastavny's of Moorestown, N.J., being involved with the March of Dimes is a family affair.

Their youngest member, Robbie, is National Poster Child for the voluntary health agency's 1977 campaign. His sister and two brothers serve as young adult volunteers in

Burlington County (N.J.). His mother, Joan, is a Mothers March chairman and member of the local chapter's executive committee. And for the past two years, his father, Al, has been Walkathon chairman.

The Zastavny's and thousands of volunteers throughout the country

are working toward the day when all children can be born healthy. In an effort to achieve this goal, the March of Dimes supports medical service, public health education, and community service projects. It also funds numerous research programs aimed at birth defects prevention.

Like thousands of families, the Zastavny's are no strangers to birth defects. Six-year-old Robbie was born with open spine. Although the opening has been closed surgically, he is paralyzed below the waist. But with the aid of leg braces and crutches, he is always on the go.

His favorite pastimes are hitting a baseball, kicking a football, and driving a golf ball. He is also taking

swimming lessons. An avid sports fan, Robbie cheers for all the teams from Philadelphia, which is 15 miles from his hometown.

Robbie wants to be a wrestling referee and he practices during matches between his two older brothers—Norbert, a student at Moorestown High School and David, a freshman at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Favorite Things

Robbie also enjoys getting bicycle rides from his sister, Linda, 19, when she is home. Linda is a student at Mansfield College in Pennsylvania.

In quieter moments, the six-year-old dynamo can be found painting or drawing. Next to gym class, Robbie favors art and music periods at George C. Baker School where he is

a kindergarten student.

Robbie's parents met while attending Mansfield and are both former teachers. His mother tutors grade school children in reading. His father is a self-employed distributor for Rain Soft Water Service.

"Robbie learns something special from each of us," says Mrs. Zastavny. "In turn we have learned a great deal about ourselves from him. He has brought us much closer together as a family."



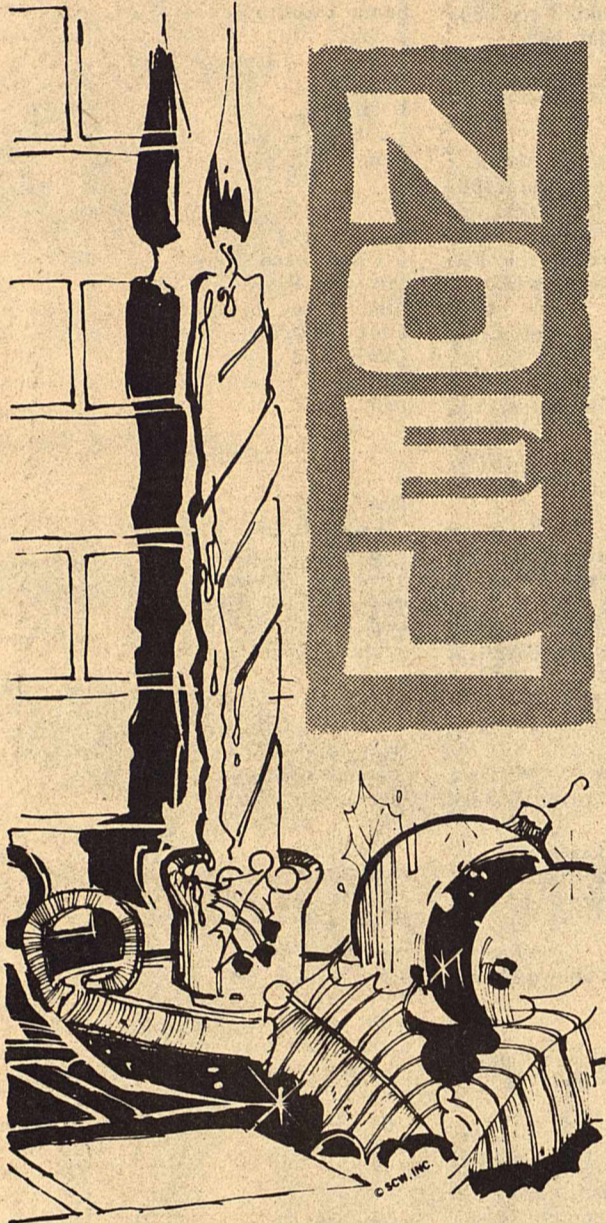
ZOOMING DOWN the school playground slide is March of Dimes National Poster Child Robbie Zastavny's idea of fun. An active child, Robbie enjoys climbing the jungle gym and riding the see-saw.

Christmas Joy!



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Preventing Crime

By Sgt. Sidney Lyle Odessa Police Dept.

In the last three decades there has been many changes in the structure of the community as well as differences in basic social values. Of the multitude of changes that have an effect upon society, perhaps none have had the impact that is felt as a result of neighborhood isolation. Because we do not want to get involved in what we think of as other peoples' problems, we try to hide our head in the sand of indifference. This attitude only worsens the problem and results in a dangerous degree of apathy. What is needed is more involvement and concern for one another. More interest in the safety and well being of each of our neighbors, and a more positive attitude toward efforts to reduce criminal opportunity. Neighborhood Watch is an activity that meets all the needs of community involvement. Furthermore, the watch program helps all members of the neighborhood retain ownership of their private property. At first glance it would appear that the organization is

both complex and time consuming. The contrary is true. The simplicity of the watch program is one of the reasons it works so well. The group will usually meet once a month with people living in the neighborhood to discuss whatever your group deems relevant. You may have a district judge explain to the group reasons why more people aren't tried before the court. Or perhaps the uniform police officer from your patrol district will be asked to explain what can be done to help reduce crime. All you are asked to do is call the police whenever you see a thief robbing your neighbor's house or stealing a car or bicycle from a neighbor's garage. That's it. How simple can a program be? Just call the police when you see a thief, just as you would call the fire department if you saw a neighbor's house ablaze. Getting a group together is as easy as talking to your neighbors and inviting them over for coffee some evening and, then have a local representative from law enforcement come by to answer

questions and offer reasonable suggestions for preventing crime. We must be willing to offer reasonable assistance in times of need. Otherwise, we will relive the plight of Catherine Genovese, a young lady who was stabbed on three separate occasions over a span of 40 minutes by a knife wielding assailant. No less than 38 persons witnessed the attack yet no one called the authorities. Finally, almost an hour later, a 70 year old woman telephoned the police.

Perhaps the Christmas season is the best time to get something going in your neighborhood. After all, this is the season for good will, happy smiles, jingle bells, and people going out of their way to be good samaritans, isn't it? Time will tell. In the next few days, you will become one of the millions of families who are waiting in the wings for their turn on the stage of life. At this point they are not sure whether they will play the role of a happy family, free from crime, or the unhappy victims paying the price for public apathy. Unless you and your neighbors become actively involved in a community wide effort to reduce criminal opportunity, you had better hold on to both scripts.

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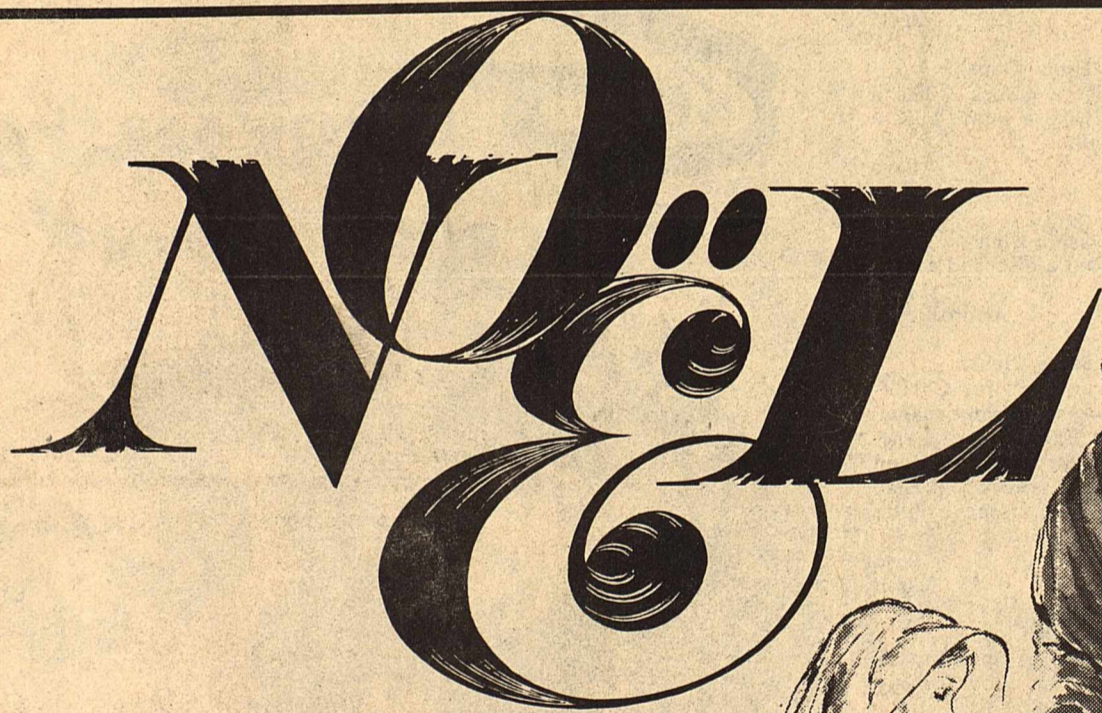
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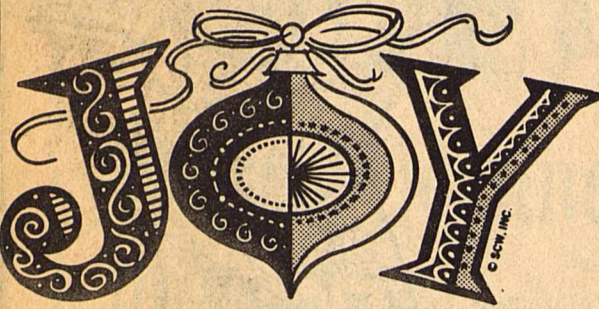
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The Devil's River Philosopher Sez.....

He Thinks He Has Solution To World's Financial Plight

Editor's note: The Devil's River Philosopher on his bitterweed ranch on the Dry Devil's River takes a gloomy look at the world's financial plight this week.

Dear editor:
As you may have noticed, I don't like to write about gloomy things, although it's hard to keep from mentioning Congress once in a while, but over the past few weeks a gloomy question has begun to emerge in my mind: Is the world broke? As I understand it, the United States for example now has a debt of 3 trillion dollars. I don't know what a trillion is, but the dictionary says it's a number followed by 12 zeroes. That's in American use. In England it has 18 zeroes. But when you get that far in debt, what's a few zeroes one way or the other?

Our being the world leader and all, it's only natural that other countries should follow us into debt too. Everybody knows what shape Mexico's in. France is so far in debt

that even if she can sell some of those mammoth planes called the Concorde it's doubtful if she can furnish a clear title to them. England has been on the verge of bankruptcy so long she's now trying to borrow against the verge.

I could go on naming other countries but everybody knows practically every country on earth is heavily in debt and getting deeper in all the time. And not just countries, but cities and states too.

In fact, you could say a nation today consists of cities in debt surrounded by states in debt surrounded by a country in debt, inhabited by people, most of whom are in debt.

Except for one small item, there's a solution to all this. The whole world ought to face up to the situation, declare bankruptcy, rub out its debts, and start over again.

The small item missing is, who could we get to act as receiver? What a shame it is that after going 2 billion dollars further in debt to find out, we found out there's nobody on Mars to handle the job.

So, when my subscription to The Devil's River News comes due, please charge it. A mere \$5.00 added to the world's debt isn't going to amount to anything.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

Caring For Christmas Plants

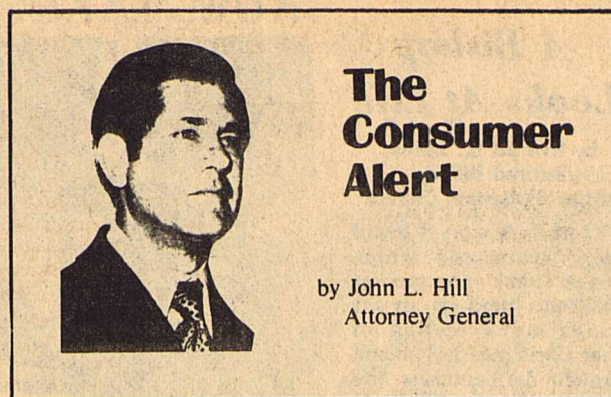
Pot plants are popular gifts during the holiday season. And with a little care, these living gifts will retain their beauty for a longer time.

Dr. William C. Welch, landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, advises a cool location for poinsettias, chrysanthemums or azaleas. It is important to keep the plants out of drafts and away from heating sources.

"Since Christmas plants usually come from a greenhouse where they get plenty of water, frequent watering is necessary in the home, usually every other day," advises Welch. "Since overwatering is possible, use a good planting media or a container with a hole in the bottom to allow proper drainage."

"All new plants need a good light source," says the horticulturist. "The best light is by a window, but artificial light will do. A plant can be damaged by placing it in direct sunlight or too near a glass window."

Some gift plants can be transplanted for prolonged beauty in the spring, notes Welch. Chrysanthemums are among the best plants for surviving the greenhouse-to-garden shock.



The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Chances are, there will be a few Christmas gifts that you or someone you know may need to return or exchange because of duplication or inaccurate size.

Most consumers expect to be able to make exchanges or returns with no trouble other than having to stand in line, perhaps. Our Consumer Protection Division attorneys say, though, that no store is legally required to refund your money, to exchange merchandise, or to accept returned gifts for credit unless the item is defective or had been misrepresented.

Most businesses, however, are agreeable about making adjustments in order to keep customers happy, usually regarding this as a customer service which will encourage repeat business.

But you should always check in advance of purchasing an item as a gift about the store's policy on returns in order to avoid possible problems. Some sales persons and store managers may be very sympathetic about your reasons for wanting to return or exchange an item, but must abide by store policy which may not allow for such adjustments.

You should not expect to get a cash refund on a gift you have received and want to return. And you shouldn't expect, either, to return a Christmas gift that may now be marked down for an after-Christmas sale and get credit or refund for it at the original price.

It goes without saying that you should not expect to return merchandise that is worn or used, that you have damaged yourself, or that was purchased several months

before Christmas. Most merchants will rightfully refuse to make any adjustment in such cases.

There are some cases, however, in which a store is legally required to make adjustments, our attorneys point out. If you discover that an item is different from advertisements, the store must either supply what was advertised or allow you to return the item for cash or credit or to exchange it for another.

Or, if the store makes an error in an order, such as sending a small-sized pullover to your king-sized cousin, or sending flowered twin sheets instead of striped double sheets, it must correct the error.

Some precautions may help to make necessary returns or exchanges easier both for you and for store personnel:

—Be sure to take all manufacturer's hang tags, price labels, sales or charge receipts with you, because sales persons will require proof of purchase and proof that the goods actually came from their store.

—Return items in original containers, boxes, or sacks, if possible.

—Return goods to the department where purchased, or to the adjustment desk if there is one.

—Explain fully and completely the reason for the return.

If there is a problem with an adjustment you think is valid, try to settle it first with the store manager. If that doesn't work, consult our Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division or your local Better Business Bureau.



Edward II originated shoe sizes in 1324. He decreed that three barleycorns, placed end to end, equaled one inch!

May you be so very gay on this happiest of Happy Holidays!

Juanita's Beauty Shop

GREETINGS

Santa is on his way to fill your hearts and homes with the joys of Christmas. May this be a special time for you to remember.

Brittain Construction Company

GREETINGS

A warm welcome for the Holiday Season

Zola's Motel
Dorothy & Pat Jungk

Merry Christmas

A sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and thank you for letting us serve you.

Carroll & Carroll Texaco

Distilled Spirits Council of the United States recommends you follow these safety suggestions.

SENSIBLE HOSTS AND GUESTS don't abuse alcohol beverages.

1. If you're having a party, see to it that cocktails aren't stretched out too long.
2. Don't force drinks on people, and provide soft drinks for those who abstain.
3. Make sure anyone who's had "one too many" gets safe transportation.
4. As a guest, be sure to mix your liquor with common sense. Sip it slowly, consume it with food and take it in the company of others.
5. Don't drink before you drive. If you do, know your limits and stay safely within them.

Following this advice will keep you among the majority of Americans who make responsible decisions about drinking.

SAFETY TIPS
For safety's sake the

Merry Christmas

A cheery hello to all our many friends, with warmest wishes for a very happy Christmas season!

Whitworth's Drive-In

Silent Night

Blessings to one and all this day.

Teaff Oil Co.

Holiday Hints

- and 9.
- 1. Be sure the gift is safe. Avoid toys with knife-sharp points.
- 2. Look for something a child can learn from. Some gifts can make education entertaining.
- 3. Present a present that will please the parents too. Don't should keep in mind when give something too large for buying presents for young the house or too noisy for the people between the ages of 5 neighborhood.

There are three things you should keep in mind when give something too large for buying presents for young the house or too noisy for the people between the ages of 5 neighborhood.



Cheer!

Best Wishes for a Heart-warming Holiday!

Merry Christmas
To All Our Sutton County Friends

Robert & Battie Halbert



O Holy Night...

May the Spirit of Christmas which is Peace fill your hearts with love and contentment this Holiday Season

Mrs. Bernice Savell

holiday greetings



May the Holidays bring gifts of Joy and Love To All of Our Patrons

Live Oak Phillips '66

Leon Parks, Johnny Luna, Nacho Romero,
Pete Gomez, Jr. Luna and Felix Galvin

A Bishop Looks At Life

by Everett H. Jones, Retired Bishop of the Episcopal Church

There is a story I heard many years ago which comes back to me at Christmas time. It always brings me a feeling of what Christmas has meant through the centuries and what it means today.

It is the story of a famous artist who decided to celebrate Christmas Eve by inviting to his home a number of close friends. When the guests arrived he told them he was going to let them watch him as he created a painting.

The guests sat in eager expectation as he set up his easel, picked out his colors and brushes, and began his work.

Gradually the atmosphere changed from one of joy to one of apprehension and gloom. The reason was that the artist was using only the darkest colors of his palette. He made no explanation but gradually it was clear that he was painting the scene of a remote and rugged mountainside in the dead of night. Soon a winding trail could be detected leading up the mountain, and then the bare outline of a man struggling to keep on the trail through the darkness.

There was no relief in the sky above the mountain; there was no moon or stars, but rather ominous clouds threatening to loose a severe storm.

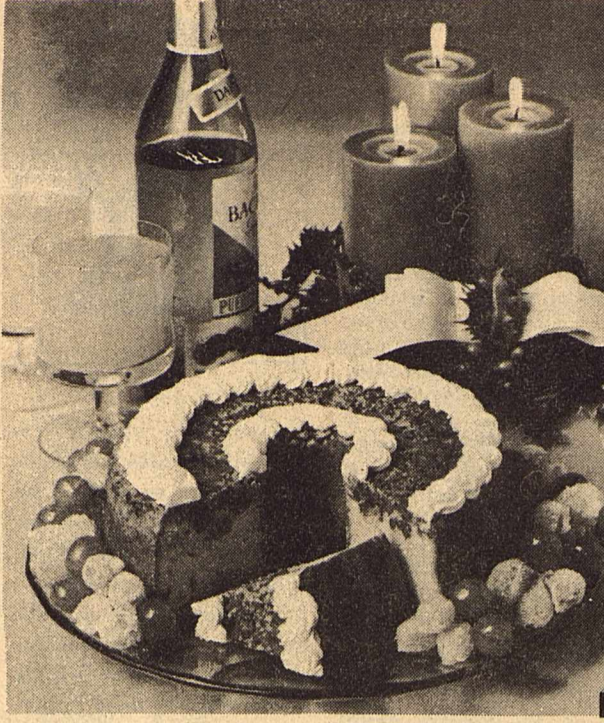
At this point the artist began to outline a simple log cabin located a short distance up the trail beyond the lonely traveler.

He allowed the full impact of this dark, threatening scene to put his viewers into almost unbearable discomfort. Then, with a sudden switch to another brush and another part of his palette, he put a shining, golden light in the window of the cabin.

The addition brought a whole new reaction to the painting; there was an audible sigh of relief from his spectators, for the light suggested a home, a family, a fireplace; it meant the traveller had a goal, a resting place, something to give him hope.

(Christmas celebrates the birth of One who said, "I am the Light of the World." St. John said: "The Light is still shining in the darkness, for the darkness has never put it out." S. John 1:5 Good-speed translation.)

RUM TAKES THE CAKE



Rum cake is an annual tradition in many American homes. However, rum cake probably originated in France according to files in the archives of Bacardi Imports, Inc., the country's largest importer of rum. During the 17th century, King Stanislas of Poland, also France's Duke of Lorraine, dipped chunks of cake in rum and set them on fire. He named the delicious pieces "Baba au Rhum" after Ali Baba, the celebrated thief in the bestselling novel of the day, "The Thousand and One Nights."

Today many hostesses still follow the custom by serving rum cake and rum punch as a popular way to end a festive meal. Here are exciting new recipes for the ever popular rum cake and rum punch.

FESTIVE RUM CAKE

- Cake:**
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
 - 1 18 1/2-oz. pkg. yellow cake mix
 - 1 3 3/4-oz. pkg. instant vanilla pudding mix
 - 4 eggs
 - 1/2 cup cold water
 - 1/2 cup oil
 - 1/2 cup Bacardi dark rum (80 proof)

- Glaze:**
- 1/4 lb. butter
 - 1/4 cup water
 - 1 cup granulated sugar
 - 1/2 cup Bacardi dark rum

Preheat oven to 325°F. Grease and flour 10-inch tube or 12-cup bundt pan. Sprinkle nuts over bottom of pan. Mix all cake ingredients together; pour batter over nuts. Bake 1 hour. Cool. Invert on serving plate. Prick top. Drizzle and smooth glaze evenly over top and sides. Allow cake to absorb glaze. Repeat till all glaze is used.

For glaze, melt butter in saucepan. Stir in water and sugar. Boil 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in rum.

If desired, decorate with whole maraschino cherries and border of sugar frosting or whipped cream. Serve with seedless green grapes dusted with powdered sugar.

RUM TEA PUNCH

- 1 quart Bacardi light rum
- 2 cans (12 ounces each) apricot nectar
- 2 cups very strong tea, chilled
- 2 cans (6 ounces each) frozen lemonade concentrate
- 2 quarts club soda

In a large punch bowl, combine rum, apricot nectar, tea and lemonade. Add ice cubes and lemon and orange slices, if desired. Just before serving, add club soda. Makes about 24 servings.

In little new potatoes most of the vitamins and minerals are stored in (or right under) the skin, so simply scrub gently with a vegetable brush before cooking, even for salads.

OT Sheep & Goat Industry News

Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association

The Christmas season has slipped up on us all while a few individuals are still eating turkey salad from Thanksgiving. Chances are, we'll be making New Year's resolutions before we get all the wrapping paper out from under the furniture.

At any rate, sheep producers shouldn't forget their wool and unshorn lamb papers while they're out looking for a new calendar. In order to be eligible for incentive payments in the Spring, producers must file with their local ASCS office by January 30.

Another item that bears consideration is the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association Winter Directors' Meeting. Set at the Austin Hilton February 7 and 8, the meeting will feature a lamb barbecue to honor members of the Texas House and Senate.

The association would like as many members as possible in attendance. Such a get-together is the ideal place to thank state legislators for their support of the sheep and goat industry, and even those with a bone to pick couldn't find a better place to pick one than at a barbecue.


While we're on the subject of meetings, the National Wool Growers Association and the National Lamb Feeders Association are entering into a joint convention in Monterey, California. It promises to be big doin'.

The affair is scheduled to run from Sunday, January 16, through Wednesday, January 19, and will be headquartered at the Del Monte Hyatt House in Monterey.

Committee meeting topics include wool, lamb, federal lands, predatory animals, animal health, labor and purebred breeders, in addition to a general resolutions session and the normal business meetings of the various associations.

Of special interest to wool producers will be an address by executives of Burlington & Company, outlining their views on the future of wool and wool products. With many industries today becoming more and more stratified, it's encouraging to think that wool industry representatives from primary production through manufacturing and distribution can meet head to head to discuss common needs and goals.

Three easy ways to get your Want-ad in the "Devil"...Jot the item down and mail it to us, bring it by our office, or call us at 387-2222.



Joy to the World

Sing the carols of His love and blessings. May your heart be gladdened at the wonder of his virgin birth.

Doyle Morgan

Insurance & Real Estate



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Have a jolly good holiday full of love and laughter!


Modern Way Grocery

GREETINGS



To our Loyal Friends and Patrons. We wish you a Heavenly Christmas Season.

Carl J. Cahill, Inc.



Holiday Greetings

HNG
HOUSTON NATURAL GAS

Liquid Carbonic Corporation / Zeigler Coal Company
Houston Pipe Line Company / HNG Petrochemicals, Inc. / HNG Propane Company / HNG Oil Company / Intratex Gas Company / Valley Pipe Lines, Inc.



The first queen to visit the United States was Queen Emma of the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii) in 1866!



Holiday Greetings

It's a pleasure to greet our many patrons and wish them the very best.

Hurry Up Grocery
Waterhole No. 9
Turkey Roost Lounge

Tidings of Joy



May songs of happiness
Fill your holidays

ADCO Water Wells, Inc.

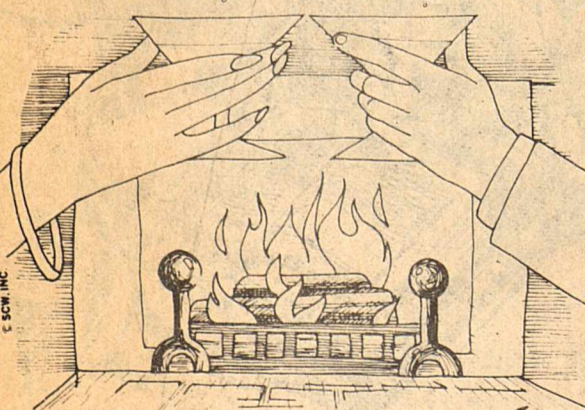
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Have a Happy Holiday Season and a Joyful New Year. We have enjoyed serving you in the past and hope that we can continue to do so in the future.

H & H Feed and Trucking

The Old-Time Spirit



Lots of fun and "good spirits" for the holiday season

Tim's Liquors

Accent ON HEALTH

Texas Department of Health Resources
Fratris L. Duff M.D., Director

Mothers and prospective mothers across Texas receive an important health service from the Texas Department of Health Resources, through the state public health agency's family planning program. It's an area in which the Department has long been active.

Last year, nearly 77,000 individuals received family planning services through city, county, and state health department clinics.

Although most of the recipients of family planning services are women, men are also eligible for some services -- especially counseling and education. The purpose of the program, after all, is to assist entire families.

The recipients are primarily in the low-income population. However, there are no restrictions on eligibility for any of the family planning services provided by the Department of Health Resources.

It's important to understand that the family planning program is not intended simply to discourage people from having children. Rather, the program is designed to help each family determine the number of children and the interval between childbirths that will best meet the family's economic, social, and other needs -- and then to help the family achieve that goal.

Surprisingly, there are still large numbers of both men and women who feel that child-bearing is something that just occurs naturally and can be neither encouraged nor prevented. Even reasonably well-educated people, including many women in the child-bearing years, know very little about the biology of reproduction or the anatomy of their own bodies. The family planning program is predicted on the belief that this kind of ignorance too often leads to misery. Some families that want to have children are unsuccessful, while other families have more children than they want or can afford to care

for. Because of these factors, education and individual family counseling by qualified, experienced personnel are basic features of the family planning program. In many clinics, educational films and slide programs are presented in the waiting room; brochures and other literature are always available.

The program isn't limited to giving advice, though. Women of child-bearing age can receive a complete, comprehensive medical examination -- after all, healthy mothers make for healthy babies. In fact, part of the examination includes a routine cancer screening which has proven, in some cases, to be literally a life-saver. When cancer is detected early enough, the chances for successful treatment are vastly improved. The medical exam also includes tests for such things as tuberculosis, venereal disease, diabetes, and high blood pressure.

Even the children who frequently accompany their mothers to the clinics may benefit, since many of the family planning clinics also provide routine preschool and school-age immunizations against the common childhood diseases. If serious health problems are detected, a referral can be made to the state's Crippled Children's Program or to other sources of health care.

Every possible effort is made to see that these family planning services are available to every Texas family that wants and needs them. In some areas of the state where the population is relatively sparse and isolated, mobile family clinics are used to bring the program to the people.

If you'd like more information about family planning services in your community, contact your local health department, or write to "Family Planning," Texas Department of Health Resources, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin 78756.



In the countries of Austria, Germany and Switzerland, the pine bough is symbolic of the holiday season. Homes lavishly decorated with fragrant pine branches and cones have an air of excitement as holiday festivities take place.

This year, when family and friends pay holiday visits to your home, serve them this delicious cone-shaped cake. Easy to make with DROMEDARY Pound Cake Mix, it is triple layered and generously frosted with a rich creamy chocolate-nut icing. The subtle blend of instant coffee and unsweetened chocolate with chopped pistachios and blanched almonds provides a unique taste treat.

This is a winner which you'll find fun to make and which all will enjoy.

CONE CAKE

- 1 (17-ounce) package DROMEDARY Pound Cake Mix
- 3/4 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 pound confectioners' sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons rum
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chopped pistachio nuts
- 2 squares (2 ounces) unsweetened chocolate, melted
- 1 teaspoon instant coffee
- Blanched almonds

Prepare and bake DROMEDARY Pound Cake Mix according to package directions, using 3/4 cup milk, 2 eggs and a greased 9x5x3-inch loaf pan. Cool completely. To make frosting, beat butter and margarine until creamy; gradually add confectioners' sugar, beating until smooth. Beat in egg; then next three ingredients. Measure 1 cup; combine with 1/4 cup of the pistachio nuts. Combine chocolate and instant coffee; stir into remainder of frosting. Cut cake horizontally into three layers; then cut into cone shape. Spread pistachio-rum frosting on two of the layers and stack, using rounded one on top. Spread chocolate frosting over top and sides of cone. Make indentations with small knife. Stud top with almonds; then garnish top and sides with remaining pistachio nuts. Makes about 12 (3/4-inch) slices.



Mrs. June Hurt looks pleasingly at the envelope containing \$225 in gift certificates she won Saturday in the third profit sharing coupon giveaway. Charlotte Wilson was the other winner in Saturday's drawing.

GREETINGS



May the festive spirit be yours throughout all of the holiday season and thereafter.

Commercial Restaurant



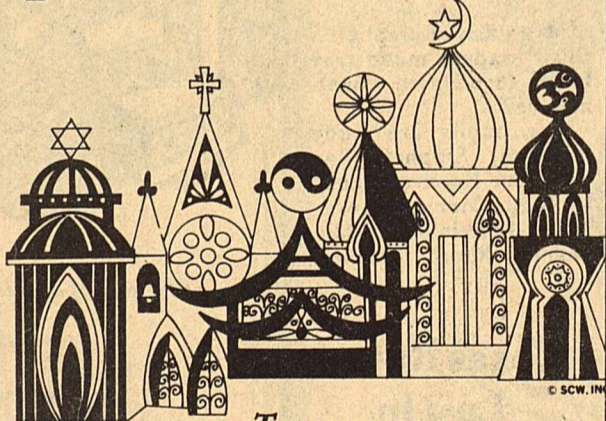
We Wish you a Merry Christmas

Sonora Electric

Nelson & Reba

Sleigh bells ringing in the night,
Yule logs burning warm and bright,
Children laughing with delight.

Peace ON Earth

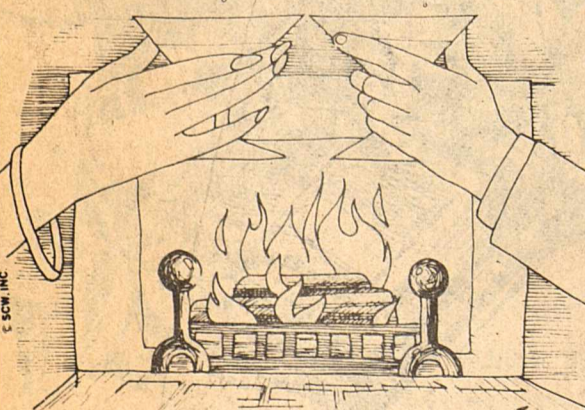


To everyone
in all the nations of the world:
A prayer for peace and goodwill

Big Tree Restaurant

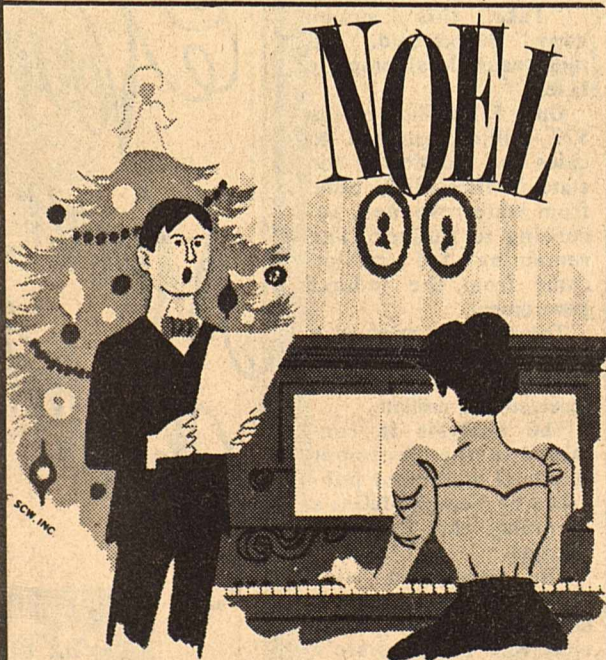
Sam DeChearo & Employees

The Old-Time Spirit



Lots of fun and "good spirits" for the holiday season

Tim's Liquors



An old-fashioned Christmas greeting for you on our favorite holiday

Mary Belle & Nelson
Stubblefield

Merry Christmas



WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY



A Member of The Central and South West System



Becoming a tradition with the fifth grade classes of Sonora Elementary is the giving instead of receiving at Christmastime. These students each bring food items to be distributed to needy families in the area instead of exchanging gifts at their school Christmas party. Pictured are 5th graders Lisa Herrington, Eugene Gonzales, Jay Thomas, Tammy Tidwell, Crystal Schaffer, Michael Poloczek, Deanna Haltom, Jerry Jimenez, Lisa Webster, Drew Wallace, Amalia DeHoyas, Devina Vannett, Roy Hulsey, Ruben Garza and Tommie Duran.

St. John's Plans Special Christmas Eve Celebration

St. John's Episcopal Church will celebrate the Nativity of our Lord with a traditional Christmas Eve celebration of Holy Communion at 11 p.m., December 24.

The Rev. Ray Nations will be the preacher at this service and he will be assisted in the celebration by the Rev. Lea Roy Aldwell, vicar of St. Mary's, and Junior Lay

Reader, Bo Carroll.

Mrs. Charles Browne will be the organist for this service.

All of the people of Sonora are invited to share in this traditional Christmas Eve celebration of the Nativity. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day and the usual services of Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

New Arrival

Christopher Smith Neal was born December 15 at Hudspeth Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Smith Neal. He weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

Welcoming the baby are a sister, Denise, and a brother, Eric.

Grandparents are Mrs. Bertha Ballew of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Neal of Lone Oak.

New Arrival

Born December 14 at Hudspeth Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy K. Beresky, Jr., a daughter, Catherine Denise. She weighed 7 pounds, 1/2 ounce.

Grandparents of the baby are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy K. Beresky, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Alejo L. Perez, all of Elsa.

A sister, Deedee, 6 1/2, also welcomes the baby.

Hudspeth Happenings

By Francis Burt

Christmas spirit was put into full swing Monday, Dec. 13, when the Auxillary decorated the Christmas tree in the lobby and gave a joyous party for all residents. Gifts for later distribution were placed under the tree.

Since then, Durwood Neville brought in boxes of fresh oranges and grapefruit from La Feria for all to enjoy.

Mrs. Delivan Chadwick sent the staff a big box of home-made peanut brittle in appreciation for the good nursing care and extra attentions shown her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Murr.

Last Thursday there was a company party for all hospital and nursing home employees at the 4-H Center.

At the suggestion of Mrs. S. A. Bridges, members of the third and fourth grades made Christmas wreaths, tray favors and colored replicas of stained glass windows for our residents.

Members of Mrs. Evelyn Lane's third grade room made attractive green and red paper wreaths which have been placed on each resident's door.

Those in the class are Mary Lou Avedondo, Scott Badgett, Heath Belk, Jargentina Buitron, Courtney Cauthorn, William Chandler, Jose Cortez, Mike Du Bois, Jay Fuller, Yvonne Gamez, Francisco Garcia;

Also Patsy Garcia, Kelly Harrison, Wesley Houston, Randy King, Sherri Jo Kirby, Alberto Luna, Gracie Ornalis, Sidonna Ridgeway, Abelardo Villarreal and Terry Duren.

Mrs. Edwina Freiss's fourth grade pupils who did beautiful crayon work reproducing stained glass windows are Donny Dean, Frank Esquivel, Russell Ethridge, Jose Galvan, Mark Gamez, Daniel Garza, Joseph Luttrell, Jeffrey Maddux;

Also Gilbert Martinez, Tommy Mills, Lawrence Nixon, John Ponsetti, Phillip Vargas, John Woodall, Daniel Samaniego, Scott Miller, Nancy Balch, Sylvia Galindo, Rebecca Hulsey, Patsy Perez, Deborah Shannon, Elsa Quiroz, Mary Trevino, Lea Whitehead and Melaine Williams.

Mrs. Kay Campbell's third graders made tray favors to be used Christmas day.

Her pupils are Rudy Bautista, Stephen Ray Duke, Joe Esquivel, Randy Kellogg, Glen Lee Love, John Martinez, Eddie Ramirez, Ricardo Sanchez,

Maurice Vickers, Manuel Jessie Paredes, Amando Carlson, Lori Anne Gerra;

Also Tracy Lee Hulsey, Dorothy Anne Jimenez, Tessa Joy, Janice Lowe, Maria Martinez, Ildaina Modesto, Stacey Miller, Trudy Taylor, Lesli Ann Webster and Rosita Ramos.

The work of all these youngsters is appreciated for they have made Christmas a little brighter for our residents.

In our routine activities, Carl Mathews, Minnie Harrison, John Neville, Marilee Heiser and Mary Bruton were winners at bingo.

Films shown were "Saskatchewan" and "Our Gang Follies." We are indebted to Tom Green County Library for the weekly use of their films which Nell Brownlee gets from them.

Winners in the Happy Hour session were Manuel Lopez and Margaret Schweining.

Our GAB meetings are times of good fellowship when folks get together to relax, visit, talk and smoke.

New Guests at Hudspeth are Ida Mae Kerbow, Frank T. Wipff and Myrtle B. Cardwell. We are happy to have them. They will welcome visits from their friends.

Rev. Rebecca Doyle, Sr., Mrs. Jack Babb and Mrs. Beth Doyle, Jr. from the Pentecostal Church presented the Tuesday evening song and worship service.

Visitors to sign our guest register recently were Mary Lee Hull, Mrs. Johnny Dugan, Mrs. Ronnie McNabb and girls, and Juanita Vickers of Sonora and Mrs. Lottie Chadwick of Junction.

Season's Greetings

Have a happy and safe holiday season

Glasscock Shell Station
Irene & Melvin Glasscock

Peace be with you during this holy season

Mrs. J. Wray Campbell
Jay Wray & Kay

Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

Joyous Christmas hymns ring out, sounding a message of peace and love to all mankind throughout this Holy Season.

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home

Christmas Joy!

The joy of Christmas is in giving and we would like to give you our best wishes for the holiday season.

KEN BRADEN MOTORS Inc.

GM MARK OF EXCELLENCE

IH 10 and Hwy. 277 387-2529

A Very Merry Christmas

Best wishes for a joyous Noel to all our wonderful friends. May the best of the holiday season be yours!

Sonora Abstract Co.
James, Bobbie & Helen

Texas Rates Last In State Aide

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said recently an analysis by his office shows that Texas ranks last among the 50 states in per capita state aid to cities and counties.

Bullock said that Texas' 254 counties received \$3.30 per capita from the state during the 1976 fiscal year, while the cities received \$3.27 per person.

"Take this money away," Bullock said, "and then watch local property taxes."

Only \$31 million of the \$72 million allotted to cities and counties by the state in fiscal 1976 came from state revenues, according to Bullock. The remaining \$41 million came from the federal government.

The counties received a total of \$40 million in fiscal 1976, while the cities received \$32 million.

The analysis is contained in the December financial statement published by Vernon McGee's Planning and Research Division.

The statement also reports that energy related taxes continued to play a vital role in the state's economy during fiscal 1976.

Taxes on the production of oil and gas, consumption of motor fuel and utility receipts brought in more than \$1.2 billion, accounting for one-third of the total revenue raised by the state, according to the report.

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Vara are parents of a son born December 10 in Schleicher County Medical Center in Eldorado. He weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Capuchino, Sr. of Sonora and Mr. Epifanio Vara of San Angelo.



GREETINGS

Cheery greetings to our friends

Marilyn & Frank Adkins



Members of Girl Scout and Brownie Troops entertained townspeople Saturday afternoon with Christmas carols performed from the courthouse lawn.

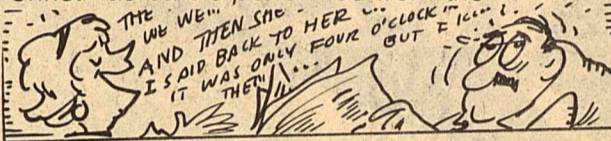
I. PAINT SANTA'S FACE ON AN UPSIDE-DOWN BUCKET!



II. USE A LARGE PIECE OF RED CONSTRUCTION PAPER FOR SANTA'S HAT! ROLL IT INTO A CONE, TRIM THE BOTTOM EDGES AND PASTE OR TAPE TO SECURE IT TO BUCKET!

III. PASTE COTTON BALLS ALL AROUND SANTA'S FACE AND OVER THE ENTIRE BUCKET TO MAKE HIS HAIR AND BEARD!

IV. ADD MORE COTTON BALLS FOR SANTA'S MUSTACHE AND THE POMPOMS ON HIS HAT!



About 200 words make up more than half the words used in ordinary speech and written language!

Real Estate Transfers

WD--Geo. D. Wallace et ux to R.W. Wallace, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12, Blk 18-E.

WD/VL--Herman R. Pettiet et ux to Robert L. Day et ux, Lots 3 & 4, Blk. 64-A, South Heights Addn.

WD--Paula Gandar Vasquez to Carmen G. Sanchez, Lots 7 & 8, Blk. D, Sinaloa Addn.

WD--Carmen G. Sanchez to Vivian Vasquez et ux, Lots 7 & 8, Blk. D, Sinaloa Addn.

WD--Dixie Genini et vir to Gene Shurley, 4.29 acres out of Sur 124 and 3.51 acs. out of Sur 141 and 5.9 acres out of Sur 140, all Blk C, HE&WT Ry Co.

WD--Gene Shurley et ux to Dixie L. Genini, 4.36 acs out of Sur 124 and 8.97 acs out of Sur 141, Blk C, HE&WT Ry Co.

WD/VL--Minnie Harrison to John T. Mitchell et ux, Pt. Lots 6&8, Blk E-6.

WD--Mary Louise Owensby to David E. Owensby, Lots 9, 10 & W/2 Lot 11, Blk 1, Castle Hills Addn.

WD--Guida Brown et al to C. Adam Morriss III, 5'6" off SW side Lot 1 and 17'7" off NE side Lot 2, Block E.

Happy Birthday

Thursday, December 23

Benny Friend
Joe Wallace
Peggy L. Grobe
Kay Saunders
Charles Preston
Mrs. Clifford Green
Rosa Gonzales

Friday, December 24

John Moore
John Moore

Saturday, December 25

G.W. Archer, Jr.
B.H. Cusenbary
Mrs. Charles Preston
J.B. Wright
Debbie Hard

Sunday, December 26

Jimmy Black
Mrs. Mickey Powers
David Kingston
James L. Robbins

Betsy Schwienn
Debra English

Monday, December 27

Melinda Earwood Niell
Bill McClelland
Will Wallace
Al Elliott

Mrs. Lin Hicks
Edna Gonzales
Jim Pollard

Jerry Don Balch
Laura Hanus

Tuesday, December 28

Tyra H. Ledbetter
Penny Lynn Batchelor

Wednesday, December 29

Adam Delrie
Charles W. West
David Wuest

Gary Henderson
Julie Friess
Eddie Kemp

Warm greetings of the Season to all our patrons. We look forward to serving you again!

Devil's River Motel

Happy Holidays

We wish to extend to you our best wishes for a healthy, happy Christmas Season and a Joyous New Year.

The Burnett Family
Wes, Pat, Tim, James & Kim

GLAD TIDINGS

We hope your Christmas is filled with Joy and Happiness

perry's

Watch for our Grand Opening in Sonora Soon!
Hwy. 277 N.

Merry Christmas

May the joy and beauty of Christmas stay with you throughout the years to come.

From all your friends at

FOOD CENTER

Herbert & Loise Fields, Les Robertson, Gustavo S. Campos, Chapo Samaniego,
Pat Campbell, Connie Virgen, Jaye Campbell, Jean Wall, Terry Duckworth,
Jessie Solis, Luis Mata, Lupe Gamez Jr., Gil Favila

Experiment Station Conference January 5-7

Approximately 500 agricultural scientists from across the state are expected to participate in the annual conference of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station--the state's agricultural research agency--at Texas A&M University, Jan. 5-7.

Registration will begin Jan. 4 in the Main Lobby of the Rudder Conference Tower, and continue there the next morning.

Addressing scientists the opening morning will be Dr. R.J. Aldrich, administrator of the Co-operative State Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., and Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Dr. Vernon E. Schneider, conference general chair-

man and Davis Distinguished Professor in A&M's Department of Agricultural Economics, will welcome the researchers.

Dr. Jarvis E. Miller, director of the Experiment Station, will preside at the luncheon on Jan. 5 at the Memorial Student Center. Dr. Alice Stubbs, Consumer Research Center head and professor, is luncheon coordinator.

Departmental conferences and programs are scheduled the afternoon of Jan. 5, with Dr. George L. Teetes, research entomologist, serving as coordinator. That evening, an informal social activity is planned from 8 to 10 p.m. with Dr. Stubbs serving as coordinator.

A wide array of separate "special skills sessions"

are planned the morning of Jan. 6. They include such topics as getting a handle on library information, analytical instrumentation and techniques, visuals for publications and presentations, cost-return analysis in production system research, publications policies and procedures, direction and role of the Experiment Station, experimental design and data analyses, electron microscopy, and preparing and handling data and accessing the computer.

Special interest group meetings are slated the afternoon of Jan. 6, along with individual conferences. The evening program will include discussions by Mr. Dudley T. Smith, Experiment Station

assistant director, who observed research programs in Australia and New Zealand earlier this year; Dr. P.L. Adkisson, entomologist, who was in China as part of a scientific exchange program; and Dr. Lloyd W. Rooney, cereal chemistry researcher, who observed research in Eastern Europe.

"Evaluations of Agricultural Research" will be the theme of the morning program on Jan. 7, which will conclude the professional conference.

Members of the Sonora Research Station staff will be attending the conference.

Hard, heavy white heads of iceberg lettuce mean they are too mature and bitter.

Services Held Monday For R. Crenwelge

Graveside services were held Monday in Eola Cemetery for Rudolph Crenwelge, 62, brother of Mrs. Mollie Hite of Sonora.

Mr. Crenwelge died Sunday at his home in Mereta.

The Rev. R.H. Uensche of Mounty Calvary Lutheran Church officiated at the services, directed by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Mr. Crenwelge was born September 18, 1914 in Fredericksburg. He had lived in Mereta since 1951 where he was a farmer and a member of the Lutheran Church.

Other survivors include two brothers, and three sisters.

Oil & Gas Report

Drilling applications have been filed with the Texas Railroad Commission on the following sites:

CROCKETT
David A. Schlachter, Ozona, V.I. Pierce "2" no.



Our President's Flag, with the President's Seal in bronze upon a blue background and a large white star in each corner, was adopted May 29, 1916 by President Woodrow Wilson.

1, 21 miles southwest of Ozona, 7,000'.
NRM Petroleum Corp., Ozona, Ozona Townsite no. 1, Ozona, 7,200'.
Durham, Inc., Wildcat, Allied-Union Carpenter, six miles northwest of Iraan, 8,000'.
Indian Wells, Inc., Ozona, C.C. Montgomery Estate "6" no. 3, 21 miles southwest of Ozona, 7,000'.
Indian Wells, Inc., Ozona, C.C. Montgomery Estate "2" no. 2, 21 miles southwest of Ozona, 7,000'.
Dan J. Harrison, Jr., Davidson Ranch, Joe Tom Davidson, Jr. no. 5, eight miles south of Ozona, 9,300'.
AMOCO Prod. Co., Wildcat, Ruth C. Magruder "A" no. 1, 24 miles southeast of Ozona, 11,000'.
Anderson Petroleum Co., Ozona, Crystelle Childress "101" no. 3, 21

miles southwest of Ozona, 7,000'.
Anderson Petroleum Co., Ozona, J.W. Henderson "13" no. 1, 18 miles southwest of Ozona, 7,100'.
SCHLEICHER
Cadasco Inc., Wildcat, C. McMillian no. 4, nine miles south of Eldorado, 6,800'.
Cadasco Inc., Wildcat, C. McMillian no. 3, nine miles south of Eldorado, 6,800'.
Discovery Operating Co., Cody Bell (Canyon), CGM no. 1, eight miles north of Eldorado, 6,900'.
Cadasco Inc., Wildcat, C. McMillian no. 1, nine miles south of Eldorado, 6,800'.
Cadasco Inc., Wildcat, C. McMillian no. 2, nine miles south of Eldorado, 6,800'.
SUTTON
HNG Oil Co., Sawyer (Canyon), Friess "101" no. 1, 12 miles southeast of Sonora, 5,100'.

Merry Christmas

From all your friends at The First National Bank, may you have a very Merry Christmas...

Joy Kemp, Elaine Donaldson, Joe Jimenez, Judy Webster, Rhonda Guley, Suzy Rostford, Clayton Hamilton, Cathy Preston, Avis Carroll, Mary Belle Stubblefield, Dorothy Baker, K King, Warren Hemphill, Nick Anderson, Jack Neill, Michael Hale, Roberta Garrett, Etta Reynolds, Doris Merriman, Jeanne Jackson, Marlene Maxie, not pictured

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