



January

MONEY SAVERS



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MIRACLE WHIP Kraft Quart **99¢**

FACIAL TISSUES Kleenex 200 Count Box **2/\$1**

BRAWNY TOWELS Big Roll **2/\$1**

MARGARINE White Swan 1 lb. Soft **2/\$1**

PRESERVES Bama Strawberry 18 oz. **88¢**

KRAFT DINNER Macaroni and Cheese 7 1/2 oz. **4/\$1**

INSTANT TEA Liptons 3 oz. **\$1⁶⁹**

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TAMALES Gebhardt's 30 oz. **59¢**

SPAGHETTI Franco American 15 oz. In Tomato Sauce **4/\$1**

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SUPER SUDS Detergent 40 oz. Box **79¢**

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FLOUR Light Crust 5 lb. **49¢**

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GLEEM II TOOTHPASTE, 7 oz. pkg.

BABY MAGIC LOTION, 9 oz.

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YOUR CHOICE

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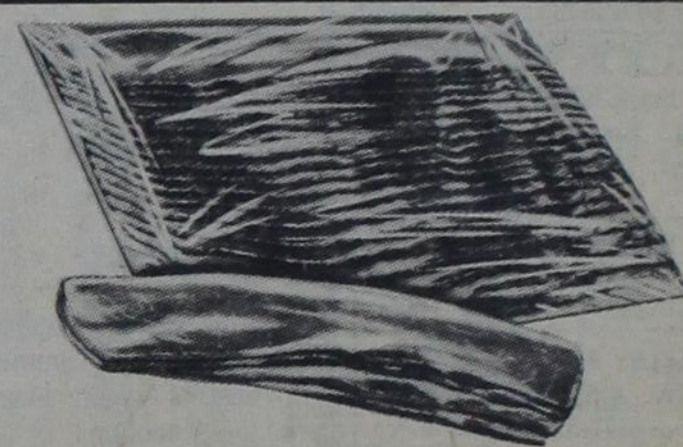
Meats

Eckrich
SAUSAGE
Smoked

\$1²⁹
lb.

Fresh Pork
SAUSAGE
(Market Made)

\$1³⁹
lb.



BACON

Smoked Sliced Slab **99¢** lb.

Fresh Sliced **PORK STEAK** **\$1¹⁹** lb.

SIRLOIN PATTIES

Fresh Chopped **\$1³⁹** lb.

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Kraft 12 oz. Singles **\$1¹⁹**

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Frozen Foods

DINNERS

Banquet Mexican Assorted **48¢**

CORN

Birdseye Little Cob 8 Count **79¢**

PIZZA

Jeno 13 oz. Sausage, Hamburger, Cheese, Peperonia **79¢**

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SPECIALS GOOD JANUARY 5 THRU 11, 1978

Jones to succeed Ginn as Holly's ag manager

Bob Ginn, agricultural manager for the Holly Sugar Corporation's Hereford plant the past 10 years, will become agricultural manager of the firm's plant at Hamilton City, Calif. in March, and will be succeeded by Calvin Jones, assistant manager at Hereford.

Jones will assume the manager's duties Feb. 1. Ginn plans to move in February to Hamilton City, which is in an irrigated valley northeast of San Francisco where two crops of sugar beets are grown each year.

Ginn has worked with beet growers in Castro County and other counties in this area during his years in Hereford. During that time the Hereford plant has had many improvements, and receiving stations for the beet crop have been added at Dimmitt, Hart, Wildorado and Farmers Corner.

He expressed optimism about the future of beet growing in this area as his transfer was announced, saying the vicinity "should remain good for growing beets because it has a relatively long growing season, there is plenty of land for crop rotation, a good cli-

mate and . . . farmers are realizing that sugar beets can be a short-water crop. "Net income from beet production has been better than any other area crop, and someday it is going to be tough for new growers to get acreage," Ginn said.



PLAINS MEMORIAL

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Henry Birkenfeld of Nazareth are the parents of a boy, Leroy David. Born Dec. 28, he weighed 8 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Gauda of Dimmitt are the parents of a boy, Ramiro was born Dec. 28 and weighed 7 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Matias Romero of Springlake are the parents of a boy, Andrew. Born Dec. 30, he weighed 7 pounds, 11 1/2 ounces.

OUT OF TOWN

Twin daughters, Kendra Ann and Kristen Lee Campbell, were born Dec. 16 to Ken and Carolee Campbell of Stratford. The girls weighed six pounds and six ounces and six pounds and 13 ounces. They are the granddaughters of Maurice and Wanda Campbell of Dimmitt.



JANUARY VOWS SET—Mary Beth Ramaekers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramaekers, and Joel Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gerber, all of Nazareth, will be married Jan. 28 at the Holy Family Church in Nazareth in a double ring ceremony. Both are graduates of Nazareth High School. Gerber is employed by the Reeve-Fleming Chevrolet in Dimmitt and Miss Ramaekers is a hairdresser at Nazareth.

Car-Tag stickers now 'staggered'

"Strangely enough, even with the new law going into effect, most of the questions we get asked have to do with where to put the new stickers," said Jerry Heller of the county tax assessor's office concerning the new vehicle registration system.

The new law will spread the registration time for all passenger cars and light trucks throughout the year, instead of having all of them come due at the end of March.

"This year everyone still must register by March 31, but the stickers issued will come due at different times, with the fees adjusted accordingly," Heller explained.

Heller said the new due dates were figured according to the middle number on the license plate. Three is added to the number to yield the due month.

"For example, if the numbers on a license were 192, you'd add three to the nine, which gives you 12—meaning that it would come due in December," Heller explained.

If the due month is 6 or under, the vehicle owner has the option of registering for a period of from 13 to 18 months.

"Suppose your middle number is 2. You add three, which gives you the fifth month—May. The last of March, you could just pay for two months and then come back in May and pay for a year, or in March you could pay for 14 months and not have to do anything else until May of 1979. If you choose the shorter period you must appear at the tax office in person, and then no renewal notice will be sent when the short period expires," Heller said.

If the due month is 7 or over, there is no option and a second renewal notice will be sent.

Two stickers are received—one for the month, which goes in the upper LEFT corner, and one for the year, which goes in the upper RIGHT corner, both on the rear tag.

"You can just put the stickers on right over the old stickers," Heller said. "There's no need to remove the old stickers."

Most people will get a renewal notice, and the due date and any options will be included and explained. If you don't receive a renewal notice, your vehicle title papers and 1977 registration receipt must be taken to the tax office.

"New cars will be registered for 12 months no matter what the middle number of the first license tag is," Heller said, adding, "This new law does not apply to farm pickups or any other type of vehicles, which all will still come due at the end of March every year."

Heller said he feels the change is not really going to be that big of a help to smaller counties, and that it will especially be a problem for families having several vehicles all coming due at different times.

"I would suggest getting your car inspected the same month the license tag comes due, whether the inspection period is up or not, to serve as a double reminder," Heller said.

THE dictionary is a great book; it hasn't much plot, but the author's vocabulary is wonderful. —Bill Nye

Six nursing students to be capped

A capping ceremony for six students in the Plains Memorial Hospital School of Vocational Nursing will be held at 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in the community room of Rhoads Memorial Library.

Relatives and friends of the class members are invited to attend the program which marks completion of the students' first 18 weeks of training.

They will continue classroom training for the remainder of a year's course, and now will add floor training. They are scheduled to graduate next September.

The six students are Jackie Smotherman, Jim Perrin, Donna Myers, Rose Muniz, Delynda McLain and Jane Caldwell. Perrin is the first male student to be enrolled in a Vocational Nursing training program here.

Barbara Keel, R.N., directs the training at Plains Memorial Hospital.

More about: Bobcats ...

[Continued from Page 1] with a 77-60 victory over Iowa Park, while Lubbock Monterey defeated Lubbock Coronado for consolation honors. Morton, the only other Class AA team competing in the large-schools division, was eliminated.

Tulia succeeded Dimmitt as the champion of the tourney's small-schools division.



THE DIMMITT BOBBIES accept their trophy for third place in Girls' Division I of the Amarillo Holiday Tournament Saturday night in the Amarillo Civic Center. The Bobbies defeated Lubbock Coronado twice and lost a two-point heartbreaker to Vega before defeating Hart for the third-place trophy. Meanwhile, the Nazareth Swifts captured runner-up honors in Boys' Division III and Hart's Longhorns finished as consolation runners-up of Boys' Division II as four local varsities competed in the big 39-team tournament.

HOSPITAL NEWS

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL:

Alice Anthony
Ozey Arnold
Patterson Bain
Bea Boyd
James Bradford
Irene Bradley
Oma Bulls
Ralph Claudio Jr.
Annie Mae Cox
Emelda Don Juan
Esther Galloup
Raynea Garcia
Jean Haney
Faye Holland
Clarence Kern
Diana Lopez
Fanny Mahan
Richard Martinez
Ada Nelson
Tena Olaya
Rosendo Ramos
Lupe Romero

PATIENTS DISMISSED:

Juanita Sanchez
Nellie Teague
Betty Vaughn
Ethel Womack
Adolfo Cadena
Isabel Mireles
Beatrice Hahn
Modesta Sandoval
Robert Boozer
Mildred Birkenfeld
Juanita Gauna
Gregoria Lopez
David Mueller
Jesus Brito
Vickie Hunter
Lori Abalos
Max Martinez
Lupe Romero
Myrtle Lois Moran
Andrew Bennett
Eric Bennett
Jimmie Chapman

Lifting the curtain on a New Year

Peeking in to welcome a chance for new hopes, new joys, new goals, and a renewed opportunity to serve our friends.

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HARMAN'S

In Dimmitt
Where The Clearance Action Is!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Joy and Peace be yours throughout the New Year. We're grateful for our wonderful relationship and the new chance for it to continue.

GARRISON SEED & CO.

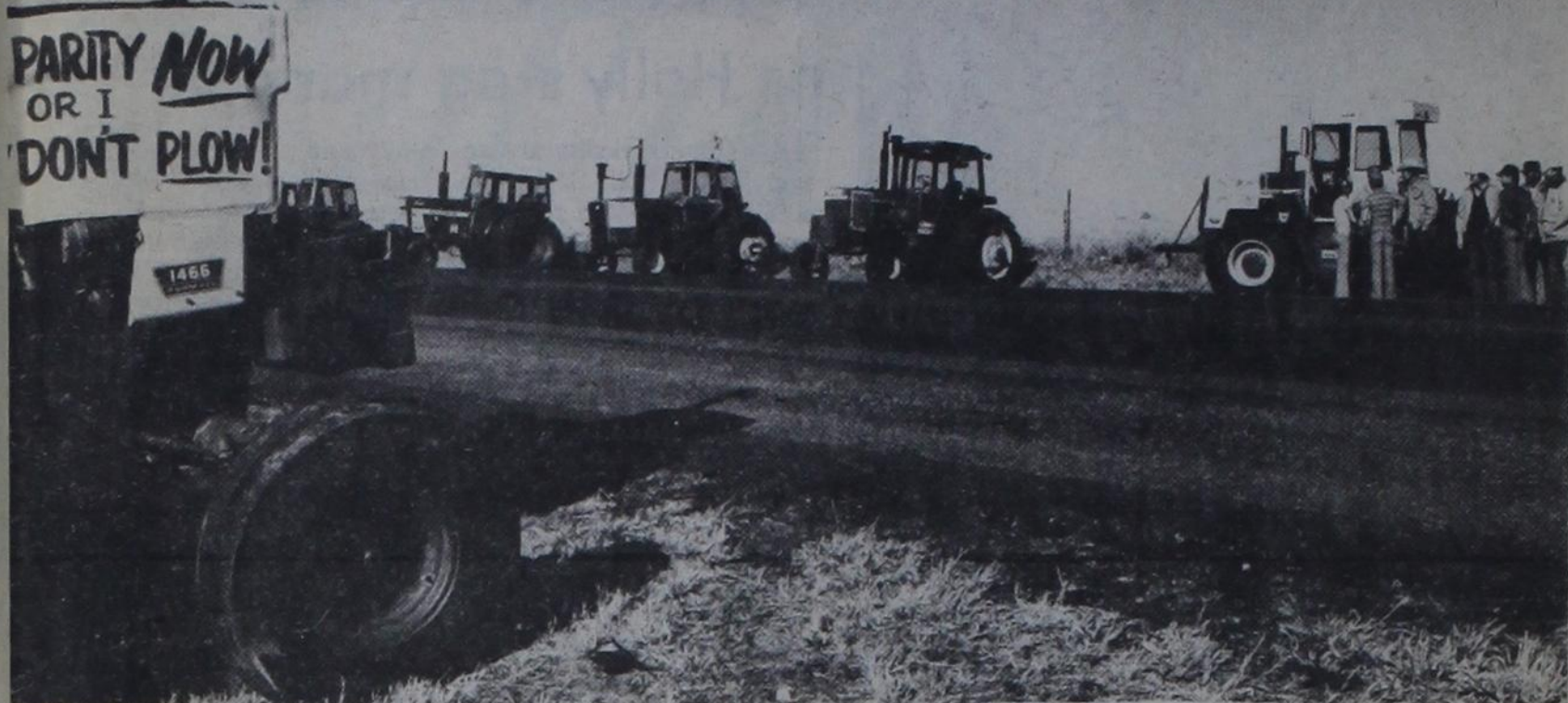
E. Hwy. 60
Hereford, Texas

Basketball scores

DIMMITT
 Caprock Tournament
 Varsity boys 55, Lubbock Estacado 54 (J. Bradford, R. Rawls 16)
 Varsity boys 50, Lubbock Dunbar 43 (M. Summer 16, J. Bell 10) (won second in tourney)
 (Rawls, Summers named all-tourney)
 Amarillo Tournament
 Varsity girls 67, Lubbock Coronado 38 (Vicki Cleveland 21)
 Varsity girls 46, Vega 48 (Cleveland, N. Sandoval 19)
 Varsity girls 42, Coronado 36 (Sandoval 15)
 Varsity girls 45, Hart 39 (Sandoval, Cleveland 19) (won third in tourney)
 (Dorothy Rivers, all-tourney)
 JV boys 38, Canyon 33 (Gary Naylor 13)
 Varsity boys 66, Canyon 48 (Bradford 22)
 JV girls 29, Dunbar 7 (Tina Roland 12)
 Varsity girls 71, Dunbar 31 (Sandoval 20, L. Dyer 18) (Season record: 11-8)
HART
 Amarillo Tournament
 Varsity boys 47, Texline 56 (Glenn Black 14)
 Varsity boys 60, Gruver 86 (Black 30)
 Varsity boys 55, Canyon 71 (Black 15) (sixth in tourney)
 Varsity girls 65, Lubbock Estacado 43 (Melanie Upshaw 34)
 Varsity girls 52, River Road 58 (Stacy Averitt 21)
 Varsity girls 49, Estacado 36 (Norma Catano 21)
 Varsity girls 39, Dimmitt 45 (Averitt 22) (fourth in tourney)
 JV boys 43, Adrian 74 (Luis Villegas 17)
 Varsity girls 47, Adrian 48 (Upshaw 21)
 Varsity boys 47, Adrian 75 (Black 19)
NAZARETH
 Slaton Tournament
 Varsity girls 56, Abernathy 29 (Cheryl Hartman 42)
 Varsity girls 79, Monterey 45 (Hartman 56) (tourney scoring record)
 Varsity girls 56, Stanton 42 (Hartman 20) (won championship)

Basketball calendar

DIMMITT
 Thursday:
 12:30--7th A girls vs. Hale Center in Olton Tournament
 --7th A boys in Olton Tournament
 Friday:
 4--JV girls vs. Estacado, here
 5--JV boys vs. Perryton, here
 6:30--Varsity girls vs. Estacado, here
 (Hartman MVP, Germaine Pohlmeier, all-tourney)
 Amarillo Tournament
 Varsity boys 69, Grace Christian 47 (Jeff Schmucker 21)
 Varsity boys 54, Groom 49 (Schmucker 22)
 Varsity boys 43, Balco 64 (Schmucker, D. Huseman 12) (second in tourney)
 (Schmucker all-tourney)
HART
 Thursday:
 4--7th girls vs. Kress, there
 5--7th boys vs. Kress, there
 6--8th girls vs. Kress, there
 7--8th boys vs. Kress, there
 5:30--Varsity boys vs. Happy, Amarillo Civic Center
 Friday:
 5--JV girls vs. Happy, there
 6--JV boys vs. Happy, there
 7--Varsity girls vs. Happy, there
 Monday:
 4--7th girls vs. Farwell, here
 5--7th boys vs. Farwell, here
 6--8th girls vs. Farwell, here
 7--8th boys vs. Farwell, here
 Tuesday:
 5:30--JV boys vs. Farwell, here*
 6:30--Varsity girls vs. Farwell, here*
 8--Varsity boys vs. Farwell, here*
NAZARETH
 Thursday:
 5--8th girls vs. Silverton, there*
 6--8th boys vs. Silverton, there*
 Friday:
 5--JV girls vs. Springlake-Earth, here
 6:30--Varsity girls vs. Springlake-Earth, here
 8--Varsity boys vs. Springlake-Earth, here
 Monday:
 5--8th girls vs. Valley, there*
 6--8th boys vs. Valley, there*
 Tuesday:
 5--JV girls vs. Cotton Center, here
 6:30--Varsity girls vs. Cotton Center, here
 8--Varsity boys vs. Cotton Center, here
 *denotes district game



TRACTOR MEET took place Tuesday afternoon about 13 miles north of Dimmitt on US 385 with about 17 tractors from Dimmitt and about 15 from Hereford. Some of the estimated 50 people present came in pickups. One Hereford farmer was

given a warning ticket for blocking the roadway with his tractor. The meet was a part of the continuing efforts of members of the American Agriculture organization.

More about:

Farm-strike audience . . .

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 The trooper then joined the farmers for a cup of coffee and some conversation. Farmers in this area have been encouraged the past week by reports of spreading strike activity in other states. In addition to those in the Midwest and South, farmers in both Florida and California have held meetings recently and several labor groups have voiced support.

Fifty or more tractors from Castro County took part in the Lubbock Loop 289 demonstration Tuesday. One local farmer who attended reported that "by mid-morning Lubbock was surrounded by more than a thousand tractors, plus 35 or 40 spray planes."

Other farmers from this county went to Amarillo to confer with Panhandle groups on the trip to Washington, while still others drove 18 tractors north on US 385 shortly after noon to meet a tractorcade from Hereford in "a friendly visit" for half an hour.

There were about 50 persons in the crowd, some in cars and pickups. One man from Hereford pulled his tractor onto the highway to block traffic for a time, but moved it when he was given a warning ticket by a state trooper.

More contributors' names are listed

Names of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Acker, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hance have been reported as omitted from the list of contributors to "Operation Christmas Greeting" published in the Christmas edition of the Castro County News.

Holiday greetings to other community residents are conveyed in the published list by those who contribute to the annual fund sponsored by the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Omitted in error from the Nazareth greeting list were the Benedictine Sisters of Nazareth.

Phillips 66, Inc.

IVEY AGENCY

Jones lowest PD-car bidder

The Dimmitt Police Dept.'s next patrol car will be a Plymouth Fury.

The city commission Monday night awarded the new-car contract to Jones Motors of Hereford, which submitted the lowest bid on a 1978 model full-size car equipped for police work.

Jones's low bid was \$5,725. Other bidders were Stan Byrnes Ford, Inc., \$6,288.76 on a Ford LTD, and Reeve-Fleming Chevrolet, \$6,430.54 on a Chevrolet Impala.

The new patrol car is being purchased without a trade-in. Meanwhile, the city plans to sell to the highest bidders two 1973 model police cars which now get only occasional use.

Too late to classify

OFFICE SPACE available for lease. Will renovate to suit tenant. Ye Olde Inn, 121 E. Bedford. 2-14-tfc

Happy New Year

We're all waiting . . . anticipating the New Year.
 Let's ring it in with laughter, love and joy that will resound all year long. To all our friends and neighbors we take this time to offer our sincere "thank you."

Holly Sugar Corp.

A Prayer for the New Year

Love is light. Let that light bring us all together in peace and understanding, and its brightness bring many cherished moments for you to enjoy, with those you hold dear.

It has been a pleasure to serve the farmers of Castro County during the past years, and we look forward to serving our many friends and customers during the New Year.

GRAIN HANDLING CORP.

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**In Appreciation
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We Are Marking Down
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The people of the Dimmitt trade area have
honored us during the past year with their
friendship and patronage for which we are deeply
grateful. Now at the beginning of the New Year
we wish to show our appreciation for your needs
and patronage by continuing to supply your needs
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Check the bargains on this page
then visit our store and you will be convinced.

Happy New Year



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**KRAFT
MIRACLE WHIP**
15 oz.
Quart **87¢**

**DOG
FOOD**
15 oz.
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SUGAR
Imperial 5 lb. Bag
85¢



FLOUR
Gladiola 5 lb. Bag
53¢



BOUNTY
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GOLDEN YAMS
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WOLF'S CHILI,
With or Without Beans, 15 oz.
HORMEL BEEF TAMALES, 15 oz.
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Family
Size **\$3.97**
FARMLAND SAUSAGE
1 lb. Bulk **87¢**

**DEL MONTE
CATSUP**
26 oz. **67¢**



**GILLETTE
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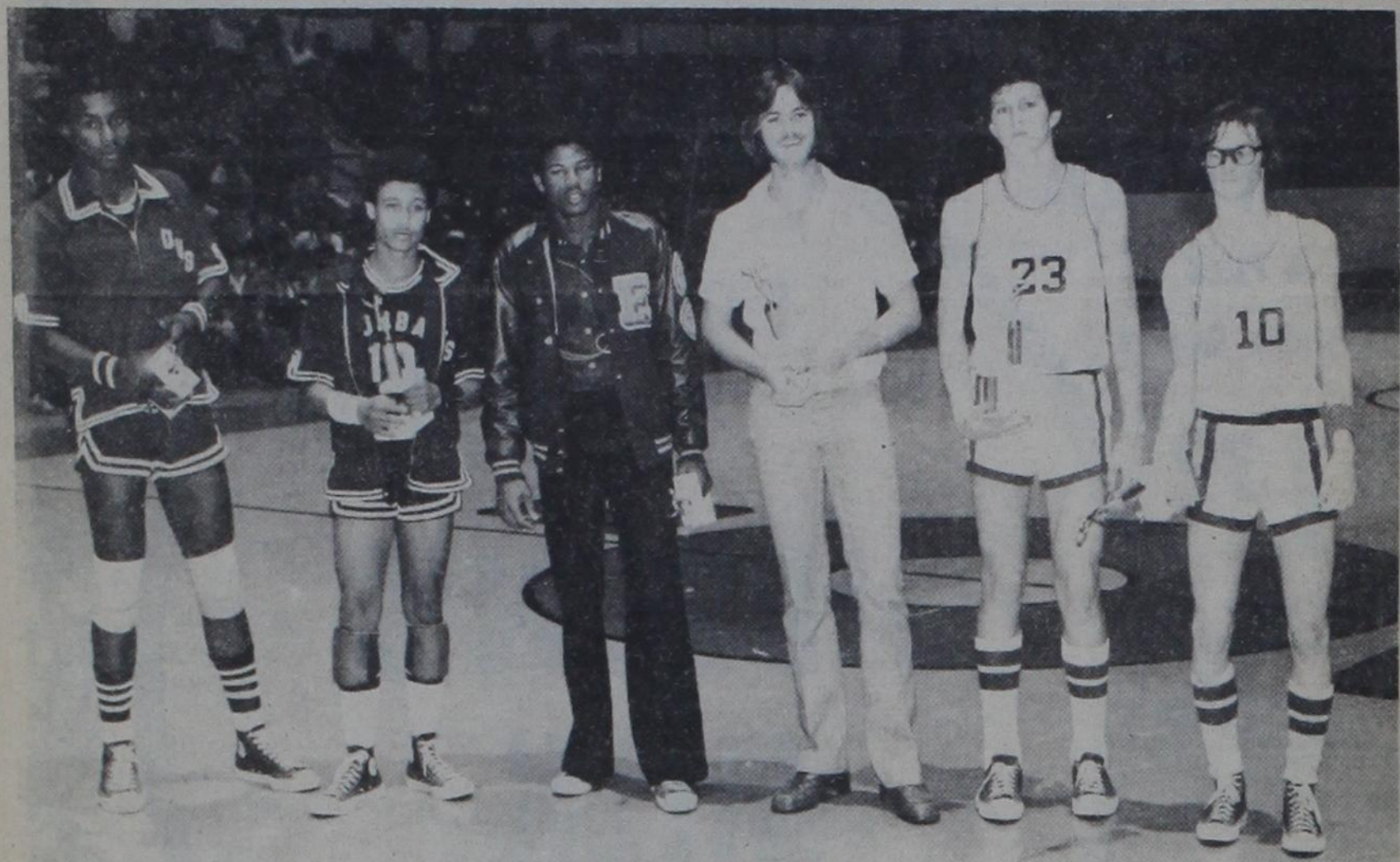
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SPECIALS GOOD JANUARY 4 THRU 11, 1978



THE ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM in the Caprock Holiday Tournament's large schools division was made up entirely of Class AAA and AA players, including two from Dimmitt. From left are Lubbock Dunbar's Billy Don Hardaway, voted the Most Valuable Player, Dunbar's Wayne Williams, Lubbock Es-

tacado's Alvin Harris, Morton's Rusty Lamar, and Dimmitt's Mark Summers and Rocky Rawls. The all-tourney team was announced following the large-schools championship game between Dimmitt and Dunbar last Thursday night in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Cotton conference set in Dallas Jan. 11-12

A large gathering of producers, educators, and agribusinessmen is expected at the 1978 Beltwide Cotton Production Mechanization Conference at the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel in Dallas Jan. 11-12. Theme of the conference is "Fine Tuning Cotton Production." Discussions will center around the cotton outlook, the new Farm Program, marketing, pest management, cotton breeding, fertilization, energy problems and the environment, points out Dr. Robert B. Metzger, cotton specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Highlighting the program will be discussions on "New Agricultural Research Legislation and Cotton" by Dr. James E. Halpin, director-at-large of the Southern Region of Agricultural Experiment Stations, and "Balancing the Needs of Agriculture and the Environment" by Mrs. Barbara Blum, deputy admini-

strator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Also of special interest should be a panel discussion featuring producers from the various cotton-growing areas who will talk about production practices that contribute to high yields. Preceding the conference will be a series of research and special meetings which begin Jan. 9 and run through Jan. 11. Featured will be special sessions on cotton as an energy saving product, cotton dust, and new developments from agricultural chemical and equipment industries. There will also be conferences dealing with cotton diseases, physiology, improvement, insect control, weed control, and economics and marketing.

Insulation materials are rated as to flammability and thermal resistance, indicated by "R" values.

Telephone excise tax finally on the way out

Inflation battered consumers will receive some relief in 1978 -- \$360 million in savings, thanks to the steady decline of the federal excise tax on telephone bills, the Continental Telephone Co. of Texas announced this week. Beginning Jan. 1, this tax drops from 5 per cent of the bill to 4 per cent. The decrease started several years ago as a result of congressional action and will continue declining 1 per cent annually until Jan. 1, 1982, when the levy is eliminated. The tax savings represents the estimated difference between what customers would have paid in 1978 at the 5 per cent rate, and what they will pay at the new 4 per cent rate. Some \$60 million of the total will be saved by customers of independent telephone companies, according to estimates by the U.S. Independent Telephone Association. The remainder of the savings will apply to Bell System customers. The association represents the interests of the nation's 1,600 non-Bell System telephone companies serving more than 29 million telephones -- one out of every five in the nation. The excise tax was first imposed by Congress during World War I as a "Temporary" measure. Although repealed briefly after the war, it was reinstated during the Depression and has continued ever since at rates as high as 15 per cent on local service and 25 per cent on long distance calls. From 1954 to 1971 it stood at 10 per cent. All newspaper, magazine, and radio and television station representatives in Texas are invited to the 11th annual Press Day of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Jan. 12-13, at Texas A&M University.



[Compiled from the Community Birthday Calendars of the County Home Demonstration Council and the Nazareth American Legion Auxiliary.]

- JAN. 5 - Oleta Raper, Mae Hargrove, Linda Persons, Sandra Sandoval, Mike Boothe, Regina Hoelting, Jerry Lange.
- JAN. 6 - Jeanette Malone, Nita Beavers, Vicki Yokum, Ben Reyes, Jack Flynt II, Elaine Acker, John Slavik, F. P. Schacher, Alvin Anderle, Leonard Melcher.
- JAN. 7 - Shawn Ewing, Sharon Gerber, Elizabeth Wilhelm.
- JAN. 8 - Debbie Schumacher, Kevin Poteet, Mark Welch, Edward Ewing, Andrew Garcia, Mary Lou Birkenfeld, Cathy Wilson, Stanley Hartman, Andrew Garza, Clarence Wilhelm.
- JAN. 9 - Laura Hargrove, Shelly Barton, Karron Flynt, Ricky Morgan, Edwin Huseman, Victor Steffens, Kenny Gerber, Robert Huseman, Robert Birkenfeld, Keith Gerber.
- JAN. 10 - Roxann Hargrove, Cindy Hollums, Vicki McGowen, Noah Spencer, Johnny Schmucker, Norman Gerber, Jimmie Chapman.
- JAN. 11 - Dalia Gregory, James Powell, Trent Armstrong, Joan Backus, Kyle Schilling.
- JAN. 12 - Krystal Scott, Nancy Hand, Kay Ballard, Sonya Andrews, Randy Schumacher, Theresa Kern.

Legion Auxiliary sets party night

The Nazareth American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a party night Jan. 7, starting at 8:30 p.m. in the American Legion Hall at Nazareth. The party is open to the public. Table games and prizes will be featured.

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We celebrate the joy of living as we exuberantly greet the New Year! It's time too, to say thanks for your support in the year just past.

Dyer Well Service

a toast to
THE NEW YEAR

As we open the door to another promising New Year our thoughts turn appreciatively to those whose good will and courtesy we have enjoyed. And so we wish for our friends and their loving families, a peaceful year filled with the precious things of Life.

FIRST STATE BANK OF DIMMITT

RING IN THE NEW

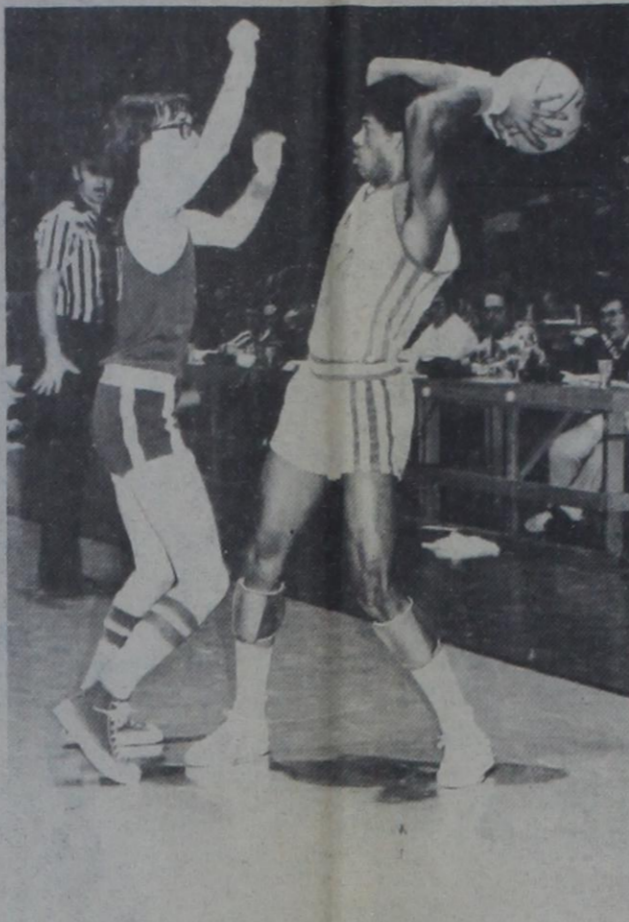
The bells of peace chime filling the air with renewed hopes and high spirits. We echo their bright sound sending best wishes for a Happy New Year to all!

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THOMPSON MAYBERRY drives the baseline into the lane in an attempt to make something happen for Dimmitt in the first quarter of the Bobcats' game against Lubbock Estacado in the Caprock Tournament semifinals. Pursuing



ROCKY RAWLS applies defensive pressure to Estacado's Alvin Harris in the third quarter of the Caprock Holiday Tournament semifinals in Lubbock. Rawls scored 16 points in Dimmitt's 55-54 victory over the Matadors, and was named to the all-tournament team.

More about SHEFFY'S Chatter

[Continued from Page 2] Des Moines and Mark back to school at Lamoni, Iowa. Herbert and Opal (Thompson) Welch of Levelland were here on farm business and a visit with friends George and Josie Bradford and the Cleo Connells. Seems as though Dale and Marie Winders joined the big Winders family at brother Dub's house at Earth. Didn't get all the names. Twyla West cooked Christmas dinner for her parents and Lynn's parents, Cora and Raymond West and Eldon and Oma Hilley of Kingsland, also for Sheila West of Amarillo and Tommye and husband

Jim Wilhight and son Scott of Amarillo. Twyla's other sister, Frankie Fitzhugh of Las Cruces was also a guest. She teaches at Silver City. Tommye's daughter, Tressa Bischoff, is a student in the college at Las Cruces. Christmas guests of Beral Hance were her children Beth and Jack Hodges and family of Panhandle and Lubbock, Linda and Don Murphree and girls of Dallas and Sen. Kent and Carol Hance and children of Lubbock. Tracey and Paige stayed here several days then went to Lubbock to visit and flew home to Dallas Friday night.

Sweet revenge — Cats 66, Eagles 48

"After Canyon had beaten us by one point in a previous game, it sure gave us a good feeling to turn around and beat them by so much," said Dimmitt Coach Kenneth Cleveland after his Bobcats downed the Canyon Eagles, 66-48, Tuesday night on Canyon's home territory. Jim Bradford, the leading scorer for Dimmitt with 22, scored 12 of his points in the third quarter "when we really needed to pull away from them," Cleveland said. Bradford was also the leading rebounder with seven. Rocky Rawls was second in scoring with 17, and led in credits with 30. The only other Bobcat scoring in double figures was Dennis Veals with 10. "It was a very good overall

effort," Cleveland said. "The entire team was ready and willing to play, and played well." Dimmitt took a 13-11 lead in the first quarter and stretched it all the way, making it 29-20 at the half, 45-32 at the end of the third quarter, and 66-48 by the final buzzer. **First baby born** Plains Memorial Hospital reported the first baby born there in 1978 is Monica Lee DonJuan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel DonJuan of Hereford. The baby was born at 1:25 p.m. on Jan. 1, and weighed seven pounds and seven ounces.

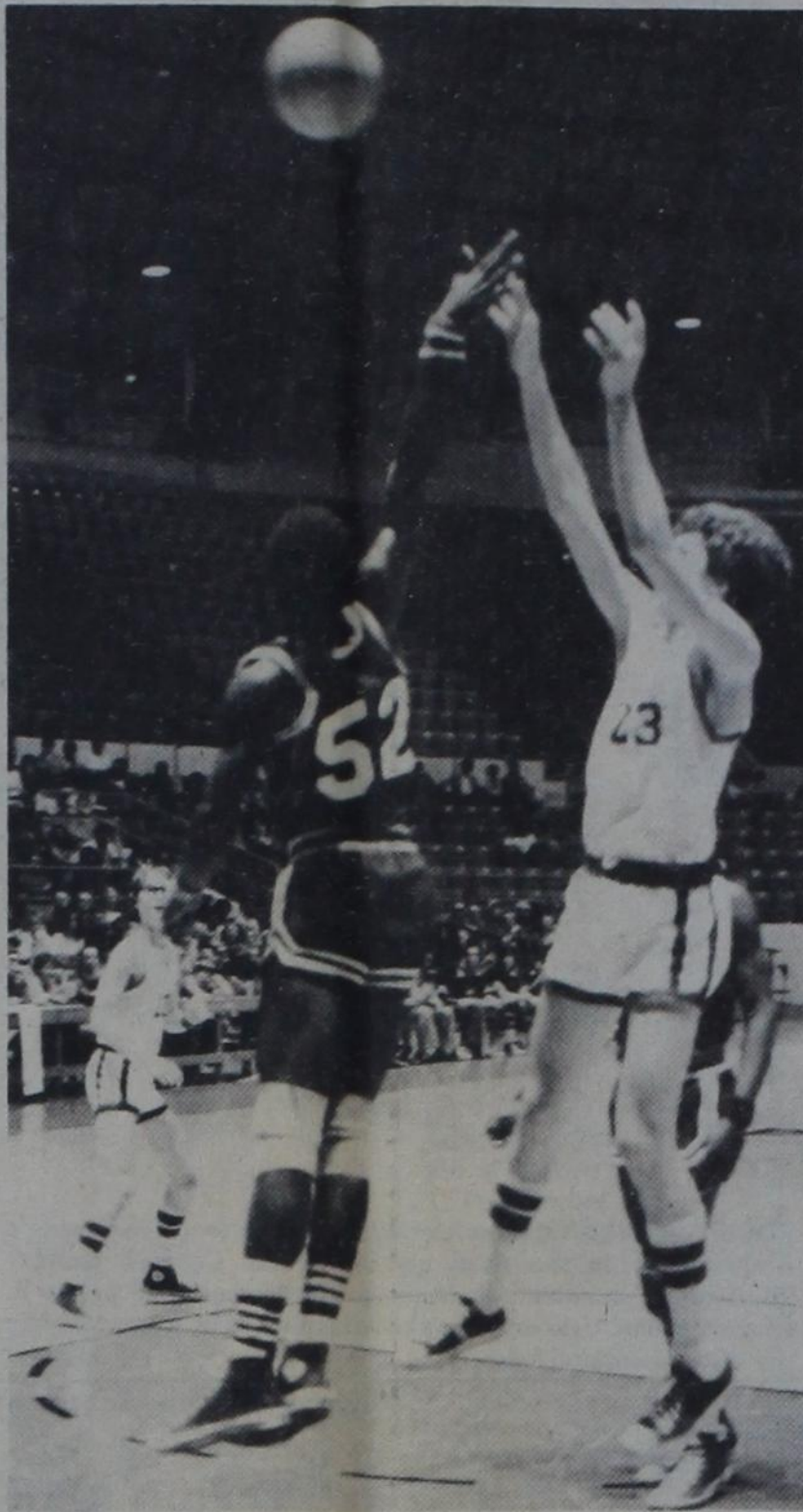
Happy anniversary!

- [Compiled from the Community Birthday Calendars of the County Home Demonstration Council and the Nazareth American Legion Auxiliary.]
- JAN. 7 — C. C. and Dena LaRue, Durward and Bessie Strickland, Walter and Georgia Klemman, Al and Leona Maurer.
- JAN. 9 — Mike and Michelle Bell, Don and Betty Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Yarbrough.
- JAN. 10 — Jim and Sandi Hoelting.
- JAN. 11 — Dennis and DeLores Gerber.
- JAN. 12 — Randy and Debbie Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huseman.



GOING UP—Dimmitt guard Thompson Mayberry drives under for a layup to keep the Bobcats within three points of Dunbar, 22-25, in the second quarter of the Caprock Holiday Tournament championship game last Thurs-

day night. At right is Dimmitt post forward Mark Summers. Dunbar broke a 42-42 tie in the fourth quarter to win the game and the title trophy, 50-43.



TYING BASKET—Dimmitt's Marks Summers sinks a jumper over Lubbock Dunbar's Billy Hardaway to tie the score at 42-42 in the fourth quarter of the Caprock Holiday Tournament championship game last Thursday night. While most of his Bobcat teammates were having a cold shooting night, Summers canned 16 points to become the game's leading scorer, and was named to the all-tournament team. The championship bout was nip-and-tuck until the final seconds, when the taller Panthers sank six charity shots to take a 50-43 victory.

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Fryes host Class of '61

By MRS. OWEN ANDREWS

A reunion of the Dimmitt High School Class of 1961 was held at the Kenneth Frye home south of Summerfield on Dec. 23.

Some 40 persons attended. Others hosting the event were the Jack Thompsons, the Mike Chaney's, the Glen Odoms, the Howard Smithsons and Carl Moore.

Most of those attending the reunion were from the surrounding area, with the exception of Ronnie Stokes of Alabama, Joe Cowen of Beeville and Willa Mae Scoggin Sipes of Jacksonville.

Here to visit the Don Adams during the Christmas holidays were their daughter Diana and her husband Laubach of Chicago. They flew down for the visit, stayed ten

days and were to return home by air this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Vinson of Childress spent the weekend here with her parents the Floyd Coles had picked up their daughter Shelley who had visited her grandparents last week while her parents were off on business.

The Johnny Tims family visited with his parents and others at McCamey during Christmas week.

Visiting the Clayton Jobses during the holidays were their sons Roger of Amarillo, a student at TSTI, and Jimmy, his wife Nancy and children, Shae and Melanie of Garland. Also their daughter, Jeanine, a student at Dallas Fashion School, spent the holidays here, as did Jobe's father W. W. Jobe of Duncan, Okla., and other relatives the Clifford Hendersons, Sue and

Larry of Hart came over to be with the family.

Visiting the Andy Axes during the holidays were their daughters and their families. They included Rev. and Mrs. Tommy Needham and children of Clifton, Robert and Vicki Davis, Angela and Brad of Cherokee, Okla. and Larry and Andrea George and Anna of Dimmitt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Warrick visited their children at Wilcox, Ariz. during the holidays. The Darrall Culp's came back as they came home to visit the relatives here during the latter part of the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike White and son and his grandmother Mrs. E. B. Berryman visited the Wallace Whites in Biloxi, Miss. during the holidays.



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