



DELIGHTED by twinkling Christmas tree lights is Brandy Stennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stennett of Lockney. The one-year-old is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bybee and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stennett. (Staff Photo)

## A Christmas Prayer

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding & that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified & that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them & that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses & that the true spirit of this Christmas Season—its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith—may live among us & that the blessings of peace be ours—the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

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## Basketball Bloomers Were Made Of Ten Yards Of Cotton Sateen

By Felicia Applewhite

"There was enough balloon in those bloomers that with a slight wind boost, we could have jumped over the courthouse," says Bertha Mae (Stevenson) Allard of Silvertown.

She should know. She played basketball with medal-winning zeal for Silvertown when she was in school there during bloomer-wearing days.

The ten yards of black cotton sateen was pleated on a band at the waist. The legs were attached below the knees with elastic causing a modest blouse effect.

"The middy blouse we wore with the bloomers were long enough and full enough to come down over the bloomer top. We pinned the blouse at the hem on either side so we could be sure it

would not catch enough wind to blow up. We also wore bandannas on our heads.

"To make the outfit complete, we wore laced tennis shoes and black-ribbed hose that came well under the bloomers at the knees. Those cotton hose were usually a dull green after a few washings with lye soap," Bertha remembers.

The basketball court was outside on the ground and was well worn with tramped out depressions under each goal. The center section of the court was larger than the two end sections. Two "jump" centers and two guards vied from center court in getting the ball to the "forwards" stationed under the goals. If a player stepped on one of two lines dividing the court, she was

fouled. Once, a particularly illegal game by some Silvertown students was played during school when the superintendent was away.

One of the number wore the coat and bonnet of a teacher, well-known for her lack of discipline, and referred the others during the morning class time. The principal, a woman, saw from an upstairs window.

Thinking it was a last effort on the teacher's part in controlling her students, the principal thought it best to let the matter ride until the superintendent's return. She did nothing about it.

Students in the school furnished their own transportation. The varied means included saddle horses, buggies and klondikes. The klondike was a

wonder. "It was a small structure on four wheels with a door and a step at the rear. Bench-like seats were on either side. A glass window up front made it possible for the driver to see the team he worked. A small hole on either side of the window was for lines that controlled the team.

"Best of all was a small heater anchored in center position. A stove pipe let forth smoke from the top of this 'mobile' school bus. One family drove a klondike 12 miles to school and were famous for never being tardy nor absent," she says.

There were so many things to remember about that school. At the opening when the building was new, Banker Burson gave each child a buffalo nickel as the children marched into the building. Some nickels were put away for keeping, but at the noon hour in town that day, buffalo nickles passed freely. Each child had a desk with an ink well and pencil groove. The toilets, one for girls and one for boys, were a barn red. Doors were unnecessary on the toilets because of an entrance-way and a sharp turn to the left to a 4-hole, roomy inside.

It would seem that Bertha Mae would not have had to study history at school. She had it in her family. Her grandparent Stevensons came to Briscoe County in 1892 with their nine children. They came in three horse-drawn wagons and one ox-drawn wagon of household goods.

All of her Stevenson Uncles were good horsemen and good marksmen. "Uncle Eph Stevenson killed a bear once near the J.A. Ranch. It was reported that he killed the bear with a 45 Sixshooter, he was such a sharp shot. The bear must have been an old one. The meat was so tough, you couldn't eat it. Just someone with good, sharp teeth could have managed that bear meat. I thought I had good teeth, but I chewed like everything and got nowhere," she says.

"My dad hunted, too. I am pretty sure we ate prairie dog. Dad was a good cook. We never did see and didn't know what was in the little roasting pan he used. He fixed meat up with a good gravy and we didn't care what he did.

"He dressed all kinds of birds, especially plovers. They had a good white meat. We ate ducks, geese and all such. When we got a goose, it was something."

Like other of the Stevenson boys, Bertha's father, Eob, worked for the J.A.'s. That was when Bertha Mae was born. He brought his wife up the caprock in a buggy to his mother's in Silvertown for Bertha Mae to be born. Once as a J.A. cowboy, Bertha's father staked his horse out after he had brought his remuda of horses in. When he went back after breakfast, he found that a panther had killed his horse.

The panther had filled up and gone on down the canyon through the snow. Bob tracked him and found him on a shelf in the side of the canyon where he shot him.

The family left the J.A. Ranch when Bertha was two years old, to live on a section of land three and a half miles south west of Silvertown. Here her father farmed, had cattle and raised horses to sell.

It was rumored that the Stevenson horses were the hardest bucking horses around.

The family raised all that they had to eat except the flour they bought at the McCoy flour mill on the way to Tulia. The mill finally exploded and burned.

"We had enough of everything, that we didn't go to town every fifteen minutes. When we did go, we made the most of the trip. I remember, we always drove a stallion that ten miles to town. He could travel! We made it there in nothing flat.

The main thing Bertha disliked about gathering cowchips was the little snakes she often found under the chips. "When I saw a snake, I had a convulsion—just scared to death. "We also carried water from two barrels at the windmill for washing, dishwashing and bathing and all else. That windmill wasn't right up at the door, either," she says.

When Bertha was twelve, a family move to Silvertown came about abruptly. On a foggy day, on the board sidewalk in front of the steps that led up to the drug store, the sheriff was killed. The town was torn apart. The sheriff was buried in Silvertown, but after four days, his body was taken up and buried in Clarendon.

"The county commissioners appointed Dad sheriff. It was in May. I was thrilled. We bought a house on the end of main street, south. It was a castle to me because we had running water. We

still had to heat water in a teakettle and we had the old no. 2 for a bath tub, but joys of joys, we had running water.

"Mama never did any minute of Dad's being sheriff. She was so upset all the time he was sheriff that he never came in to tell what happened," she remembers.

"My mother, a full blood German was a fanatic about housekeeping. Beds stayed made up from early morning to night and nobody sat on them. Dishes were washed immediately after using. On wash days, all beds had to be changed and floors mopped. She refused the regular mop. The floors had to be done on all fours with a rag. A mop got baseboards dirty."

Bertha remembers the early Silvertown telephone system. The switch board, plug in type, sent messages when cranked. The telephone wires were barbed wire. The system was the same used when a former operator had plugged in all plugs in 1918 and had announced to the entire town at one time, "War is over."

That message had set the town in motion. School was dismissed. Speeches were made from the courthouse yard and Kaiser Wilhelm's body coffin and all were burned in effigy.

The system had not changed when Bertha became operator. She cranked on the switch board crank until she "wore calluses on her hands." It was impossible to make direct communication on long-distances calls.

Bertha lives now "just a jump" from where she was born in the old Stevenson home that once stood here



PICTURE MADE when Bertha Allard, right, of Silvertown, played on the high-school team.

the P.C.A. building now is. "I have lived here all my life. I have lived in this house 36 years. I like it here. I like the people. I like the town. When I have been away, the closer I come in coming back, the better it looks.

For a while Bertha supervised the school cafeteria. It's a chance that in this close school association, she observed that present basketball suits are far removed from the black cotton sateen bloomers.

## Post Office Holiday Schedule Announced

There will be no postal operations in the Lockney post office on Sunday, December 25, 1977 and Sunday, January 1, 1978, according to postmaster Douglas Meriwether. There will be no boxing of daily newspapers or first-class mail, and there will be no outgoing dispatches.

There will be no normal holiday operations on December 26 and Jan-

uary 2. Normal holiday operations include boxing of daily newspapers and first-class mail, and an outgoing dispatch made at 1:15 p.m.

Outgoing mail should be deposited in the outside collection box, Meriwether said. There will be no carrier service on star routes or rural routes on December 26 or January 2.



LOCKNEY MYF staged a live nativity scene Wednesday night on the lawn of the Methodist Church. Participating (at various times) were Aaron Wilson, Byron Brock, Dwight Jackson, Ronee Thornton, Donna Moats, Todd Burleson, Steve Warren, Stephanie Turner, Rise Taylor, Peggy Reves, Kay Tannahill, Kim McAda, Darlene Broseh, Christine Huffman, Dawn Daniel, Sue Burt and Kevin Turner. (Staff Photo)

## Mary McPherson Seeks Re-Election

District Clerk Mary McPherson this week announced her candidacy for re-election subject the May Democratic Primary. She has served in this office some 30 years.

In her announcement statement she said,

"TO THE VOTERS OF FLOYD COUNTY:

This is to announce my candidacy for reelection to the office of District Clerk. I sincerely appreciate the gen-

erous support you have given me in the past, and if you see fit to reelect me, I will continue to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

Respectfully,  
Mary L. McPherson"



MARY MCPHERSON

## School Tax Office

### Closed Until Jan. 3

Lockney Independent School District tax office will be closed until January 3, according to tax assessor-collector Jack Samford. All mailed tax payments postmarked on or before December 31 will be given the one-percent December discount, and tax receipts will be dated December 30.



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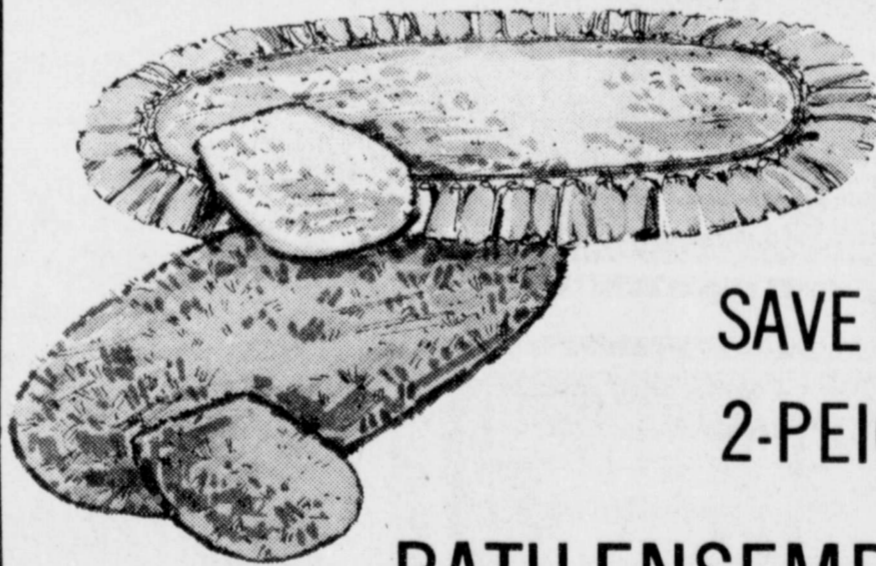
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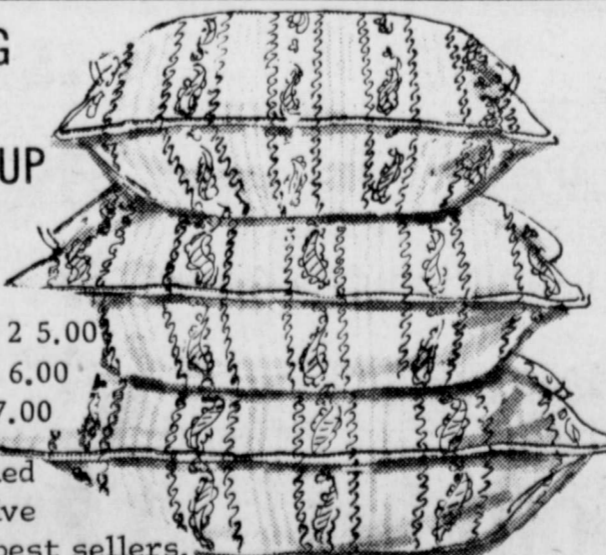
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# Bealls

## Frances Harrell, Claude Weathersbee Exchange Wedding Vows

The First Baptist Church in Floydada, was the setting on Sunday, December 11, for the wedding of Mrs. Frances Juanita Harrell of Lubbock, formerly of Hall County, and Claude Weathersbee of Floydada.

Mrs. Jim Copeland of Anton, and Miss Roijon Adams of Floydada, nieces of the bride, played the pre-nuptial music. Mr. and Mrs. George Finley of Floydada, daughter and son-in-law of the bride sang the "Wedding Song" and "Tommy and Coleta Weathersbee, son and daughter-in-law and Leigh Ann and Richard Evans of Loop, daughter and son-in-law of the bridegroom, sang "Saviour Like A Shepherd."

Reverend Floyd Bradley, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Floydada, read the double ring ceremony before an altar covered with white satin and backed with candleabra holding votive candles entwined with greenery and pink satin streamers. Baskets of moraaan and pink Gladioli flanked the arrangement.

The bride wore a formal pink chiffon wedding gown fashioned with a model bodice and tiered skirt. She wore for something old, an old Wedding Band which belonged to her mother, the late Mrs. W. E. Gilreath, and a blue garter which belonged to her daughter, Mrs. George Finley, her dress was new and she wore a borrowed slip. She carried a nosegay bouquet of pink and maroon carnations and baby's breath tied with pink and maroon streamers.

Hirk Roberts of Lubbock, Boon Adams of Floydada, and James True of Floydada, brother-in-law of the bride and groom, were ushers.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall. The bride's table was covered with white silk Organza and net cloth and appointed Crystal. Miss Nolene Bullington of Irving, presided at the Bride's book. Mrs. Kay Bivens and Mrs. Lynn Brown nieces of the Groom, served punch.

For her going away costume the bride selected a Mauve colored velvetten pant suit. The couple left immediately after the reception for a honeymoon trip to Hawaii.

After their wedding trip to Hawaii Mr. and Mrs. Weathersbee will be at their home in Floydada, 821 West Cedar.

### SELF BASTING TURKEYS

Self-basting turkeys are a convenient holiday cooking idea that does away with the time-involved task of basting.



### Reid Home Scene Of Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Carrick Snodgrass and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reid, Joe and Donna Reid entertained with an open house on December 18 in the Reid Home.

Approximately 125 guests enjoyed the hospitality and

ing, and they are available as whole birds or as turkey breast.

Basting's purpose is to produce a more moist, tender bird when the dry-roast (uncovered) cooking method is used. Self-basting birds are injected with basting products that account for up to three percent of the bird's total weight.

Butter, vegetable oil and poultry broth are products commonly used for self-basting, and seasoning such as salt is sometimes included.

Since different processors use different basting products, consumers should check the label for products that best fit individual needs.

To cook a self-basting turkey, place it on a rack in a roasting pan. If poultry browns early in roasting period, lightly cover breast and drumsticks with aluminum foil or moisten a thin cloth with fat and place over breast and legs to prevent overbrowning.

Follow package instructions for cooking time and temperature. Generally, for dry-roasting, turkeys are roasted at 325 degrees for about one hour per every two pounds for smaller turkeys and about one hour per every three pound for larger turkeys.

Boneless turkey roasts from three to ten pounds require from three to four hours of cooking.

refreshments of coffee, was-sil, assorted breads, nuts, and candy.

Members of the house party included Jayme Lewellen, Lori Vinson, Doris McLain, Mrs. Jerrold Vinson, Edith Marrs, and Mrs. Everett Miller.

### Rebekah Lodge Meets

Floydada Rebekah Lodge met in regular session Tuesday evening with Jewel Reeves presiding as Noble Grand and Wanda O'Neill as Vice Grand, at the lodge hall which was decorated with the Christmas motif.

J.B. Grundy was reported ill and the death of John Green was reported.

Following business a Christmas program was enjoyed by the group; a reading by Jewel Reeves and carols sung by all. A special selection was sung by Amanda Hart and Dartha Westbrook.

### Andrews Ward Faculty

#### Enjoys Pizza Feast

Andrews Ward Elementary Faculty and guests enjoyed a pizza feast banquet style on the evening of December 16, at the Pizza Gold in Floydada.

Following the banquet, the group resumed festivities at the home of the Al Galloways where they sang carols and had a white elephant gift exchange.

They also had an old-fashioned pop corn popping in the fireplace and enjoyed tea and coffee.

## NEWS 'N' NOTES

(by Sharon Hillis)

In each home, the families gather Round the fragrant Christmas tree And with every gift they open Laughter echoes merrily.

Blest by such a glad reunion, Christmas spirit, we have found, Flourishes in any setting Where true love and faith abound.

D.A. Hoover

### Vicki Allen Hosts Alpha Mu Delta

The Alpha Mu Delta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday December 20, at the home of Vicki Allen, Vice-president Donna Henderson presided over the short business meeting.

Kay Powell reported for the Social Committee. The January Social will be in celebration of this chapter's anniversary.

Vicki Allen discussed Girl's Town, asking for more items to donate.

Christmas door decorations were taken to the Rest Home by Vicki Allen and Lu

Ann Collins.

The Program was given by Kay Powell. The theme was "Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Clause." A reading was presented by Kay Powell with Vicki as Virginia.

Pledge ritual was held for Pat Cates.

Refreshments of cake and egg nog were served to Donna Henderson, Kay Powell, Jo Ann Patterson, Vicki Allen, Pat Cates, Brenda Leonard, Daphna Simpson, Diana Gross, Julie Hickerson and Vicki Latta.

### Shower Honors Nancy Lloyd

The Al Howard home was the site for the bridal shower honoring Miss Nancy Charmaine Lloyd, Saturday morning, December 17. Miss Lloyd is the bride-elect of David Barker, Floydada.

A white drawn work linen cloth covered the oval shaped table. Blue willow china serving pieces carried out the color motif chosen by the honoree. Fruit breads, nuts and mints were served. Coffee and spiced tea were poured by Mrs. David Sevel, from a silver service.

A live plant of Swedish ivy with a cascade of Royal blue velvet ribbon and blue velvet flowers centered the serving table. This was later presented to the bride-elect by the hostesses.

Miss Leanne Ferguson

registered guests at the bride's book. The receiving line was composed of the honoree, her mother, Mrs. Fred Lloyd, her grandmothers, Mrs. Berta Keesee, Lubbock, and Mrs. John Lloyd. Each was presented with a corsage of blue velvet flowers.

The hostesses' gift consisted of her chosen pattern of stainless flatware.

Co-hostesses for the courtesy include Mmes. Al Howard, R.A. Garrett, Q.D. Williams, Don Harrison, Flukie Smith, Joe Thurston, Joe Max Harrison, Arnold Rathaal, Adrain West, Joe Womack, David Sewell, Nile Bryant; also Ms. Sharon Huggins, Karen West, Kathy Howard and Leanne Ferguson.

### Shower Honors Recent Bride

Mrs. Doug Chowning (nee Lou Ann Stallings) was the honoree at a shower December 17 in the home of Mrs. Buck Ford.

Guests were registered by Marjorie Ferguson at a table decorated with a mint-green candle in an antique gold holder, and a nativity scene.

In the receiving line, in addition to the honoree, were her mother, Mrs. Claude Stallings; the groom's mother, Mrs. Leroy Chowning; and Mrs. Leroy Chowning and Mrs. W.B. Eakin, grandmothers of the groom. They wore measuring spoons of wooden spoons tied with green bows.

Gene Sparkman and JoAnn Duvall served refreshments of punch, cookies,

nuts and mints. The serving table cloth was white lace over mint green. The centerpiece was a potted plant, consisting of daisies and a green bow set in a straw hat, for the bride to enjoy in the future.

Tina Sparkman assisted in displaying the gifts. Hostess gift was a toaster oven.

Hostesses were Pat Adams, Gene Sparkman, Violet Cooper, Peggy Wiley, JoAnn Duvall, Jontha Lee Mercer, Ann Ford, Peggy Nance, Marjorie Ferguson, Sue Prater, Ruby Terrell, Marjorie Rexrode, Ethelyn Vernon, Pat Frizzell, Vida Hrbacek, Sandy Watson, Janette Marr and Glenda Ford.

### Victory Baptist Celebrates Christmas

The ladies of the Victory Baptist Church hosted the annual Christmas Dinner at the church last Friday evening serving turkey, dressing and all the trimmings.

Following dinner the congregation presented a money tree to Rev. and Mrs. Emmett Clampitt as their

Christmas gift to them. The youth presented a play, WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

Rev. and Mrs. Clampitt presented each person present with a gift and the group sang Christmas carols followed by the closing prayer by Rev. Clampitt.

### Thomason Employees Christmas Party

Thomason Grocery's first annual Christmas party was held last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Vernon in Lockney. Dinner preceded games, visiting, and exchanging of gifts. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon

and children, Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Thomason Jr., Louise Lyberger, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Raissez. A good time was had by all.

HOLIDAY BELLS ring out a message of happiness and joy and glad Christmas tidings! Our special thanks. Capada Drive-In Theater Jean, Toby & DeeDee OPEN CHRISTMAS NIGHT

May the beauty of Christmas be an inspiration to you and those you love. Thanks for your faith. LOCKNEY PRINTING WILLIS and BERNICE REYNOLDS

Gifts Christmas Love more deeply, Live more fully, Laugh more happily, because it's simply, joyfully, completely, CHRISTMAS! Thanks to all. Here's hoping your Christmas is a perfect picture of happiness and contentment. We're ever grateful for your patronage. Parker Studio 121 W. CALIF. 983-5063 ANDERSON'S DEPARTMENT STORE FLOYDADA, TEXAS

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SHURFINE SHORTENING 3 LBS. \$1.59	OCEAN SPRAY FRESH CRANBERRIES 1 LB BAG 39¢
STOVE TOP STUFFING MIX 6 OZ. 59¢	BANANAS LB 5/1.00
6-32 OZ. BOTTLE CARTON COKE OR 7-UP \$1.39	YELLOW ONIONS LB 12¢

PLUS DEPOSIT

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

In order to allow as many postal employees and contractors as possible to observe the Christmas and New Year's holiday, the following information is furnished local citizens.

Since the mail trucks that serve the Lockney, Texas post office with its main supply of mail will not operate on Sunday, December 25, 1977 and Sunday, January 1, 1978 there will be no operations scheduled in the Lockney, Texas post office on these days: There will be no boxing of daily newspapers, first class mail, and there will be no outgoing dispatch of mail made.

There will be normal Holiday operations on December 26, 1977, and January 2, 1978. Normal Holiday operations will include boxing of daily newspapers, first class mail, and an outgoing dispatch made at 1:15 p.m. Outgoing mail should be deposited in the outside collection box. There will be no carrier service on the star routes or rural routes on December 26, 1977 or January 2, 1978.

Douglas W. Meriwether  
Postmaster  
Lockney, Texas 79241

Dear Editor:

Thanks for printing the story of my maternal grandfather in the December 18 issue of your paper. I had sent the story and pictures to my sister (at her request) for the about-to-be published book about Floyd County pioneers. In the Lone Star school picture my sister incorrectly identified the first girl in the front row as Lena Baxter, who is now Lena Frotherton, a dear friend of mine who is well-known in Lockney. I don't remember who the girl in the picture is, but it is not Lena, because the Baxters did not move into the area until several years after this picture was made.

Will you please send me about five extra copies of the December 18 issue, because I want to send them to some of the living descendants of the Hartmans. I will be happy to pay for them if they are available. Also I would like a copy of the issue of the Lockney Beacon that contains my brother Virgil Thomas's obituary. He died April 8, 1976. Ironically, that was the only issue that was lost in the transfer of his subscription to us after his death.

My husband and I both enjoy your paper very much. We are also fortunate to receive another small town newspaper, The Miami Chief, which is published by our niece and nephew, Jane and Charles Beebe.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Roy Mints

## LOCKNEY LOCALS

Arriving from Bryan last Friday to spend the holidays with relatives was Suzanne Harper accompanied by Mrs. Byron Schacht and boys, Jacki Don and Byron Schacht joined his family Wednesday night for the holidays. Suzanne Harper is visiting her mother Mrs. Newell Harper; and the Byron Schachts are visiting their parents Mrs. Fritz Schacht and Mr. and Mrs. Durward Jack and other relatives.

Bick and Margaret Bickley and son, Craig, of Garland, Tx. spent from Monday until Thursday of this week visiting his parents, the John Bickleys.

Terry Miller and daughters, Bridget and Brook, of Hideaway Park, Colo. were houseguests of his sister, the Ted Carthels Thursday night of this week. They were en route to visit relatives in south Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller and their three children from Longview, Tx. spent from Tuesday until Friday of this week visiting in the home of her parents, the Marvin Gilberts. On Thursday evening, they were joined by the Gilbert's son, Orland and Betty Gilbert and children of Lubbock, for their family Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Fairey from Safford, Arizona visited from Tuesday until Thursday of this week in the homes of the C.H. Roses, Hilburn Caseys and the C.L. Records. Mr. Fairey is a nephew of Mrs. Rose and Hilburn Casey.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Lynn Baker and girls from West Chicago, Ill. are expected to arrive December 23 to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, the Dorsey Bakers and the Frank Browns.



# Merry Christmas

## Happy Birthday

- Dec. 25-Tracy Beedy, Hershel Carthel, Carmen Vasquez, Sally Salinas.
- Dec. 26-Elton Blendon, Sharon Kinard.
- Dec. 28-Sandia Jones, Cody Jackson, Clifford Byron Brock, Karen Ford, Margarito Arellano Jr., Bob Wright, Ron Carthel.
- Dec. 29-Belinda Vasquez, Patti Christy, Justin Adams.
- Dec. 30-Kori Kellison, Paul Moats, Joe Wisdom, Robin Marks, Pat Thornton.
- Dec. 31-Ladell Brewer, Mary Jean Moore, Beatrice Garcia, Cynthia Bybee.

## Happy Anniversary

- Dec. 25-Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cunyus, Mr. and Mrs. Duard Reves.
- Dec. 27-Tom and Barbara Coffman.
- Dec. 28-Kenneth and Donna Blendon, Dan and Reeda Cay Smith.
- Dec. 29-Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Zachary, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Kellison, Ted and Sally Carthel.
- Dec. 30-Mr. and Mrs. Santos Segovia, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Christian, Mr. and Mrs. Balderas.
- Dec. 31-Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garcia.



Dear Santa,  
My sister and I want roller skates for Christmas. Thank you  
Holly and Wenby

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\* MERRY CHRISTMAS \* JOYEUX NOEL \* BUON NATALE \*

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

Greeting our friends, old and new, and wishing you Happiness and Joy at Christmas. Our hearty thanks to all!



### BROWN GIN

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FLOYDADA, TEXAS

## LOCKNEY LOCALS

Members of the Myers family met in the home of Mrs. Olive Myers Sunday, Dec. 18th for a Christmas dinner. Children present were Merle and Mike Mooney, Kay and Jay McPherson of Midland, Jackie Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Myers of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Myers and Kim of Shallowater. Grandchildren present included Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mooney and family of Edmonson, and David Brotherton of Lubbock. Guests were Lana Smith and Mrs. Beverly Dutton both of Lubbock; and the hostess Mrs. Olive Myers.

John and Sarah Bickley accompanied by her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Ice of Monahans, and Lanny's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ice of Odessa, flew from Midland, Tx. to San Francisco, California Sunday December 11th. There they attended the Monday night football game between the Dallas Cowboys and the San Francisco '49ers. They flew back the following Thursday, and drove back from Monahans on Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown attended a Kindergarten School programs at the First Presbyterian Church of Plainview on Tuesday evening. Their grandchildren, Nanette Brown, participated in the program. Tuesday was Nanette's 6th birthday and the Frank Browns went to the Dale Brown home afterwards to help her celebrate.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Martin, Carl, Carey and Carla of

Cactus, Texas were Sunday dinner guests of his mother, the Mel Holcombs. Mr. and Mrs. Johns Cox also had dinner with them. Calling in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Nichols.



There's an oak tree in England that's large enough to hold 70 people in its hollow trunk.



## Glad Tidings

Best wishes of the season to all our friends. We hope that Christmas will be a time of great spiritual joy for you

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FLOYDADA, TEXAS

## a Child is Born

Exult at the Blessed Birth of the Prince of Peace! We send wishes for Holiday Blessings to all our friends.



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FLOYDADA, TEXAS



# CHRISTMAS

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## OBITUARY

### Joyce Stewart

Funeral services for Joyce Laura Stewart, 45, were held Friday afternoon in the First Baptist Church of Floydada with Dr. Floyd Bradley officiating.

Interment was in the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

Joyce died unexpectedly in the Caprock Hospital about 8:10 p.m. Wednesday, December 21.

She was born August 25, 1932 in Floydada. She worked in the composition department of the Floyd County Hesperian after graduation from Floydada High School. Later she leased the job printing department and after two years purchased the business, naming it Stewart Printing Company and locating it on the west side of the square.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her mother, M.s. Lula Stewart; a brother L.B. Stewart, and a sister Jimmy Lou, all of Floydada; two sisters; Ruth Lloyd of Dallas and Mrs. Dale (Carolyn) Smith of Bayfield, Colorado.

Pall Bearers were: Gary Pate, Leon Williams, Keith Marris, Hill Feuerbacher, Vernon Parker and Harold Huggins.

### Mrs. Vick

Mrs. Arizona Vick, 83, of Floydada died at 9:10 a.m. Wednesday in the Lockney Nursing Home after a lengthy illness. The body is being transferred by Moore-Rose Funeral Home to Harrison, Ark. where burial will be in the Belafont Cemetery.

Mrs. Vick was born in Fair Creek, Ark. and moved to Floydada from Harrison, Ark. five years ago.

She is survived by three sons, Harlie of Floydada, Harvey of Harrison, Ark. and McKinley of Bertman, Ark.; two daughters, Ewenbell Mitchell of Kentucky

and Della Ann Jackson of California.

### Molly

### Hightower

Mrs. Havah (Molly) Hightower, a long-time Lockney resident, died Friday morning in an Amarillo nursing home. Services were pending with Moore-Rose Funeral Home, Lockney, at press time Friday.



### SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a doll and a doll buggy I am 5 yrs old and bring my 1 yr old twin brothers a truck each I love you  
Jenny Shout,

## Grain Glut to be Top Item In Discussions with USDA

AUSTIN--The sagging price outlook in the glutted wheat market will be one of the major topics discussed when Texas Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown travels to Washington, D.C. later this month to meet with U.S. Department of Agriculture officials.

Brown said recently he will encourage the USDA to "take the strongest possible stand to insure the economic interests of the American farmer" when meetings get underway later this year in London to formulate an international wheat agreement.

It is hoped a program to ease the impact of low prices when supply is abundant among the major grain producing countries can be reached. The international meetings are scheduled in late September or early October.

The wheat situation in

Texas -- as in other producing states -- has reached its most serious proportions since the early 1960s, Brown noted. Harvest in the state this year is expected to reach 117.5 million bushels, up 2.5 million bushels from earlier estimates by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. With current

carryover stocks of 63.5 million bushels -- a 63 percent increase over last year -- the state's grain bins are bulging with a crop which is currently selling far below actual production costs.

About 50 percent of female family heads are divorced or separated, about 33 percent are widowed, and the rest never married, reports Dorothy Taylor, family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.



CELEBRATING a rousing Bears victory are (left to right) Jaime O. Escobedo, David Stambaugh, Chris Barnes, coach William Devane, Alfred Lutter, Jimmy Baio and Jackie Earle Haley in Paramount Pictures' "The Bad News Bears in Breaking Training." Showing Sunday at the Capada



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CHICKEN

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**Tomato Ketchup** 32 OZ. JUG **78¢**

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**Coffee** 4 oz. **\$1.98**

1/2 GAL. CLOVERLAKE

**Buttermilk** **79¢**

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# Sales Tax Rebates Up In Lockney And Floydada

AUSTIN—State Comptroller Bob Bullock announced Thursday that some 890 Texas cities will be receiving some early Christmas cheer in the form of city sales tax rebate checks totaling \$53.8 million.

Mailed Thursday, the checks represent the cities' December share of the local option, one percent sales tax. The December checks totaled \$3.2 million more than those for the same month last year, and bring the rebate total for the year to \$361.6 million. This is up \$58.9 million—19.4 percent—over calendar 1976.

"These figures indicate that 1977 was a banner year for merchants and other sales tax permit holders in Texas, and we expect the coming year to be as good or better," Bullock said.

Eight of the cities will receive checks totaling \$1 million or more.

They were Houston, \$9.7 million; Dallas, \$6.6 million; San Antonio, \$3.5 million; Fort Worth, \$2.2 million; Austin, \$1.9 million; El Paso, \$1.4 million; Corpus Christi, \$1.2 million and Lubbock, \$1 million.

Of those eight cities, Aust-

## Texas Trout Fishing On Increase

DALHART—Fishing for trout in Texas can vary from streams fed by large reservoirs and cold springs in central Texas to lake fishing in the Panhandle and winter is an ideal time to give these rainbows a try.

"Rainbow trout are a cold-water fish and to furnish the wintertime angler with a chance at catching a trout, 4,000 rainbows were transported from an Arkansas hatchery and stocked in Rita Blanca lake near Dalhart this month," said Joe Kraai, fishery biologist.

"These catchable-size trout were in the eight-to-nine inch class and are big enough to bite the variety of baits used by Panhandle fishermen including salmon eggs, corn and worms," Kraai continued.

All trout fishing in Texas is done on a "put and take" basis. Since the water temperatures of most Texas lakes and streams reach into the 90's by mid summer, trout usually do not over-summer or survive from one winter to the next. The best temperatures for trout are below 70 degrees F. and trout are consistently caught in 30-degree water.

Trout can normally be found in a variety of habitats, but most will be caught along rocky points, in the edge of riffles, near margins of deep pools and along steep banks.

Trout are wary, but a correct presentation of artificial or natural bait on a light line with just enough weight to hold or move the bait on or near the bottom should be ample cause for a strike.

Artificial lure and fly fishermen can depend on wet and dry flies, steamers, nymphs, and small spinners to produce trout. The lure or fly can be cast upstream so it will float downstream and pass near likely trout habitat.

The creel limit for trout is five(5) per day and ten (10) in possession. There is no trout size limit nor any special trout stamp required for the angler.

Texas fishing regulations require a fishing license for all persons between the ages of 17 and 65, except for a person fishing in the county of his residence with trot line, throw line, or ordinary pole and line, having no reel or winding device attached.

After a successful trout fishing trip, a trout needs only to be gilled, gilled and washed to be ready for the frying pan. Trout may be salted or rolled in meal or flour for pan frying, or sauteed in butter over low heat.

The record Texas rainbow trout weighed four pounds and twelve ounces and was caught on the Guadalupe River in 1968 but, there are several trout fishermen who have lost fish in this same weight category.

Trout fishermen can obtain more information by contacting the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department of office in their area, or near trout fishing spots.

in registered the biggest percentage increase in city sales tax rebates for the year. City sales tax rebates for the city were up a whopping 31 percent.

The local option sales tax is collected by local merchants and other sales tax permit holders and returned to the cities monthly by the Comptroller's office.

Tulia's net payment this period is \$18,304.09, net payment same period last year \$18,644.01, 1977 payments to date \$117,006.47, 1976 payments to date \$109,505.08, up 25%.

Dimmitt's net payment this period is \$17,765.93, net payment same period last year \$20,592.56, 1977 to date \$137,506.51, 1976 to date

\$194,509.47, down 29%

Other area communities: Happy \$1,884.37, \$2,214.36, \$9,635.10, \$9,729.08, no change; Kress \$1,423.01, \$1,972.93, \$9,715.14, \$9,865.41, down 1%; Hart \$2,586.18, \$2,070.57, \$15,641.90, \$17,603.72, down 11%; Nazareth \$1,520.80, \$1,781.52, \$10,953.82, \$9,676.50, up 13%; Floydada \$9,976.17,

\$10,393.86, \$71,331.16, \$65,922.89, up 8%; Lockney \$5,087.42, \$5,555.37, \$34,630.95, \$31,004.49, up 11%; Canyon \$21,615.68, \$20,625.26, \$150,047.44, \$129,865.25, up 15%; Canadian \$18,290.45, \$16,380.42, \$119,826.51, \$113,003.33, up 6%; Muleshoe \$18,838.35, \$18,934.38, \$122,747.59, \$116,942.62, up 4%; Memphis

\$11,807.49, \$11,335.05, \$77,264.88, \$68,525.78, up 12%; Silverton \$3,582.56, \$3,800.33, \$16,037.38, \$19,370.13, down 17%; Amarillo \$795,057.75, \$771,180.57, \$5,687,244.39, \$5,019,925.34, up 13%; Lubbock \$1,032,427.47, \$906,902.90, \$6,829,700.68, \$5,614,265.94, up 21%; Perryton \$52,378.98, \$49,594.45, \$326,181.14, \$255,

878.64, up 27%; Plainview \$97,364.78, \$101,599.25, \$695,867.63, \$620,324.03, up 12%; Hereford \$54,971.86, \$53,782.65, \$372,705.99, \$345,628.86, up 7%; Borger \$78,770.43, \$82,333.65, \$528,454.21, \$479,274.48, up 10%; Pampa \$123,520.74, \$106,923.33, \$733,475.34, \$622,016.26, up 17%; Olton

\$5,175.46, \$5,662.82, \$39,146.66, \$34,612.42, up 13%; Littlefield \$27,943.10, \$28,116.14, \$180,650.21, \$171,290.15, up 5%.



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# FARM & RANCH NEWS

## Farmers Gotta Know The Cost Of Irrigation Before Decisions

Amarillo, Texas--"In 1978, producers must know their cost of pumping before rational decisions can be made about irrigation water use."

When cost of water is known, economic principles can be applied to help producers use water more efficiently. These were the opening remarks of Dr. John Shipley, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Economist from Amarillo at the 32nd annual meeting of the American Seed Trade Association in Chicago. He continued by stating that a lot of things affect cost of production, but water cost is the most critical. His research at the North Plains Research Field at Etter shows that farmers with enough water

for four or more irrigations can produce more grain by growing corn. If only three or less irrigations can be made with available water, sorghum is the best bet.

The scientist continued by discussing his research on irrigating grain sorghum. Studies show that full season sorghum hybrids have maximum yield potential and must be planted prior to May 28. There was no advantage to planting a full season hybrid before May 13. Medium maturing hybrids should be planted from May 28 to mid-June. Early maturity hybrids should be planted after June 15. Shipley said, "With four irrigations, a long season hybrid yielded over 8,000 pounds per acre at Etter when

planted on May 13." A mid-season hybrid planted at the same time made about 7,000 pounds per acre. An early maturing hybrid made maximum yield of 6,000 pounds per acre when planted on June 10.

According to the scientist, planting rate should be adjusted for the anticipated irrigation level. Under limited irrigation with one or two seasonal irrigations, 2 to 4 pounds of seed per acre is the best planting rate. With four irrigations there is no advantage of planting over 8 pounds of seed per acre.

Shipley stated that highest yield response from water sorghum comes during the peak water use period from boot and heading. Watering once or twice at this time is a must. Irrigations made before or after this time increase yield, but not as much, he pointed out.

The scientist continued by describing another irrigation experiment on sorghum at Etter. The entire area received a 5-inch preplant irrigation. In addition, treatments received from one to four irrigations of 4 inches at optimum times. Preplant irrigation only yielded 2,100 pounds of sorghum grain per acre. Adding one irrigation at booting increased yield to 4,100 pounds per acre. Adding two, three and four irrigations resulted in yields of 5,400, 6,200, and 6,800 pounds per acre, respectively.

From these results Dr. Shipley developed a yield response curve. Solving the equation for the curve told the researcher that maximum yield of sorghum would be achieved with 18 inches of summer irrigation water. Using the yield equation, Shipley developed an "optimization equation" to determine the quantity of water to apply for maximum profit. Solving this equation showed that maximum profit per acre came with 14 inches of summer irrigation water, when water costs \$3.50 per acre inch and sorghum grain was selling for \$3.30 a hundred weight. From a practical standpoint four irrigations is the most profitable irrigation level. He hastened to point out that during summer months irrigation water is usually limited and 2 or more crops are competing for available water. Under these conditions growers should distribute limited water over more land to obtain maximum return per unit of water.

Next, Shipley discussed economics of irrigation corn. Peak water use occurs shortly after tasseling in early July and extends through the remainder of the month. "There is little chance of rainfall on the High Plains at that time so planning for ample irrigation is essential," Shipley said.

The scientist went on to describe a corn experiment at Etter in which all treatments were given a preplant irrigation of 5 inches. Seasonal irrigations varied from one at tasseling to six spaced throughout the growing season. Corn yielded 850 pounds of grain per acre with a preplant irrigation only. With an addition irrigation at tasseling, yield increased to 2,500 pounds per acre. The second, third and fourth irrigations increased yield to 4,300 to 5,800 and 6,600 pounds per acre. Six irrigations jumped yield up to 8,200 pounds per acre.

A production curve fitted to these data showed that maximum yield would be 8,740 pounds of grain per acre with 8 summer irrigations. The economist also developed an optimizing equation and found that 24 inches or 6 irrigations was the most profitable amount of water to apply per acre, when corn was selling at \$2.10 per bushel, and water cost \$3.50 per acre inch. According to these calculations applying the seventh or eighth irrigation would both waste water and reduce profit.

Shipley continued by saying "We have shown how to irrigate for maximum profit if ample water is available." "Now lets look at the situation where water is less available than land," he continued. Irrigation should be planned for maximum return per unit of water. In order to do this he compared grain production from various numbers of irrigations on corn and sorghum. Preplant irrigation only produced 2,100 pounds of grain sorghum and 850 pounds of corn per acre. An additional

seasonal irrigation increased sorghum and corn yield to 4,100 and 2,500 pounds per acre. This trend continued through the third irrigation. With four irrigations, sorghum produced 6,800 pounds per acre and corn yielded 6,600 pounds per acre. The economist pointed out that increasing irrigations beyond four on sorghum did not increase yield. However, this was not the case in corn. Adding a 5th and 6th irrigation increased corn production up to 8,200 pounds per acre.

Profit from a crop is determined by yield and price. The December 1 cash price was \$3.36 per hundred weight for sorghum and \$3.75 for corn. Considering these prices, three irrigations produced 204 dollars gross per acre for sorghum and 218 dollars for corn. With two irrigations the situation reversed and sorghum grossed 181 dollars per acre and the same water on corn made 161 dollars.

In conclusion, Shipley pointed out that knowing cost of irrigation water was essential to plan for maximum returns in today's economy. When cost of irrigation water is known decisions can be made on a business like basis to determine which crops to grow and how much they should be irrigated.



The farm program signed into law September 29 contains for cotton, wheat and feed grains an allotment system totally different from anything farmers have seen before, notes Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock, "and it's going to be important that farmers gain a clear understanding of the new system before making final plans for 1978 crops."

Acreage allotments for the major crops have been based on historical plantings since farm programs began. But under the new law each year's allotment will be determined by that year's coverage on all planted acreage, independent of previous years.

Johnson explains that when price prospects for cotton appear to be below the target price, the Secretary of Agriculture, not later than December 15, will announce how many acres can be expected to produce the needed U.S. cotton supply. That will be known as the "National Program Acreage." The National Program Acreage figure will then be divided by the estimated U.S. cotton acreage for harvest that year to determine an allotment "Allocation Factor." And that factor will be applied to each farm's planted acreage to arrive at the farm allotment.

As an example, assume (1) that the Secretary says 11.1 million acres are needed to meet demands in 1978, and (2) that the acreage planted to cotton in the U.S. totals 12 million. The National Program Acreage (11.1 million) divided by planted acreage (12 million) gives a 92.5 percent Allocation Factor, and each farm's cotton allotment would be 92.5 percent of its planted acreage. A farm having 100 acres planted would have an allotment and target price coverage on 92.5 acres.

Farmers can, however, assure themselves of target price coverage on all planted acreage. The Secretary will announce for each year the desired reduction from the previous year's plantings, called the "National Reduction Percentage." And the farmer who reduces his prior year's plantings by that percentage or more will not be subject to application of the allotment allocation factor.

The target price for cotton in 1978 will be 52 cents per pound. If the average price paid to all U.S. farmers for all cotton during the calendar year falls below 52 cents, each farmer will be entitled to the per-pound difference, multiplied by the total payment yield on his allotted acres. Farm payment yields will be based on the three-year average of actual production, adjusted for abnormal weather.

The Secretary has authority to declare a set-aside for any crop, as has already been done for wheat in 1978. For cotton the statutory maximum set-aside is 28 percent of planted acreage.

It is anticipated that USDA will establish for each farm a normal cropland base or normal cropland acreage figure.

When a set-aside requirement is in effect for any program, eligibility for loans and payments will be conditioned on producers planting within their cropland base minus set-aside acreage.

Cropland bases are expected to include all acreage planted to "designated crops" in 1977. No official list of designated crops has been released, but one source, sometimes reliable, says designated crops will include all crops that the State ASCS Committees consider to be major in their states.

No firm regulations for the operation of set-aside programs have been issued, but it appears the cropland base will be the key.



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# Japanese Import Policy Good For U.S. Cattlemen

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, Dec. 13, 1977—U.S. cattlemen will benefit from Japan's recent decision to increase beef imports, says J.A. Whittenburg III, president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

The Amarillo rancher considers the announcement particularly significant to Texas, the nation's leader in all areas of beef production. TSCRA, a Fort Worth-based producers group, represents 14,000 cattlemen in Texas and surrounding states.

"Twenty months ago, TSCRA helped create and finance the U.S. Meat Export Federation, Inc., an industry wide organization for the promotion and expansion of overseas sales of U.S. meat and meat by-products.

"The Denver-based operation, headed by President Alan R. (Bud) Middaugh, has placed particular emphasis on developing the Japanese market. In January or early February 1978, USMEF will open an office in Tokyo with its Asian director Dr. L.B. (Bert) Tennison as fulltime representative.

"Japan's reversal of long-standing policy, which we considered too restrictive on beef imports, coincides perfectly with his arrival. Things now look good for a substantial increase in the U.S. share of the Japanese

beef import market and that makes the USMEF office in Japan even more vital," Whittenburg says.

In 1976, Japan imported 94,000 tons of beef. The U.S. provided slightly more than 12.5 per cent while Australia accounted for more than 80 per cent.

In November 1977, USMEF reported the U.S. trade deficit with Japan was \$8 billion. In order to lessen the trade deficit, Japan is willing to increase its imports and there is no reason the bulk cannot be beef, says Whittenburg.

"TSCRA has felt for some time that foreign market development was critically important to the U.S. cattle industry and our members in particular. Our involvement and financial support of the meat export federation is another example of TSCRA thought in action," Whittenburg says.

### HAVE A SAFE, HEALTHY HOLIDAY

"Tis the season to be jolly—safe and healthy, but unfortunately this can also be a season of tragedy without safety precautions.

Four major precautions will help keep the season both happy and healthy.

**\*PRECAUTION 1)**—Keep unsafe foods, such as nuts and hard candies, out of the reach of small inquisitive hands. Nuts and hard candies are often set out for friends who drop in, but they also may tempt babies and small children. These foods may lodge in a baby's throat or be sucked into the windpipe.

**\*PRECAUTION 2)**—Keep the Christmas tree well-watered, and check the lights carefully before they are hung and during the holidays. Don't leave the lights on when the family goes out.

**\*PRECAUTION 3)**—Make sure an open-space heater is well away from children and objects such as curtains or flammable materials which might catch on fire. Caution children not to play close to the heater, especially when wearing a nightgown or other loosely fitted garment. Open-space heaters give off welcomed warmth in the winter, but they are also a potential fire hazard.

**\*PRECAUTION 4)**—To open a champagne bottle, cover the bottle with a towel and point it away from yourself and others, even when removing the wire mesh. The pop of a champagne cork often accompanies a holiday gathering and some of them cause serious injuries. These corks and plastic stoppers have caused severely detached retinas, partial sight loss and the total loss of sight in one eye. Even removal of just the wire mesh has caused injury when the stopper accidentally popped out too soon.

**FISH FARMING CONFAB**—Fish farmers from Texas and neighboring states will gather at Texas A&M University, Jan. 26-27, for the eighth annual Fishing Farming Conference. Major topics will deal with the production of fingerlings, crawfish and other shellfish, economics and tax management, state and federal regulations on fish production, and research priorities and needs, notes a fisheries specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

**EXPERIMENT STATION CONFAB**—Some 500 agricultural scientists from throughout the state will be attending the annual conference of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Texas A&M University, Jan. 4-6. The group will be participating in professional and personal information sessions as well as research work sessions in some 26 subject matter areas. A panel of agricultural producers will also discuss "What Do We Expect from Our Experiment Station?"

In recent years, Texas has made important strides in providing better living conditions and educational opportunities for migrant farm workers, according to Reagan V. Brown, Agriculture Commissioner.



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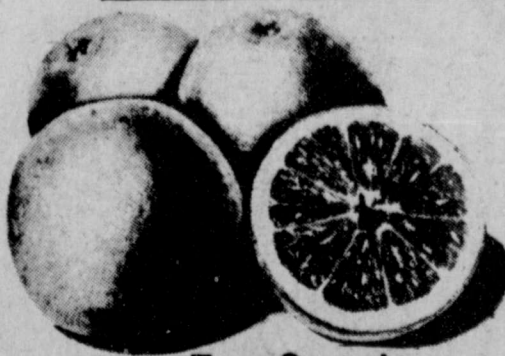
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### Library News

**NEW BOOKLIST**  
 Condominium—John McDonald  
 Washington DC—Gore Vidal  
 1976—Gore Vidal  
 Eggman Thief—Irwin Shaw  
 The Second Deadly Sin—Lawrence Sanders  
 Love and Mary Ann—Catherine Cookson  
 Always is Not Forever—Helen VanSlyke  
 The Other Side of Midnight—Sidney Sheldon  
 Attachments—Judith Rossner  
 The Book of Merlyn—T.H. White

**NONFICTION**  
 King George IV & Queen Elizabeth—Frances Donaldson  
 Catching Up—Charles Veley  
 Essays of E B White—E B White  
 99 Ways to A Simple Life Science in the Public Interest

**FOR THE YOUNG**  
 Are You There God? Its me Margaret—Judy Blume

**THE LEGEND OF JOHN HENRY.** 11 min. Color. 1974. Stephen Bosustow. E-I. JH John Henry, fictionalized for his prowess and stamina as a steel driver, died beating a steam drill in a race through a mountain. Portrays strength, courage, and perseverance in the face of overwhelming odds. Features Roberta Flack singing the scored narrative in this animated film.

**THE MOLE AND THE UMI-RELLA.** 9 min. Color. 1973. McGraw Hill. Pre-EI. With universal humor and quickly moving situations, Czech animator Zdenek Milner has created an entertaining, stimulating story of a mole who finds a new use for his umbrella with every predicament he encounters.

**NOISES IN THE NIGHT.** 9 min. Color. 1969. BFA Educational Media. Pre-EI. Herri fears noises that she hears in the dark. Her parents help her understand that night noises are made by familiar things.

**PRIDE AND WORKMANSHIP.** 9 min. Color. 1975. Paramount Oxford. JH A short portrait of a master American carver of wooden carousel figures, Salvatore Cerigliaro, sensitively reveals his pride in his artistry and his achievement as an immigrant.

**RODEO.** 20 min. Color. 1969. Phoenix Films. JH A The film moves from jovial scenes at the beginning of a National Finals Rodeo to the intense slow-motion battle between a rider and a mean Brahman bull.

**HARKS.** 22 min. Color. 1974. Macmillan. E1-A Explores the behavior of various types of sharks in an objective search for truth about one of the few species that will attack man. Lorne Green narrates.

**THE SILENT PARTNER.** 25 min. B & W. 1955. Eastin Phelan. All ages Features a touching plot accented with hilarious comedy sequences. Selma (Zasu Pitts) reunites Arthur Vail (Joe E. Brown), a film director, and his old friend from the silent days, Kelsy Dutton (Euster Keaton).

**SNAKE RIVER.** 25 min. Color. 1969. Northern Films. JH A Traces the Snake River from its source in Wyoming through Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Describes how it serves mankind by watering farmland, supplying fish, providing electric power, and affording recreation. Looks at the effect man has had on the river.

**THE STEADFAST TIN SOLDIER.** 13 1/2 min. Color. 1955. Macmillan Films. Pre-EI Adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's story of a one-legged tin soldier who falls in love with a paper dancer. The adventures of the soldier provide a captivating plot, and movement of toys and puppets is done ingeniously.

**WHEN YOUR CLOTHING BURNS.** 19 min. Color. 1976. National Fire Protection Association. E1-A All clothing will burn, but cautious behavior and use of flame retardant clothing will reduce the chances of starting a fire. Film shows what to do when clothing is on fire and high probability fire situations around the home.

## Brown Offers Encouragement As Farmers Rally in Austin

AUSTIN—"God help all of us in America and throughout the world if our farmers are driven out of business by low prices," Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown told an assembly of about a thousand farmers and ranchers who converged on the Capitol Sept. 20 to protest depressed market conditions.

Circling the Capitol Building with a convoy of roughly 70 farm vehicles, they were addressed by Brown, Gov. Dolph Briscoe and House Speaker Bill Clayton, among others.

"If the family farm goes down the drain—and it is perilously close to that at this time—the cost of living in this country will skyrocket beyond the limits of imagination," Brown told the orderly and attentive gathering. He added that the net profit position of Texas and American agricultural producers is "nothing short of tragic."

"We must have a national policy for food in this country, one that realizes the essentiality of agriculture and assigns it a high priority," Brown said. "It must not be one that changes every time we elect a new president."

Brown said that given a national policy that provides unimpeded access to domestic and export markets, farmers and ranchers can compete effectively and profitably in the free enterprise system.

Brown also noted that the very fact that farmers have banded together and publicly protested is a sure sign that the situation is critical.

"The farmers and ranchers in America, and especially in Texas, have long been a proud and self-sufficient group," Brown said. "When these people refuse to just sit back and let themselves be run out of business, you know something is very wrong."

Brown added that farmers are not only burdened by low prices for their products, but are angered that retail prices continue to accelerate while farm prices decline.

Following the rally on the Capitol steps, a group of farmers and ranchers met with Briscoe and Brown in the Governor's office. They voiced their concern over the need for more organized bargaining power and over the recently-announced national farm bill. Both Briscoe and Brown pledged their continuing support in making the voices of the state's farmers heard in Washington.

The sentiments of many of the farmers were summed up by Milton Degner of Hillsboro, who said, "Something is very wrong when you farm 1,000 acres, have your wife and son working in the fields and still can't make any money."

However, Degner said he feels a new class of farmer is coming on the agricultural scene today. "You'll find it's mostly the younger ones who are pushing for better prices," he said. "They're the ones who will have to live with the situation the longest."

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