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Christmas

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Indians Take Second In Reese Tournament



Weary Warriors Lose Heartbreaker To AAAA Address

So close, and yet so far! That was the emotion obviously going through the minds of the bone-tired Indians as they accepted the runner-up trophy at the Reese Christmas Classic Basketball Tournament Saturday night. They made a supreme effort in playing five games in three days against one 3-A and two 4-A schools, the last two of which were played with scarcely an hour's rest between them against 4-A El Paso Address. And they came within a whisker of taking it all — the tournament championship and the Presidents Cup that goes with it. But, they lost out by four points 49-53 in their second and final game Saturday night. Due to a freak schedule, caused by withdrawal of several schools after the schedule had been set, the double elimination slate

Car Registration By Mail Begins Next Week

An era is coming to an end. Texas motorists next week will begin receiving their new auto registration applications in the mail. But in 1974 instead of new metal license plates, Texas vehicles will sport small strips of reflective material. The bicentennial red, white and blue validation stickers are to be affixed to the area outlined by an embossed rectangle in the upper left-hand corner of the 5-year plates issued a year ago. So, for the first time since World War II, Texans will use license plates issued in an earlier year. And plans call for annual reissue of the same plate numbers for the foreseeable future for periods of at least five years at a time. The Lone Star State issued plates for the first time in 1917, according to R.W. (Bob) Townsley, director of the Motor Vehicle Registration Division of the State Department of Highways

and Public Transportation. "Prior to that time motorists registered their vehicles in the county of residence," Townsley

DPS Estimates Holiday Deaths May Reach 100

Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, recently warned that traffic accidents during the Christmas and New Year periods may claim almost 100 lives in Texas. The state's top lawman said 48 of the deaths are likely during the Christmas period which runs from 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 24, through midnight Sunday, December 28. An estimated 46 deaths will

ALL BUT BIG — describes the runnerup trophy awarded the Indians for winning second place in the Reese Christmas Classic basketball tournament at Reese AFB, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Tribesmen show their dissatisfaction at not getting the big prize, after slugging it out toe-to-toe

with AAAA El Paso Address through three games and finally losing out on No. 1 by a narrow four points. Receiving the trophy from the Base Commander are, from left, Fouec Grisby, Lonnie Harrison, Mike Williams and Ricky Lewis.

LIFE EXPECTANCY INCREASING

County Newborns to see 2050

For children born in Cochran County this year, the chances of living through the first half of the

next century are excellent. When that point is reached, in the year 2050, they will be 75.

Barring unforeseen holocausts, their survival to that age is well within current projections. It represents a life span that is only 3.1 years greater than prevailing today.

The gap is expected to be closed in the intervening years by medical science, which has been making substantial progress in recent years in the fields of biology, nutrition and public health, as well as in reducing the mortality from heart disease and some forms of cancer.

Because of these gains, life expectancy in the United States reached a record high of 71.9 years in the past year, an increase of no less than six months over 1973.

The findings are based upon longevity studies made by the

Seven Winners Claim Shop-At-Home' Prizes

Mrs. Elmer Gardner was the winner as she produced the winning ticket for \$100 in merchandise certificates at the Christmas drawing held on the courthouse lawn Saturday. She was not the only winner, however, two persons won prizes worth \$50 each and four more won certificates worth \$25 each.

All prizes were in the form of merchandise certificates that are redeemable in merchandise from any of the Morton stores participating in the shop at home promotion. The winners may take their certificates to the store of their choice and pick out the merchandise they want and pay

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THIS IS AN HONOR? could be the question running through the minds of the above National Honor Society candidates as they gathered in the wee small hours of the morning for their initiation last week. All were rousted out of their beds by NHS members and were taken to the Ira Brown residence for the initiation ceremony. Front row from left, they are:

Tobie Jerden, Rita Scoggins, Nola Bowley, Susan Cadenhead, Vicki Kuehler, Tammy Baker, Robert Rice and Robbie Gattis. Rear row: Mitzi Scoggins, Wyn Crone, Gail Lasseter, Belinda Hunter, Debra Young, Raylene Wells, Joel Coffman and Steve Polvado.

Long And Protracted Struggle Marked Development of Revolutionary Navy

DR. DONALD WHISENHUNT As the American colonies resisted British authorities, the problems they faced were almost overwhelming. Throughout this period these difficulties have been mentioned, especially those relating to government and military preparedness. Just as George Washington was urged to develop an army that could stand up to the seasoned British forces, so too the leaders have problems in protecting the extremely long coast from the British navy, long known as the best and most powerful naval force in the world.

Unfortunately, the leadership of the navy never matched that of Washington.



In December 1775 Esek Hopkins was named as the first commander in chief of the Continental Navy. His rank was to correspond with that of Washington. At the time, the fleet consisted of four ships — "Alfred," "Columbus," "Andrea Doria," "Cabot." However, as already mentioned in an earlier column, the American navy was to be augmented by any British ships that might be captured.

Although he remained in the position slightly over a year, Hopkins was never a satisfactory leader. Finally, after much

difficulty, he was formally dismissed on January 2, 1777, because he refused to obey orders from the Continental Congress.

Because of leadership problems and the general difficulty in providing adequate naval defense much of the time of Congress was devoted to this subject.

Although naval development that had no impact on the Revolution but which had long-range significance for the future was the construction of the first American submarine. Known as the "Turtle," it was constructed

by David Bushnell and provided for a crew of one. During 1776 he unsuccessfully attempted to blow up a British frigate in New York harbor. Although unsuccessful, Bushnell had introduced a new and more frightening military weapon that would become a vital part of naval warfare in years to come.

In Spanish Texas, herds of livestock continued to grow. As noted last week the Franciscan missions were responsible for the early development of ranching in Texas.

Over the years the wild herds of livestock increased in Texas.

As more animals were imported to the missions and as the herds grew through natural increase, it was impossible for all the animals to be contained.

Cattle wandered away, were stolen by Indians, or were given or sold to private ranchers. As a result, the wild herds flourished on the rich Texas soil. Visitors to Texas in later years commented on the number of wild livestock in the area. Thus was begun the herds that would eventually become a part of the famous cattle drivers many years later.

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Letter To The Editor

TO: Editor, Morton Tribune, Morton, Texas

Dear Bill:
We wish to commend you on the excellent unbiased reporting of the completion of the new gas supply line, and the credit given to the City Employees and citizens who assisted in the crisis caused by the gas failure. These articles illustrated the importance of the local newspaper in communicating the truth to the public and dispelling rumors and doubts. We feel that a properly informed public is necessary to the efficient performance of the City government.

Sincerely
Marshall J. Leitzell,
Mayor
Councilmen
Burl McCasland
Roy L. Brown
Mike Liner
James St. Clair
Jerry Iley

+ Mr. Michael D. Nichols
Box 1035
Morton, Texas 79346

Dear Michael:

I did not overlook the letter signed by you and others in regard to gun control legislation which arrived some time ago. I am writing you as first signer and I will send a copy of this to the other signers. I can certainly understand your feelings of concern and I share them. I voted against the big gun control bill that was before the Congress several years ago, feeling that the bill went too far and that gun control could best be handled on the state and local levels. I felt then, and I feel now, that every effort should be made to keep weapons out of the hands of criminals; but certainly sportsmen and good citizens generally must be fully protected in their right to possess firearms. Please be assured that this important matter will continue to have my very best attention here and that I shall be bearing in mind your views as the legislative picture unfolds. Let me hear from you at any time. Every good wish.

Sincerely,
George Mahon

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Letter to the Editor:
What do Politicians have against the Little Men in the United States? We are the ones that put them in office, yet we are the ones that always get the shaft put to us.

For example, in the December 20, 1975 edition of the A-J, concerning the compromise tax cut, it stated "Without the (6 months) extension, an average family of four earning \$15,000 a year would have paid \$180 more per year, while a family of four earning \$6,000 yearly would have paid \$410 more in Taxes." Why?? Is it because of the old saying "The Rich get Richer and the Poor get Poorer"? Without this extension, I would be paying \$1370 a year in taxes and I only make \$4800 a year, leaving me with \$3430 to make it by on. It's outrageous! This means 28.5 percent of my earnings goes to Uncle Sam.

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GINNING TEXAS-STYLE—By 1900, large gin operations began to become more commonplace. This one in Texas was equipped to turn out 100 to 200 bales a day, considerably reducing the time a farmer had to wait for his load of cotton to be ginned.

Cotton Gin Was Early Target For Industrial Espionage In U.S.

Today's preoccupation with sophisticated electronic spying devices and the worldwide competition for technological secrets make industrial espionage seem new.

But industrial spying came in as a beam in the eye of the industrial revolution and the cotton gin was an early target of technology thieves, according to the National Cotton Council. Eli Whitney's insistence on keeping his invention secret so he could monopolize cotton processing was an incentive for other machinery makers to spy on his mechanical marvel. And bona fide improvers on the cotton gin focused the world's attention on the American Southeast as the 18th Century faded.

One of Whitney's early competitors was H. Ogden Holmes, later called simply Hodgen Holmes, who invented the saw blade process of pulling cotton lint off the seeds. Whitney used sharp spikes.

Both Holmes and Whitney complained of the many imitators who stole their ideas and refused admittance to their gins except on rare occasions. One successful industrial spy, identified by some historians as Edward Lyon, visited a Whitney plant disguised as a woman. Whitney apparently thought women were devoid of enough mechanical skill to threaten his secrets.

Lyon carried a walking stick that was obscurely calibrated in inches. Feigning interest in a pulley or drive shaft, it was simple for him to tap the part under inspection with the cane and make a fleeting mental note of size.

Because the cotton gin contains brushes or rollers to remove the lint from the sharp teeth, there is a fairly narrow range of speeds and pulley ratios that must be observed accurately for proper operation. These differ brushes must rotate in the same direction as the whirling teeth, but slightly

faster to brush off the freshly separated ginned fiber.

Thus, the calibrated walking stick enabled Lyon to compute speed ratios among the many rotating parts of Whitney's gin. Holmes may have been victimized by the same "woman," according to a letter he wrote a nephew in 1808.

"Scoundrels abound in this land, all bent on stealing the produce of my hands and mind. I admitted a person whom I took to be an elderly lady (sic), and was never suspicious of her or her devilish cane. It now appears I was tricked by a rascal in female attire, as I am told by my neighbors. I suppose now my gin parts are as well named as the morning stars and soon every field hand will know without effort the measurements I worked out with much difficulty. The cane she carried served as a measuring rod and her fond tapping of my machines was but a rapier's thrust to the heart of my labors," he wrote.

Even the time required to process a measured lot of cotton was observed by clever mechanics of the early 19th Century, and Whitney finally adopted the rule that his customers must leave the premises while their cotton was being ginned. The time apparently helped imitators determine speeds.

Patent infringement suits looded the early courts, but Whitney lost most of his suits because judges and juries were confused by the many legitimate cotton ginning inventions and improvements. Gin Historian D. A. Tompkins lists 27 lawsuits filed by Whitney in the U.S. District Court at Savannah, Ga., between 1795 and 1807. Of these, Whitney won two verdicts of \$1,500 and \$2,000 and an unknown judgment by default. In addition, a decree of injunction was issued against one defendant.

Many complaints were never served and several were declared non-suits. In all, by applying to legislatures, Whitney got about \$90,000 in royalties for his invention and became so disgusted with the gin that he moved back to Massachusetts and became rich and famous through firearms manufacture.

He told some of his friends in Springfield, Mass., that his most discouraging experience resulted from constant spying on his cotton gin.

Peace on Earth!

A lost item of advise for our Federal Government -- Take lessons from Texas' State Government. House Speaker Bill Clayton has projected a \$700 million surplus in the State Treasury at the end of our current Biennium, with no increases in taxes.

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INDIANS

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...red that if Morton defeated ... Saturday, after being ... by them Friday, that the ... teams would have to play an ... tional game to decide the ... mpionship — and that is ... ctly what happened.

...dressed defeated Morton 61-57 ... Friday and Morton came back ... wn Andress by 15 points, 71- ... Saturday night. Thus they were ... for first place as they had ... een them eliminated the ... er large schools from ... mpetition.

...The two teams had ... roximately 1 1/2 hours to rest ... ore they tipped off for the ... nd game. The big school ... ntage soon became apparent ... Andress coach reached ... n for his plentiful supply of ... ility reserves and kept a ... onably fresh team on the ... r throughout the game.

...The Indians trailed closely for

most of the game and finally evened it up 28-28 in the third quarter before Andress scored six straight points for a lead they never relinquished. They were hard pressed all the way, however, as the Tribe narrowed it to one point at 46-45 with 1:32 left to go. After that, the El Paso school slowly pulled ahead of the tired Indians to the final 53-49 score.

In earlier tournament action, the Indians gave AAA Pecos a strong nudge toward elimination Thursday by downing them to the tune of 82-40. Mike Williams, who played inspired basketball throughout the tournament, was high man with 25 points.

Friday at 1:30 p.m., the first of the epic Morton-Andress confrontations took place with the Indians losing the game, 57-61, but gaining rapidly in experience. Loyd Joyce was the Tribe's top scorer with 20 points on 9 of 19 field goals and 2 of 4 free throws.

Big Spring was the next victim on the Tribe agenda with tipoff set for 7:30 Friday. The Indians victory at 71-46 wrote finis to the

Steers and they disappeared from the tourney slate, having lost to Andress on Thursday.

Once again Williams was high for the Tribe with 23 points on 9 of 23 field shots and 5 of 10 from the charity line.

The first Saturday tilt that set the stage for the big shootout appeared to be a breeze for the Tribe as they led almost all the way and didn't seem to strain as they steadily drove to their 71-56 victory. The El Paso coach substituted freely and was apparently determined to keep his squad fresh for the second game if it became necessary. And he had the troops to make that maneuver a success.

The rest is history — The Indians won the runnerup trophy and proved to all observers that they are right at home with the big kids — and are just waiting till the Caprock tourney where they will be playing in the large school bracket again.

will remain the same for the life of the vehicle and will be affixed in the upper left-hand corner of the license plate. A definite advantage will be the elimination of long lines of motorists waiting to register their vehicles once each year, as only part of the registrations will be issued each month.

When the new monthly registration system becomes effective, cost of registration will be determined by the month of issue for the first year, and a motorist will pay for length of the registration period — whether for part of a year or more than a year.

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Elra Oden and Erma Cassares.
The drawing this year was sponsored by the Morton Tribune.

November Accidents Injure Four Persons

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated three accidents on rural highways in Cochran County during the month of November, 1975, according to Sergeant H.E. Pirtle, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in no persons killed and four persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first 11 months of 1975 shows a total of 41 accidents resulting in three persons killed and 23 persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for the 60 counties of the Lubbock Department of Public Safety Region for November 1975, shows a total of 530 accidents resulting in 14 persons killed and 258 persons injured, as compared to November, 1974, with 497 accidents resulting in 10 persons killed and 229 persons injured. This was 33 more accidents, four more killed, and 29 more injured in 1975 at the same period of time.

The traffic deaths for the month of November 1975, occurred in the following counties: Two each in Swisher and Wilbarger; and one each in Clay, Crosby, Lubbock, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Hutchinson, Oldham, and Wheeler.

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National Center for Health Statistics, the Institute of Life Insurance and others.

In Cochran County, this increase has been evidenced by a rise in the number of older people.

Currently, in the local area, the figures show a total of 390 men and women at age 65 or over. They represent 8.4 percent of the population.

For those who have just reached 65, their added life expectancy is greater than it ever was at that age — 13 years for men and 18 1/2 for women.

The span of life has increased considerably from what it was in earlier years. Since the middle of the last century, each generation has had a better survivorship record than the one before it.

Compared with the present expectancy at birth of 71.9 years, it was 68.2 for those born in 1950 and 59.7 for those who arrived in 1930.

The likelihood of survival is greater for women than for men at every period of life. On the basis of the national findings, a young woman in Cochran County, just married at age 22, has better than 90 chances out of 100 of living for the next 30 years, by which time there would be no more dependent children on hand.

For her husband, who was two years older when they got married, the chances are about 88 in 100 of his surviving the 30 years.

CAR

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The county tax assessor-collector issued a plate number and the owner of the vehicle got a appropriate materials from a convenient hardware store and made his own plate or plates.

The first state-issued plates were round, and were colored white on red.

Later, size and style of plates varied somewhat, but assumed a shape basically similar to the familiar rectangular plates issued today. It was necessary a few years ago to initiate a three-letter, three-figure numbering system to accommodate the increasing number of motor vehicles registered each year.

The letters and numbers were separated by an embossed five-point star from 1923-45 and from 1957 to the present. All that will change this year, too. The 64th Legislature decreed that the star should be replaced by a silhouette of the State of Texas on all future license plates. The state silhouette will appear on the plates only after existing supplies are exhausted, Townsley said.

To cut the cost of plates, manufactured by the Texas Department of Corrections at Huntsville, it also was determined that plates should be used for five years instead of being reissued annually.

Principal change in the 1975 plates was the addition of embossed rectangles in the upper left and right corners, and a galvanized back to assure longer life for the metal.

Beginning in 1978, Texas will go to a "year-round" registration system. The validation sticker will indicate the month of issue for each car, with the month to be determined by the department.

Vehicle registration will occur during every month of the year, similar to the present procedures for vehicle safety inspection.

The month-of-issue sticker

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the clerk with the certificate the same as if it were cash.

Participating stores where they are redeemable include: The New York Store, Doss Thriftway Supermarket, Ben Franklin, Ramsey's Foods, Luper Tire & Supply, Liners Pharmacy, Rose Auto and Appliance, St. Clairs Department Store, Taylor & Son Furniture, Marina's Mini Mart, Pat's Fashions, Bill's Furniture & Appliance, and Morton Floral & Gift Shop.

Second prize of \$50 in merchandise certificates was won by Lloyd Stewart. Third prize, also for \$50, was won by Carla Franklin, and four prizes of \$25 certificates were won by Sarah McClendon, Jane Hoyl.



Santa zooms in his pack filled to overflowing with joy, peace, and contentment for all. Happy holidays and thanks.

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Joyous Christmas



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MAX AND PAT

MHS Students Attend Levelland Council Convention

A total of 25 delegates from Morton High School attended the annual convention of District V, South Plains Association of Student Councils. Convention activities were hosted on Wednesday, Dec. 10, by South Plains College.

Delegates were Nola Bowley, Joey Bryan, Malcolm Coleman, Joel Coffman, Donna Cox, Wyn Crone, Lisa Gerik, Mary Jo Hudson, Belinda Hunter, Tobie Jerden, Jenna Key, Diana Kuehler, Rusty Lamar, Henry Marina, Debbie Polvado, Melanie Polvado, Steve Polvado, David Ramby, Mitzi Scoggins, Kevin Silhan, Patti Waters and Annette Willingham.

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Lubbock Methodist Hospital Now Using X-Ray Brain Scanner

An EMI Brain Scanner, a new X-ray technique for producing pictures of the brain, is now in operation in Methodist Hospital, George M. Brewer, president, announced recently.

"This new diagnostic device provides detailed information on brain tissue abnormalities in a new perspective. It is more comfortable and less costly for the patient, as hospitalization is avoided. It is safer than previous procedures used to diagnose conditions within the brain," Mr. Brewer states.

The EMI Scanner system, located in the Nuclear Medicine area of the hospital, uses small amounts of X-ray in conjunction with a computer to produce clear pictures, which are cross-section views from the top of the head, looking down.

Methodist Hospital staff physicians in neurology and neurosurgical services are scheduling patients to be evaluated for tumors, blood clots or strokes, brain hemorrhages, hydrocephalus, acute head injuries, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis and degenerative brain disease.

There is no pain during the examination. The patient wears normal clothing and reclines on an adjustable couch with the head positioned in a water-filled, rubber head-cap. The examination does not cause headaches or nausea, and hospitalization is not required for a recovery period.

During the scan, a portion of the machine rotates around the patient's head, taking readings of X-ray transmission. These readings are converted to electronic form and fed into the computer. Within seconds, the results are shown on a viewing screen, similar to television. The pictures are recorded on

permanent discs. Additionally, the X-ray results are reproduced as a numerical printout, giving another permanent record of conditions within the brain.

The EMI Scanner system includes a Diagnostic Display Console and a Viewing Unit, where the pictures are shown on monitoring screens and are recorded as Polaroid prints for examination by radiologists and physicians.

Prior to development of the EMI Scanner, normal and abnormal conditions within the brain could be displayed only by injecting substances which created contrasts between tissue structures.

Radiological methods most commonly used include injections of radioisotopes or dyes into the arteries or the introduction of air into the ventricles of the brain. These procedures normally can be done only when the patient is in the hospital, and they involve various degrees of discomfort.

The new EMI Scanner does not make these methods obsolete, but it does offer the radiologist and surgeon a method of mapping out the contents within the skull to make an early, definite and painless diagnosis.



CANCER ANSWER LINE

American Cancer Society
M. D. Anderson Hospital
and Tumor Institute
National Cancer Institute

An avid newspaper reader notes: "I have been reading claims about a drug called laetrile for cancer for a very long time. What's the real story about it?"

ANSWERline: Laetrile is a derivative of apricot pits that has absolutely no value in cancer treatment. In recent months four leading cancer research centers reported studies which concluded that laetrile has no benefit in treating animal or human cancer. It is interesting to note that animals who did not respond to laetrile in these studies did show a response to regular cancer drugs. It is illegal to transport laetrile across state lines.

A career girl asks: "Does a woman's age have anything to do with uterine cancer?"

ANSWERline: From the time she is old enough to bear a child, a woman could get uterine cancer. However, age does seem to make a difference in the place cancer is likely to begin. In young women and those in the pre-menopausal years, uterine cancer is most often found in the cervix or the neck of the uterus. In older women cancer more often strikes the body or main portion of the uterus. For more information ask your local American Cancer Society for a leaflet entitled "Stay Healthy - Learn About Uterine Cancer."

A grandfather recalls: "When I was young no one even liked to say the word, cancer. Now, people talk about it all the time. How did this change in attitude take place?"

ANSWERline: Cancer was once considered a taboo subject and it was often seen as a punishment for a misdeed or something shameful. Today, we regard it as a disease to be understood, treated and conquered. The change probably began to take place when volunteers from the American Cancer Society and leaders of the medical world appealed to the press and then radio to tell the true story. Then too, as more and more people were cured of their disease and spoke openly about it, attitudes changed. For example, our brave

First Lady, Mrs. Betty Ford, has set a wonderful example in her courageous attitude towards breast cancer.

Question: "Is cancer of the urinary system a rare form of cancer?"

ANSWERline: In 1975 some 43,000 new cases of cancer of the kidney and bladder will be diagnosed. In terms of death rates, urinary cancer accounts for six percent of all cancer deaths among men and three percent of cancer deaths among women.

A movie buff wonders: "Is it true that John Wayne had lung cancer? I thought that's fatal."

ANSWERline: Yes, John Wayne was extremely lucky because he was one of the 10 percent of lung cancer patients who could be saved. Now, in volunteer work for the American Cancer Society, he stresses the fact that a physical checkup helped to save his life because his disease was detected in a curable stage. He urges everyone to have a checkup regularly.

Do you have further questions? Call your local unit of the American Cancer Society or write: Cancer Communication Center, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital & Tumor Institute, Texas Medical Center, Houston, 77025.



US Farmers Increase Loans From Own System During '74

Farmers in the United States are borrowing more money than ever from their own banking system, says Johnny Feagan, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Feagan points out that the number of loans made through the Farm Credit System, which is made up entirely of farmers and farm cooperatives, was almost 20 per cent higher for the year ending June 30 than a year ago.

"Loans through the Farm Credit System to farmers and agricultural cooperatives totaled \$30.4 billion this past year, up almost 20 percent," points out the Texas A&M University System specialist. "Loans outstanding in June totaled \$30 billion, a 22 per cent increase over last year."

The Farm Credit System is made up of several different banking organizations which are all under the control of the Farm Credit Administration. Federal Land Banks make long-term loans through local Federal Land

Bank Associations, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks and short and intermediate-term loans to local Production Credit Associations while Banks of Cooperatives finance individual farm cooperatives. The cooperative segment alone made loans of \$8.6 billion, up 26.3 per cent over last year.

There are 450 agricultural cooperatives in Texas with a total of 150,000 members, says Feagan. These cooperatives combined to do more than \$7 million in business this past year.

"The present trend," says Feagan, "is a reduced number of cooperatives but an increased volume of business with growing need for additional financing."



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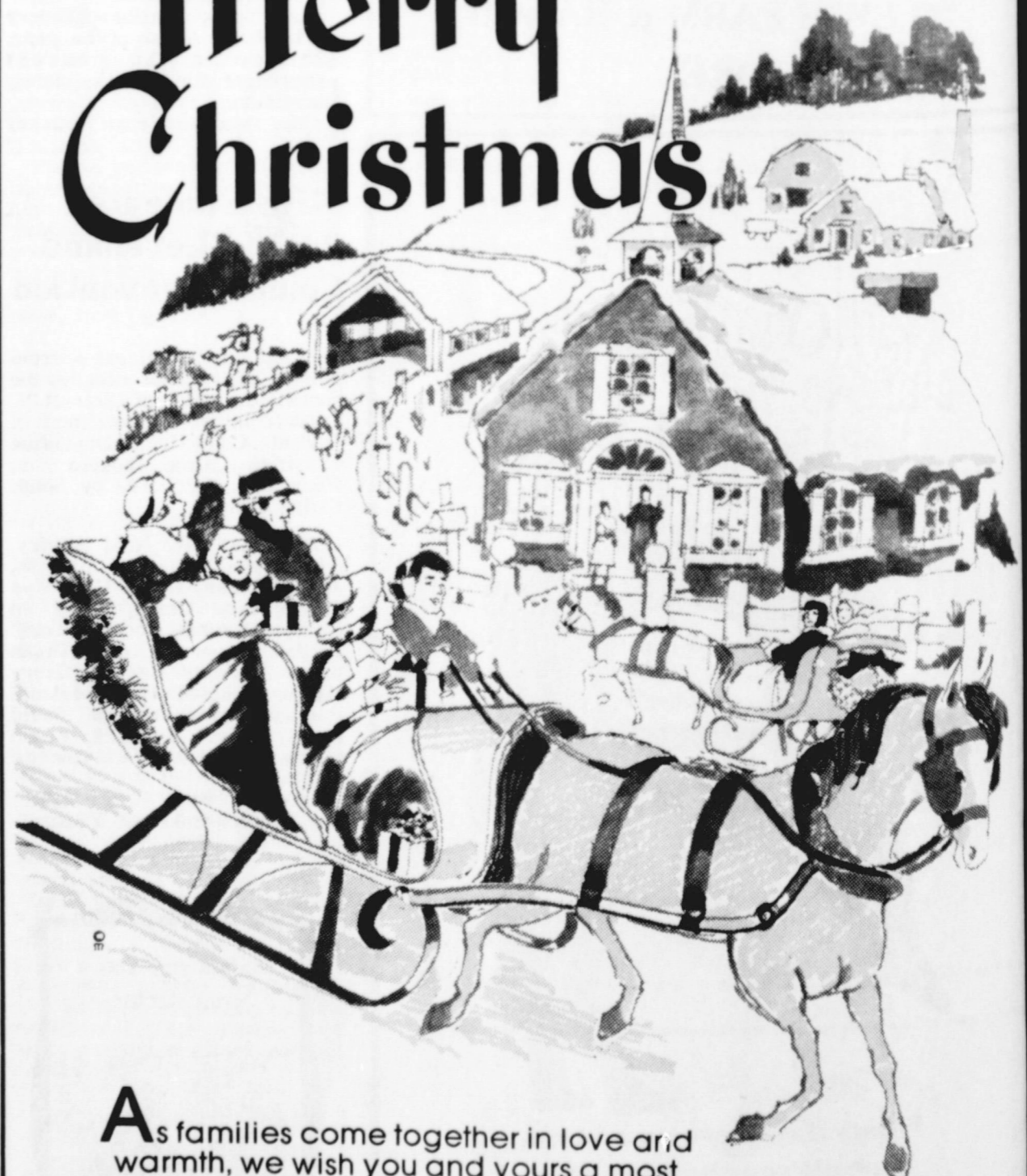
SEASONS GREETINGS

May Christmas bring harmony and peace to all our loyal patrons.

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Merry Christmas



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NIGHT WEAR, TEDDY BEARS AND DOLLS highlighted the annual Morton High School Band and Choir Winter Musical Sunday afternoon in the Cochran County Activity Auditorium. Pictured are members of the "Tranquility" group who sang "The Night Before Christmas."

TELL ME

HOW DO BATS SEE AT NIGHT?

FLYING IN DARKNESS, BATS EMIT CONSTANT HIGH PITCHED CRIES WHICH ARE REFLECTED FROM OBSTACLES BEFORE THEM, THUS GUIDING THEIR WAY!

WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY HUMAN EMOTIONS?

FEAR, ANGER AND LOVE! ALL OTHERS ARE LINGUISTIC MODIFICATIONS OF THESE THREE EMOTIONS!

WHAT ARE THE MARKS AND SPOTS SEEN BY THE NAKED EYE UPON THE SURFACE OF THE MOON?

THESE MARKS ARE CAUSED BY THE ROUGHNESS OF THE MOON'S TERRAIN... THE DRY OCEAN BEDS AND THE NUMEROUS EXTINCT VOLCANIC CRATERS!

ISN'T CORN A VEGETABLE?

NO! CORN IS A FRUIT! IT GROWS FROM A FLOWER!

Greetings
In the midst of the holiday flurry and fun, we want to take time to wish all our friends a Christmas of special delights. Thanks all.

WEST TEXAS SEED CO

SPC Evening Study Program Offers Variety Of Courses

Evening classes for the spring semester at South Plains College will begin Jan. 12, 1976.

Registration will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, and will continue through Jan. 23.

Evening classes meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays include Intermediate Algebra (Mth 130-4), College Algebra (Mts 131-4), Mathematical Analysis I (Mth 137-2), Mathematical Analysis II (Mth 138-3), Anatomy and Physiology (Zoo 241-2) and U.S. History since 1865 with emphasis on Texas (Hst 232-11).

Other Monday and Wednesday classes include Elementary Typewriting (BV 130-1) and Elementary Shorthand (BV 132-2), both from 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Anatomy and Physiology lab (Zoo 241-2) from 6:55 to 8:10 p.m.; and Introduction to Law Enforcement (LE 130-1), Basic Accounting I (BV 238-1), Principles of Economics II (Eco 232-3), and Principles of Retailing (Mgt 238-2), all from 7 to 8:20 p.m.

Also meeting on Monday and Wednesday are Business and Professional Speech (Sp 238-3), College Composition and Rhetoric (Eng 131-5), College Composition and Rhetoric (Eng 232-8) and American Government, Functions, all from 7 to 8:20 p.m.; and Police Supervision (LE 235-1), Principles of Accounting II (ACC 232-3), Business Law (BV 237-2), Small Business Management (Mgt 236-1), College Composition and Rhetoric (Eng 132-21) and General Psychology (Psy 231-4), all from 8:40 to 10 p.m.

Tuesday classes include World Regional Geography (Gy 235-2)

from 5:45 to 8:45 p.m., Introduction to Welding (Wld 130-1), from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., and Fashion Buying and Textile Selection for Apparel and Home Furnishings (FM 233-2), Personnel Management (Mgt 237-2), Radio-TV Servicing I (RTS 0305-1), Painting II and lab (Art 232-2), Photography (Pho 234-1) and Spanish Conversation I (Spa 031-2), all from 7 to 10 p.m.

Thursday classes include Art in Elementary Education (Art 236-3) from 5:45 to 8:45 p.m. and a lab which students may arrange with the instructor; Diesel Fuel Injection Systems (DM 0321-1), Radio-TV Servicing II (RTS 0306-1), Ceramics (Art 233-2) and a lab, Photography (Pho 233-1), all from 7 to 10 p.m. General Physics lab (Phy 141-1) will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Half-time programs meeting from 6 to 11 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays include Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanics I-IV (RAC 0701-1, RAC 0702-1, RAC 0703-1, RAC 0704-1, RAC 0705-1, RAC 0706-1, and RAC 0707-1); and Automotive Mechanics I and II (Am 0701-1 and AM 0702-1).

Know Your Nursing Home:

Many gala Holiday Seasonal Activities have been in progress at Roberts Memorial Nursing Home of Morton. The Season was opened by a Door Decorating Contest. Several Church and Civic Groups participated in this exciting competitive event. Each resident's room door was decorated in a cheery Christmas motif. The Young People of the Templo Getsemani Church were chosen as the winners of the contest. Mrs. Myrtle Roberts' door was selected by judges, (Mrs.) Jean Sayers and Miss Terry Shiflett as the most attractive.

A Christmas Tea and Open House were held on Thursday, December 18, with Miss Anita Pinon, Director of Activities, acting as hostess. Many relatives and friends shared the occasion with our residents. That same evening Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snow, owners of the nursing home, hosted the staff of Roberts Memorial Nursing Home, Morton and the staff of Amherst Manor, Amherst to a Christmas Party in their own home in Levelland. Games, gift exchanges, and refreshments were the basis of an enjoyable evening.

Monday, December 22, was the time of the Annual Christmas Party for our residents. The festivities were claimaxed with the arrival of Santa Claus, himself. The excitement of the Season continues as relatives and friends, packages, fruit, and other goodies arrive daily. We invite each of our readers to come by and share of himself with our residents.

Christmas Cheer

Every day's a holiday being with our many friends. Thanks and best wishes for a Merry Christmas!

TOM'S BARBER SHOP
TOM IVEY

Trader's Intrigue Caused Destruction Of Early Gin

A trader's attentions to a pretty Indian woman is said to have led to destruction of the first cotton gin in Alabama.

In 1802, Abram Mordecai had obtained consent from the Creek Indian chiefs to establish a cotton gin at Weatherford's race track on a bluff just below the junction of the Coosa and Tallapoosa rivers. The gin was built by Lyons and Barnett of Georgia, who brought their tools, gin saws, and other material to the area on packhorses.

Mordecai bought cotton from the Indians in small quantities, ginned it, and then carried it on packhorses to Augusta.

Chief Tourulla of the Coosawda tribe, after allegedly hearing of Mordecai's intrigues with the married woman, went to the trader's house with a dozen warriors. They are said to have given Mordecai a "sound thrashing, cut off his ear, and left him to the care of his wife." Before departing, they destroyed the trader's boat and burned down his gin house.

Destruction of Mordecai's gin didn't deter development of the cotton industry in Alabama, however. By 1808, the National Cotton Council reports, cotton had become the leading agricultural product of the region.

Cotton had been raised in the Alabama-Tombigbee region as early as 1772, and the Cherokees began manufacture of cotton cloth in 1796.

In the northern part of the state, the government in 1809 offered for sale a small tract of land lying between the Tennessee border and the great bend in the Tennessee River. The property, which was the original Madison County, was quickly bought by cotton planters from Georgia. The city of Huntsville was built around a great spring and soon became the commercial center of the new region. By 1816, Madison County cotton growers were producing a 10,000-bale crop. Cotton accounted for most of the state's wealth until the early 1900's, earning Alabama the nickname of "The Cotton State."

Peace....

May you, our dear friends, be blessed with a joyous Christmas filled with peace and happiness. Warm thanks.

HARPOOL SEED-MORTON INC.

GREETINGS

As hills and valleys echo the wonderful sounds of Christmas, they echo too, our sincere gratitude for your warm and valued friendship.

Happy holidays!

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Enochs-Bula News

By Mrs. J.D. Bayless

Mrs. George Fine is home after spending two weeks with her son, Rev. and Mrs. L.W. Fine, in Guyton, Okla.

Junior Austin brought his son, Jeff, out Friday to spend the holidays with his grandparents, the Raymond Austins.

Mr. and Mrs. Orbe Phillips attended the funeral services for Paul Nafsgar Monday at the First Methodist Church at Olton.

R.C. McCormick of Clovis stopped in for a visit with Mrs. Alma Altman, Mr. and Mrs. George Autry of Pep, N.M. also visited with her.

The Junior department of the Baptist Church and the teachers, Mrs. Charlie Shaw, Mrs. J.E. Layton, Mrs. Glynn Price, Mrs. Alma Altman, Mrs. C.C. Snitker, Mrs. E.N. McCall, Mrs. Ray Seagler and Mrs. Winnie Byars met in the fellowship hall of the church for their Christmas party. They exchanged gifts and enjoyed refreshments.

Mrs. Fernie Bell and daughter, Mrs. Bill Phillips, of Muleshoe and Mrs. Orbe Phillips, were all guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Blackman Wednesday.

Mrs. Kenneth Coats drove to Clovis, N.M. Wednesday to take care of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Jones, and baby. They came home from the hospital that day.

Mrs. Winnie Byars received word Wednesday night that her little granddaughter, Anni Sky Byars, was very ill. She drove to Friona Thursday morning to be with her.

Mr. Joel Sinclair is staying with her parents, the Harold Pollards. Her husband went to Shawnee, Okla. to get his brother, Steve Sinclair.

Douglas Gilliam of Morton visited one day with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Gilliam, last week.

Robert Layton was putting up outside Christmas lights when his ladder fell. He broke his arm.

The young people of the Baptist

Church had their Christmas party Wednesday night then went to Morton for a skating party. Those going were Ronald and Renee Beasley, Jaylyn and Jana Greer, Paula Nichols, Robert Layton, Bryan Roberts, Kevin Key, and Jarrol and Keith Layton and their sponsors, Mrs. Keith Price and Mrs. Ralph Beasley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nichols and children, Donnie, Paula and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nichols were guests in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Sandefer, at Morton last Sunday. They had her family Christmas dinner and party.

Mrs. Bob Suggs of Odessa came Friday and visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V.C. Weaver. She took her five grandchildren, Shannie, Sherri, Slannan, Leena and Amy Cape to spend the holidays with her.

Thursday at 2:00 p.m. the adult ladies had their Christmas party at the fellowship hall of the Church. They sang songs, had a prayer and exchanged gifts. Each one told of the best Christmas they could remember. After refreshments of Christmas goodies, they took some goodies and Kleenex to the Roberts Rest Home. Those present were Mmes. J.W. Layton, L.E. Nichols, Ray Seagler, J.E. Layton, Chester Petree, Harold Layton, Guy Sanders, Glynn Price, Bill Key, Clyde Price, Charlie Shaw, and Johnny Cox.

Kristopher Lynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones of Clovis, N.M. arrived Dec. 14 at 10:28 a.m. in Clovis Memorial Hospital. He was 21 inches long and weighed 7 pounds and 6 1/2 ounces. This is the first child for the couple. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coats of Morton, Mr. and Mrs. David Moreland of Clovis. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Coats of Morton and his Maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Alma Altman of Enochs.

Funeral services for William (Dick) Bryant of Littlefield were 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church in Littlefield. Officiating were Rev. A.J. Kennemer, pastor of the church, and Rev. Charlie Shaw, pastor of Enochs Baptist Church. Burial was in the Littlefield Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were deacons of the Enochs Baptist Church, Carl Hall, Dale Nichols, Chester Petree, Harold Layton, Clifford Snitker and Buford Peterson. Honorary pallbearers from our area were Jim Richardson, Dorwin McBee, Bud Pierce, and

Ralph Beasley. Mr. Bryant was survived by his wife, Alberta; a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Montgomery of Plainview; a son, Duane Bryant of Clayton, N.M.; and five grandchildren.

ARS Solar Energy-Heated House Nearing Completion

Construction of a medium-priced, three-bedroom family dwelling heated with solar energy, designed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service (ARS), is nearing completion.

The completely insulated attic of the house serves as the solar collector and a 12-inch thick layer of crushed rock beneath the floor of the house serves as a heat storage tank. The house is conventional in other respects.

The heating system is simple in design. Two layers of translucent fiberglass replace conventional roofing on the south roof slope and transmit sunshine or solar energy into the attic where it is absorbed by a black plywood floor. This heats the air in the attic and the heated air is circulated to heat the house and the rocks beneath the house. The heated rocks can store a four-day supply of heat to warm the house at night and during cloudy or rainy weather.

The solar heated house was designed at the ARS Rural Housing Research Unit, Clemson, S.C., by architect Harold F. Zornig. It is part of the ARS effort to lower the operating costs of rural housing with a low-cost, low-maintenance heating system using solar radiation as the energy source. Such a heating system could be modified to match the demands of other geographic and climatic areas.

Mr. Zornig predicts that at least 75 percent of the house heating load during the coldest month in Greenville can be supplied by solar energy. To meet the small need for extra heat during the heating season a slightly larger than normal hot water heater is used as an auxiliary heat source. How water is automatically pumped from the hot water supply to a heat exchanger in the air distribution system when and if the house has no solar heat in the attic or in storage.

The rocks that are used as a heat storage tank in winter can keep the house at a pleasant daytime temperature during the warm months. This is achieved by bypassing the heat from the solar collector and allowing the rocks to cool at night.

Hello-Thermics, Inc., builders of the house is cooperating with ARS in the project. The Greenville firm developed the solid-state electronic controller which operates the house's energy conserving system.

The ARS Rural Housing Research Unit will monitor the performance of the prototype house through four seasons starting this winter, according to Mr. Zornig.

Performance during the year

will be measured while the house is occupied. Although designed by ARS and built to ARS specifications, construction is being done by the Greenville firm for a local resident who contracted for the house. The owner has agreed to allow installation of the instrumentation necessary to properly monitor the heating and cooling systems.

The prototype house has a calculated average heat loss of 216,000 BTU per day in the Greenville area in January. In this same month there should be available a calculated 457 BTU per day of solar energy per square foot of transparent roof, assuming the prototype house will have the same 43 percent attic collector efficiency as a small test house previously built by the Rural Housing Research Unit.

With a collection area of 442 square feet, the solar system should provide an estimated 201,994 BTU per day, or 94 percent of the heat needed. Mr. Zornig says, however, that because of loss of heat through the storage system, the predicted 75 percent supply of solar heat to meet heating loads in January is probably more realistic.

North Carolina Governor Early Cotton Planter

Today's cotton farmer probably wouldn't agree with a statement made by North Carolina Gov. Benjamin Williams in 1800 when he described cotton as the "safest crop for a beginner."

But then, the governor had never heard of a boll weevil or a pink bollworm, points out the National Cotton Council.

Williams made the statement in a letter to Gen. Henry William Harrington of Richmond County when he wrote to thank him for a wagon load of cotton and told of his intentions of planting a crop at his plantation in Moore County.

The governor instructed his overseer to "pitch" his crop entirely in hills prepared in squares four feet apart. The 42-acre crop yielded 3,200 pounds of clean cotton—a per-acre yield roughly equivalent to about one-sixth of today's average turnout.

Gen. Harrington, who supplied seed for the crop, was described by a newspaper correspondent as the "first farmer in the state." He had acquired a plantation on the east side of the Pedee River in 1776, and early shifted to large-scale cotton production. Harrington's advice on cotton and other agricultural subjects was frequently sought by other planters.

Cotton culture rapidly expanded during this period in North Carolina, and by 1811 the state had 739 gins which cleaned almost 2 1/2 million pounds of cotton.

Farm-facts

A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

Compiled From Sources
Of The Texas Department of Agriculture
John C. White, Commissioner

Hopefully . . . Wheat Pastures So, So . . . Farm Labor Force Declines.

By year's end, Texas farmers are hoping the current dry spell will come to an end. Rainfall over many parts of the state since the Fall season has been far below normal.

Because of this, the cow-calf producer and all livestock men are facing what could be a tough winter. Even though better days ahead are predicted for the livestock industry next year, cattlemen are facing up to the present possibility of a long, tough winter.

WHEAT PASTURES in the Panhandle and Low Plains are having growing problems. Slightly more than a third of the wheat acreage in those areas has sufficient growth to pasture. A year ago, about three-fourths of the wheat pastures were being grazed.

The forage supply in the northern High Plains is poor and very little grazing has occurred. The Low Plains' forage supply is rated fair to good.

If it's any consolation, Texas is not any worse off than other states. Only about a fourth of the fall-seeded wheat in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas had sufficient growth to support grazing, emphasizing again the dry spell is rather widespread.

The yearling winter-grazing program in Central Texas is reported to be holding its own, but there, too, rainfall is needed to give small grain fields an opportunity to produce.

THE AGRICULTURAL LABOR FORCE on Texas farms and ranches shows a decrease of 13 per cent from a year earlier, according to a survey from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

Wages paid all hired and farm and ranch workers in the state during the survey period were up 11 cents an hour from a year ago to average \$2.26 per hour.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED in Texas as of Dec. 1 is 21 per cent above a month ago but 16 per cent below a year ago in November. The number of lambs on feed is 87,000.

Intentions to market are: 43,000 during December; 38,000 during January, 1976; and 6,000 in February.

January and February intentions are incomplete since additional lambs could still be placed on feed.

COTTON HARVEST CONTINUES to make good progress. More than two-thirds of the crop has now been harvested, which is ahead of the three-year average. Meanwhile, land preparation is underway for the 1976 crop in the southern areas of the state.

YOU MAY YET RECEIVE A QUESTIONNAIRE from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service before the year is over.

Several thousand Texas farmers have already received theirs, but some more are yet to be mailed.

If you receive it, you are requested to fill it out as accurately as possible and return it promptly.

They will be used in making projections and estimates for Texas agriculture production.

Best Wishes
for Christmas



In the warm spirit of good fellowship and this Christmas season, we offer our gratitude to our many friends.

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Morton Girls Take Second In O'Donnell Cage Tourney

Morton's Varsity Girls basketball team came home from the O'Donnell Tournament with a second place trophy this weekend. They defeated Wilson 69-59 Friday night, but fell to the J.V. girls Saturday night 35-35.

In the Wilson game, the Morton girls came on strong in the first quarter with a lead of 20-8 at the end of the quarter. Still shooting strong and keeping Wilson from scoring, the local fens were ahead 47-26 at the half.

Morton let down the 3rd quarter and the score was 61-46 at the end of the third period. When Wilson got a rally started in the fourth quarter with Morton defeating Wilson by only 6 points, 69-63.

Deborah Young was high scorer with 38 points, with 18 free goals, and hitting 2 of 3 free shots. Susan Cadenhead had 23 points on 6 field goals and 11 of 12 free throws for a fantastic 92 percent from the charity line. Doris Joyce had 10 points and Robin Polvado had 4 to complete the Indians scoring.

In the Slaton game, Morton

outscored Slaton 10-8 the first quarter, but never really could get started, and were behind 23-17 at the half. Slaton scored 14 points to Morton's 6 to lead at the end of the 3rd quarter 37-23.

Mortongirls out played Slaton the fourth quarter by scoring 12 points to Slaton's 8, with credit going to the Morton guards for good defense. However, this was not enough for a win, and Morton went down 45-35 in the finals of the O'Donnell Tourney.

Guards seeing a lot of action for Morton were Debbie Polvado, Raylene Wells, Lisa Gerik, and Robin Polvado.

Susan Cadenhead had 13 points, Doris Joyce had 12, and Deborah Young had 10 points to account for the Morton score.

The Indian girls team will next see action after the Christmas holidays when the girls play two games against Levelland along with two games by the boys in the local gym on Tuesday, January 6.

The girls will start district action on Friday, January 9, when they face Olton in the local gym. This will mark the first time in twelve years that Morton girls have entered the district wars.

Yarn for the bagging is spun on open-end machinery at Feather Yarns, 515 E. 44th Street, Lubbock, and at Southwest Textiles in Abernathy. Southwest Textiles is wholly owned by area investors and High Plains people own a majority interest in Feather Yarns.

A Raschel knitting machine located in a plant at 212 Ave. P, Lubbock, turns the yarn into bagging material. The knitting plant, Producers Cotton Bagging, Inc. is jointly owned by the Claunch family and Donnell Echols, Jerry Harris and Frank Jones, all farmers and ginners in Dawson County.

Early plans of the group called for the manufacture of some 30,000 patterns of the unique bagging for the 1975 crop, but start-up delays and the unusual speed with which the harvest is being completed this year has now cut expectations to about 10,000 patterns. Still, plans are to keep the plant going and build up an inventory for use in 1976 when they believe 250,000 patterns can be used.

Jim Seiba, Manager of the knitting facility, says one knitter is now in operation and two more are in storage pending installation in a building larger than the present location. Each machine, operating at 80 percent of capacity, can turn out 288 patterns every 24 hours for an eventual production rate of over 850 patterns per day.

Officials of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., who attended House Cotton Subcommittee hearings in Washington December 16 and 17 report an emphatic majority of testimony urging congressional approval of a producer referendum on increased funding for Cotton Incorporated (CI), the producers' national cotton research and market development company.

The hearings were held on a proposal by Subcommittee

Chairman David Bowen of Mississippi, which would authorize a national producer vote on raising voluntary producer contributions to CI from \$1.00 to \$1.00 plus up to 1 percent of the value of the cotton.

PCG President W.B. Criswell, acting on a resolution passed by the PCG Board in July of this year, presented a statement calling for passage of the proposal. He told the committee "All we are asking of Congress is that they permit producers themselves to vote on whether they want to finance expanded research and market development of the kind they have been getting from CI since 1966."

Donald Johnson, PCG Executive Vice President, spoke on behalf of the seven-member statewide Texas Association of Cotton Producer Organization (TACPO), which also has endorsed Bowen's proposal. Johnson is Secretary-Treasurer of TACPO.

Bullock Says First Quarter Spending Up 28 Percent

Comptroller Bob Bullock said Thursday that state expenditures during the first quarter of the 1976 fiscal year, which began September 1, were \$1.75 billion, up 28 percent from the first quarter of last year.

"More than half the increase was in education costs," Bullock said, pointing out that state expenditures for education rose 29 percent.

Revenues for the first quarter of fiscal 1975 were \$1.45 billion, he said, up 15 percent from the comparable quarter a year ago. The largest jump in revenues was in federal funding, up 29 percent over the previous fiscal year, the Comptroller said.

Bullock said tax collections were up 10 percent over the previous year. The 10 percent figure was probably low, he added, because the combination of Thanksgiving and the last weekend of November caused many quarterly tax returns to be late.

The information was contained in Bullock's November financial statement, prepared by his Office of Planning and Research. For the first time, the report included information on the crude oil industry.

"The news there is that Texas crude oil production tax revenue has doubled since 1972, even though production has declined slightly," Bullock said. "The reason is that during the same period crude oil prices have shot up faster than a spoked quail."

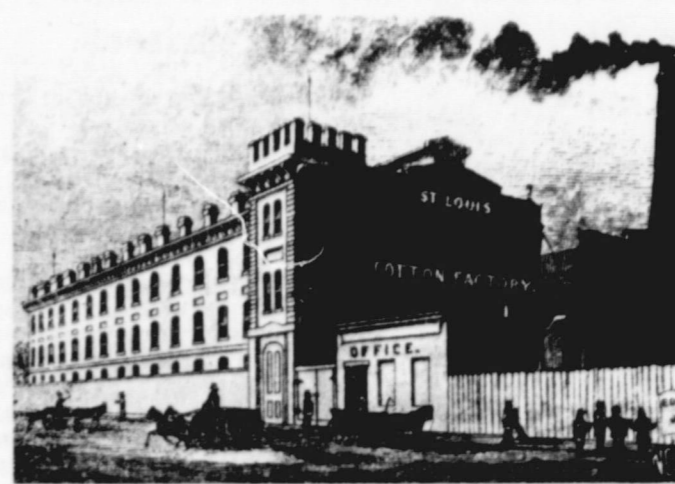
Gold Medals Offered Home Spinners In War

A cloth scarcity in the Confederate states during the Civil War prompted some areas to offer gold medals for home spinning and weaving.

In Arkansas, a medal was awarded Mrs. Sallie Bangs of the Sulphur Springs community who made 186 yards of cotton cloth in four months.

Although not in this competition, another Arkansas woman — Mrs. Martha J. Starke of Dallas County — made 384 yards of cloth in 11 months. In addition, she made two full suits for soldiers and looked after the family sewing.

Tree bark, walnut hulls, sweet gum buds, and other materials were used for dye.



EARLY COTTON FACTORY—First spinning mill west of the Mississippi River was a cotton factory established by Adolphus Meier in St. Louis in 1844. The original building was destroyed by fire in 1857, and was replaced by this structure which operated under the name of the St. Louis Cotton Factory. In 1830, a charter for a cotton mill in the Mexican state of Coahuila and Texas had been granted to one James Bowie, but no record has been found as to whether the mill was built or whether this was the same James Bowie who died at the Alamo.

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY PRICE THE REST—THEN GET THE BEST FOR LESS MONEY LEITZELL STUDIO

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We want to take this opportunity to wish our friends of the Morton Tribune reading area a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

John and Lela Gunter
John Jr. and Family
Bryan Miller and Family
Anna Margaret Motes and Family



"Cotton bagging made on the High Plains from High Plains cotton in manufacturing plants owned by High Plains people and being used to package High Plains cotton."

Those are the words of Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., describing what started happening December 16 in Bula in Bailey County. He adds, "It is something we have been working for a long time, because it offers a maximum potential of some 80,000 bales of cotton consumption per year, in addition

to bringing more textile industry to the High Plains."

A new kind of knitted cotton bagging material, made from low-grade, short staple, low mike High Plains cotton, is now being manufactured in Lubbock. The first 900 patterns of material went to the Claunch Gin at Bula, and Gin Manager Benny Claunch says that the bagging "goes on with no trouble and really looks beautiful." Benny, together with his father Jim and brother Jim Pat, owns the Claunch Gin and also farms a lot of eastern Bailey County cotton land.



A Merry Christmas

Thanks to our many kind and thoughtful friends. May your holiday overflow with happy surprises!

TIC TOC RESTAURANT LOMA AND ROB RICHARDS



HOBB AND ABY ROSSON



Noel, Noel

It is the season to be jolly and to say your loyal patronage is warmly appreciated.
MARGIE COATS, DELLA SCOGGINS. MODERN BEAUTY SHOP DOROTHY MATTER



Christmas As all herald the birth of Christ in the manger, we extend our wishes for an inspired and blessed holiday.
MORTON CO-OP GIN 518 N. MAIN



Wishing you a holiday packed with good wishes and our thanks.

SANDY WALLCE NU WAY CLEANERS



LEOARD'S FARM SUPPLY LEANARD AND PATSY



STAR ROUTE CO-OP GIN

1975 Tax Law May Be Of Great Benefit To Farmers, Ranchers

Americans will save \$23.1 billion in tax money this year as a result of the Tax Reductions Act of 1975. And some changes are of particular interest to farmers and ranchers.

Dr. Wayne Hayenga, economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, advises agricultural producers to give close attention to such tax changes as 1975 draws to a close.

"One change involves an increase in the level of investment credit," points out Hayenga. "A 10 per cent increase in investment credit is in the law through 1976. This credit applies to property bought or under construction after last Jan. 21 and before Jan. 1, 1977."

A permanent change associated with investment credit has also been made. Instead of having to wait to claim the credit when the construction is completely done, individuals can claim credit on progress payments during the construction period, notes Hayenga.

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Also, the amount of used property that qualifies for investment credit has been increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

A tax break designed to help small farmers and other self-employed workers will make individuals with an annual income between \$4,000 and \$8,000 eligible for a refundable tax credit on all earned income, says the Texas A&M University System specialist.

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People with an income of \$4,000 will get the maximum tax credit of \$400. As income goes up to \$8,000, the amount of credit decreases, Hayenga explains.

"This tax cut operates like a negative income tax when the amount of credit is greater than a person's tax liability. If that happens, the excess credit is refunded."

For the general populace, a significant tax break for 1975 is an increase in the standard deduction to 16 per cent, a one per cent increase over last year. The maximum standard deduction for singles is now \$2,300 and for joint returns, \$2,600.

"An increase in personal exemptions is also in store for 1975 taxpayers," notes Hayenga. "Taxpayers will be able to deduct \$750 plus an additional \$30 tax credit for themselves, their spouse and each dependent. However, this extra \$30 credit does not apply to the blind or aged."

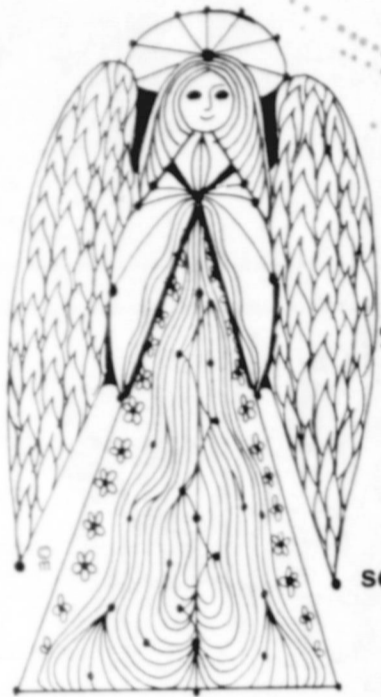
The maximum income allowable to claim a child care expense deduction has been increased from \$18,000 to \$35,000. For incomes above this, the amount deductible for child care expense decreases, says Hayenga. If income is \$44,600 a year or more, there can be no deduction for child care expense.

The amount of income needed before a tax return must be filed has been increased from \$2,050 to \$2,350 for 1975. This will be of some help to farmers and ranchers who hire their children, deduct the wages as expenses, and still claim the children as dependents, points out Hayenga.



INDIANS NAMED ALL-STARS — Mike Williams, No. 42, of the Morton Indians was named All-Tournament by unanimous vote and Troy Patton, No. 24, was named to the elite squad by a majority vote following the windup of the Reese Christmas Classic Basketball Tourney played at Reese Air

Force Base Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The Indians played in the big school bracket against AAA and AAAA schools and came within an inch of the championship and the Presidents Trophy as they lost the rubber game of a three-game set against AAAA El Paso Adress by a mere four points.



As the story of Christmas unfolds may all the blessings of this holy season be yours. Sincere thanks to all.

ROSE AUTO & APPLIANCE



HOLIDAY BELLS ring out a message of happiness and joy and glad Christmas tidings! Our special thanks.

TAYLOR & SON FURNITURE



Our hat's off to you, our good friends and neighbors, for your loyalty and confidence. Thanks and warm wishes for a joyous Christmas.

RED HORSE STATION
WILEY, PAT AND ALL THE BOYS

GREETINGS



FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU

THIS IS THE TIME TO GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THAT IS GOOD. A TIME TO EXPRESS OUR LOVE AND APPRECIATION TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR. MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE FILLED WITH PEACE, JOY AND MAY HAPPINESS BE WITH EACH OF YOU THROUGHOUT 1976.

GERALD, NEOMA, RENEE AND MICHAEL RAMSEY

FLORENCE

FAYE

ODESSA

NELDA

FRANCES

JOHNNY

TEDDY

DON

SAL

JUNIOR



Dear Santa

Dec. 15, 1975

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a kathy Quick
curl and a Teddy bear.
your friend
Priscilla

Dec. 15, 1975

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this
year. I want a Don't break the ice
game and a Beat the eight ball set.
I will save you a coke and a
cookie.

Love,
Vickie

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy three years
old. I have tried to be a good little
boy and have helped mommy
around the house.

For Christmas I would like a
Putt Putt train track, a desk with
a chalk board, and some Weebles.
If you think I've been good enough
you might bring me some other
toys and stocking stuffers.

I will leave you some milk and
cookies.
Love,
Brian Dunklin
502 So. Main
Morton, Texas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me A-baby-Alive.
And a walking doll.
Your Friend
Becky

Dec. 9, 1975

Dear Santa
Please bring me a minature
radio and a walking doll. I have
been a good girl.
Your friend,
Amy Denise Ford

Dec. 9, 1975

Dear Santa
I wanted a ring and a watch and
a braces.
Merry Christmas
your friend,
Annett

Dec. 15, 1975

Dear Santa,

Dec. 15, 1975

Please bring me a baby-
that away a walki-talkie and a
spirograph.
your friend
Cristy Foust

a gun
your friend
Sammy

Dec. 15, 1975

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an electric can
opener a baby-that-a-way and a
mouse trap and a barbie town
house and go head of the class
your friend Dedro
I Love you

Dear Santa
please bring me a litte baby
carry for my doll and a tea party
your friend
Alice Garza

Dec. 9, 1975

Dear Santa
Please bring Me and walke
talke and GI Joe. Merry
Christmas
Darryl

Dear Santa,
I wish a Baby doll four
christmas
Edna Jane Osborn

Dec. 9, 1975

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Vista Clod
Hopper and a game of Pay Day.
Your Friend,
Joe Kern

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby that a
way. and a mouse trap game. and
a barbie town houses and a
Spirograph game and a go to the
Head of The CLASS game
Your friend
Traci

Dec. 9, 1975

Dec. 9, 1975

Dear Santa
I want a bike and a bb-gun to and
please bring me a playing car and

Dear Santa,
I want a baby alive and a baby
that away and I was a good litte
gril and I Love you Santa

your friend Marilyn.

Dear Santa,
I want a Truck for Christmas
and a ball
and a Evil Knivel
Your friend,
William Barnes

Dec. 15, 1975

Your friend.
Jessie Enriquez

Dear Santa,
I want a dress.
I want a doll.
I want a Bike.
I want a Ring.
Thank you,
your friend
Elizabeth Baeza

Dear Santa,
I want a Evil Knivel, two Walkie
Talkie, a watch, a B B Gun, and a
Race car. How are your Elves.
and Mrs. Santa.
your frend,
Joe Bob Hunter.

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a Evil Knivel
stunt cycle, Vibration Football.
Thank you,
your friend
Jay Fluitt.

Dear Santa,
I want a Mini Bike an Evil
Knivel a big truck and a Tonka
truck.
Your friend,
Shay Stephens

Dear Santa,
I want a Evil Knivel, a truck, a
Mimi Bike, a Crayons. and a doll.
I Love you Santa.
Your friend
Jessie Cumpian

Dear Santa,
I want a Evil Knivel Thank You

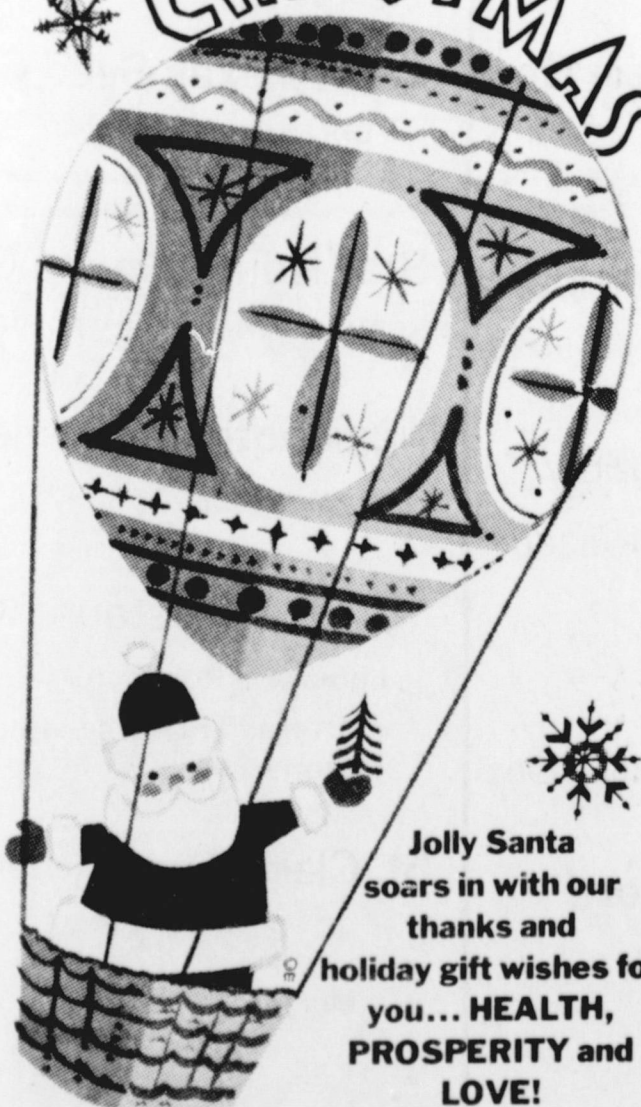
Dear Santa,
I a Evil Knivel and I want to Be
Race many Truck pencil car how.



Wishing you a holiday crammed full of
the treasures and delights of a
wonderful Yuletide! To you and yours,
Merry Christmas.

COX AUTO SUPPLY

A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS



Jolly Santa
soars in with our
thanks and
holiday gift wishes for
you... HEALTH,
PROSPERITY and
LOVE!

KARL GRIFFITH GIN



May the meaning of Christmas be deeper, its friendships
stronger, its hopes brighter, as you and those you cherish
celebrate the holiday this year. Warm appreciation and thanks to
our valued friends and neighbors.

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IVALENE ESTES

JESSIE BRATTON

TOBIE JERDEN

LLOYD HINER

with a l w
Your friend,
Howard

Dear Santa
I want a Baby alive, a doll house, a silvering, Thank You.
Your friend
Danell
Aragon

Dear Santa,
I want a B-B Gun and some clothes Thank You
Your friend,
Jessie Perez

Dear Santa,
I love you because you bring things to us.
I want a doll and her name is Bless You Baby Tender Love,
Your friend,
Priscilla Honesto

Dear Santa,
I want a big stuffed Elephant, a blue ring, a Barbie, a Record Player, a Rub-a-Dub-Dolly.
Your friend,
Rita Clark
Thank You.

Dear Santa,
I want a typewriter, a Barbie, ten dollars and a coloring book.
Thank You for all the things you have given me.
Your friend,

Jacque Price

Dear Santa,
I want a stuffed Panda and a doll, a purple ring and a Record and a little Pogo Stick. Thank you.
Your friend,
Stephanie Simmacher

Dear Santa,
I want at Evil Knivel. and a Race car. How are your Elves. and Mrs. Santaj and the North Pole?
Your friend,
Neal Honesto

Dear Santa,
I want a Truck and a trailer with ten cars and one Evil knivel.
your friend,
Len Blackstock

Dear Santa,
I want a doll a Walkie-Talkie a big Panda Bear, and a Play House. How is Mrs Santa, and the Elves?
Your friend,
Susan Scott

Dear Santa,
I want a Evil Knivel bike, and a calculator,
Thank you,
your friend,
Eric Johnson,

Dear Santa,
I want a Race Track and some Elves.
your friend,
Randy Lucero

Dear Santa
I want a Babie Camper, a dollhouse a Baby Alive a Baby that walk and crawls and a Pandabear.
Thank you.
Your friend
Cammie McMullen

Dear Santa
Please bring me a B-B gun
Please bring me a bike and a tape player and a superman Starsky Patterson
2-C
Merry Christmas
8 Yers old

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a B-B gun.
Please bring me a bike. and a tape player and a vest.
Douglas Kern
2-C
Merry Christmas

Dear, Sant,
I want a Baby-That-Away.
Baby-Alive. Barbie.
Amy-Enriquez
2-C

Dear Santa, Claus
Please bring me a watch.
Please bring me a blue bike.
Valentino Arteaga
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me. a tractor, truck, and a little trailer.
Eliseo Ramon
2-C

Dear Santa.
Would you please give me a mini-bike. Love,
David
2-C

Dear Santa 2-C
Please bring me a B-B gun.
Joe Honesto

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby-that-away.
I Love you Santa.
Love Jody.
2-C

Dear Santa
Please bring me. Baby-That-Away. Barbie
I wish you a Marry Christmas.
by
Kim Lyon
2-C

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a record

Please bring me a blue ring. I would like a Baby-that-Away.
Merry Christmas
Vickie Webb
2-C

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a G.I. Joe and a truck,
a little trailer.
Jr. 2-C

Dear Santa
Please bring me a Baby-That-Away-and-a Baby-Alive and-a piano.
Love, Kimberley Jackson
2-C

Cheryl 2-C

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a easy bake oven and a Holly-Hobby bag.
Merry
Christmas Santa

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby-Alive and bring me a baby-That Away and bring me a bike.
Santa,
Love Ana
2-C

Deer Santa
Please bring me a record

player.
2-C
Manuel Morales

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Baby-That-Away.
A blue bike.
Love Gailee.
2-C

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some shoes.
Please bring me a Barbie. Please bring me a purse.
Norma Cano
2-C

Dear Santaclaus.
I Would like a mini-bike And a tractor. and a bike
love Mark-2-C

Lorenz Green Jr 2-C

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a big Jim's Pack And the Six Million Dollar man

Jimmy Moore 2-C

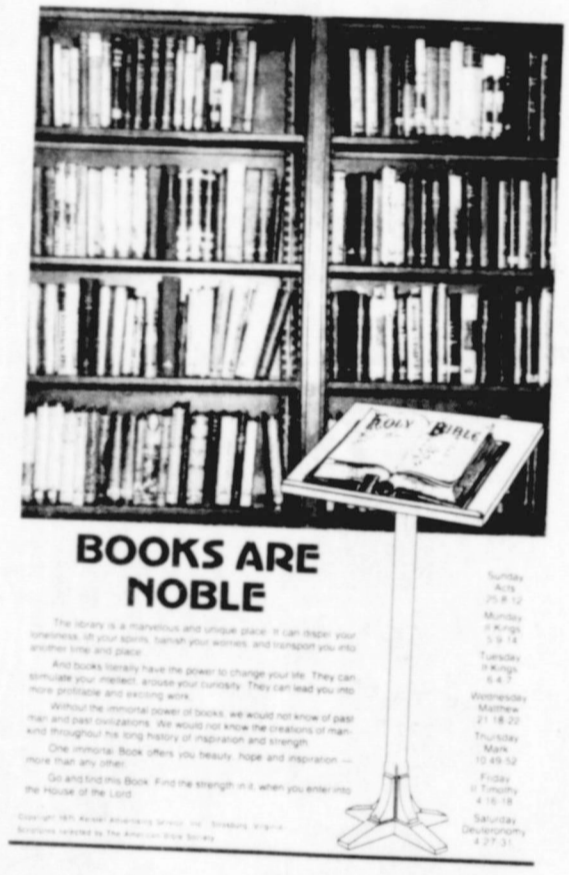
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a six Million Dollar Man
I Love Santa.
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa, Claus
I Would like to have Baby-that-away. And a ten speed.

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Weekdays 7:30 a.m.
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Wednesdays—
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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
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Training Union 6:00 p.m.
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Evening Worship 6:45 p.m.
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There's another side of Christmas that people don't like to talk about. The TV shows and magazines all talk about how magical and wonderful Christmas is. But that isn't true for everyone. People in public health see another side. If you're poor and sick, and there's no money to buy toys for the kids, Christmas is just another day you have to survive. You wonder whether there's going to be enough food to eat and you hope the electricity won't be turned off until after Christmas so at least the kids can enjoy a few colored lights on a scraggly leftover tree. If you're sick or hurt and laid up in the hospital, you're grateful to all the nurses and the volunteers for their little party and their cheerful smiles, but you know that most of them will be with their families on Christmas, and that makes you miss your own family all the more, and you'd rather just get the whole thing over with. If you're seven or eight years old and you can't walk very well because your legs are twisted up from some disease you can't even pronounce, Christmas is the time when you remember that you'll probably never be able to run and play and ride a bicycle like other kids, and you wonder why. If all that's left of your life is the four blank walls of your room in a nursing home, and you haven't seen anyone you really care about in the past six months — well, you've had a lot of Christmases, and you hope the day will pass quietly. And maybe you won't be around for the next one. People in public health know about this side of Christmas. We deal with it all year long, and we'd do anything in the world to keep it from being like that. It's our job, of course. But more than that, it's our purpose — our privilege — to share as much of our lives and our talents as we can muster. And we're not alone. Our hands are joined with those of our colleagues in the health sciences and a dozen other professions, who share our goal: to fulfill the most ancient dream of humanity, the end of needless suffering. It is an article of our faith that in a nation of freedom, wealth, and justice, each of our children shall have the right to live longer and prosper. This is the promise we make to ourselves on those dark nights when someone we care about is going to die and there's nothing

About Local Folks

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Johnson and son are spending the holidays in Hereford with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rowe of Albuquerque, N.M. visited last week with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Haverty.

Dr. and Mrs. Bill R. Lee and family of Fort Worth have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Fred for a few days. Dr. Lee is the grandson of Mrs. Fred.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Pat Kelly last week, for an early Christmas, were her children, Pvt. Jim Hargis, Robert Hargis of Corpus Christi, Theresa Lewis and children of Longmont, Colo. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lewis of Levelland.

Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Luper's grandchildren are visiting from Houston. Their mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Luper, will be here for the holidays. Also visiting in the Luper home Sunday was their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Nobles, and children of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Rhyne visited last week in Lubbock with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rhyne, and their grandson, Craig, who is a student at Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

Guests in the home of their mother, Mrs. Lennie Doyle, last weekend were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Doyle and son, Teddy, of Bonham, and Mr. and Mrs. James Jones and Kenny. Bonnie Gandy was also a guest.

in second grade. I love you Santa Claus, I want you to bring me a table and four chairs.
Thank you,
Linda Kay Dent?"

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby Alive. I am a good girl I want a book and a Ring and a bike to ride I want a bag to put all my toys and a box and a play dog.
Love, Patsy Vasquez

Dear Santa Claus,
I have ben good. I love you Santa Claus. I want a baby alive I am 7 years old.
Love Tammy Clark.

Dec. 18, 1975
Dear Santa,
I have ben good. I want a baby-that-away-and-a-baby-alive - and a - bike - and a piano. And I am going to get you something for Christmas too. I know you have ben good too. I love you. I live in Morton
Love
Anita Rena Lynch

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a ten-speed bike. I want you to bring me a table and three chairs. I want you to bring me a Dusty Barbie doll. I want you to bring me a jewelry box.
Thank you,
Anita Bridges

Dear Santa claus,
I want a B.B. gun and mini-bike. I Love you. Santa and I want a sleeping bag. I am a good little boy in the second grade in 2B and I want a speed boat.
Love Randy George

Dear Santa claus, This is Judy Fay Iley I am a girl. my age is 7. I am in second grade. I want a bike. I Love you santa.

Dear Santa Claus
I want a B.B. gun. I Love you Santa. And I want a derby car. And I want a sleeping bag. And I want a John Deere boat.
Love Stacey Kness

Dear Santa Claus
I want a B.B. gun and I want a bike light and I want some dump trucks.
Russell Dewbre

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a mini-bike wad you send me a pitcher? Sum boys and geils dont beleve you. Christmas is a lukyday
Danny Sanchez

Dear Santa claus,
I want a mini bike, and a B.B. gun, and a horse I Love you santa claus,
Sammy Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a BB gun and a mini-bike and a Package of soldiers Dear Santa Claus, I Love You
Larry Orozco

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a five spede bick
Ismael Ramon

Dear Santa
I want a dusty doll.
I want a jewelery box.
I want a bike.
I want a table and three chairs.
I want a stove. Dear Santa Chris wants a tricycle he wants you to brighim a guitar but I he is getting one for his Birthday
Anita Bridges
and Chris Bridges

Santh Claus
I want a Ken Doll and clothes for it and the health Center.
Love
Deidra

Santa Claus
I want a pealt gun. My brother wants a b.b gun. We need some pealts and B.Bs.
Love
Lee

Dear santa.
I ben a good boy. I wont a three speed bike and a tape recorder and a mini-bike.
And I love you.
Love Joel Luper

Dear Santa Claus
I am a girl in second grade. I want a doll and some dishes.
Thank you
Charlotte Green

Dear Santa Claus
I want a baby alie I am a good girl I want a play dog and a big doll and a big Dog and I Love you Santa Claus, and I Love you and I was too happy Do you want too be a good man yes or not
I Love you Santa Claus
Ruby Chavez

Dear Santa Claus,
sum of the boys and gails don't Beleva you. Do your raindier's fly? that is whate sum boys and gails say. Can you sen me a pither of you. I nely furgot I want a bike. I am a boy.
From Alonso Alvarado

Dear Santa
I wante a B.B. gun and a racen car. I want a getor
Frankie Meras

Dear Santa Claus
I like a B.B.-gun I wate a car and a truk I wate a bicycle
Juan Mendoza

Dear Santa Claus
I am a good and bad I Love you. I want a baby that away and a bike and a piano.
Love
Carrie Hightower
I Live in Morton

Dear Santa Claus,
I Love you.
I want some clothes and a bike and a pellet gun, and pencils and paper. I want a drum set and a ten-speed, dingo boots, train set, sleeping bag
Dave Bracken.

Dear santa Claus, I have been good this year. My name is Kirsty. I am 7 years old. my sister wants a mini-bike and I want a puppy dog. My friends are Patsy and Ruby I don't have any more to say. do you.
Love,
Kirsty Hodges

Dear Santa Claus.
I want a BB gun and a bike-bicycle and a car.
Patrick-Jimenez

Dear Santa Claus, I go to Morton school. I want you to bring me two dolls. I am seven years old. I am

imagine they would like food & clothing & doters for them. And please would you get these thing to their pour lands so that they will live their lives to just like we do.
Sincerely,
Natalie Tucker

Dear Santa Claus
I would like a dolly with clothes diapers and a bottle I have been a good girl.
I love you
Amy Brownlow

Dear Santa
My name is Clarence L Cross I am 3 years old. I lived with my mother Mildred Cross and Great Grandmother. I have a very good little boy and I want a car, truck, horse trailer tractor, candy, appals orange Don't forget my GrandParents
Love To Santa
Clarence Cross

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a play dough machine.
Tony

Dec., 9 1975

Have a Merry Christmas

The beauty of Christmas reflects the beauty of our patrons. Thanks for letting us serve you.

ALTA'S BEAUTY SALON
ALTA MARY SHIRLEY ELIA

A Joyous Christmas

Thank you at this holiday season for your friendship and understanding. May the Spirit of Christmas light your way in peace and goodwill.

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May you and yours find inspiration and love at Christmastide, as you remember the birth of a Child in Bethlehem.

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Holiday Greetings

Liner's PHARMACY

BASKETBALL

MORTON INDIANS

1975-76 MORTON HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

GIRLS RESULTS THIS WEEK

Friday, December 19
 Morton 75 Wilson 69
 Saturday, December 20
 Morton 35 Slaton JV 45
 Won Second In O'Donnel Tournament

BOYS RESULTS THIS WEEK

Thursday, Dec. 18
 Morton 82 Pecos 40
 Friday, Dec. 19
 Morton 57 El Paso Address 61
 Morton 71 Big Spring 46
 Saturday, Dec. 20
 Morton 71 El Paso Address 56
 Championship of Reese Christmas Classic
 Morton 49 El Paso Address 53

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BOYS

Nov. 21	Wichita Falls High	There
Nov. 22	Wichita Falls Hershi	There
Nov. 25	Estacado (Lubbock)	There
Dec. 2	Snyder	There
Dec. 4-5-6	Hereford Tournament	There
Dec. 9	Levelland	There
Dec. 16	Estacado	Here
Dec. 18-19-20	Reese AFB Tournament	Here
Dec. 29-30-31	Caprock Holiday Tourney	Here
Jan. 2	Snyder	Here
Jan. 3	Portales	Here
Jan. 6	Levelland	Here
Jan. 9	Seagraves	Here
Jan. 13	Portales	There
Jan. 16	Dimmitt	There
Jan. 20	Friona	Here
Jan. 23	Littlefield	Here
Jan. 27	Open	There
Jan. 30	Olton	There
Feb. 3	Dimmitt	Here
Feb. 6	Friona	There
Feb. 10	Littlefield	There
Feb. 13	Open	There
Feb. 17	Olton	Here

GIRLS

Nov. 18	Bledsoe	There	6:30
Nov. 24	Seminole	There	7:00
Nov. 25	Levelland	Here	4:30
Dec. 2	Canyon	There	5:00
Dec. 4-5-6	Meadow Tourney	There	5:00
Dec. 9	Levelland	There	5:00
Dec. 11-12-13	Floydada Tourney	There	5:00
Dec. 18-19-20	O'Donnel Tourney	There	4:00
Jan. 6	Levelland	Here	4:00
Jan. 9	Olton	Here	4:00
Jan. 13	Canyon	Here	5:30
Jan. 16	Dimmitt	Here	4:00
Jan. 20	Friona	Here	4:00
Jan. 23	Littlefield	Here	4:00
Jan. 27	Muleshoe	Here	6:30
Jan. 30	Olton	There	4:00
Feb. 3	Dimmitt	Here	4:00
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Feb. 10	Littlefield	There	4:00

GO FIGHTING

INDIANS YOU

CAN DO IT!





The Speaker Reports

by Bill Clayton
Texas House of Representatives

Industry is interested in Texas. We are interested in industry. The result is going to mean many bright years for Texas and the industries settling here.

Early in December I led a Texas delegation on an industrial tour of New York City and we produced firsthand evidence that while there is a need to court industry, the courtship is welcomed.

The big industries of the Northeast, rocked by the events transpiring in New York, smile a little and sigh heavily when they are lulled by talks of Texas-sized portions of plentiful raw materials, ample oil and gas, open shops, quality work force, favorable tax structure and vast new

markets.

It was a pleasure selling Texas to harried industrialists who need our elixirs as badly as we need the jobs and products they can provide. It was a special treat to dispel for our Eastern brethren some misconceptions about West Texas.

The tour was designed to showcase the booming West Texas cities of Lubbock, Amarillo, Midland, Odessa, Abilene, Wichita Falls and San Angelo and the smaller cities of Hereford, Dumas and Big Spring. These cities want industries to know they have the resources to be good location sites.

The opportunity presented itself to tell these big businessmen that the

cowboy-sage brush image was not valid out here under the clear skies where the good life is the way of life.

The chemical, electronic, machinery, food processors, paper products and banking representatives learned that West Texas has become an area of sophisticated people with plenty of raw materials and as modern in its thinking as are its glass and steel cities.

These Texas cities, they were informed, are comparatively free of crime and pollution, have planned utilities, ample water, people ready to work, educational

opportunities, cultural outlets, recreational areas and feature the good life.

For industries, it was pointed out, there is rich profit potential and the chance to expand into new and growing markets.

These are the businesses which are facing runaway inflation, battles with unions at every turn, crumbling city governments, harsh weather, stifled markets and shortages of everything from power to materials.

The idea was to plant the Texas dream in the minds of these giants of industry. The

overwhelming response to the message was that future expansion will be with a first glance at Texas.

When we went courting it was determined that even 25 major prospects would be a sign of success. We had 150 of the East Coast's biggest and most prestigious firms give us their time so we could tell our story.

Industrial success stories are not written overnight. Some of the fruits of this planting may not be harvested in the foreseeable future. But, in times such as these, it is possible part of this payoff may be sooner.

There has been one positive response and at least three contacts made with the West Texas cities since the tour.

If these industries expand their operations to Texas it will not be because we sold them on Texas. Our job was to get their attention and provide them the opportunity to see what is available here.

Texas doesn't need any selling—it sells itself. It does pay, however, to point out all these good things industry wants and can't get anywhere but here.

As the year ends, the Texas Industrial Commission reports

that the number of industries locating in Texas has slowed in recent months. There were ten new locations in October and eight in November.

These figures will bounce back up during 1976, which could be a banner year for new companies locating plants in the state. This isn't idle wishing. A recent nationwide study shows Texas with the best business climate in the nation. The survey includes everything from unemployment to state indebtedness, welfare costs, labor laws, size and cost of government and taxes.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe's leadership should be lauded for initiating the "Texas First" program to offer private enterprise the many state services available to aid expansion needs. There are now 40 companies looking for branch plant sites. At least 31,000 jobs have been identified through the job creation phase of the Governor's program.

Ginning in Philadelphia

Roller gins were set up in Philadelphia during the Revolutionary War and the city became a distribution center for cotton lint which was issued to those who could spin and weave it into cloth.

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on one year term accounts.**
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on two and a half year term accounts.**
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There's nothing small about our wishes or our thanks! We appreciate your business and take time to wish you every happiness at Christmas.

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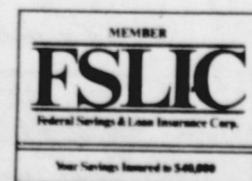


Delight fills our hearts, young and old alike, on Christmas morn. May the joy that illuminates your home remain with you all through the holiday.

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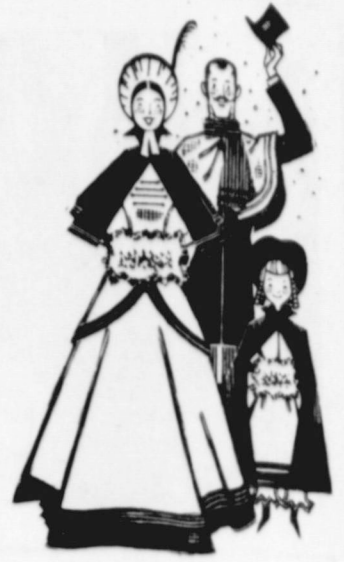
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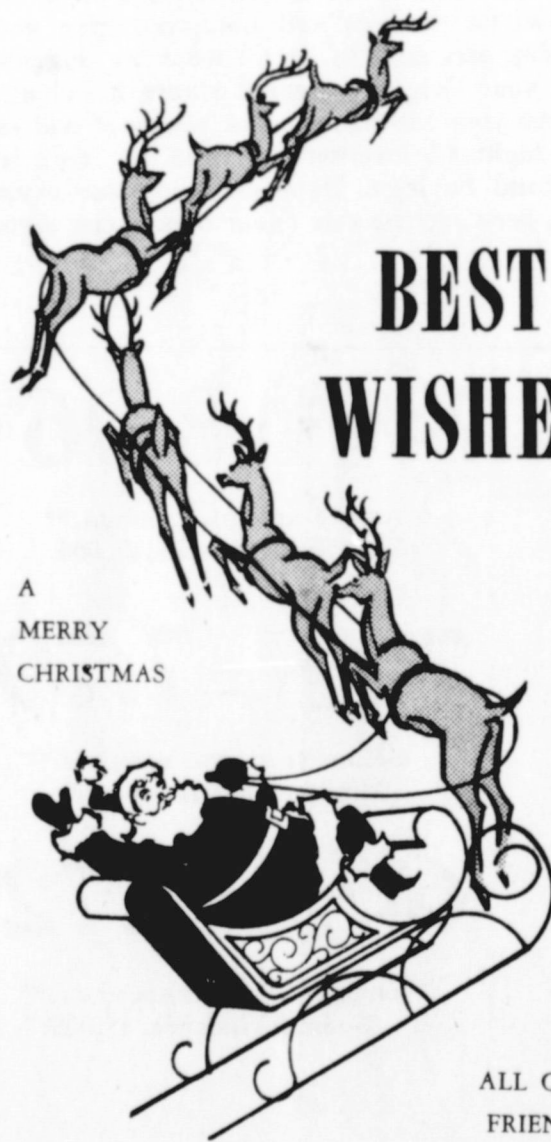
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Season's Greetings



- Loy Kern family
- Bill Smart family
- Judge & Mrs. M.C. Ledbetter
- Wiley, Pat, Rickey and Kristi Hodge
- H.B., Dorothy, Philip and John Barker
- Bob, Neta, and Ross Terry
- Jim, Donna, Jason and Kacy Roddy
- Bobby, Janell and Monty Smith
- Alton, Ruth, David, Dennis and Angie Lamb
- Jack and Eva Baker
- Winston, Dorothy, Becky, Tobie and Kim Jerden
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith
- J.C. and Blackie Reynolds
- Junior, Barbara, Vicki and Brian Cooper
- Bob, Kay, Steve, Debbie and Susan Polvado
- N.H. and Peggy Steed, Allen and Angie
- Earl and Christene Polvado, Melanie, Robin and April
- Dusty, Quaydene, Brandy, Cody and Candice Bailey
- Don, Fern, Rusty and De De Lamar
- Lena B. Gipson, J.P.
- Minnie Childs
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- Kenn, Darlene, Richard and Maloy Williams
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- Bobby, Ann, Greg and David Greener
- Mr. and Mrs. Don Samford
- The Lee Stephens family
- Mac and Norma McCarty
- Fred, Margaret, James, Becky and Bobby Lewis
- The Maloy Simnacher family
- The Donnie Dewbre family
- E.C., Joyce and Jerel Roddy
- George and Treva Jo Autry and children
- Herbie, Linda, Stacy and Rusty Greener
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- John Wayne, Francis, Vickie, Gy and Ty Hall
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- Jimmy and Doris Sealy
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- Roy, Nancy and Justin Jones
- Ruby Goodman
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- John and Dorothy Crowder
- Dwain, Scott and Chris Hester
- Rodney, Charlene and Kista Fralin
- The Elick Cox family

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 CHRISTMAS GREETING THIS YEAR,
 THESE MORTON AREA RESIDENTS
 HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE
 EMLEA SMITH JUNIOR STUDY
 CLUB CHARITIES AND ARE
 USING THIS MEANS OF
 WISHING THEIR FRIENDS
 A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON



TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

- Jerry, Londa, James, Mike and Judy Iley
- Mr. and Mrs. Connie Gray
- Robert, Cheryl, Shiloh and Heather Posey
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gillespie
- Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Luper
- Bill, Rita and Brent McClure
- James and Chris Bell and family
- W.C., Betty, Ken and Bill Eubanks
- Elmer and Gisela Jones
- Buddy, Marilyn and Chris Greener
- Steve, Micheline and Michael Crockett
- Ray, Bennie, Dal and Tiffany O'Brien
- Dwain and Brenda Kuehler and children
- Bill, Mary Lee, Ricky and Leigh Carter
- W.L. and Jozell Foust
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- Billy, Mac, Connie Jo and Cristy Foust
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- Johnny and Dolly Crockett
- The Cecil Jones of Bula
- Ed, Carol, Gay, Mark, & Eric Pruitt
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- Terry and Joan Sowder
- Judge Glenn W. Thompson
- Claude and Mae Pruitt
- Craig and Beverly Vinson
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- Button and Lillian Silvers
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- The J.W. Tyson family
- The John Coffman family
- Billy, Dorothy, Mark and Mack Gunter
- The Brad Johnson family

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Three Way News

by Mrs. H.W. Garvin

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Tyson and children from Levelland were supper guests in the George Tyson home Thursday night.

Mrs. T.D. Davis honored Mrs. Bulah Toombs with a surprise birthday party Thursday morning in the Davis home. Mrs. Toombs received many gifts and a money tree. She has been a resident of the Maple community for over 45 years.

Bill Hodnett underwent surgery in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Tuesday but is home and doing fine.

Pat Rector of Lubbock and Annie McDodra of Morton were dinner guests in the H.W. Garvin home Thursday.

Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Merlin Roberts of Morton were dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Bulah Toombs Thursday.

The Three Way High School basketball teams played Meadow Friday night on the home court with the Three Way boys winning and the girls losing.

The manager and employees of the State Line Butane Company held their Christmas party in the Maple Store Friday night.

The senior citizens of the community appreciate the youth of the community coming to their homes Sunday night singing Christmas carols.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Welch of Maple were guests over the weekend in their parents home. Those visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wall and girls from Hobbs, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. Bull Welch and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Welch and son all of Maple.

Marvin Long spent part of the past week in Brownwood visiting his uncle, Carrol Fort and family. He also visited an aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robertson of Cross Plains.

Vonay Davis and son and a friend from Abilene spent Sunday night with the T.D. Davis family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Terrell spent the weekend at Brownwood where Mrs. Terrell served as organist for a cousins wedding.

MHS Graduate Serving With AF in Colo.

Air Force Staff Sergeant Roger A. Sandefer, brother of Walter Sandefer, 512 S.W. Second, has arrived for duty at Lowry A.F.B., Colo.

Sergeant Sandefer, a missile systems maintenance specialist with a unit of the Air Training Command, previously served at Udorn Royal Thai AFB, Thailand. He is a 1970 graduate of Morton High School.

County Agent News

AG PRODUCERS ADVISED TO CHECK TAX CHANGES

By Roy N. Jones
Americans will save \$23.1 billion in tax money this year as a result of the Tax Reductions Act of 1975. And some changes are of particular interest to farmers and ranchers.

Dr. Wayne Hayenga, economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, advises agricultural producers to give close attention to such tax changes as 1975 draws to a close.

"One change involves an increase in the level of investment credit," points out Hayenga. "A 10 per cent increase in investment credit is in the law through 1976. This credit applies to property bought or under construction after last January 21 and before January 1, 1977."

A permanent change associated with investment credit has also been made. Instead of having to wait to claim the credit when the construction is completely done, individuals can claim credit on progress payments during the construction period, notes Hayenga.

Also, the amount of used property that qualifies for investment credit has been increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

A tax break designed to help small farmers and other self-

employed workers will make individuals with an annual income between \$4,000 and \$8,000 eligible for a refundable tax credit on all earned income, says the Texas A&M University System specialist.

"Earned income is defined as any compensation for personal services and includes wages, salaries and tips, but not pensions and annuities."

People with an income of \$4,000 will get the maximum tax credit of \$400. As income goes up to \$8,000, the amount of credit decreases, Hayenga explains.

"This tax cut operates like negative income tax when the amount of credit is greater than a person's tax liability. If that happens, the excess credit is refunded."

For the general populace, a significant tax break for 1975 is an increase in the standard deduction to 16 per cent, a one per cent increase over last year. The maximum standard deduction for singles is now \$2,300 and for joint returns, \$2,600.

"An increase in personal exemptions is also in store for 1975 taxpayers," notes Hayenga. "Taxpayers will be able to deduct \$750 plus an additional \$30 tax credit for themselves, their spouse and each dependent."

Lost Documents Should Not Deter Veteran Benefits

Lost documents should not deter veterans from applying for Veterans Administration benefits, the agency's Chief Benefits Director, Rufus H. Wilson, said.

"We have trained benefits counselors in each of our 58 regional offices who can assist veterans and their dependents in establishing eligibility," he said. Wilson is responsible for administering the GI Bill education and training program

however, this extra \$30 credit does not apply to the blind or aged."

The maximum income allowable to claim a child care expense deduction has been increased from \$18,000 to \$35,000. For incomes above this, the amount deductible for child care expense decreases, says Hayenga. If income is \$44,600 a year or more, there can be no deduction for child care expense.

The amount of income needed before a tax return must be filed has been increased from \$2,050 to \$2,350 for 1975. This will be of some help to farmers and ranchers who hire their children, deduct the wages as expenses, and still claim the children as dependents, points out Hayenga.

as well as VA's home loan, compensation, pension and insurance programs.

"Secondary proof of marriage or birth can be accepted when this information is required to establish eligibility for benefits or claims for increased benefits," Wilson said.

A certified statement of marriage is sufficient on applications for compensation and education benefits for veterans, widows and orphaned children, provided it is the first marriage for both the veteran and spouse, and the VA has no contradictory information on file, Wilson added.

Similarly, a certified statement is acceptable for documenting birth of a veteran's child and as proof of age and relationship in disability cases.



Greetings

Add our sincere wishes for peace, happiness, and prosperity to your blessings this Christmas. Serving you has been our pleasure.

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Merry Christmas

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MORTON FLORAL & GIFT SHOP



NAVY AVIATION Support Equipment Technician First Class Richard J. Monse, whose wife is the former Miss Reva C. Walden of Morton, has been selected Sailor of the Quarter for the Commander Fleet Activities, Naval Air Facilities Kadena, Okinawa. He was commended for his outstanding performance of duty, leadership, initiative and military bearing. A former student of Ingleside High School, Ingleside, he joined the Navy in February 1961.

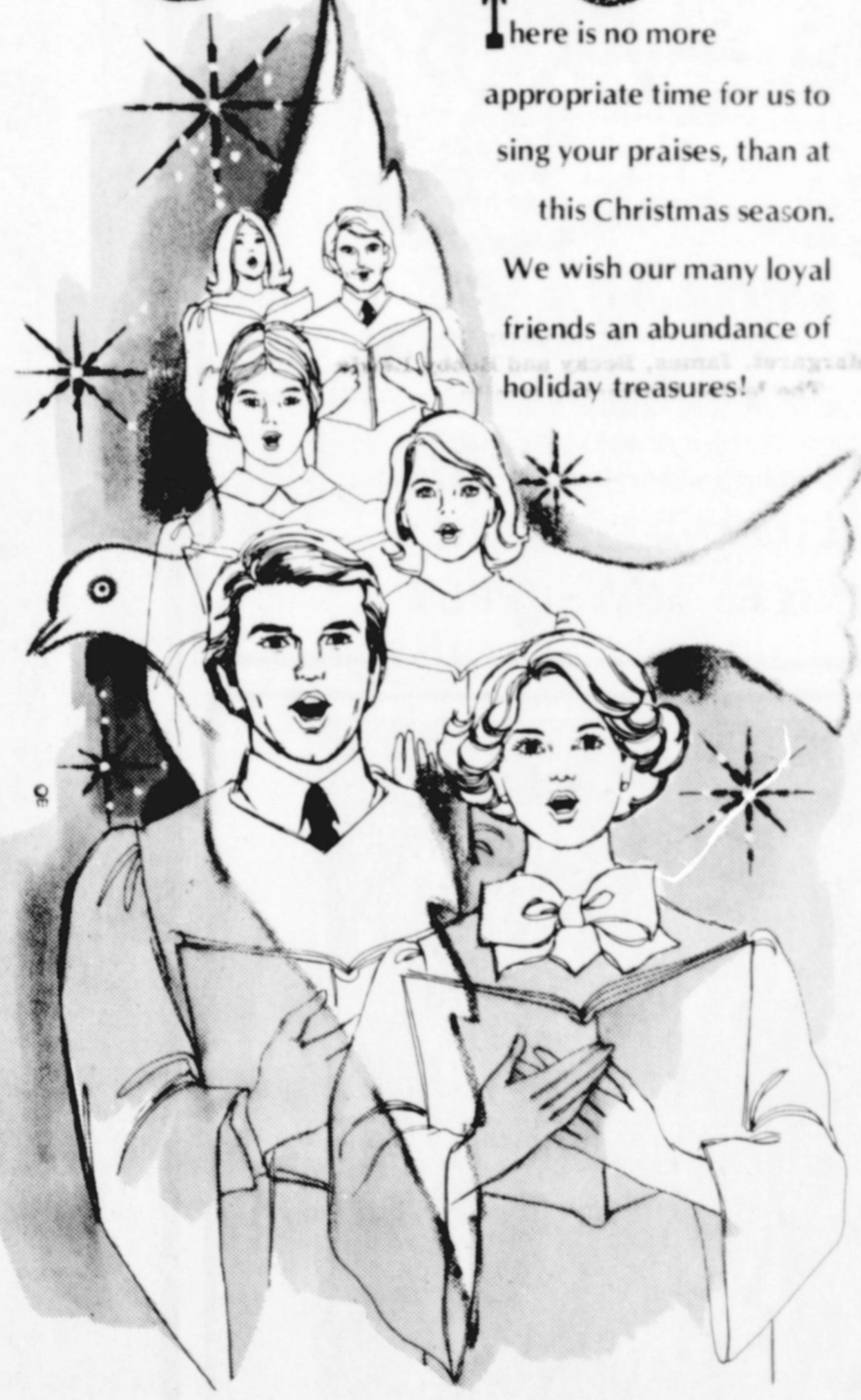


ARMY SERGEANT Douglas E. Burns, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Burns, Star Route 2, recently completed annual training tests in Grafenwohr, Germany. He is a tank commander in Troop A, 1st Squadron of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fulda, Germany. The tests measured the unit's combat readiness.



ARMY PRIVATE JIMMY D. HARGES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kelly, 302 E. Washington, recently completed the new "One Station Unit Training" (OSUT) program at Ft. Polk, La. OSUT provides basic and advanced training with the same unit, on the same post. Harges is a 1974 graduate of Morton High School.

a Christmas Carol



There is no more appropriate time for us to sing your praises, than at this Christmas season. We wish our many loyal friends an abundance of holiday treasures!

BAILEY COUNTY ELECTRIC CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

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MORTON

Jaclyn Claye

has her say

DEAR JACLYN CLAYE: A few months ago I befriended a blind person. She was having some difficulty in finding her way around the park and for some reason I was anxious to help. Since that time I have found her to be very good company and I have spent considerable amount of my time at her apartment. As a woman who does not make friends easily I was amazed to find our meeting each other added a new dimension to our lives that neither of us had before. The difficulty is that my sightless friend has become, I think, too dependent on me and I really don't know how I can now change this. Don't get me wrong; I value her friendship and I really want it to continue but I don't want to become her sole purpose in life, and that seems to be the trend at the moment. Rarely does she make a decision without me nor does she spend time with persons other than myself. Further, since we came to know each other, I have not expanded my own circle of acquaintances and I really feel that my own experiences are being narrowed. I am asking you to suggest a gentle way to let this blind person know that I now have very little time for myself and although I enjoy her company, I really feel that we should spend a

little less time with each other. Signed, BAYLESS.

DEAR BAYLESS: First, the dependence that your friend has for you has nothing at all to do with her sightlessness. There are limitless numbers of blind persons in this country who function full and complete lives. I believe your friend would have the same tendency to lean on others even if she had her sight. Again, there is no real substitute for honesty. Tell your friend that although you have a real appreciation for her company, still, there are other things you must do in a week and you simply must have the time to do them. Hopefully, your friendship will withstand this reality.

DEAR JACLYN CLAYE: What is the difference between a psychologist and a psychiatrist. I think my husband needs one. Signed, RITA.

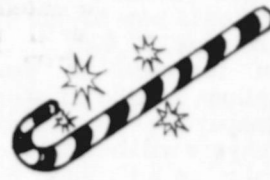
DEAR RITA: Well, one of you do. The best way to begin is with your family doctor. If the emotional problem appears to be organic in nature, your doctor will suggest a psychiatrist. If the problem appears purely emotional he will probably suggest a psychologist. Either way, start with your doctor. If you think your husband is the one in

need, begin by making an appointment for him for a physical check up. Let your doctor know that you think your husband is the one who needs the help. But after your physician is through with his husband's physical, don't be surprised if he asks you in a little bit later.

DEAR JACLYN CLAYE: I really wish that people like you or those of you who appear on television or radio would be a bit more careful about what you print or say. Some people will take you literally. My mother who is in her 80's either read or saw on television where if you talk to your plants it does them good. The poor lady walks around all day talking to her plants and the ones at the supermarket too. She is making a spectacle of herself and people of the media like you are responsible. Just sign me, TED OFF.

DEAR T.O.: You missed the point. How are her plants doing?

CONFIDENTIAL TO TEACH: If your only vice is bingo, sleep soundly.



Mrs. Stokes Hosts Party

The Busy Fingers Sewing Club met in the home of Mrs. Clayton Stokes Friday, December 19, for a Christmas party.

Mrs. Stokes gave a devotional on "The Birth of Christ." A short business session was held and members exchanged Christmas gifts.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Jack Baker Jan. 1. Members present were: Mmes. J.B. Carter, F.G. Cooper, Nath Crockett, E.R. Fincher, Rolly Hill, F.G. Kennedy, E.C. Neiman, R.E. Brotherton, W.L. Taylor and Clayton Stokes.



FIRST PLACE WINNER in the president's door contest at Roberts Nursing Home was presented to Dalia Bertanga, of the Temple Getsemani Church, by Anita Pinon, Roberts Nursing Home Activity Director. Doors were decorated by area churches. Honorable mention, both second and third place, went to the First Assembly of God Church for their decorations.

F.H.A. Field Trip

Members of the Morton F.H.A. Chapter took a field trip to Lubbock Monday, December 8.

The forty-one members and their sponsors, Mrs. Murry Crone and Mrs. Owen Young toured the Texas Tech University campus and South Plains Mall. They returned home at 10 p.m.

Look Who's New

Leann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Sandifer. Leann was born December 21 at 2:20 a.m. and weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces and was 20 inches long.



Merry Christmas

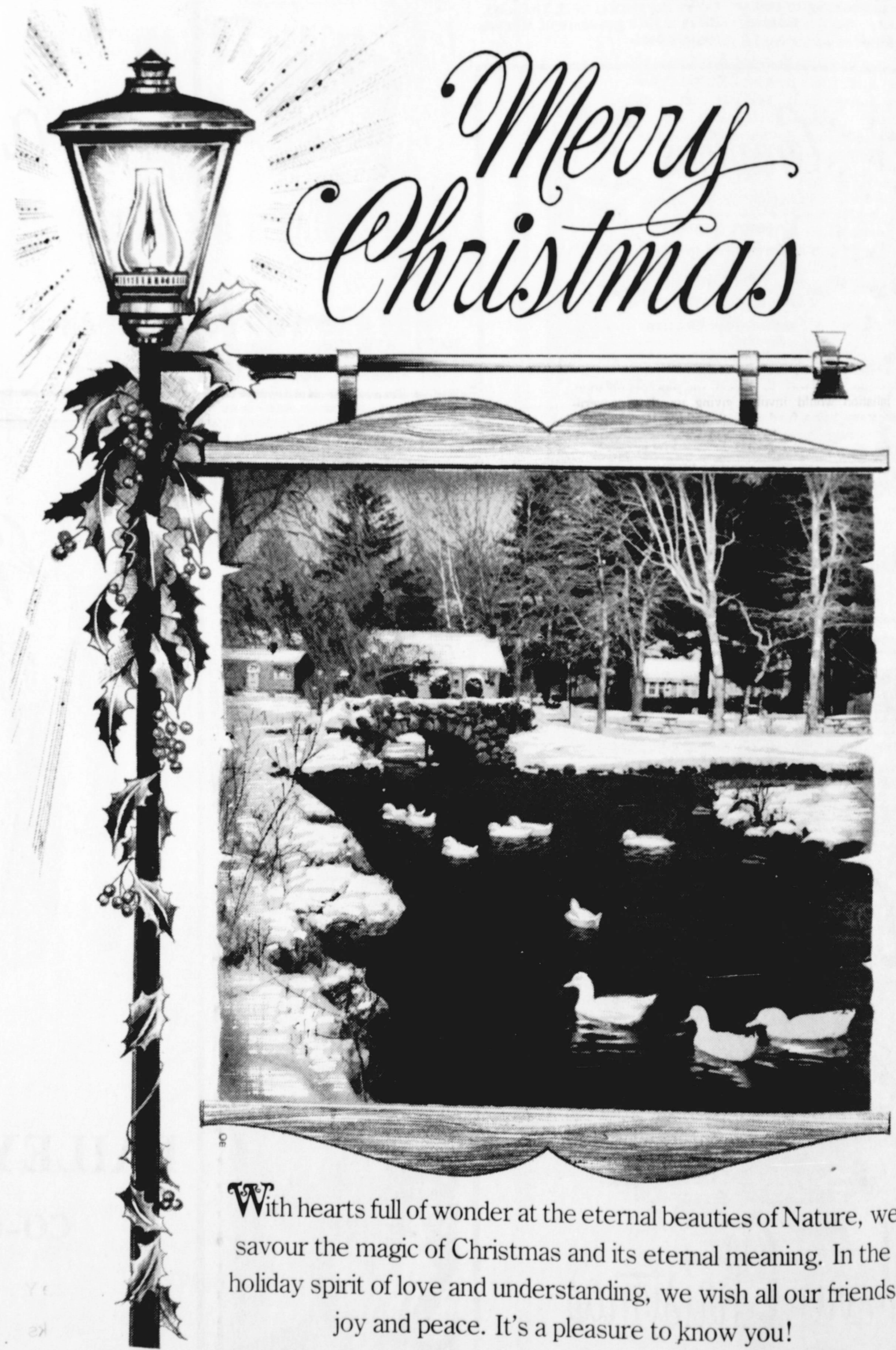
In the spirit of this festive holiday, we extend sincere thanks and warm wishes for a truly old-fashioned Christmas.

COCHRAN ELECTRIC SERVICES AND SUPPLY



Santa's bright magic touches us all at Christmas. Tucked in among his gifts you'll find our thanks and special wishes for a wondrous Holiday!

CROCKETT PUMP-COIN-O MATIC CAR WASH JOHN AND DALLE



With hearts full of wonder at the eternal beauties of Nature, we savour the magic of Christmas and its eternal meaning. In the holiday spirit of love and understanding, we wish all our friends joy and peace. It's a pleasure to know you!

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by U.S. Senator for Texas
JOHN TOWER



The Cruellest Tax

WASHINGTON—The most cruel tax you have to pay isn't even called a tax by the politicians who have foisted it upon you.

I can't imagine a more oppressive tax than the hidden tax of inflation, which is ravaging the real income of all Americans.

Inflation is a regressive tax which hurts the poor more than the rich, and the middle class worst of all. It is an insidious tax that demeans the value of work, encourages profligacy and waste, and erodes the productive resources of society.

Inflation, moreover, is a tax which no voter has ever approved, which escalates capriciously, and which is all but impossible to limit.

The tax of inflation has been rising rapidly in recent years. Consumer prices rose by 12 per cent in 1974, on top of an 8.8 per cent increase in 1973.

Most Americans perceive the symptoms of inflation—ever increasing price levels—not its causes. This is dangerous. To try to cure inflation by removing its symptoms with such measures as wage and price controls is as futile as trying to cure measles by removing the spots.

Inflation is the result of expanding the supply of money in an economy at a faster rate than the production of goods and services is increasing. If there is more money chasing fewer goods, price levels go up.

Excessive federal deficits are the primary cause of inflation. Every dollar that the federal government spends over what it takes in leads indirectly to an increase in the money supply of about \$2.50.

This is how it works:
(1) When the federal government runs a deficit, it issues IOUs—Treasury bills—and sells them to investors in order to make up the deficit.

(2) The more the federal government borrows, the more it drives down the price of its own Treasury bills and the price of all other debt instruments such as bonds issued by cities and states and private corporations. This is the same as increasing interest rates.

(3) In order to keep interest rates from going too high, the Federal Reserve buys Treasury bills to slow the decline of security prices. In effect, one agency of the federal government issues new money to pay for the debts of the other agencies.

(4) The money the Federal Reserve uses to buy the Treasury bills supplies reserves to commercial banks, which use the reserves to provide loans to businesses and consumers.

(5) Since banks are able to loan out about \$2.50 for every dollar they hold in reserves, and each loan leads to a dollar-for-dollar increase in the money supply, each dollar the Federal Reserve spends to buy Treasury bills ultimately results in a \$2.50 increase in the money supply.

Deficit spending is the result of lax fiscal policy by the government. It stems from the cowardly reluctance of spendthrift politicians to tell the voters the true cost of the programs they are proposing.

There is no easy way to repeal the tax of inflation. Halting inflation would involve giving up those governmental programs being funded by this hidden tax, and this would offend many powerful special interest groups. But inflation must be halted or it will destroy our economy.

The first step to ending the tax of inflation is to recognize that it is a tax—that there is not, after all, any such thing as a free lunch or a harmless budget deficit.

Proper Care Can Make Your Poinsettia Longer Lasting

The poinsettia is the favorite Christmas plant, with its attractive green leaves and bright red bracts. And, with the proper care, it can provide attractive colors for your Christmas decor throughout the holiday season.

Everett Janne, landscape horticulturist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, outlines several requirements which must be fulfilled to receive full benefits from poinsettias.

"The poinsettia will do best when placed in a sunny location and protected from sudden temperature changes due to drafts, heat vents or opening doors. Night temperature should not drop below 60 degrees F. A sudden drop in temperature can cause complete loss of leaves," notes Janne.

"Proper watering will do much to prolong the life of the poinsettia. The plant's water requirements are relatively high due to its large leaf surfaces and the low humidity in homes and

offices. The soil ball around the plant should not be allowed to become so dry that the leaves start to wilt."

On the other hand, the horticulturist cautions against keeping the soil saturated with water as this cuts off the oxygen supply to the roots, resulting in loss of feeder roots and foliage. Frequently, poinsettias come in pots covered with an attractive foil to enhance their appearance. Be sure to check if the drainage hole in the bottom of the pot is closed by the foil. If excess moisture cannot drain out, the soil will remain waterlogged.

"About three weeks after receiving the plant, fertilize it with a complete fertilizer," suggests Janne. "Dissolve the fertilizer in water and then water the plant thoroughly. Applications may be repeated at three-week intervals until the colored bracts fade and drop."



Deck the halls with boughs of holly! 'Tis the season to be jolly!

John Green Listed On TSTI Honor Roll

John R. Green was recently named to the Vice-President's Honor Roll at the Mid-Continent Campus of Texas State Technical Institute, according to Lovell A. Pillow, General Manager of the Amarillo Campus. Membership to the Vice-President's Honor Roll is attained by maintaining a 3.5 grade average.

John is majoring in Construction Technology and is the son of Lois Mae Daniels of 614 NE 3rd, Morton, Texas and is a 1974 graduate of Morton High School.

We're full up with extra special Christmas wishes for you, for Joy, Friendship and Cheer. It's a privilege to serve you . . . thanks.

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Merry Christmas
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Merry Merry Christmas

As colorful and jolly as good old Santa, that's how we hope your Christmas will be! May his robust and hearty spirit enhance every day of your holiday. In the true spirit of the Yuletide we send thanks to you all.

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Whiteface News

by Jean Bates

Leland and Bittie Scifies left Sunday morning for Knox City to be with Leland's sister who fell and broke her hip.

Charlie and Lydia Worley left Monday for Oklahoma City to spend Christmas with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Worley. Their other son and wife, Linda, from Fort Worth came Saturday morning for an early Christmas and Linda's parents, the J.W. Lumpkins. They returned home Sunday and will go to Oklahoma City to be with the Worleys Christmas Day.

Ala Bowers flew to San Diego, Calif. Monday to spend Christmas with her son and family, Bill, Pam and Amy Beth Bowers.

Wanda and Richard Stocks left for a months vacation visiting in California with relatives.

Ida Lyn Cagle Tucker graduated with honors from Victoria College December 18 at Gonzales. Ida Lyn is the daughter of Jean Cagle. She will make her home near Houston where her husband is employed.

Pam and Billy Mack Henry went to Carlsbad, New Mexico to visit with their mother, Frances Henry, for Christmas.

Lee Purcell went to Canyon Thursday morning to pick up their daughter, Gloria, who is a student at West Texas State University. She plans to spend Christmas with her parents.

LeFleur Garden Club Holds Annual Luncheon

The LeFleur Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. L.Z. Scoggins Thursday, December 11, for their annual Christmas luncheon.

Members presented a "Show and Tell" program featuring new gift ideas. Mrs. Elmer Gardner displayed a wall hanging made of burlap and carpet. Mrs. Olin Darland and Mrs. Don Samford showed macrame planter hangers. Other members displayed dried flower pictures, doll and children's clothing, embroidery and other hand work.

Miniature loaves of tea bread and fruit cakes were given to the ladies from the hostess. Members exchanged Christmas gifts.

voted to plant "Freedom Trees" in the Strickland Park as a bi-centennial project in January.

Names were submitted for 1976 officers by Mrs. J.L. Thomas, chairman of the nominating committee.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Olin Darland January 8.

Attending the luncheon were: Mmes. Alvin Gladden, Bob Newton, J.N. Burnett, Owen Egger, Maioy Simmacher, Olin Darland, Don Samford, J.L. Thomas and a guest, Mrs. Elmer Gardner.

Gift wrap was distributed to those who ordered it to help in the state project for the blind. It was

Crossword Puzzle

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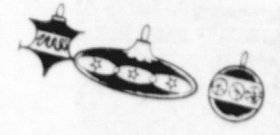
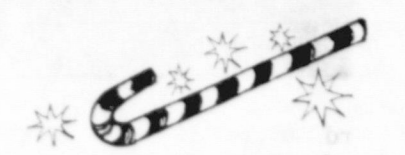
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- Exclamation
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- Printer's measure
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- Prefix: not
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MR. AND MRS. SHOT SANDERS of Whiteface announce the engagement of their daughter, Sunya Beth (Buttons), to Jan M. Moses, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tilman Moses of Corsicana. The couple plans a January 3 wedding at 7 p.m. in the Whiteface Baptist Church. Friends and relatives are invited to attend. The bride-elect is a 1970 Whiteface High School graduate and Moses is attending college in Arlington.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients admitted to Cochran Memorial Hospital from December 16 through December 21 were: Connie Coffman, Corima Chapa, Guibaldo Guerra, Dora Mae Hornsby, Mike Zapata, H.G. Long, Patsy Rodriguez, Clydean Sandifer, Sarah Dyer, Chris Sheek and James Sheek.

Holiday Greetings

Santa zooms in his pack filled to overflowing with joy, peace, and contentment for all. Happy holidays and thanks.

WILLINGHAM GIN

Merry Christmas

Thank you at this festive season for your friendship and goodwill. May love and peace be yours throughout Christmas and the coming year.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the old fashioned delights of Christmas make yours a wonderful holiday.

Our sincere thanks for your friendship.

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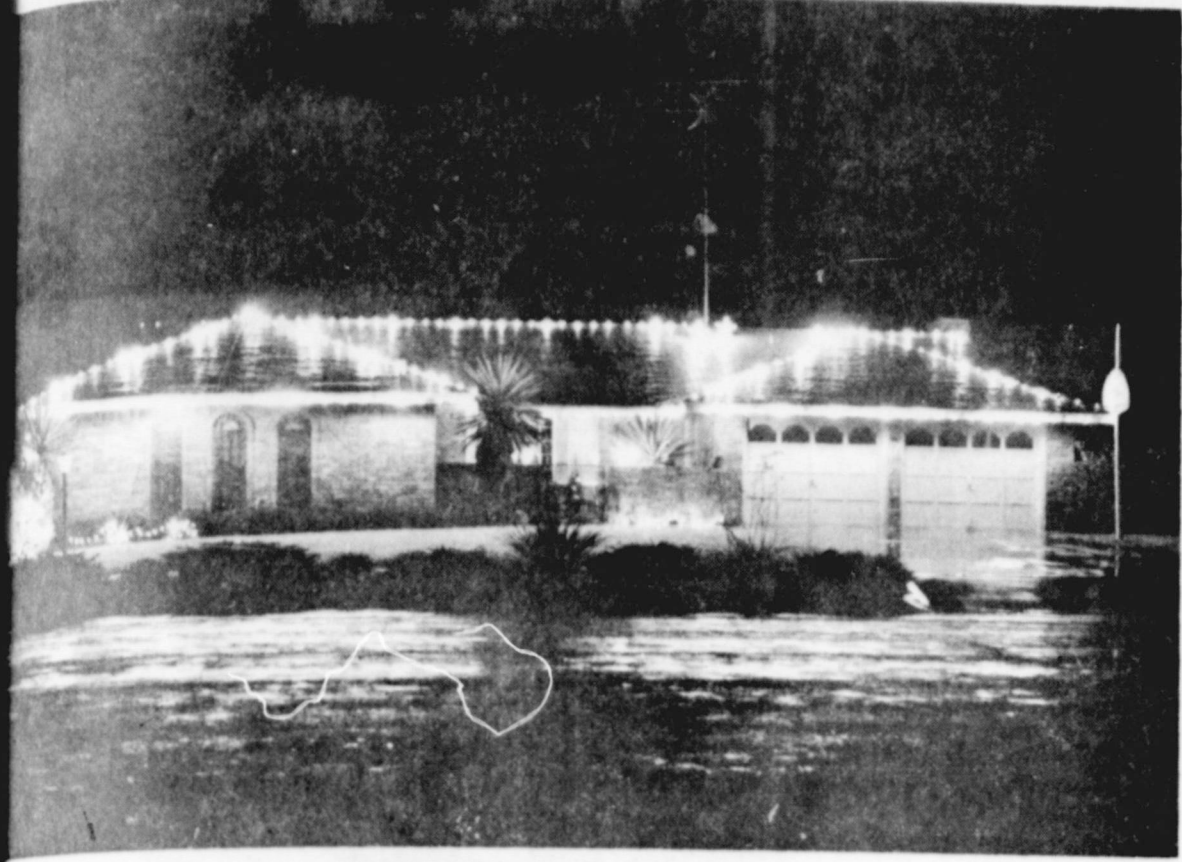
May your Christmas be merry and bright as you kindle the fire of hospitality in your heart and home. To our good friends, warm holiday greetings and thanks.

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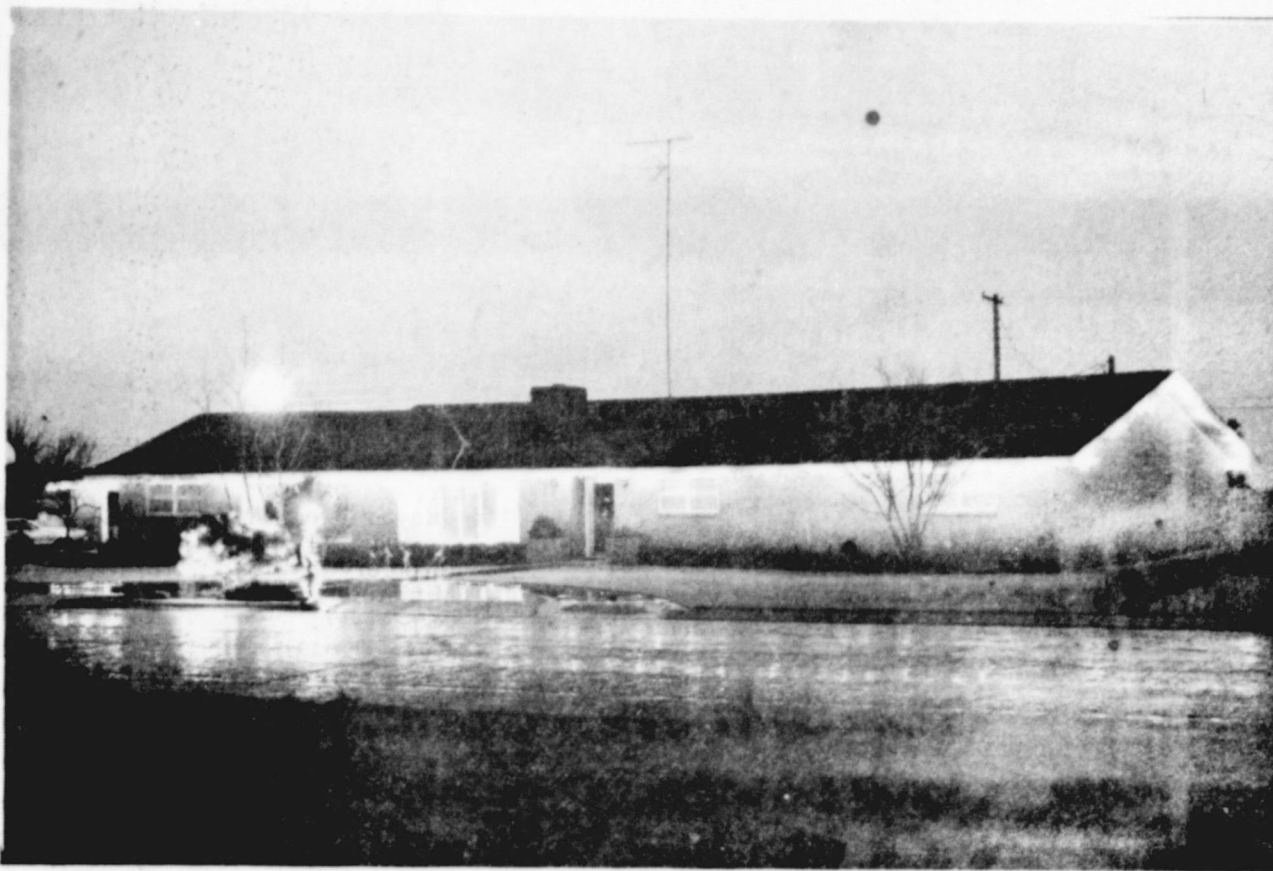
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HOME OF MR. AND MRS. RODNEY FRALIN Chamber of Commerce. Two giant stars on the roof awarded Second Place in the Home Decorating Contest, sponsored annually by the Morton Area Christmas night.



MR. AND MRS. BOB POLVADO were the Third place winners in the Morton Area Chamber of Commerce Home Decorating Contest for 1975. Look closely and you'll see the little elves tip toeing toward the door. We suspect they are delivering presents to three good "little" children, Debbie, Steve and Susan!

Looking Back

25 Years Ago
Members of the community are asked to help pack the bags tonight at Veterans

A meeting of local businessmen protesting unfair competition afforded by out of town merchants and members of the Morton City Commission was held last week.

Morton's first war casualty was reported. Fidel Flores, former resident, was killed in action in Korea.

Two ladies from a Littlefield Garden Club will be here to act as judges for Cochran County

Garden Club outdoor lighting contest Friday night, Dec. 22, it was announced this week by Mrs. C.W. Davis, president.

Roll back the carpets Morton's VFW boys have announced the purchase of a brand new Wurlitzer-Steinway piano to beat out the Christmas boogie woogie on at the annual VFW Christmas party.

The engagement of Miss Virginia Nell Tanner to Walter Hansen, has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Tanner.

Polio struck in nearby Goodland of neighboring county, last week as 3 year old Kenneth Gradd died four hours after he was brought to the Littlefield Hospital with bulbar polio.

Census report from the U.S. Dept. of Commerce shows that 5,989 bales of cotton were ginned in Cochran County from the crop of 1950 prior to Dec. 1, 1950.

15 Years Ago
One of the worst pre-Christmas storms ever to hit the South Plains covered Cochran County and nearly all of West Texas, first with light rain turning to sleet and ice, then with two days of snow fall last week. The result was a tremendous overall amount of damage to power and phone lines, low gas pressure that made heating a problem, and the forced shut down of many businesses, offices and schools.

Wilton Green has been appointed Soil Conservationist for the local Soil Conservation Service office.

C.B. Jones of Morton announced the sale of his interest in the Morton Drug Store to his son, Charles Jones, pharmacist, and a member of the firm since 1952.

It'll be free coffee and doughnuts all day Saturday at the McCoy Ford Sales firm. Also, visitors may register for four free turkeys to be given away at 6 p.m. Saturday.

The eighth Grade Choral group at Morton Schools will present a special program of Christmas music at the Cochran County Auditorium Monday at 7:30 p.m.

The Morton FFA boys will sponsor a Turkey Shoot two days this weekend, at the cliché pit, one mile west of Morton's city limits.

Cadet Capt. Clovis Ray Hale, University of Texas student from Morton, has been named an Air Force ROTC squadron commander.

Wagon-Load Of Cotton Launches Trade

Ox-drawn wagons carrying 300 bales of cotton arrived in Memphis from Fayette County, Tenn., in 1826, marking the beginning of a thriving trade that was to result in the city's development as the world's largest inland cotton market.

Within two decades, more than 100,000 bales were being handled in the Bluff City and by 1856 the amount had doubled.

Describing the Memphis riverfront scene in January, 1858, the Memphis Ledger reported, "Business on the Bluff seemed brisk enough this morning. Three or four acres were covered with cotton bales and the draymen were gyrating among them like maggots."

By 1870, Memphis also led all cities in the manufacture of cottonseed oil—producing 7,400 barrels of oil and 4,080 tons of cake.

Santa's pack is brimming with our good wishes and thanks.

L & B SUPPLY



O, Holy Night

May that special star that guided the Wise Men to the manger, shine forever more in the heart of all mankind. Our thanks to you at this blessed Yuletide

PAUL LAWLIS GIN
PAUL AND OLIVIA

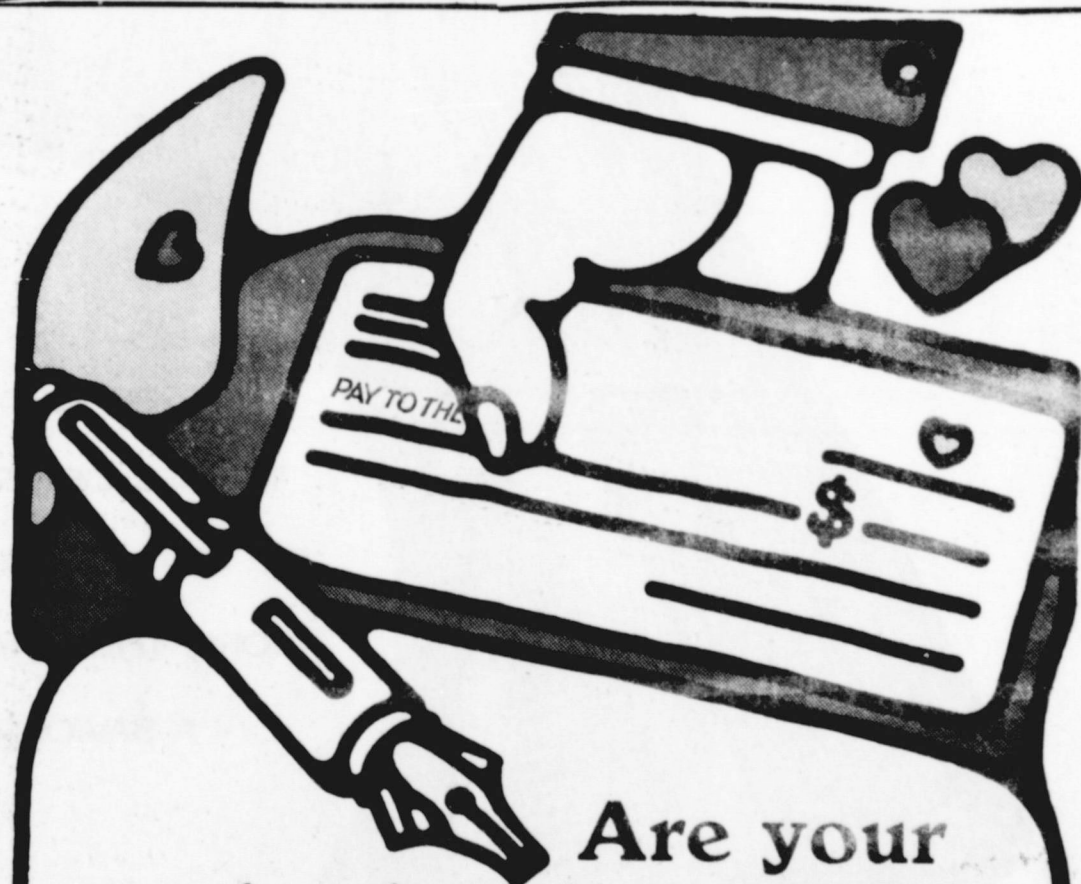
Merry Christmas

At Christmas we're especially happy to express our thanks and warm wishes for a very special holiday, to you and your family.



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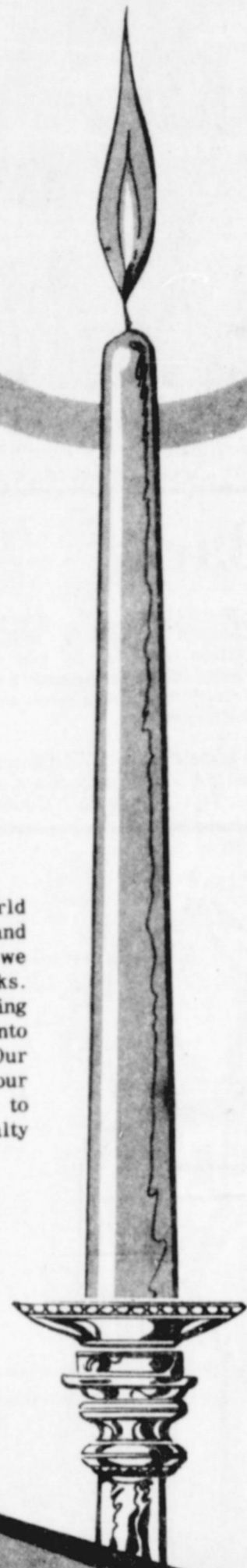
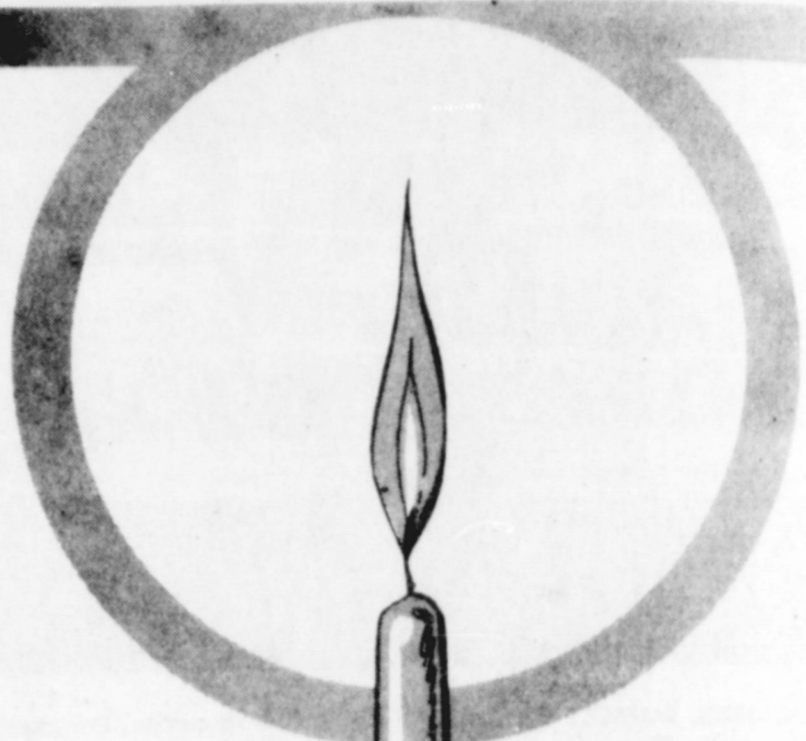
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Message of Hope for a Troubled World...

As people all over the world celebrate this sacred season and share its wondrous blessings, we offer a prayer of love and thanks. May this cherished holiday bring the Light of Peace and Love into your heart and home. Our heartfelt gratitude to Him for our many blessings of 1975 and to each of you for your trust, loyalty and friendship.



...BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD
TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY, WHICH SHALL
BE TO ALL PEOPLE. FOR UNTO YOU IS
BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID,
A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST
THE LORD.

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