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CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR - Tahoka High School DECA and Student Council students hosted a Christmas Home Tour Sunday evening, with seven local homes open for a large crowd who turned out for the event. Shown here at the home of Gary and Sherri McCord are (in foreground from left) Student Council members Kristi Chapa, Susan Draper and Katy Huffaker, and in background are several visitors to the home. (LCN PHOTO)

Christmas Lighting Contest Judging To Be This Friday

Everyone who has entered the annual Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by Tahoka Garden Club should have their lights on by 6 p.m. Friday night, Dec. 16, to allow club members to judge entries in several categories of decorations.

Pictures will be taken by *The Lynn County News* on the following Saturday and Sunday evenings, so participants should also leave their entries lighted on those evenings.

Entries may still be made by calling one of the following Garden Club members: Mrs. Madelyn Brown at 998-4930, Mrs. Pat Park at 998-4797, Mrs. Mildred Abbe at 998-

4602, or Mrs. H.R. Tankersley at 998-4254.

There are three classifications for entries. Residential has five categories - door, window, yard, outside tree and "over-all." Merchants will have one category: display windows. Municipal displays will include city and county buildings and will be judged in one category.

An entry must be lighted, and must be clearly visible from the street.

Three places will be rated in each category, and pictures of the first place award winners will be presented in the Dec. 22 Christmas edition of *The Lynn County News*.

Strickland Wins First Place With State Media Fair Entry

Tahoka High School sophomore Freedom Strickland, won first place honors at the 1994 State Finals of the Texas State Substance Abuse Pre-

vention Media Fair held at South Padre Island this fall. Freedom's graphic art was selected over all entries state-wide for grades 7-9. The



WINS STATE AWARD - Tahoka High School sophomore Freedom Strickland shows her graphic art entry in the Texas State Substance Abuse Prevention Media Fair which won first place honors. She received a certificate and a plaque which will be displayed at school. (LCN PHOTO)

Doris Collins Is New County Agent Here

Lynn County Commissioners Monday approved hiring a new county extension agent here, offering the job to Doris Collins who has been county agent in Paducah for the past two years. Mrs. Collins and her husband, Bill, met with commissioners and Dr. Kathy Volanty of the Extension Service, and the court gave their unanimous approval for the position.

Mrs. Collins was also county agent in Lipscomb County for a year, and is also a Certified Nurse Aid, a position she held at Twin Oaks Manor in Booker for a two year period, and she was also a Dietary Technician for High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo for a year. She has a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics from Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, and is familiar with the 4-H program, Family Community Education Clubs, and skilled in all areas of Family and Consumer Sciences.

The couple will be moving to Tahoka with their 3-1/2 year old child. They also have two stepchildren, a daughter, 22, and a son, 19. Mrs. Collins will begin working with the Lynn County Extension Office on January 1, 1995.

In other business Monday, commissioners contributed funds from their precincts to the Lynn County Child Welfare Board for their "Christmas For Kids" program which provides Christmas gifts for needy children within the county. Commissioner Jacky Henry had already contributed \$200 from his precinct, and commissioners Sandy Cox, T.A. Stogge and J.T. Miller each contributed \$200 from their precincts for the program.

Commissioners also approved funds totaling \$800 (\$200 from each precinct) for van repair for the Lynn

County Senior Citizens' van. Mrs. Kathryn Barham, manager, met with court and said she had already received donations totaling \$825 for the repair work which was costing the Senior Citizens \$1,638.

The court unanimously approved an audit bid from Love, Hays & Reeger for the county's financial audit for 1994, at a cost of approximately \$8,500-\$9,200. Sherry Pearce, Tax Assessor, asked commissioners to approve a fee adjustment from 75-cents to \$1 for tax renewals, which the court approved.

Several representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation and Soil Conservation Service met with the court to discuss erosion problems and water runoff in maintaining county roads and terracing of adjacent farm land. Several problem areas had been identified and after some discussion, it was agreed that letters would be sent to land owners and farmers explaining the problem areas, and that representatives from the Texas Highway Dept., SCS and Commissioners Court would meet with farmers to discuss possible plans of action.

Commissioners gave their approval for the Sheriff's Department

(See Commissioners, page 6)

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 7	50	38	Trace
Dec. 8	64	36	
Dec. 9	44	28	
Dec. 10	48	25	
Dec. 11	49	27	
Dec. 12	52	28	
Dec. 13	55	33	Trace

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Open House Slated For Several Businesses Here

Several area businesses are having Christmas Open House during the next few days, with residents invited to come for by refreshments and, in some cases, live entertainment or a visit with Santa.

Today (Thursday), First National Bank of Tahoka, Production Credit Association (PCA), and Poka-Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. have scheduled Open House.

The bank's open house is from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the FNB Community Room, and live musical entertainment will start at 12:30 p.m. PCA's open house is also from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in their office, located at 1928 Lockwood. Poka-Lambro's open house, including door prizes, is from

10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at their headquarters located 11.5 miles north of Tahoka on U.S. 87.

Wilson State Bank Open House will be held Monday, Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Wilson, and Santa Claus will be there to visit with children.

On Tuesday, Dec. 20, Lynn County Courthouse employees are hosting an Open House, from 1-4 p.m. in the courthouse.

The Tahoka Post Office will have Open House on Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m.

And, next Thursday, Dec. 22, the First National Bank of O'Donnell is hosting an Open House from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and invites area citizens to attend.



NEW COUNTY AGENT - Doris Collins was hired this week as Lynn County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences. She is shown with her husband, Bill. The couple will be moving from Paducah to Tahoka with their 3-1/2 year old child. Mrs. Collins will begin working with the local Extension Office on Jan. 1, 1995, filling a vacancy left by the resignation of former agent Rebecca Dimak. (LCN PHOTO)



JEEP OVERTURNS - This Jeep Grand Cherokee overturned south of Tahoka on U.S. 87 Tuesday afternoon. The driver, Claudia Massingill of Lubbock, was slightly injured. (Photo by Lyncco Wrecker Service)

Traffic Mishaps, Thefts Reported This Week

One collision in Tahoka and another traffic accident south on U.S. 87 headed up a list of incidents investigated by county, city and state officers during the last week.

Claudia Lynn Massingill, 42, of Lubbock was listed as driver of a 1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee which overturned five miles south of Tahoka on U.S. 87 about 4:20 p.m. Tuesday. Dept. of Public Safety officers said the driver apparently fell asleep, causing the accident. She was taken by Lynn County EMS ambulance to Lynn County Hospital, where she was treated for apparent minor injuries.

At the intersection of Ave. O and N. 2nd in Tahoka Dec. 7 a 1994 Mercury Cougar driven by Hollye H. Martinez, 27, of Lubbock and a 1985 Buick Skyhawk driven by J'Lyn Williams, 16, of Tahoka collided.

On Thursday, Dec. 8 a 1991 Chevrolet Suburban owned by Bob Otho Cook of Benton, AR, caught fire and burned about 12 miles southwest of Tahoka. The driver suffered minor burns but escaped; the vehicle was destroyed.

Two shotguns valued at a total of \$413 were reported stolen last month from a 1985 pickup in Lynn County near FM 211 and U.S. 87, according to the owner, Douglas Moerbe of Rt. 4, Lubbock.

A Wilson woman complained that she received harassing phone calls Sunday from another female, who keep repeating an obscenity.

Three persons were jailed during the last week, on charges of driving while license suspended (DWLS), driving while intoxicated (DWI) and DWI third offense plus DWLS.

media fair is a part of Texas' campaign called "Texans' War on Drugs."

The students in Lou Lindsey's art class last spring entered competition with graphic on the theme of lifestyles with/without drugs. Freedom's art is entitled "The Dance of Life on Drugs." When asked to describe her work for judging, Freedom said that she wanted to show that the joys of life like dancing and other teenage activities are lost when one loses his life to drugs. The skeletons in the artwork depict dancing teenagers who have lost the joy of life because of drugs.

The first place plaque was presented to Tahoka High School and will hang with the school's trophy collection. "Freedom will take with her a first place certificate and the pride of her school and community for representing Tahoka in this worthwhile endeavor," said Lou Ashcraft Lindsey, Freedom's art teacher last fall.



STUDENTS DONATE TO "CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS" PROGRAM - Tahoka High School DECA, represented here by (from left) Brad Long and Shannon Garvin, and THS Student Council, represented by Stephen Gwin and Blanda Miller, (at right) present a check for \$662 to Janet Porterfield, President of Lynn County Child Welfare Board, to buy gifts for needy children in the local "Christmas For Kids" program. The student organizations sponsored a Christmas Home Tour, hay ride for children, and visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus Sunday night to raise funds for the cause. (LCN PHOTO)

Kay-Weeks Exchange Vows

Sirita Kay and Jim Weeks were married at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, in the home of the groom.

Parents of the bride are Arlys and Christine Askew of Tahoka. Parents of the bridegroom are Adealia Weeks of Brownwood and the late Pete Weeks.

After a wedding trip, the couple will reside in Welch.

Open House Set At Courthouse

A Christmas Open House will be held Tuesday, Dec. 20 at Lynn County Courthouse, from 1-4 p.m. All area residents are invited to attend.

4-H Adult Leaders To Meet Dec. 20

The Lynn County 4-H Adult Leaders Association will meet Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. in the SPS Reddy Room.

"It is extremely important that everyone be in attendance as several items will be discussed," said Bryan Reynolds, CEA-AG.



JENNIFER LYNN SALDANA and MANUEL TREVINO DELEON Couple To Marry Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Saldana announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn to Manuel Trevino DeLeon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benito DeLeon of New Home.

A double ring ceremony will be held Saturday, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. in St. Jude's Catholic Church in Tahoka.

Service News

Ramiro Rodriguez, Jr., a senior at O'Donnell High School has joined the U.S. Army under its Delayed Entry Program. The Delayed Entry Program enables a student to delay reporting for training for up to a year so that he can finish his studies.

Rodriguez is scheduled to report July 20, 1995 to begin basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He has committed to four years of service and asked for advanced individual training as a Signal Support Systems Specialist in the Signal Operations.

Rodriguez is the son of Janie Villanueva and the stepson of Ted Castillo, both of Tahoka.

DECA, Student Council Donate \$662 To 'Christmas For Kids'

Tahoka High School DECA and Student Council organizations this week donated \$662 to the Lynn County Child Welfare Board to buy Christmas gifts for needy children in Lynn County. The THS student organizations raised the money by sponsoring a Christmas Home Tour, Christmas Hayride for children and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Sunday evening.

A good turnout from area residents who generously contributed to the fund-raiser visited seven area homes Sunday evening from 7 until 9 p.m. during the Christmas Home Tour. Children visited with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Downtown Mural Park before taking a hayride, touring the town in two wagons.

Representatives from DECA and Student Council presented the money to Janet Porterfield, President of Lynn County Child Welfare Board, on Tuesday this week. "This is wonderful," said Mrs. Porterfield. "We really appreciate the donation, and the Child Welfare Board can certainly use it - we now have 184 children in Lynn County in the 'Christmas For Kids' program. Thank you very much for doing this project - you did a good job," she told the THS students.

Mrs. Porterfield said that the deadline has now passed for accepting more children into the "Christmas For Kids" program, and said many gifts have already been purchased. Lynn County Courthouse

employees, and other volunteers including the THS Flag Corp, have been busy wrapping gifts in the courtroom during their spare time.

Each of the children will receive two toys and a shirt, unless sponsoring organizations "adopt" a child for Christmas, in which case they can give any number of gifts. Sixty-three children have been adopted by sponsors for the "Christmas For Kids" program, with the Child Welfare Board buying gifts for the remaining 121 children.

All donations are used strictly for purchasing gifts in the program, and are greatly appreciated, according to Mrs. Porterfield, who also noted that the funds are open to public inspection by any interested party.

The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

Baby Shower

Mrs. Terri Hymes will be honored with a baby shower on Friday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. She is expecting her second child on Dec. 26. Mrs. Hymes has taught math at New Home for five years. Everyone is invited to attend in the cafeteria.

Basketball

The New Home basketball teams traveled to Crosbyton on Dec. 6. The JV girls lost 34-42.

The Lady Leopards were led by Rita Torres' 32 points for a 67-64 victory. Farrah Huddleston added 12 and Brandi Nettles had 11.

The JV boys also lost 40-43. Jason Gandy led the Varsity boys with 19 points, but the Leopards fell behind during the last few seconds 45-47.

The Varsity teams competed in the O'Donnell tournament Dec. 8-10, losing in the championship games. The Lady Leopards beat Southland 67-31. They defeated Wilson 48-44 and played Tahoka in the championship game on Saturday.

The Varsity boys defeated Southland 55-37. They defeated O'Donnell in the second round and played Tahoka in the championship game.

The teams will travel to Dawson Dec. 16 and host Spade Dec. 20.

The Jr. High teams hosted Southland on Monday, Dec. 5. The girls won 33-7 and the boys lost 28-39.

FFA

The Mesa District held their Annual Banquet on Monday, Dec. 5 in Levelland. Kary Durham is District Secretary for 1994-95 and also competed in the Talent Contest.

Mr. Schaffner and 19 FFA members attended the banquet. Sharla Schaffner and Karon Durham also attended.

Student Council

The Student Council delivered 120 pounds of collected cans to the Lubbock Food Bank during the 6 p.m. newscast of Channel 11 on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The classes in the High School building decorated different halls and doorways on Monday, Dec. 5 to boost Holiday Spirit. Marsha Scott is sponsor of the Student Council.

End of Semester

The first semester will end Wednesday, Dec. 21. Tests will be given Dec. 20-21 for grades 7-12.

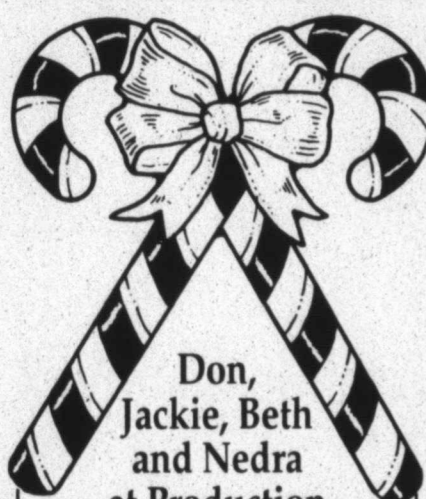
Community News

The New Home Baptist Church youth went to Lubbock Dec. 4 to purchase gifts for the Shoebox Ministries for those in Bosnia. After shopping, the youth returned to the church to pack the shoeboxes according to ages and sex and prepared them for mailing. Lance and Kellie Kieth are the new youth directors and the youth meet every Sunday at 5 p.m. Anyone in grades 7-12 is encouraged to attend.

The New Home Baptist Church will have a Christmas Program Sunday, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m.

Kriston and Kayla Durham performed

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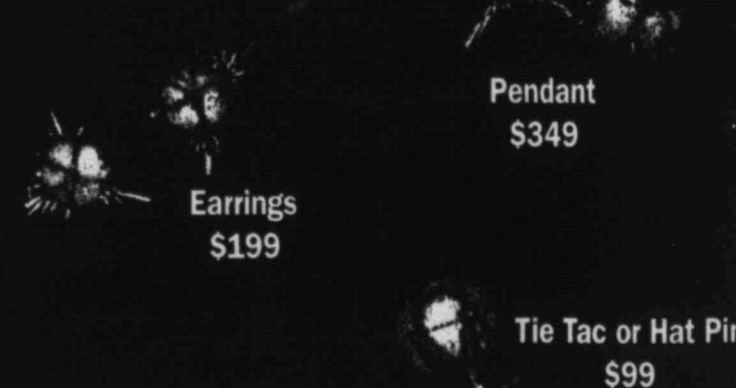
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OBITUARIES



GRAHAM HENSLEY Graham Hensley

Services for Graham Q. Hensley, 83, of Tahoka will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15 in the Draw United Methodist Church with the Rev. Darren Skinner, pastor, officiating, and Rev. Marvin Gregory, pastor of First United Methodist Church, and Rev. Mike Stark assisting.

Burial will be in Draw Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home.

Hensley died at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1994 in Lynn County Hospital.

He was born May 27, 1911 in Calahan County. He moved to Lynn County in 1916 and attended school in Draw. He married Virginia Cargile on June 16, 1931 in Clovis, New Mexico. He and his wife have been longtime residents of Lynn County and lived on a farm north of Draw for 60 years. He served 42 years on the Lyntegar Electric Board. During that time he served as Secretary Treasurer for 31 years and as President for 11 years.

Hensley was a 32 degree Mason of the O'Donnell Masonic Lodge. He served on the Board of Directors for the Grassland Co-op Gin. He was a steward of the Draw United Methodist Church and a farmer.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Roger Hensley of Post and Rux Hensley of Rockford, Illinois; a daughter, Diana Hawthorne of Tahoka; two brothers, Zan Hensley of Lubbock and Pat Hensley of O'Donnell; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Don Hensley,

Bobby Mac Furlow, Boyd Barnes, Melvin Edwards, Mark Hawthorne, John Hawthorne, Kenny Hensley and Randy Hensley.

Honorary pallbearers are Norman Ledbetter, Herman Ledbetter, Kenneth Huffaker, Robert Costa and Rusty Hensley.

The family suggests memorials to the Draw United Methodist Church.

Nellie Edwards

Services for Nellie Josephine Boyd Edwards, 99, of Tahoka were at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Becknal, pastor, officiating.

Burial in Tahoka Cemetery was directed by White Funeral Home.

Mrs. Edwards died Saturday, Dec. 10, 1994, in Tahoka Care Center.

She was born on Nov. 20, 1895, in Ponca City, Okla. She attended schools in Boyd and was married to Carroll Edwards on Dec. 14, 1913, in Crawford. He died on Sept. 1, 1969. She moved to Lynn County in 1922 and was a member of First Baptist Church. A son, Calvin, died on May 21, 1951. She raised two granddaughters, Calva An and Elva Jo after the death of their parents in 1951.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include four daughters, Mona Rae DeBusk of Hobbs, N.M., Freda Jeffcoat of Tahoka, Calva An Ledbetter of San Diego, Calif., and Elva Jo Edwards of Denver, Colo.; a son, Robert Carroll Edwards of Wilson; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Grandsons and great-grandsons were pallbearers.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church.

Patsy Doss

Services for Patsy Doss, 56, of Lamesa were at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 in Second Baptist Church with the Revs. Charles Thrasher, pastor of First Baptist Church in O'Donnell, and Terri Horton, pastor of First Baptist Church in Welch, officiating.

Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mrs. Doss died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1994, in Medical Arts Hospital.

She was born on May 17, 1938, in

Munday. She married Avery Doss on Jan. 25, 1958, in O'Donnell. She was a member of the Lamesa Genealogy Society and the Baptist church.

She owned Dawson County Credit Bureau.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Jerry Avery Doss Jr. of Lamesa; a daughter, Terri Jo Pye of Brownfield; her mother, Dorothy Pearce of O'Donnell; a brother, Mickey Pearce of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; a sister, Peggy Barbee of El Campo; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or to O'Donnell EMS.

Senior Citizens MENU

Dec. 19-23

Monday: Tacos, Salad, Cheese, Pinto Beans, Rice, Chips, Taco Sauce, Apricots.

Tuesday: Pork Chops, Baby Lima Beans, Beet & Onion Salad, Roll, Pumpkin Crunch.

Wednesday: Baked Chicken w/ Mushroom Sauce, Blackeyed Peas, Zucchini, Orange Sections, White Wheat Rolls, Snickerdoodles.

Thursday: Hamburger Steak, Brown Gravy, New Potatoes, Okra & Tomatoes, Apricots, Cornbread, Cookies.

Friday: Closed for Christmas Holiday.

Post Office To Have Open House

Tahoka Post Office is hosting a Christmas Open House on Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Post Office.

According to Postmaster Leonard Dunn, everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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BIG GERANIUMS—Harold Green of Tahoka holds one geranium plant weighing a little over five pounds, which he grew at his home.

Defensive Driving Encouraged For Holiday Season

All available troopers of the Texas Department of Public Safety will be working this Christmas holiday season and they will be especially watchful of drivers speeding and those that drink while driving.

"The troopers want you to have a very merry Christmas and a happy holiday season, so please slow down a little, live a lot, if you drink, don't drive and if you drive, don't drink," said a spokesperson.

Christmas is one of the most travelled holiday periods. The Texas Department of Public Safety wants to urge everyone traveling the streets and highways to use extreme care, so that they will arrive at their destination safely.

"The best thing we can do is adjust our attitudes, as we sit down behind the wheel of our vehicles and as we fasten our safety belts. Without a good attitude, we cannot be a defensive driver. Defensive driving is the key to arriving at our destination accident free," said a DPS spokesperson.

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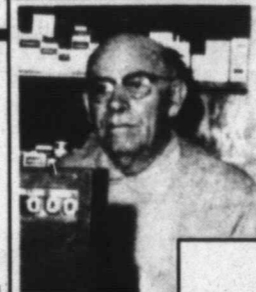
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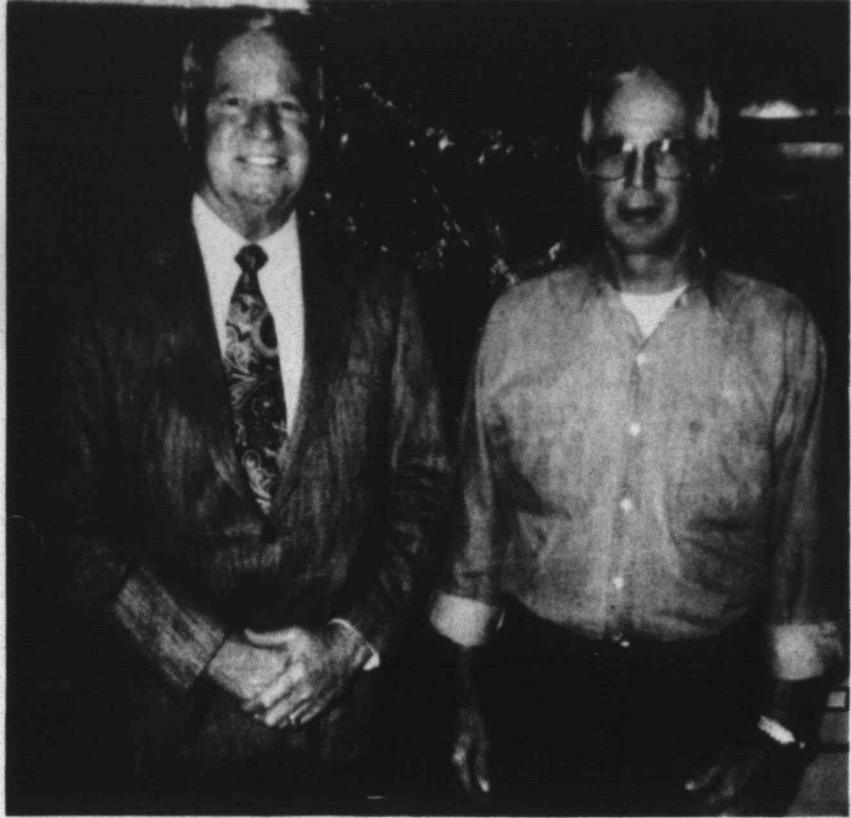
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SERVICE AWARDS — Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. presented service awards to 20 employees at their annual Christmas and Service Awards Banquet Friday night. Willis McNeil (left) received a 40-year award, and Lindell Bell received a 35-year award.

Lyntegar Presents Service Awards

Service awards were presented to 20 employees of Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. at the Annual Christmas and Service Awards Banquet held Friday, Dec. 9, in the Tahoka School Cafeteria.

Presenting the service awards, which represented 296 years of service to the cooperative, was Board of Directors' President Earl J. Brown, Jr. and General Manager Wilton J. Payne. Clint Gardner, Manager of Personnel and Administration, served

as master of ceremonies, and Mark McAfee gave the invocation.

Those receiving service awards were: 40 years - Willis McNeil; 35 years - Lindell Bell; 25 years - Roy Hinkle; 20 years - Gonzell Hogg, Ruth Wells, Pug Paris, Linda Owen and Keith Williams; 10 years - Troy Howard, Gene Ingle, Johnny Guerrero, Eddie Hancock, Loran McCormick, Sammy Pridmore, Mike Rivas and Mark McAfee; 5 years - Joe Mercer and Leslie Dockery; 3 years - Rayford Harris and Laveta Bloodworth.

FHA Members Attend Leadership Conference

Five members and two advisors of the Tahoka Chapter and Madeline Hegi chapters of Future Homemakers of America (FHA/HERO) participated Nov. 18-20 in a weekend leadership training conference held at Dallas.

The meeting was the last in a series of five nationally sponsored training conferences called Cluster Meetings held this fall. Chapter advisors, Patti Rambo and Donna Stone accompanied Blanda Miller, Kerri Bryan, Diana Saldana, Melissa Engle, and Melanie Bernal to the Dallas meeting.

"Youth at Its Best" was the theme chosen to highlight the activities and programs of this year's Cluster Meetings. The 3,400 young men and women and their adult advisors dealt with issues involving family, self-image and teen violence.

Throughout the Cluster Meeting activities, members and advisors celebrated FHA's golden anniversary. The anniversary theme, "50 Years Leading the Way — Families, Careers, Communities," was highlighted during general sessions and workshops as FHA/HERO members made plans for the coming year and prepare for the future.

The meeting's program emphasis was on examining how teens can take action and make a difference in the present and the future. The "Youth at Its Best" theme was reinforced by Friday's powerful general session, where meeting attendees experienced a three screen multimedia presentation and geared up for a variety of leadership training opportunities offered during the weekend. Keynote speaker Mike Smith challenged and motivated attendees with his energy, humor and enthusiasm.

During Saturday morning's workshops, teens learned how to tackle issues and take action. In the afternoon they chose from approximately 10 different workshops designed to expand their leadership capabilities. Participants learned how to use FHA/

HERO's national programs to build support and enthusiasm and increase participation in their local chapters. Local chapter members hosted many of these workshops.

Leadership workshops covered such areas as quality chapter programs, community service, peer education, financial management and communication.

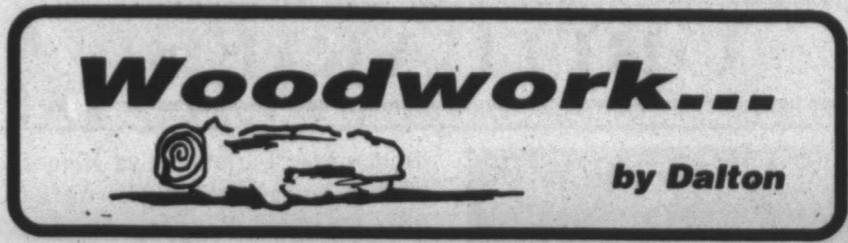
In addition to motivational speaker Joe Cavanaugh's keynote address, "Respectfully Yours," Sunday's activities concentrated on officer training, leadership skills and preparing for the organization's highly successful Students Taking Action with Recognition events competition.

"I thought this Cluster meeting was great!" said Blanda Miller, junior at THS and Region I FHA President. "My favorite part was Mike Smith, the keynote speaker. His speech about positive thinking made me more aware of ways that I can change and make myself a better person just through my thoughts."

"We had great speakers, went to informative workshops, learned new project ideas for our chapters, and we got to see and meet some of the Chicago Bulls players who were staying in the same hotel," said Kerri Bryan, junior at THS and Region Vice-president of Achievement.

FHA is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and social issues through home economics education. The organization has involved over nine million youth since its founding in 1945.

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SOME OF THE things about "the good old days" really were good and others were not so good, as most of us who were kids 40 or more years ago can testify. Some time ago, Florene Huckabey, a former resident of Tahoka now living in Littlefield, wrote down some observations about those earlier times after sitting and drinking coffee one day and thinking about those "good old days."

Florene, whose son Jimmy was manager of Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. in Tahoka before being promoted (?) to Denver City, didn't say anything about old-time Christmases, but I'm sure she remembers when kids got just one or two presents, and were really glad to get them. Later, kids started getting about 35 different gifts, and after unwrapping them, would cry out "Is this all?" And kids of 20-30 years ago would play with the boxes more than with the toys they got, which should have told us something.

Here's what Florene wrote:

Remember When:

- An office call to the doctor was two dollars?
- Castor oil was about the only laxative we had? (I can just say the words "castor oil" and I almost vomit.)
- It rained and we would set a bucket outside to catch the rainwater to wash our hair in because we didn't have water softener in those days?
- We couldn't afford toilet tissue? (Thank goodness for the Sears and Roebuck catalog.)
- We wouldn't dare call our church pastor by his first name?
- We didn't have an ice box and we would put a bowl of Jello outside to jell? (Only in winter, of course.)
- We walked a mile to and from school?
- Lady Ester was the most used face powder? (It didn't come in different shades.)
- The leading perfume was Evening in Paris and Ben Hur?
- Our first permanent wave in our hair was \$1.50 and it took nearly all day to give one, and the beauty operator who gave it to us stood and fanned it with an old fashioned fan because the rollers got very hot?
- I still call them the good old days!

Yeah, me too, Florene. But the best thing about the good old days was that we were a lot younger then. And that deal about walking a mile to school—I remember walking what they told me was a mile to school. And I know that folks who tell about walking to school have a tendency to exaggerate ("I walked two miles to school every day in two-foot snow, uphill both ways") the same as they do about the big snow of 1926 or 1953 or whenever (it gets approximately 2 inches deeper every year they tell about it).

Anyway, thanks, Mrs. Huckabey, for those remembrances, especially since many of them are from the woman's viewpoint, which I hardly ever come up with (it's okay to end a sentence with two prepositions).

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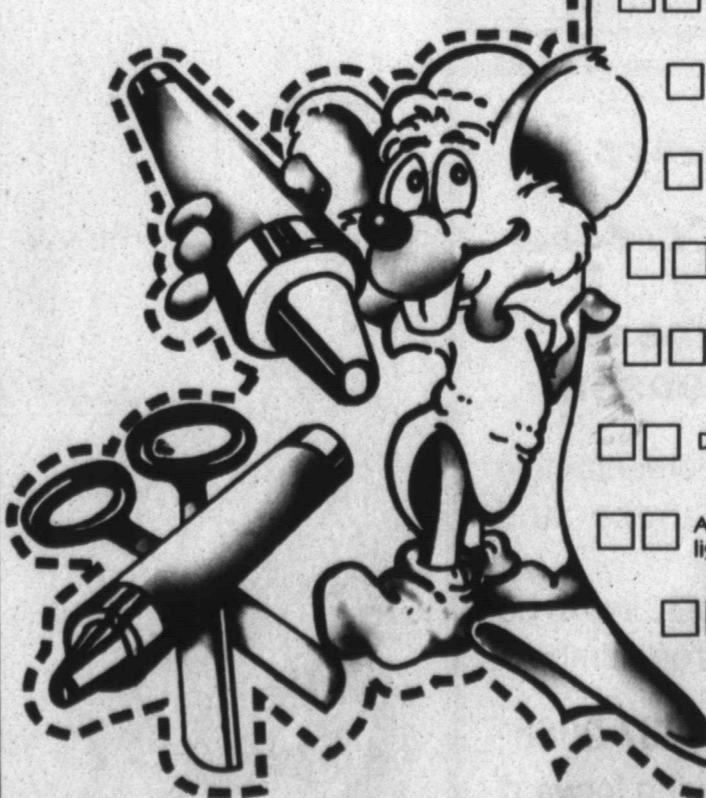
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 - Turn off all lights before leaving or going to bed.
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VARSITY LADY BULLDOGS - Tahoka High School Varsity Lady Bulldogs won two first place trophies recently, one at the O'Donnell Tournament last weekend (plaque at left) and one at the Anton Tournament held Dec. 1-3 (trophy at right). Members of the team are, seated from left, J'Lyn Williams, Robin Martin; kneeling from left, Abby Wells, Shayla Brandon, Rebekah Hutton; and standing from left (in uniforms) Stephanie Stennett, Katy Huffaker and Micah Smith. Team managers are, at left, April Braddock and Misti Nance, and standing at right are Coach Cindy Gardner and trainer Erica Handley. Stephanie and Katy were named All-Tournament players at the O'Donnell tourney, and Micah was named All-Tournament at Anton. (LCN PHOTO)

Both Tahoka Varsity Teams Win O'Donnell Tournament

Tahoka varsity boys and girls basketball teams both won championships in a tournament at O'Donnell last weekend, and both teams won over New Home teams in the finals. In winning at O'Donnell, Coach Robert White's Bulldogs brought home the first tournament championship trophy for Tahoka since a 1988 Anton tourney.

The Dogs opened tourney play with a 65-56 win over Dawson, as Curtis Erickson scored 16 points, Drew Stone had 13 and Lee Rash 10. In the second game, Tahoka came from 24 points behind in the second quarter to beat Roosevelt 67-65 in overtime. "We were really proud of how the team came back," said Coach White. "The team never quit; every member of the team played their role in the win."

Erickson led scoring again with 22 points, Martin Gill came off the bench to score 16 big points, and Stone had 11.

In the final game against New Home, Tahoka took a 73-65 win over the tall, talented Leopards. "Both teams played really hard," said Coach White. Erickson had 27 points and Rash 22 in that game for Tahoka, while Brad Bell scored 23 and Jason Gandy put in 17 for New Home.

In the words of Coach Cindy Gardner, Tahoka's varsity girls "did super" in the tournament, starting with a 50-46 win over Dawson. In the second round the Lady Bulldogs beat Roosevelt 45-34 when Katy Huffaker scored 23 and Micah Smith 16.

In the championship game, Tahoka won 41-30 over New Home as Huffaker scored 23 points and had 16 rebounds.

All four Lynn County schools had teams in the O'Donnell tournament. In the first round of girls action, Wilson Lady Mustangs defeated the host girls 49-43 as Teresa Buxkemper had 14 and Adrienne Caballero 13 for Wilson, while Lady Eagles scoring was led by 13 by Ashley Farmer and 11 for Sha Anderson.

Also in the first round, New Home girls battered Southland 67-31 as Farah Huddleston scored 35 points and Rita Torres 24 for the Lady Leopards. Micah Smith scored 26 points for Tahoka's girls in a 50-46 come-from-behind win over Dawson in the first round.

In the championship semifinals of the girls division, New Home defeated Wilson 48-44 as Huddleston had 21 and Torres 13 for the winners, and Wilson was led by Caballero's 17 points and Keri Wied's 14.

In other semifinals, O'Donnell girls beat Southland 56-46, with Regina Morales scoring 16 and Sha Anderson 12 for the winners. Morales scored 26 and Anderson 15 as the Lady Eagles beat Dawson to win the girls consolation finals. Also Wilson boys beat Southland 55-34 behind Adam Castillo's 12 points, and New Home boys beat O'Donnell 46-35. Leading the Leopards were Gandy with 19 and Zant with 11; top scorers for O'Donnell were Jay Ryan Ash with 17 and Brian Inklebarger

with 10. O'Donnell's boys beat Wilson in the first round of the tournament Thursday, winning 62-53 as Ramiro Rodriguez scored 17 points, Tony Barbosa had 15 and Inklebarger 12. For Wilson, Oscar Valdez scored 14, Cody Donald 12 and Vergara 10.

Jason Gandy netted 28 points and Shane Zant 14 as New Home's boys beat Southland 55-37 in the first round.

Stone and Erickson of Tahoka made the all-tournament boys team, as did Jason Gandy of New Home. Jay Ryan Ash of O'Donnell and Robert Brown of Roosevelt. Included on the girls' all-tournament team were Huffaker and Stephanie Stennett of Tahoka, Rita Torres and Farah

Huddleston of New Home and Keri Wied of Wilson.

The Tahoka varsity boys and girls teams split games with Bovina Tuesday. Erickson scored 24, Stone 12 and Rash 10 as the boys won 65-38 to move their record for the season to 7-3. The Lady Dogs, however, went to 6-5 for the year as they lost to Bovina 42-39. Smith had 16 points and Huffaker 13 for Tahoka.

Tahoka JV girls and boys also lost to Bovina. Brent Raindl scored 13 to lead the JV boys, who were beaten 54-34.

The first district game is scheduled here against Post next Tuesday, Dec. 20. Coaches said they would like to see the gym filled with fans wearing blue and white.



READY FOR A HAYRIDE - These girls were just a few who were ready for a cold Christmas Hayride sponsored by Tahoka High School DECA and Student Council Sunday evening, Dec. 11. All proceeds from the event were donated to the "Christmas For Kids" program for needy children here. (LCN PHOTO)

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Commissioners...

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to order a new car for use in 1995, a Caprice Classic police package at a cost of just under \$15,000 with trade-in, from Al Griggs Autocenter, Inc. in Tahoka.

Bills were approved, and commissioners set the next meeting date for Dec. 23 to approve early pay for county employees. The Courthouse will be closed Dec. 26-27 for the Christmas holidays.

Lynn County Extension Agent Brian Reynolds presented a four-year extension program plan for Lynn County to the court, which he said outlined educational plans for the county up to the year 2000.

Judge J.F. Brandon presided at the meeting and all four commissioners were present, as well as other county employees and several visitors.



4-YEAR EXTENSION PROGRAM PRESENTED—Lynn County Ag Agent Brian Reynolds, left, presented the Lynn County 4-Year Extension Plan at the County Commissioners Court Monday morning. Shown with Reynolds are, seated, commissioner Sandy Cox (left) and Dr. Kathy Volanty with the Extension Service, and standing with Reynolds are, from left, commissioners J.T. Miller, T.A. Stone, and Jacky Henry, and Judge J.F. Brandon. (LCN PHOTO)

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County Receives Less Tax Rebates

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered payments of \$122.2 million in tax rebates to 931 cities and 111 counties.

"Steady economic growth and strong employment by the services and construction industries prompted a 9.2 percent increase in local sales tax rebates in December," he said.

Lynn County, however, dropped in sales tax rebates from \$6,115.30 last year at this time to \$5,240.25, a 14.30 percent decrease.

O'Donnell received \$669.51 for this period, a 8.66 percent increase from \$616.10.

Tahoka had a loss in tax rebates from \$5,499.20 to \$4,570.74, a 16.88 percent decrease.

Wilson did not receive tax rebates for this period or this period last year.

BPA Involved In Community Projects

by BLANDA MILLER

The school year may be half way over, but the local Business Professionals of America chapter is still busy working on numerous school and community projects.

Shannon Garvin is heading a project to collect personal care items to be sent to the local Nursing Home. These items will be distributed to different residents by the staff.

Educational toys and books are also being collected. They will be individually wrapped by a committee led by Becky DeLeon and taken to Small Wonders to be placed under their Christmas tree for their party.

All BPA members participated in a Faculty Bake Sale to raise money for various projects and upcoming contests. The teachers signed up for different goodies that were then baked and delivered by the BPA members.

The Teacher Appreciation Committee has been doing several things during the last six weeks of the semester to show the teaching staff gratitude for their hard work. Teachers received candy with a special note written by Felicia Davis, Abby Wells, and Chris Rodriguez. A poem was also placed in their mailboxes by Jeremy Brandon and Conner Krey.

Cookies were taken to the teacher's lounge by Bonnie Stennett and Shayla Brandon. Kristi Chapa and Stephanie Gregory made a special acronym for "TEACHER" that was also placed in the teacher's mailboxes. To end the six weeks and begin the holiday season, each high school teacher was given a reindeer pin made by Robin Martin and Blanda Miller.

Many students have also been hard at work earning points for Torch Awards. Some of their activities have been a visit to the Lynn County Museum to observe early life in Tahoka, and participation in various school activities such as Red Ribbon Week and the Great American Smokeout.

PCA Sets Open House

Production Credit Association is hosting a Christmas Open House today (Thursday) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the office, located at 1928 Lockwood. All area residents are invited to attend.

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New Elementary Teacher Hired At Tahoka I.S.D.

by JUANELL JONES

In a routine session last Thursday evening, Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees approved hiring an elementary teacher, approved an alternative work day for staff, tabled a request for student exemptions from semester final exams, and took action on selection of an architect's services for construction of an athletic track.

Pam Martin, currently a student teacher at TISD Elementary, was offered a contract for the remainder of the year to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Clalene Newman, effective Dec. 16, who is moving away from this area.

Trustees approved an alternative Teacher Work Day for Dec. 17, allowing teachers who were originally scheduled to work on Jan. 2 the option of choosing either day, due to the New Year's Holiday and the Cotton Bowl.

The Red Cross requested permission to use school facilities during possible disasters, including the use of the gym and other facilities to house and feed people in case of a tornado or other situations, which trustees unanimously approved.

Roy Stevens was named for another two-year term as the Tax Appraisal board representative for the school district, with a 5-0 vote from trustees. Trustees tabled a request from the high school principal regarding student exemptions from semester final exams.

The Board approved contracting with AC Associates, an architectural firm in Lubbock, for services in connection with the construction of a new athletic track, with total architectural/engineering costs expected not to exceed \$6800. Trustees also approved a budget amendment in that amount from Designated Fund Balance for payment of those services.

Mrs. Sherri McCord, counselor, presented a brief report on the Texas

Education Agency's "School Report Card" on results of TAAS tests in the district, noting that TISD's accountability rating was acceptable and the district's accredited status. On the whole, students are performing better on the TAAS test, and Mrs. McCord said that she had just received results from the exit level TAAS test, and was "thrilled with the results."

Students must pass the exit level TAAS before graduating. This was the third testing cycle for re-testing those who had not passed all sections of the test, and the counselor noted that all current seniors have now passed the exit level TAAS, an accomplishment which the district has not seen in several years.

Present at the two-hour meeting were five of seven trustees, including President Greg Henley, Clint Gardner, Rex Rash, Brad Hammonds and Juanel Jones, as well as Superintendent David Hutton, business manager Loretta Tekell, and principals Ronald Roberts and Dr. Molly Helmlinger. Not present were trustees Myrtle White and Dan Stone. Trustees were in closed session for 30 minutes on personnel issues.

Long Range Program Unveiled

The 1995-99 Long Range Extension Program is being reviewed by the Lynn County Commissioners Court, Bryan Reynolds, County Extension Agent and Dr. Kathy Volanty, District Extension Director for Family and Consumer Services.

The plan was developed by Lynn County citizens and will serve as a tool to develop educational programs conducted by the Extension Service into the 21st Century.

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Deadline for contributions to Phebe K. Warner Club's annual Community Christmas Greeting is this Friday, Dec. 16. Contributions may be left with any teller at the First National Bank of Tahoka, or call Madeline Hegi at 998-4851, or other members of Phebe K. Warner Club, to pick up a donation.

The Community Christmas

Greeting, which will appear in the Dec. 22 Christmas issue of *The Lynn County News*, is an opportunity for people in the area to greet one another at Christmas by contributing their Christmas card money to the Lady Dobbins Stewart and Maurice Bray Scholarship Funds. These scholarships help young people in the Tahoka area to further their education.

Total contributions will be divided equally between the two scholarship funds, unless otherwise specified.

**WISD Board
Canvasses Votes**

The Wilson ISD Board of Trustees met Thursday, Dec. 8 in the Elementary Board Room. The principals presented the Academic Excellence Indicator Report which included TAAS results. The principals reported that each campus is currently developing goals and objectives for the campuses based on the results of the AEIS report. The Board will review campus plans at the January board meeting.

The Board canvassed the results of the WISD Bond Election held Tuesday, Dec. 6. The Board passed a resolution certifying the results of the election.

The annual financial report was presented by Norman Clement, Jr., P.C. and approved. Salary adjustments for Wilson ISD employees was approved. The adjustments will be paid prior to Christmas.

Wilson ISD students will continue to be dismissed at 3:40 p.m. for the spring semester since the Board approved continuing the current school day. The Board also approved a class size waiver request for first grade. The current enrollment in the first grade class is 24 students.

A cheerleading policy was approved for the 1995-96 school year after discussion and input from parents and community members.

The Board approved the recommendation to hire Obed Ginitan as the vocational agriculture teacher for the spring semester.

The Board will meet Dec. 21 in a called meeting at 7 p.m. to employ an engineering firm and review preliminary plans for the construction of a new gym which was approved by the voters with the passage of the bond election.



SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS VISITS TAHOKA - Santa and Mrs. Claus visited with children at the Downtown Mural Park prior to the Christmas Hayride held Sunday evening, Dec. 11. Here, the little girl on the left doesn't look too sure about visiting with Mrs. Claus, but the older girl on the right, who has probably had more experience dealing with the jolly couple, seems right at home on Santa's knee. (LCN PHOTO)

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**The WILSON News
by Buster Abbe
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The Wilson elementary art and theater arts class will present a program Thursday (tonight) at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

Wilson PTO met Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. During the business meeting people signed up to work at the concession stand during five home games. Those who did not sign up are urged to contact a PTO officer to sign up. People are also needed to bring items to be sold during the games. The elementary students sang Christmas songs.

Mrs. Hutton was awarded the teacher prize for the meeting and five elementary students won the drawing for the attendance prize.

Wilson schools will dismiss Friday, Dec. 16 for the Christmas break. Classes will resume at regular time on Monday, Jan. 2.

Dec. 21 is the first official day of winter.

What sleepy-red-headed Wilsonite celebrates his 40th birthday on Dec. 15? Maybe John Earl can tell us.

The Wilson Lions Club will hold their annual Christmas Party Thursday (tonight) at the Mercantile. Lions, their families and guests, will have a finger food meal and Lions are asked to bring a salad or dessert. There will be outside entertainment.

The Lions are winding up their annual collection of toys and monetary donations for the Lynn County Child Welfare Board. New, unwrapped toys and clothing can be dropped in a barrel at the Wilson State Bank or at the Mercantile. Cash contributions can be made to the Lions fund at Wilson State Bank. Your gift will help insure that these kids have a happy holiday.

The Wilson Mustang Booster Club will hold a drawing for two amounts of groceries from United Supermarkets in Slaton. First prize is \$150 worth of groceries and second prize is \$50 worth of groceries. The drawing will be held Friday, Dec. 16 during the half time of the boy's basketball game. Tickets will be available at the game, prior to the drawing.

**Draper Runner-Up
For Coach Of Year**

Tahoka football coach Darrell (Tooter) Draper was runner-up as Coach of the Year in Class AA as the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal named its All-South Plains Class AA team last week. Draper took a team that was winless the previous year, except for a forfeit, and led them to a 5-4 season, the first winning season for a Tahoka football team since the early 1980s.

Named Coach of the Year for the AA team was Benny Granger of Sundown.

**Cowboy Christmas
Ball Is Saturday**

The Borden County Junior Livestock Association is sponsoring a Cowboy Christmas Ball. This formal family affair will be held Saturday, Dec. 17 from 8 p.m.-12 a.m. at the County Showbarn in Gail.

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