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AROUND THE COUNTY



ARTHUR BARLEMANN, JR. COUNTY AGENT

Everyone is reminded of the barbecue being held at the Livestock Show Barn at noon today. The barbecue, sponsored by the Sterling County Livestock Show Association, is to raise funds for the awards in the Livestock Showmanship Contests to be held after lunch.

During the morning, 4-H Club and FFA members will see demonstrations in fitting lambs for show and showing sheep and beef cattle. The demonstrations will be given by Allen Turner of San Angelo. Purpose of the demonstrations is to aid the girls and boys who will be showing livestock during the coming months.

The youngsters participating are to bring a lamb and a beef animal to use in the showmanship contests. These animals need not be fitted for the contests as judging is based on the showman's ability to handle their animal in the showing. To do this, Danny Stewart will act as a judge would in the showing. He will ask the youngsters to move their animals and perform as if actually in the showing.

If you get your paper before noon Friday, come out and eat barbecue and help the Livestock Show Association in putting on these demonstrations and contests. Remember that Monday is Christmas Day and turkey is the traditional meat for the day. Tuesday means leftover turkey, Wednesday leftover turkey and so forth.

Many people will be hunting during the holiday season with new guns received as Christmas presents. Safety in handling these weapons as well as old ones is vital. Recently, there have been several accidents in this area involving guns.

Several days ago, a 4-H Club member in another county was target shooting with a 22 pistol. He loaded the pistol, whirled it around his trigger finger in preparation to firing it, and fatally shot himself.

Be careful in handling all types of guns. Don't ruin the holidays, or any other days for that matter, by shooting yourself or someone else. Always carefully unload your weapon before putting it in a vehicle or taking it in the house. Remember—an awful lot of people are shot with so-called unloaded weapons; make sure yours is actually UNLOADED.

This is the season to be merry and that means the end of the year is near. It also means that ranchers and farmers should take a look at their tax situation before the final curtain goes down on 1972.

"Agricultural producers can save numerous tax dollars by taking a careful look at their business transactions since January 1 of this year and by taking certain steps before December 31," points out Michael Sprot, economist in management for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University.

A number of legitimate devices may be used to lower taxable income. A key means is to accelerate deductible expenses by buying all or part of next year's feed and supplies before the end of this year. Costs of soil and water conservation measures, land clearing, payment of all interest that is allowed, and purchases of equipment are other means. There are certain guidelines to

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Thursday morning of this week include:

Mrs. Leah Wyckoff
Claude Ditmore
V. E. Brownfield

Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week were—
Pam McEntire
Mrs. Pete Rodriguez
Mrs. Maria Rios

Patients in the Sterling County Nursing Home on Thursday morning of this week were:

Mrs. Cliff Carpenter
Mrs. Lucy Norman
Mrs. Lilly Revell
Mrs. Henry Merrell
B. O. Bailey
Mud Allen
Larkin Longshore
Mrs. Allie Foster
Earnest Turner
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Mrs. Robbie Grace
W. R. Morgan
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Julius Olson
Mrs. Noble Read
J. B. Ratliff
Mrs. Minnie Pinson
J. B. Sites
Mrs. Maude McMillan

Noratadata Club Christmas Party

Three couples were hostesses for the Noratadata Christmas party held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dodds.

A buffet dinner was served to: Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bynum, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Foster, Mr. and Mrs. D. Kirk Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Chesley McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Foster S. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watts, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Horwood, Mrs. J. I. Cope and Mrs. Nan Davis.

Hosting the party were Mr. and Mrs. Ross Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dodds.

NOTICE, ALL INTERESTED IN FOSTER CEMETERY

It is about time for you to pay your 1973 dues to the Foster Cemetery. We have a real good caretaker and expenses go on the year round.

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be followed and producers are urged to contact a tax consultant regarding these.

Since prices of agricultural products have been somewhat higher this year than in the past, farm and ranch income may be up considerably. If this is the case, income averaging may be applied so that excess income is taxed at a lower than normal rate. This should also be discussed with a qualified tax consultant.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS, HAPPY 1973!

Behind the 8-Ball



By the editor.

As is our custom in the week between Christmas and New Year, we will not put out a paper. This is the final issue of 1972. We skip two weeks each year, one in the summer and one as this next one. This gives some time off for vacations or whatever. In the winter one, we usually remain open catching up on job printing, marking up renewals on subscriptions, and cleaning up the shop. It usually needs it.

Big daily papers usually do skip one or two issues per year in order to give their employees time off.

The way old man winter is acting this year, it precludes any trip-taking. I'd be scared to go off in this cold weather. Last year, we took off and went to Albuquerque to eat at La Placita, saw the Grand Canyon with the trees snow-flocked (real) and some other sights, as well as Las Vegas. The weather was beautiful—on the whole then. But we might not be so lucky this year. We hurried home so as to watch Texas beat Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl—on television—and that didn't happen, if you recall. It was the other way around.

The country was pretty up around the Grand Canyon and one little stretch of slush and ice was one the roads from Williams, Arizona to Winslow. We returned home by way of Phoenix, Tucson, and El Paso. The weather was fine, but Interstate 10, or is it 20? was crowded from Phoenix to El Paso. Wow.

Any way this year, old man winter is too rough to even think about a trip to any place very far off. One might get stranded in a snow storm or something. Or the weather here might mess up something at the old home—place.

8-BALL

Old Santa made his appearance at the Fire Department Monday night, at the churches on Sunday night. The city's Christmas decorations are up and lend to the spirit of the season. Many homes are all lighted up nightly. Little Mary and Glen Orr, children of the Harold Orrs, stand in the (or sit in) the manger scene in front of the Orrs—weather permitting of course. The college kids are home for the holidays and the season pervades nearly every home here.

Many changes are evident here in my 28 Christmases in Sterling. Tom Onstott, manager of the WTU, used to put up or string rows of colored lights across the highway in town. Now, we have the Christmas decorations that the Lions Club bought. The Volunteer Fire Department always has a program with old Santa during the season.

Mrs. Tucker plays Christmas carols, etc. on her organ for the public address system and some homes are grandly lighted up with outside lights.

8-BALL

The town has fewer residents than it had in 1944, but most small towns have lost population in the past twenty years. Sterling lost the rail road, the car dealers, some of the stations, some grocery stores and cafes, but all the necessary businesses are still here—in a sense.

The hospital has kept apace—and the nursing home has been added. Dr. Swann is

School Holidays

The Sterling City School is on the Christmas holiday. It began Thursday for the students and will resume classes on January 2. Today (Friday) is a teacher workday at the school then they will be off until the second of January. Most college students are home for the holidays.

City, County Get Revenue Sharing Checks

The City of Sterling City and the County each received their first half of the new revenue sharing checks from the federal government last week. They will get the other half in 1973, probably in January.

The city got a check for \$1,140.00, said city secretary Mrs. Johnnie Donalson.

The county got \$10,364.00, said county judge Roland Lowe.

Congress passed the revenue sharing bill this year and in the future will share revenue with states, counties, and cities over the nation.

LIONS CLUB

The Sterling City Lions Club met at noon Wednesday in the community center. Four guests were present, being Howard Cudd, R.V. Hamilton, Danny Stewart and Worth B. Durham.

Bobby Dodds told of a defensive driving school that was to be held here in January. Those who complete the course will get a reduction in car insurance, it was said.

County agent Arthur Barlemann Jr., told of the showmanship contest to be held at the county show barn today—Friday. A barbecue will be served at noon.

Members decided to put up the remainder of the town's Christmas decorations Thursday afternoon.

The club voted to buy a gang grass mower from government surplus if available.

President James Thompson reminded the members of the Lions Mid-Winter Conference to be held in Ozona in January 13.

No Meeting Next Week

There will not be a meeting of the club next Wednesday, December 27. Mrs. Bess Blagg, hostess for the club and community center, presented each person present with a gift plate of candy.

There are two new members of the club (they will join in January)—being R.V. Hamilton, the new minister of the Church of Christ and Howard Cudd, who is retiring after 23 years as the attorney for the City of Oklahoma City, Okla. He and his wife have bought the Clarence Merrick house and will reside permanently in Sterling City.

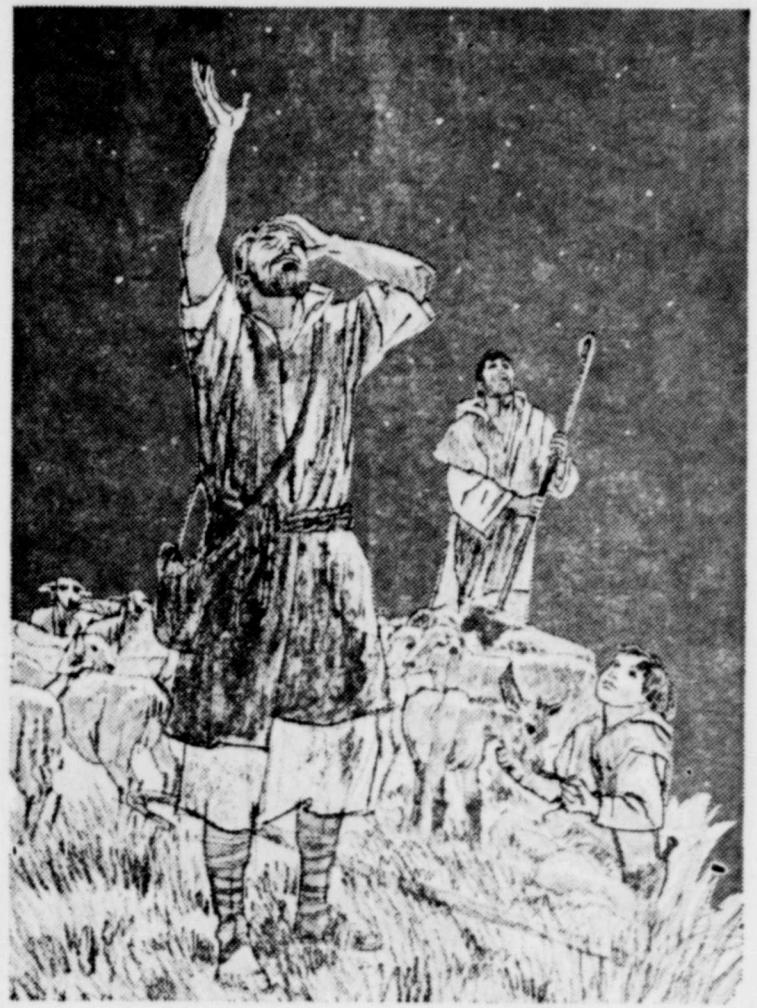
able to practice in a nice set up. The school has been rebuilt and added to, and there are too many improvements to cover them all in the city.

The highway 87 has double divided lanes leading into the town from both ends.

8-BALL

Yesterday, or today, one or the other, is the first day of winter. Yowsah and howsah, as Ben Bernie would have said back in his day. Guess we'll have some pretty days or Indian summer for awhile and then more winter.

Or maybe everything is coming earlier this year. Like if winter comes, can spring be far behind? Kelly or Sheats or somebody once said that.



THE SHEPHERDS ARE TOLD OF A SAVIOR

LUKE 2:8-17

From THE LIVING BIBLE

"That night some shepherds were in the fields outside the village guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly an angel appeared among them, and the landscape shone bright with the glory of the Lord. They were badly frightened, but the angel reassured them.

"Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone! The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born tonight in Bethlehem! How will you recognize him? You'll find a baby wrapped in a blanket lying in a manger!"

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven," they sang, "and peace on earth for all those pleasing him."

When this great army of angels had returned again to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Come on! Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this wonderful thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

They ran to the village and found their way to Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. The shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.

Illustrations from TAYLOR'S BIBLE STORY BOOK

Gift Tea Honors Carolyn Cole

Miss Carolyn Cole, who will be married later this month, was honored with a gift tea in the community center here on Saturday, December 9.

Hostesses for the party included Mrs. Worth Allen, Mrs. J.W. Blaneck, Mrs. W.R. Brooks, Mrs. Jim Bob Clark, Mrs. Nan E. Davis, Mrs. J. Q. Foster, Mrs. Ross Foster, Mrs. David Glass, Mrs. Bill Jones, Mrs. Neal J. Reed, Mrs. I.W. Terry and Mrs. Finis Westbrook.

Miss Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill J. Cole, is planning a December 30 wedding here in the First Presbyterian Church to Bert Rice Bloodworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Bloodworth Jr. of Sonora.

On December 13 in the home of Mrs. Wade Choate in San Angelo, Mrs. Dick Compton and Mrs. Choate were hostesses at a luncheon honoring Miss Cole. It was a kitchen shower for the bride to be.

Twenty persons were present at the party.

Miss Debbie Reed Feted at Parties

Miss Debbie Reed, who has December 23 wedding planned was feted in parties at Lubbock recently. Debbie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal J. Reed of Sterling City, teaches school in Lubbock.

Boy Scout Court of Honor Held

Local Boy Scout Troop 12 held a Court of Honor Tuesday night. Following the award program, refreshments were served to the boys and their parents, and some slides on Scouting activities were shown.

Boys receiving awards were: Michael Lackey, second class rank and mile swim award; Jimmy Watson, second class rank; Lee Fleming, second class rank; and Terry Viktorin, second class rank.

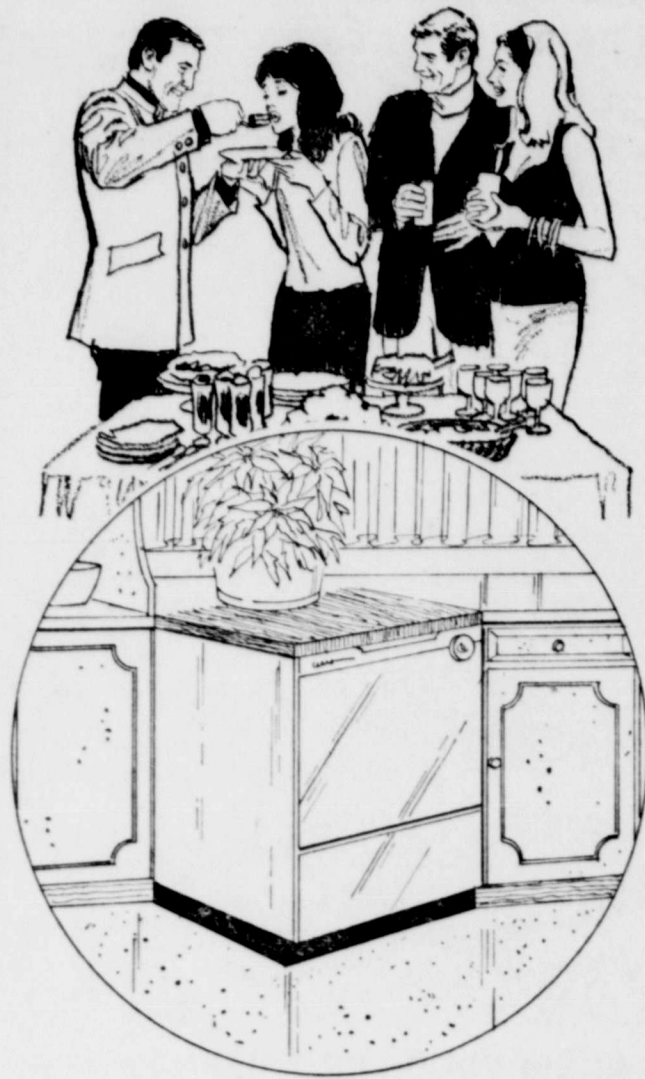
The light bulb sale is still on and will continue through the holidays. At the end of this sale the boys hope to have enough money to purchase some tents and plan a camp out in January.

The next Scout meeting will be on Thursday, December 28 at 7 p.m. in the Scout Hut, said Scoutmaster Don Viktorin.

On December 2, Misses Ann Tschope and Nancy Jo Thompson were hostesses at a lingerie shower at the Lubbock Country Club. Twenty guests were included.

On December 7, Mr. and Mrs. Asher Thompson were hosts at a dinner party in their home. Twelve guests were included.

On December 20 Mrs. Bruce Gentry and Mrs. Lec York were luncheon party guests at Hemphills. Twelve guests were included.



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TEAL—Sept. 9, Sept. 17.
ANTELOPE—Sept. 30, Oct. 8 (1 per season with permit)
DEER—Nov. 18, Jan. 1. (2 either sex)
TURKEY—Nov. 18, an. 1. (2 either sex)
QUAIL—Dec. 1, Feb. 15. (12 per day, 36 possession)
DUCKS AND COOTS—Oct. 15, Nov. 26; Dec. 9, Jan. 24.
GEESE—Nov. 4, Nov. 28; Dec. 9, Jan. 24.
SANDHILL CRANE— Oct. 28, Jan. 28.
These seasons and limits are the ones turned in by Game Warden Wayne Posey for the 1972-73 season.

JUNIOR HIGH BASKET BALL SCHEDULE

T—There; H—Here
Nov. 16—Grady T
Nov. 20—Stanton H
Nov. 27—Greenwood H
Dec. 4—Forsan H
Dec. 11—Coahoma H
Jan. 11—Garden City T
Jan. 15—Grady H
Jan. 18—Stanton T
Jan. 22—Greenwood T
Jan. 25, 26, 27—Robert Lee Tournament
Jan. 29—Forsan T
Feb. 1—Coahoma T
Feb. 15, 16, 17, Sterling City Tournament
All games are district games and begin at 6 P. M.

LIGHT BULB SALE BY BOY SCOUTS NOW ON

Don Viktorin, Scoutmaster here, said that the local Boy Scouts were now selling bags of light bulbs. Money raised will be used to buy camping equipment. The boys will sell the bulbs from door to door, but if any one gets missed by the boys, Don asks that those persons call him and he'll send a Boy Scout around with the bulbs. Bags will have six bulbs in them, two 60 watt, two 75 watt and two 100 watt bulbs, but any combination may be worked out.



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The Border Patrol is the mobile, uniformed enforcement branch of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Its principle purpose is to prevent the smuggling and illegal entry of aliens into the United States. The border patrolmen, called Immigration Patrol Inspectors, work along international boundaries, although their duties are not necessarily confined to these areas. They work in jeeps, cars, on foot, in boats and even in airplanes. Officers investigate violations of the immigration laws and frequently make arrests. They are often required to work irregular hours, under all weather conditions. These duties demand mental alertness as well as exceptional physical vigor and stamina.

The entrance salary of an Immigration Patrol Inspector is \$7,639 a year (Grade GS-7). There are promotional opportunities up to executive levels in the Immigration and Naturalization Service. On-the-job training offers splendid opportunities for promotion to positions of greater responsibility.

No experience is required for these positions. To qualify, applicants must pass a written test of verbal abilities, judgment, and aptitude for learning a foreign language. Candidates who pass the written test are called for oral interviews in the order of their standing on the list. The oral interview is designed to determine if the candidate has the personal qualities needed for the work. Applicants must also pass a rigid physical examination. Candidates who are selected for appointment are assigned to the Border Patrol Academy for a period of intensive training in such subjects as immigration laws, Spanish, physical training and marksmanship. Trainees receive full pay while in the academy.

Information concerning the patrol inspector position and this announcement may be obtained from the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, P. O. Box 2539, San Antonio, Texas 78206, or by calling 512-225-5511, Extension 214.

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LIONS CRIPPLED CHILDRENS' CAMP

Members of Lions Clubs throughout Texas this month are pausing to pay recognition to their camp for crippled children which has given over 12 thousand handicapped youngsters a new dimension since it was opened in 1953. The camp, located at Kerrville in the Hill Country of Central Texas, is free to crippled, blind, deaf or mute children from the ages of seven through sixteen. The 17 permanent buildings and other improvements dotting the 504-hill-side acres represent an investment of more than \$700,000.

At the camp, these youngsters who have been denied a normal childhood through no fault of their own learn to shed their shyness imposed by their handicaps. By mutual association with other handicapped children and by skillful and gentle counseling these youngsters have found the freedom to grow, mentally and spiritually, into useful citizens of tomorrow.

While the Lions are paying tribute to their camp, we would like to pay tribute to the Lions and their friends who have supported this great venture of the heart. We know a man never stands so straight as when he stoops to help a crippled child.

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Social Security Tips

"Did you know that if you operate any type of agricultural business, the hired workers you have in that business may be covered by social security?" J. M. Talbot, social security manager, asks.

Any employee who works and earns \$150 or more for one employer during any year or works at least 20 days on a time basis for an agriculture business, is covered by social security. Even part-time employees could meet the earnings or work test. You, as their employer, would be liable to withhold social security tax from the employee's check, match that tax yourself, and report the earnings at the end of the year.

"How do I know my work under social security is being credited to my record, and how do I find out about it? This is one of the questions most frequently asked," says J. M. Talbot, social security manager.

In explaining the process involved in reporting social security, Mr. Talbot said, "When you work for wages, your employer deducts social security tax from your paycheck each pay day. At the end of each calendar quarter, he submits your name and number with payment for these taxes to Internal Revenue. Internal Revenue forwards copies to social security's main office in Baltimore, Maryland. Your wages are then posted to your record. The same process is followed for a self-employed person except that his earnings are recorded yearly."

Mr. Talbot states that the possibility of an error being made in the process does exist. He recommends that you request a statement of your earnings at least every three years.

All you have to do to secure the statement is to send a post card request available at your social security office to Baltimore, Maryland. If the reply you receive is incorrect in any way, contact the Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris Avenue (P. O. Box 3808) in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area.

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Social Security Tips

"Processing time can be cut in half if people are prepared when the time comes to apply for social security benefits," says J. M. Talbot, social security manager.

Being prepared is not as difficult as many people believe. Remember to take along your social security card or the card of the person on whose record you are filing. For a widow, this would be the social security card of her late husband. This may sound hard to believe, but many people

do come in to file their application and leave their number at home.

The third thing that is needed in all claims is evidence of the worker's last year's earnings and an estimate of this year's earnings. Your W-2 Form or tax return for last year will give the information for last year. Be sure to bring these with you.

The next most important document to take with you is your birth certificate, if available. Proof of age is needed to qualify for nearly all social security benefits. If your birth

was recorded when you were born or if you were baptized before age five, you will need one of these documents. If you don't have a copy, make arrangements now to get one, Mr. Talbot advises.

Each calendar quarter, the Social Security Administration receives employer reports of earnings showing incorrect social security numbers of employees, according to J.M. Talbot, social security manager. These incorrect reports, in many cases, happen when a girl has married but does not have her name changed on social security records.

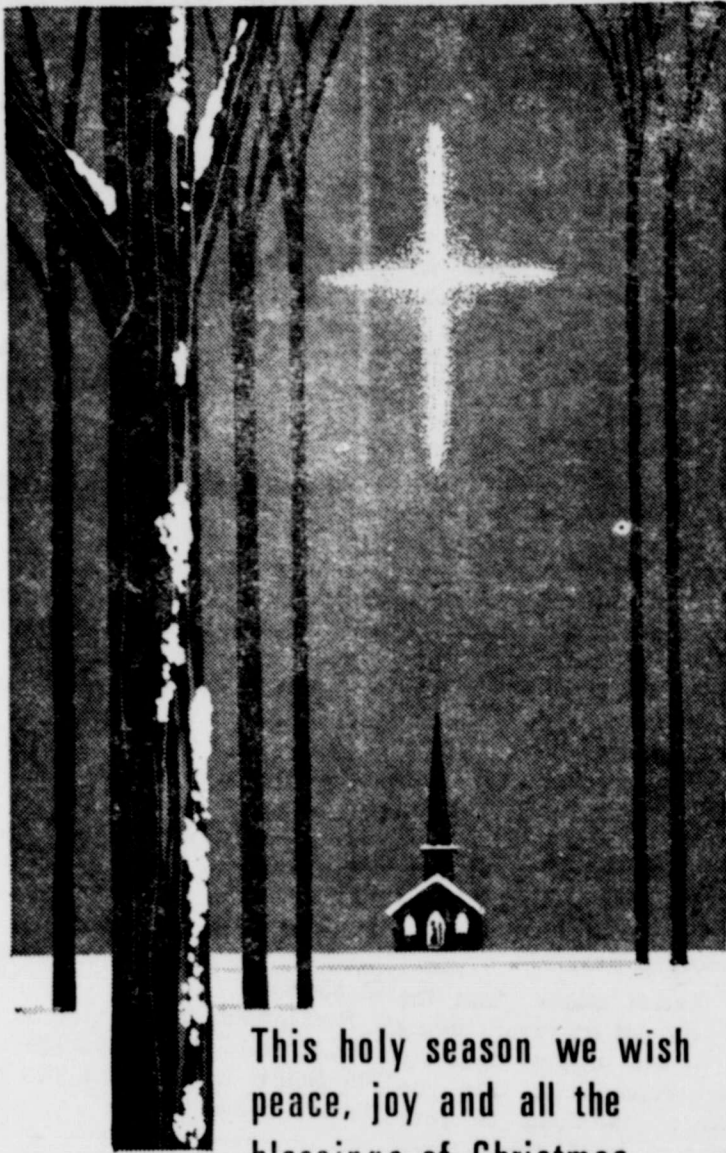
Mr. Talbot stated that when a girl marries, she should complete a 'Request for Change in Social Security Record' form. After completing the form and returning it to the social security office with her old card, she will be issued a new social security card with the same number but showing the new name.

If the name and number reported by an employer do not match the name and number on file with the Social Security Administration, the earnings might not get to the proper account. This could result in a later loss of social security benefits or in a smaller benefit being paid.

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This holy season we wish peace, joy and all the blessings of Christmas.

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT MCGINNES
AND MARY LYNN

Happy Holidays

One of the nicest things about this season of the year is the opportunity it gives us to send greetings to our friends and customers. From all of us to all of you, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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Crisp Williams Home

Crisp Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Williams, and whose wife, Martha, lives in San Angelo, has returned from the Army service in Korea. He spent one year there and was in the M.P.'s.

Crisp will attend Angelo State University this spring semester, and then return to teaching.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice of Sterling County's Intention to Receive Bids for the Purchase of One 3/4 Ton Pickup Truck

SEALED PROPOSALS addressed to Roland L. Lowe, County Judge of Sterling County, Texas, will be received at the office of the County Judge until 10:30 A.M. on the 8th day of January, 1973, for the purchase of the following:

ONE 1973 3/4 ton pickup (Color Yellow (Wide Bed) 360 V-8 custom or equivalent, four speed transmission, manual. Heavy duty throughout, including heavy duty rear bumper, heavy duty radiator, large cooling system, heavy duty rear springs, heavy duty wheels and tires, front, rear, and spare, 800X16-5. Large exterior mirrors.

THE RIGHT is reserved by Sterling County to reject any and all proposals. All bids will be retained by the County and will not be returned to the bidder.

ROLAND L. LOWE
County Judge, Sterling County, Texas

Visiting Mrs. Dessie Asbill here last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Asbill of New Mexico. With them were Mrs. Asbill's grand daughter, Mrs. Kim Hutchins and great granddaughters Jodie and Julie Hutchins. Mrs. Asbill returned with them to spend Christmas in New Mexico.

CARD OF THANKS

Thanking you, my friends, for your many kindnesses toward the holidays. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Bountiful New Year.
BERTHA McCABE

HOUSE and 4 lots for sale. (The Ella Ligon homeplace.) \$4,500. See Claudia Burns or Tommy Humble.

STRAYED to my house—a female part Daschund (grown) Ruth Hill, ph. 378-4001.

TURN IN A 'PUSHER'

If you know or hear of any one who is pushing heroin or hard drugs and want to report it to the federal government—it's easy to do now.

Just dial 112-800-368-5363 and you will get the Department of Justice in Washington and things will start.

This is a toll free number and someone is on duty at all times there. Callers need not identify themselves, and rights of all callers will be protected.

Help by turning in a pusher and help this program.



Greetings
Happy holidays to all of you from all of us this year.



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