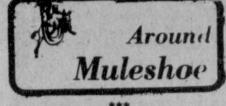


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Brenda Robertson said Richland Hills Baptist Church WMA will conduct a bake sale Wednesday, December 5, beginning at 9 a.m. at Pay and Save Food Store.

For special orders, call by Monday to place your order at 272-3646 or 272-3229.

This Friday, the Jennyslippers will hold their annual Holiday Barbecue at noon on Friday at the Bailey County Coliseum, during the annual Arts and Crafts Bazaar.

Barbecue and all trimmings will be available to not only persons attending the bazaar, but to anyone who wants to enjoy a good lunch.

The Jennyslippers will be operating the concession stand during the two day bazaar, and on Saturday will have German sausage on a stick and barbecue sandwiches. They will also have donuts and coffee Saturday morning.

Edd Edmiston is once again at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock in the Cardiac Care Unit. He was returned to Lubbock on Monday afternoon, and testing got underway on Tuesday.

Muleshoe Cub Scout Pack No. 620 is collecting used toys for the Salvation Army until December 1. If you have a donation, contact any Cub Scout

Mrs. Ziegenfuss says, "Please remember, you may be plan for next year's crop a needy child's only hope for a fertilizer needs. happy Christmas.

Special guests at Rotary Tuesday at noon included Perry Stockard and Sonny Dickinson

Dr. David Hamblen was in charge of the program and 15 percent, says Spencer introduced Rob Krey, complex Tanksley, county agent with the manager for the Muleshoe Texas Agricultural Extension National Wildlife Refuge, Buffalo Lake Refuge at Umbarger and Grulla Lake Refuge in New Mexico, near Arch.

He presented slides and talked about the situation at Here Friday Buffalo Lake. He told Rotarians that Buffalo Lake had been drained due to contamination of runoff from area feed yards.

Krey also said if the lake was refilled, it would have to be drained every year and a half; there would also have to be extensive work in the spillways.

The refuge complex manager said new camping facilities are being constructed at the lake site, as well as trail facilities at the upper lake for public use.



CHECK PRESENTED GIRLSTOWN--Jeff Smith, left, coordinator of the Mule Day Festival; and Doran Reynolds, right, who acts as treasurer for the Mule Day Festival, presented Girlstown, USA administrator Marshall Cooper with a check in the amount of \$4100 Monday at noon. The \$4100 represented the funds received for the annual Mule Day Festival held in August to benefit Girlstown. The funds were reported to be most welcome as heavy rains hampered activities for the festival.

Order '85 Fertilizer or call Melinda Ziegenfuss at 272-3222. Toys may also be left at K-Bob's Steak House. Now To Save Money

This fall is the best time to Service, Texas A&M University

Fertilizer prices have traditionally increased when spring planting season arrives, so farmers who contract now for their nitrogen fertilizer needs may be able to save from 10 to

Commissioners Slate Meet

Bailey County Commissioners will meet in special session at the courthouse at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 30.

Included on the agenda will be to review proposals for the audit for the current year; consider and order authorizing the treasurer to invest funds in certificates; payments of routine county bills and miscellaneous items according to Bailey County Judge Gordon H. Green.

System. He said higher spring

fertilizer prices occur due to the swift increase in demand, but other factors are in next year's picture and must be watched closely.

First, a congressional act in 1978 will take effect on January 1, 1985, if the action is not completely buried in red tape, reminded Tanksley. The 1978 action will deregulate about 60 percent of the nation's interstate natural gas supplies. Because 80 percent of the cost of manufacturing nitrogen is from natural gas prices, farm supplies using nitrogen will increase if natural gas prices jump from deregulation, points out Tanksley.

Another factor that may influence the price of nitrogen is that new grain export sales generally bring inports of urea from Russia at lower costs for nitrogen. Imports of urea from Russia are becoming more common now that the large grain export companies are also beginning to sell fertilizer. So prices may not jump beyond the inflation rate if a large urea import is on the agenda.

New technology for synthesis of ammonia has been Con't Page 6, Col. 1

Decorate Homes And Businesses For Christmas

'Tis the season to be jolly! Everywhere you look, you see touches of Christmas in the air, in the stores, in the homes, and via the airways, with Christmas

'Tis also the time to decorate for the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture decorating contest. Both a home and a business will be awarded a trophy if voted the winner in the contest.

CofC manager Toni Eagle said it is not necessary to officially enter the decorating contest, just decorate away, and encourage your family and friends, or in the cast of a commercial operation, your customers to call the CofC office and vote for the location of your choice.

You may also mail your preference to the CofC office at the Muleshoe City Hall. A ballot will be including periodically in the Journal until immediately prior to the final voting day. Winners of both categories

will be announced on Thursday,

December 20, and the trophies

presented at that time.

botulism, and other diseases. The council hopes to deter-

mine the specific causes of waterfowl disease outbreaks and the best means to reduce these losses on playa lakes. Landowners, hunters, and other individuals are asked to report dead or dying waterfowl to local wildlife officials or by contacting the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 549. Muleshoe, TX 79347; phone (806)

Through the reporting of waterfowl die-offs, biologists will have an opportunity to study the cause and conditions that lead to unnecessary loss of thousands of waterfowl each year in the playa lakes.

First Snow Of Winter Falls Here On Monday

Santa Claus Will Arrive On Saturday

Are you ready for this? A special 'announcement' to not only the young, but also to all the young-in-heart!

Santa Claus has set the time for his official arrival in Muleshoe to kick off the Christmas season in a big way. He will arrive in Muleshoe and ride down Main Street in the annual Christmas parade in a big red fire truck.

If it's like it usually is, Santa Claus will be accompanied by a large entourage of delighted youngsters as they traverse the parade route.

Santa will be in the parade at 2 p.m. and after the parade, he will be in the meeting room at Southwestern Public Service Company from 3:30-5:30 p.m. At that time, the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will also take a picture of the youngster with Santa, if desired.

There will be a small charge for the picture, but the children do not have to have their picture made in order to visit with Santa and leave all their Christmas wishes with the jolly

This will also be an opportunity to get a few extra pictures for the grandparents, and possibly other relatives.

As Santa's schedule will permit, and all youngsters know he is a very busy manthis time of the year, he will be visiting again, and other visits will be announced.

All area youngsters, of all ages, need to mark the date of December 1 on your calendar to see the parade, then visit with Santa at the SPS offices.

Bird Hunters, Landowners

Asked To Help

Landowners and waterfowl hunters within the playa lakes area of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Colorado are being asked to notify state or federal wildlife officials if they discover playas that numbers of dead waterfowl.

Upon notification, wildlife biologists will collect dead specimens and have them analyzed to determine cause of death. Officials said although the playas are extremely important and beneficial to waterfowl, they can also present a threat by hosting diseases deadly to ducks and geese. Each year, thousands of waterfowl die from bird cholera,

In an effort to reduce losses of waterfowl to diseases the Interagency Playas Lakes Disease Council was formed to coordinate waterfowl disease investigation, research management efforts. Council is made up of representatives from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Tech University, and the Texas Waterfowler's Assn.

Cotton Farmers Smiling As Hard Freeze 'Hits'

Everyone knew it was going to come, but no one knew just when. And, what were people expecting at this time of the year -- SNOW, of course!

And, it did come, fast and

furious for awhile late Monday afternoon, leaving a liberal sprinkling of the white stuff all over everything, and promises of what winter will be bringing to the area.

The snow was preceded over the weekend by rain that started falling around midnight on Friday, and continued throughout the day on Saturday, depositing one and three-tenths

James Hanson

Wins Contest: Gets Check

Well, folks, it's all over for this year, and a come from behind winner sneaked up on leaders Danny May and Kathleen Hayes to win the grand prize check of \$100.

James Hanson, who won first place in the tenth game and split a second place win with Travis Bessire in the seventh game, won first place in the 12th and final game, giving him a grand total of 23 points to become the winner for the year.

Hanson missed six games in the final contest, and in fact, was the only contestant to miss just six games.

He received his regular \$6 check for another first place win, and also was presented a check in the amount of \$100 for being the grand prize winner.

Splitting second place honors were Margrethe Taylor and Donnie McDonald, who each missed seven games. However, they tied up on the double tiebreaker score at 26 points away from the actual score.

Third place winner Jo Wood also missed seven games, but was 31 points off on the tiebreaker score.

Other entrants missing seven games, and their tiebreaker scores include Harold Cowan, 34; Lloyd Pollard, 38 and Barbara McCamish, 42.

This does it for the football contest this year, but be ready next fall when The Journal will again present the football contest during the college season.

A special thank you to all the contestants who took the time to enter the contest each week-one of these days it will be your inches in the City of Muleshoe and approximately the same amount in the surrounding area.

Monday was cloudy and cold all day, with the snow starting to fall late in the afternoon. Large flakes were carried on a brisk wind, and the ground was quickly turned white as the snow really came down between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

However, snow stopped falling before 7:30 p.m., and all lingering traces of snow had disappeared by early afternoon on Tuesday as bright sunshine again moved into the area on a

high pressure ridge. Even with a bright sun, Tuesday's high temperature was only 44 degrees. No precipitation was expected before the weekend, according to predictions by the National Weather

Service. Cotton farmers expected the low night time temperatures to prove to be a 'boon' for their crops, as they were waiting for a 'killing' freeze so they could get into their fields and harvest what has been projected as a billion-dollar bumper crop for the South Plains this fall.

Agriculturists say it will take approximately 10 days from the first hard freeze before cotton strippers can move into the

fields to harvest the cotton. "A particularly hard freeze" is required to finish killing the cotton plants, and a temperature drop to 28 degrees for at

least four hours is necessary. Tuesday morning, the official low in Muleshoe and the surrounding vicinity was 24 degrees, with 24-26 degrees being

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Law Student

Will Assist

Senior Citizens

Glen Williams, of the Agency on Aging, says Paul Powers, Texas Tech law student, will be in Muleshoe today, Thursday, from 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon to help senior citizens with any legal questions they may have.

He emphasizes that the law student is not in a position to render legal service, or give legal advice, but he can furnish legal information, and will be happy to do so.

Powers will be in the courthouse, and there will be no charge for a consultation with him. Call 272-3647 for information.



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE--Graphically illustrating the upcoming blood drive set for Wednesday, December 5, Preston Scoggin, left, president of the Student Community Action Committee from Muleshoe High School and Jay Gleason, show the M*A*S*H T-shirt that will be presented each blood donor at the First United Methodist Church. Both young men, and other young people will be actively involved in the blood drive and they invite you to be



CHILD WELFARE BOARD TO GIVE QUILT -- Dr. Tom Bonds. president of the Bailey County Child Welfare Board, shows off a quilt to be given away by the Child Welfare Board. Valued at \$150, the quilt is of dacron knit, and will be accepting \$1 donations, with each \$1 allowing your name one time for the drawing. You do not need to be present to win. Call 925-6654 or 272-4273 for tickets.

'84 Cotton Prices Show **Upward Trend**

High Plains growers sold mixed lots at slightly higher prices than last week, said Mack Bennett, Area Director at USDA's Marketing Services Office in Lubbock. Mixed lots of mostly grades 41 and 51, staples 31 and 32, mikes 35-49 traded at about 950 to 1,000 points over Commodity Credit cotton loan rates, up about 100 points from a week earlier. Gins paid growers \$100 to \$125 per ton for cottonseed, mostly \$100.

Light to moderate rains last weekend slowed harvesting in western counties, but halted harvesting in eastern counties. When gins cleaned up backlogs on gin yards, they began searching for more seed cotton, mostly field stored in modules. Many eastern county gins had to halt operations because fields were too wet to support module moving equipment. "Drying conditions have been poor all week," Bennett continued.

Daily sample receipts dropped from about 30,000 before the rains to about 15,000 this week. The Lubbock office classed about 101,000 samples during the week ended Wednesday before Thanksgiving. This brought the season's classing total to 234,000 and compares with about 204,000 classed by the same date last year.

The week's predominate grades were grade 41 at 28 percent, followed by grade 51 at 26 percent and grade 42 at 16 percent. About 14 percent was reduced one grade because of

Predominant staples were staple 31 at 20 percent, staple

West Plains Hospital Report

PATIENTS IN WEST PLAINS MEDICAL CENTER

Nov. 23-Wesley Hattie Jones, Mario Contreras, Ramiro Santos, Bartlett, Jeantte Walling, Traci Autrey, Joe Cruthcer and Fidel DeLarosa.

Nov. 24-Hattie Jones, Bernice Hawkins, Mario Contreras, Thurman, Santos Bartlett, Amanda Daniel, Jeanette Walling, Joe Crutcher and Fidel DeLarosa

Nov. 25-Hattle Jones, Bernice Hawkins, Mario Contreras, Thurman Ramiro Santos, Bartlett, Amanda Daniel, Fidel DeLarosa, Kirk Dean and Joe

Nov. 26-Hattie Jones, Mario Contreras, Bernice Hawkins. Ramiro Santos, Bartlett, Amanda Daniel, Fidel DeLarosa, Kirk Dean and Joe

32 amounted to 28 percent and staple 33 was 23 percent. The week's staple average was 32.4 thirty-seconds of an inch.

Mike 35-49 accounted for 22 percent, 33-34 was 17 percent, 30-32 amounted to 33 percent and 27-29 was 22 percent. The average was 32.

Volume Instrument High breaking strength averaged 24.8 grams per tex at Lubbock during the week ended Wednesday, November 21.

Freezing temperatures have visited northern and central High Plains counties. Southern counties continue to wait for this season's first freeze.

Sudan News By Evelyn Ritchie

Sue Peck and Melanie visited in Ausitn during the weekend with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Halman and family and also were there to watch the Sudan Hornettes in their Cross Country competition when their daughter, Shannon was among the contestants.

**** Mr. and Mrs. Don Graves and Laci, Donnie Graves and Marney Robbinette of Brownwood visited during the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Graves.

NOTES-COMMENTS

Why laugh at jokes when there is no point?

A smart man plans his excuse ahead of

The right guess is never as good as the correct answer.

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Enochs News

by Mrs. J.D. Bayless

Mrs. Elwood Autry kept her grandchildren, while Elwood helped their son, Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Autry move to Lazbuddie Friday. They had their Thanksgiving supper Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Key were Thanksgiving guests in the home of his parents, the Bill Key's other guests Friday was a cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dobbins of Durango.

Mrs. Steve Mosser of Lubbock brought their children. Chris, Kin, Kerry and Kelly out Wednesday and they had their Thanksgiving Supper the children spent till Friday with them. Brent George was also there.

Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nichols was all their children, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nichols and children of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Nichols of Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. James Grant of Lubbock, other guests were Gary Nichols and Mrs. Etta Layton.

Mrs. Wilma Petree was in Lubbock to visit her son, Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Petree and family for Thanksgiving.

Last weekend Mrs. Linda Logsdon and children of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Green of Muleshoe visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Adams and the children stayed a few days. Mrs. Mamie Adams had all of them for their Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Bruton and Ashylan of Lubbock visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burley Roberts the past week.

Robert Layton drove to Perryton during the weekend to visit his girlfriend Stacy Blasingame, she had went home for the holidays.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Lorella Jones and Wendell was her daughter and children, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shields, Patrice, Derek and Lelia Lake and Rosalyn Sellers of Seagraves, they came Friday and spent Thanksgiving with them.

Mrs. Dean McBee of Morton and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John Rainer of Globe, Ariz. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson of Matador and Mrs. Mary Richards of Levelland all met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Croch at Levelland for a Thanksgiving get together. ****

Mrs. Mary Richardson of Levelland is spending a few days with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richardson.

**** Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Marshall and daughters of Lubbock spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Harlon, Mrs. Mary Britt of Amherst Mrs. Harlon's mother was a guest also.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bogard and Dusty visited their daughters, Mrs. Tommy Gaston and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Roberts and family at Junction, recently they also visited their son Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bogard and family at Charley, Texas recent-

Maribel Zamora of Austin, John Snitker of Levelland and others were home for the Holidays, from College.

Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Goldman Stroud were their children and grandchildren there were 26 present, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pollard, and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Sinclair and children of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lewis and children of Littlefield, and Steve Pollard of Levelland, Gene Stroud and family of Hereford, Glynn Stroud and family of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Kirby and children of Three Way.

Rain received in our area Friday night thru Saturday night was 1 and 3 tenths to 11/2 inches, with a little snow.

Mrs. Wanda Wheeler of Dallas spent some of the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Price.

Mrs. Judy Cape of Nac-cogdoches, and brother, John Snitker were dinner guests in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Snitker, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Roberts of San Diego, Calif are the parents of a baby boy, he was born, Nov. 18. He weighed 7 lbs. was 20 inches long his name is Zachry Lee, this is the first child for the couple.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Burley Roberts of Enochs and Mrs. Mary Archer of Lazbuddie, great grandparents are Mrs. Paulene McDaniels of

Best of



Who Does?

A man celebrates his birthday by taking a day off. A woman celebrates hers by taking a year off.

-Mainsheet, Bainbridge.

Lubbock, Mrs. Archer and son Aaron flew to Calif. to be with

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Autry Sunday were Mrs. Barbara Autry and Kim, also Barbarais mother and sister of Levelland and Lonnie Bracken of Morton.

Letter To The **Editor Policy**

The Muleshoe Journal and Bailey County Journal welcomes letters to the editor on issues of concern to readers. Such letters must meet certain qualifications in order to be considered for publication.

Letters must bear the writers signature, address and phone number in order that the authorship may be confirmed. Under some circumstances we will delete the name of the writer, if, in our judgement, the request to do so is justified.

Letters should not exceed 250 words and must meet standards of good taste as well as legal guidelines. Letters attacking another person, a church or specific religion willnot be published. Comments on issues are encouraged in order to maintain a forum for discussion of public views.



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Food Packaging Cost Consumers

After labor costs and farm costs, the third largest portion of our food dollar--eight percent-goes to packaging, says a Texas A&M University Agri-cultural Extension Service food and nutrition specialist.

That includes not only the package on the shelf, but the shipping carton, other distribution materials and the packaging equipement, Mary D. Sweeten. explains

While the cost of packaging as part or our food dollar is small, some foods cost more to package than others, Sweeten.

According the USDA, food packaging and container costs average nearly one-third of the cost of ingredients. But in about a fourth of the foods and beverages sold, packaging costs are greater than the cost of ingredients, reports the specialist. In general, the more processed or complicated a food product is, the higher the

packaging costs, Sweeten says. For example, foods such as beer, soft drinks, cereals, baby food, frozen dinners and canned fruits and vegetables all have packaging costs greater than 100 percent of the cost of the ingredients.

Packaging costs for cake mixes, bread and cookies are between 50 percent and 100 percent of the ingredient costs, she reports. Packaging cost of ingredients; and packaging costs for dried fruits and vegetables are 39 percent of the cost of the ingredients.

On the low end of the scale, frozen seafood, flour products and coffee have packaging costs that are less than 15 percent of the cost of ingredients. And 'basic' foods like poultry, cheese, butter, sugar and red meats have packaging costs of less than 10 percent of the value

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of the food.

New methods and material for processing and packaging food have developed to meet consumer demands growing out of changing family patterns and lifestyles, notes Sweeten. But consumers can expect to pay for these changes at the grocery check-out counter.

Sudan Firemans Auxiliary

Meeting Held

The Firemans Auxiliary of the Sudan Fire Department met Monday night, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the community room of the Sudan First National Bank.

Dorothy Hill, president, called the meeting to order. Doris May, secretary/treasurer read the minutes of the prefious meeting and gave the financial report on the Chili and Bean supper and on other finances of the Auxiliary.

Sandra Franks of the Child Welfare Board, spoke on the toys and gifts needed for children for Christmas. The Auxiliary decided to help Sandra in anyway that is possible.

Mrs. Hill appointed Ann Carson, Mary Ann Gordon and Norma Burnett to check into some places for the auxiliary Christmas party to be held on Dec. 14.

Members present were Ann Carson, Doris May, Louise DeLaRiva, Dorothy Hill, Linda Summer, Cheryl Shairrick, Norma Burnett and a guest, Sandra Franks.

It was noted that a limited supply of Community Cookbooks are available, if interested for a Christmas gift, you are asked to see Mary Ann Gordon at the Sudan Bank.

Shopping For Shrimp From Mobile Markets

Roadside shrimp vendors are opular in many parts of Texas. But before buying shrimp from these vendors consumers should check for cleanliness standards in the operation and good quality shrimp, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service seafood specialist.

First look for shrimp that are stored or displayed in a clean container, says Annette Reddell Hegen. There should be enough insulation and ice to keep the shrimp at a temperature of 45 degrees F or below, she adds.

Whether you buy your shrimp from a roadside vendor or a supermarket, you can judge the quality of the shrimp too,'

Lubbock Dollers To Sponsor

Doll, Toy Show

The Lubbock Dollers will sponsor the sixth Annual Doll and Toy Show and Sale on Saturday, December 1st from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday December 2nd from 1 p.m.-6 p.m. The Sale and Show will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall.

There will be thirty booths to featuring softshop from sculpture dolls (like "Cabbage Patch''), corn-husk antique, reproductions, and modern dolls such as those made by Madame Alexander and Effanbee.

Doll making supplies, clothes, shoes and wigs will be available from some merchants. Educational toys and handcrafted wooden toys will also be for

The merchants are from Texas-Lubbock, Andrews, Amarillo, Akerly, Fredricksburg, Longview, Odessa and Slaton; New Mexico - Alburquerque and Hobbs; and Kalispell, Montana. During the show door prizes will be awarded every thirty minutes.

The Lubbock Dollers is a member of the United Federations of Doll Clubs, Inc. which is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes pertaining to doll collect-

ing.

Members must be a least 18 years of age owning a personal collection of no less than ten dolls not make by the owner. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Lubbock Garden and Arts

For further information contact: Barbara Wilson--797-5854.

notes. As shrimp deteriorate, the enzyme action causes the two sections to separate. Also look for shrimp that are free of discoloration on the flesh, advises Hegan. The flesh

says the specialist. Fresh head-

on shrimp will have the head

firmly attached to the tail, she

should have a healthy bloom and look somewhat translucent. The shells, however, may vary in color. Shrimp may have

pink, white, gray or brown shell color depending on the species. "Shell color has nothing to do with quality unless the shrimp is very pink, indicating exposure to too much heat," she says.

Your sense of smell can also help in shrimp selection, says the specialist, since fresh

BIBLE 1 VERSE. A soft answer turn-

eth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

1. Where may this quotation found in the Bible? 2. Who is the author?

the book? 4. What king helped preserve these words?

3. What is the value of

Answers to Bible Verse

- 1. Proverbs 15:1.
- 2. Solomon.
- 3. Something of a guide for practical living.

shrimp have a mild, fresh and clean odor.

The Texas Department of Health does not issue a license for mobile shrimp vending units, explains Hegan. However, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has licensing requirements. The Texas Department of Agricultural also regulates the accuracy of all commercial weighing measuring devices.

Sanitation guidelines mobile vendors include a holding tank to retain all liquid waste, a handwashing facility, equipment cleaning sink and a accessability to toilet facilities,

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Mr. And Mrs. George Mitchell Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George Y. Mitchell were honored with a 50th. wedding anniversary recepton Sunday, Nov. 25 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church, hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Head and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wilson of Muleshoe and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mitchell of Kim, Colo. and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mitchell of Santa Rosa, N.M. and their grandchildren.

Grandchildren of the couple include: Kelly and Dawn Head of Denton; Karon Treider and Rusty, Danny and Susan Wilson, D'Nae and Danielle, Kim and Gary Cox and Jeffrey and Kendra Wilson, all of Muleshoe; Shirley and Dwayne Green, Amber and Lance of Guthrie; Clinton Lewis of Levelland; Grant and Pam Mitchell of Kimm, Colo. and Kristy and Breann Mitchell of Santa Rosa,

A silk floral arrangement, given by the grandchildren enhanced the serving table which was graced with a white

Alpha Zeta Pi Plans Money **Making Projects**

Alpha Zeta Pi met Tuesday, Nov. 20 in the home of Traci Matsler. A business meeting was held and upcoming events

were discussed and planned.
Wednesday Nov. 28 volunteers hosted bingo at the nursing home. Paula McMeans, membership chairman reported that in January pledges will start their training. Ways and Means committee

presented the upcoming money making projects, crafts and baked goods booth will be at the Christmas Bazaar on Nov. 30, Dec. 1. At that time a \$30.00 Christmas arrangement will be given away. With each 25 cents donation to the sorority you will receive a ticket for the drawing.

The group is also taking donations and giving a chance on a \$100.00 grocery shopping

Lyniece Goodnough, service committee chairman, noted that next meeting the group will decide on a needy family for Christmas and goods will need to be brought by everyone.

Rayniel Bamert and Marilyn Crittenden conducted everyone in a surprising game of "Texas Trivea"

Cream cheese sandwiches, fruit and marshmallow with caramel fondue and hot cranberry punch were served by the

Members present included: Jan King, Paula McMeans, Lyniece Goodnough, Barbara Young, Annette Bonds, Gina Smith, Rayniel Bamert, Tammy Black, Debbie Cowley, Traci Matsler, Rhonda Myers, Marilyn Crittenden, Roxi Johnson, Sue Rogers and Susan

three tiered anniversary cake, made and decorated by a granddaughter Linda Green, topped with a gold "50". Mints were made by a daughter-inlaw, Lynda Mitchell. Gold slush punch and crystal and gold appointments completed the setting. Coffee and apple cider were also served.

The registration table displayed the bride and groom's wedding picture along with a vase of roses, given Mrs. Mitchell by her husband of 50

A table held a potato masher used by the couple when they set up housekeeping 50 years ago, pictures, album, basket of cards and gifts and a congratulations card from Nancy and Ronald Reagan.

Also displayed was a bulletin board with pictures of memories of the 50 years together.

Mrs. Mitchell was presented a corsage of gold flowers with gold ribbon and a gold 50. Mitchell wore a boutonnierre of gold roses.

The couple was married in the Methodist parsonage in Portales, N.M. in a double ceremony with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mitchell of House, N.M.

Out of town guests were registered from Farwell, Lubbock, Abernathy, Levelland, Jayton, Guthrie, Denton, in Texas; Clovis, N.M.; House, N.M.; Melrose, N.M.; Tiaban, N.M.; Roswell, N.M.; Las Vegas, Santa Rosa, N.M.; and Kim, Colo.

Young Artists Art Show Set At Earth

Citizen's State Bank of Earth will be hosting an art show for teenagers and children Dec. 3rd thru 7th. during banking hours.

Young artists who will be showing include: Tory Mat-thews, daughter of Darrell and Treena Matthews (oils and watercolors); James Foster, son of Jim and Chera Foster (oil painting); Heather Merritt, son of Tommy and Margie Merritt (oils and watercolors); Noel Vourazeris, daughter of Sylvia Vourazeris (oils and watercolors); Sheldon Mason, son of Derrell and Billie Mason (enamel on copper and oil

Also Jeff Lewis, son of Charles and Joan Lewis (drawings and pastel); Lindsay and Angie Krey, son of Rodney and Donna Krey (pastels); Leah Bell, daughter of Ms. Rosemary Bell (watercolors); Jeannie Cox, daughter of Ed and Carol Cox (watercolors and enamel on copper); Connie Lott, daughter of Vernon and Lois Lott (oil

painting). "The public is welcome to view the works of art, have refreshments and visit" says Rheata White.

Door prize will be given on Friday after the exhibit.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE Y. MITCHELL

Ruth Sunday School Class Meeting Held

The Ruth Sunday School Class of the Sudan First Baptist Church met Monday night in the home of Mrs. Jean Harvey with Winona Dudgeon as cohostess for their Thanksgiving meeting and installation service.

Following the turkey, dressing and all the trimmings, Ruth Baker gave a special prayer for the installation service presided over by Frances Gardner. She used "Life as a Golden Nugget" theme, as she installed each new officer.

Plans for the Amherst Manor birthday party and also the Christmas party as well as plans for the Christmas gifts for Buckner's Children's were discussed.

Attending were Zetha Young.

Billye Doty, Sue Chester, Ruth Baker, Edna Seymore, Elsie Seymore, Pee Wee Lance, Gwen West, Wanda Kittrell, Frances Gardner, Mutt Hanna, Pat Cummins and the hostess.

Pee Wee Lance gave the benediction.

NOTES --COMMENTS

There is such a thing as being too clever.

Politicians invariably develop two faces.

Life can be enjoyed by all who are willing to accept it patiently.



Third Birthday Party Honors T.J. Ingle

T.J. Ingle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ingle, was honored on her third birthday with a party held at the Skate-A
-Way in Lubbock. The theme
was earried out with balloons and hot dogs, cokes, birthday cake and ice cream were served to the guests.

Attending were: Johnathan itchey, Courtney Legg, Ritchey, Candace and Jennifer Lynn, Lauren and Lee Ray, Breanne and Brooke Baker, Franks, Kristy Synätschk and Jamie Wiseman, all of Sudan and Russ King of Littlefield, Matt and Jennifer Faver of Spade and the honoree.

Assisting her mother, Nell,

were Ginger Ritchey, Cindy Legg, Phylis Lynn, Sandra Franks, of Sudan and Tammy

Driver of Levelland. Also attending were Jamie Ingle and Renee Favor of Fieldton, brother and sister of the honoree.

NOTES--COMMENTS

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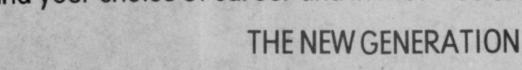
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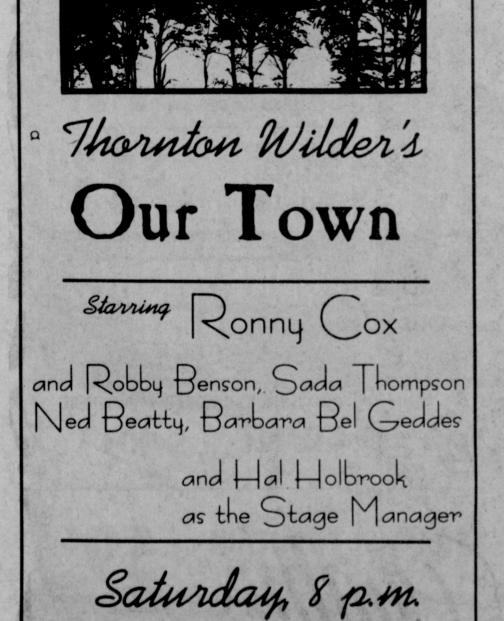


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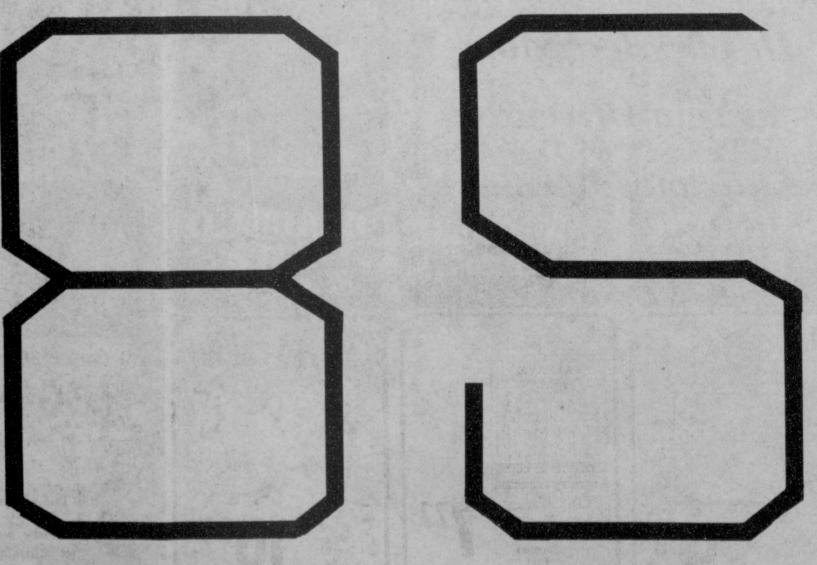




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Journal Files

60 Years Ago

Thursday noon fire broke out on the Muleshoe ranch 12 miles west of Muleshoe and burned its way to the ranch headquarters. The blaze traverset a strip eight miles long, and in places the burned area was a mile

A small home which was in the path of the fire was burned to the ground.

The prairie fire is believed to have originated from a camp fire built by duck hunters, or from a cigarette thrown into the grass by a careless hunter.

Several automobile loads of men and boys from Muleshoe helped fight the fire.

50 Years Ago

The pie supper held last Friday night under auspices of

TELSunday School Class

Social Held

On Thursday evening, Nov. 8 several members of the T.E.L. Sunday School Class of the Sudan First Baptist Church, along with their husbands, went to K-Bob's in Littlefield for

Following the meal, the group went to the home of Hazel Savage, a former member of the class for more fellowship. Frances Gardner gave the devotional.

Cookies, spiced tea and coffee were served to Mr. and Mrs. Bud DeLoach, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ingle, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. Halbert Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vinson, Warrenna Roark, Ouida Parrish, Frances Gardner, their teacher and guests, Bro. and Mrs. Jerry Dodson, all of Sudan, Nannie Faye Byrum and the hostess.

the Parent-Teachers Association was pronounced a success and about \$26.00 realized, which will be used in buying playground equipment for the grade

A local beauty shop advertised the following permanent specials in the Journal this week: \$2.50 Permanents for ---\$1.95 \$3.50 Permanents for --- \$2.50; \$4.00 Permanents for ---\$3.00. Our regular \$5.00 permanents two of them for only \$7.00.

30 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Williams and children flew to Oklahoma in their private plane, to spend Thanksgiving with

As of Thursday morning 19,215 bales of cotton had been ginned in Muleshoe this season.

20 Years Ago

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10 Years Ago

A local store advertised the following items this week in the Journal: White Rain shampoo 14 ounce 79 cents; Nice N Easy hair color \$1.39; men's boots \$11.99; double knit scissors \$5.97; ladies house shoes \$1.99; tapestry hand bags \$6.97; room humidifier \$10.88; shot gun shells \$2.19; and 20 inch bicycle \$33.88 or 26 inch 10 speed bicycle \$73.97.

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HORNETTES WIN SECOND--The Sudan Hornette cross country track team finished second in the state Class 1A-2A cross country championships recently in Georgetown. Only two class 1A teams finished in the top eight which included Nazereth, who finished first with a score of 45 and Sudan second with 69 followed by Celina, Liberty Hill, Abernathy, Aubrey, Schulenburg and Florence. A total of 78 girls in class 1A and 2A ran in this competition. (L-R) Danette Provence, Cindy Brotherton, Shawnda Masten, Shannon Peck, Sharla Harrison, Melissa Nix and Jeannie Nix.

These "no payment" plans

can work to your advantage if

you are already a good credit

manager, says Texas A&M

points out. then during the time

you postpone payments, you can

save up the cash to pay the bill.

overextended, postponing pay-

ment may only add to your money woes," advises

Granovsky. "Delayed spending

can give consumers a false

sense of security or encourage them to spend more than they

would have spent when paying

One way to avoid the need for extended credit at Christmas is

to purchase gifts year-round and take advantage of sales and

other specials, she says. But even if you she

"But if you are already

Holiday Credit Spending

Beautiful merchandise and liberal credit arrangements can encourage consumers to spend--and overspend -- for

Many department stores now invite their customers to change merchandise without having to pay the bills until January or

University Agricultural Extension Service home economist Nancy L. Granovsky. If you do not have to pay a finance charge, extended credit amounts to a free loan, she



Ryan Logan Powell

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Powell of Muleshoe are the proud parents of a son born at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14 in South Plains Hospital in Amherst.

The young man weighed seven pounds and four ounces and has been named Ryan Logan. He has a sister, Leslie, five years of age.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Powell and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Armstrong, all of

Adam Richards Honored On Third Birthday

Adam Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Richards was honored Oct. 28 on his third birthday.

Attending were his parents, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Richards, and great grandmother, Vesta Richards; aunts and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Richards and Bobby Richards and cousins, Dean and Kenna Sue Richards. Also attending were Tammy Gore, Scotty, Leanna and Judy Deare.

during the Christmas season, planning your gift purchases and setting spending limits can help you stay within the family budget.

Setting spending limits is an especially good idea if you use the no payment feature of your credit cards, adds the home economist, and can prevent an unpleasant surprise when the February bills arrive.

County 4-H'ers To Participate In District Food Show

The culinary skills of local 4-H club members will be on display on December 1, at the South Plains District 4-H Food Show at Texas Tech University Center Ballroom in Lubbock. Public viewing will be from 1:45 to 2:30 PM and the awards presentation at 2:30 PM.

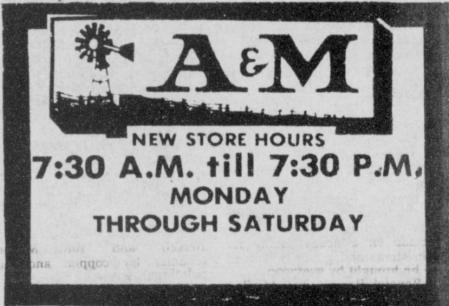
Entering the district event from Bailey county in the senior division are: Zanna Huckaby, main dish; Britta O'Tay, bread and cereal; Shelley Sain, fruit and vegetables; and Leah Irvin, nutritious snacks and desserts.

Local entries in the Junior 2 division include Carrol Copley, main dish; Christy Pena. bread and cereal; Holly Huckaby, fruit and vegetables; and Brian Bush, nutritious snacks and desserts. Also locally, in the Junior 1 division include Jeanne Lee

Cox, main dish; Chanda Kemp, bread and cereal; Courtney Tanksley, fruit and vegetables; and Casey Estep, nutritious snacks and desserts.

Each of the 4-H'ers has previously won in the county food show. In addition to displaying their dish, the youth will be asked questions by the judges on general nutrition and the nutritional value of their display.

The winners in the senior division of the district show will represent the South Plains District at the State 4-H Food Show during the State 4-H Roundup in June on the campus of Texas A&M University. This event is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.









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FOOTBALL CONTEST WINNER--James Hanson, left, was the recipient of the \$100 grand prize winning check from the 1984 annual football contest. The check, along with a first place check for the final contest, was presented by Cleta Williams.

Fertilizer...

Con't From Page 1

developed by Canada Industries limited that allows for about a 20 percent recovery efficiency of nitrogen. This technology will help hold the price of nitrogen down. However, to what extent this new technology can be retrofitted to existing anhydrous ammonia plants is not presently known, says Tanksley.

Snow...

Con't From Page 1

recorded for several hours, expected to be the necessary time in order to kill the cotton plants.

The South Plains projected yield for cotton this year is 2.685 million bales, in the 25 counties recorded as the South

Total bales for the South Plains in 1983 were 1,346,450 ginned. The all time high for cotton produced on the South

Plains was 3.522 bales in 1981. The slow warmup that moved into the area on Tuesday was expected to continue along with dry conditions.

By tomorrow, Friday, the temperature was expected to be only in the high 40's to begin the weekend.

Again, the expected increased price for deregulated natural gas will account for two and one half to five percent of an anticipated 10 to 15 percent increase in nitrogen fertilizer prices between this fall and next spring. However, this depends on prompt gas price increases from deregulation.

Last spring, fertilizer prices jumped 25 to 30 percent from the fall of 1983, due mainly to the surge in crop production as farmer PIK acres were planted. While that situation won't repeat itself next spring, it's a good bet that farmers can save money by contracting soon for their 1985 fertilizer.

WHO KNOWS

1. Define munificence. 2. Name the 28th U.S. president.

3. What sweet is referred to as "the only Nectar of the Gods"? 4. What is the nickname

for New Jersey? 5. When was the Marine Corps established?

Answers to Who Knows

- 1. Lavish generosity.
- 2. Woodrow Wilson.
- 3. Maple syrup.
- 4. The Garden State.
- 5. November 10, 1775.

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Forty-one outstanding mem-South Plains were honored in Lubbock last Monday night.

In addition to receiving the Gold Star Award, highest honor presented by the youth organization at the county level, the youths were challenged by Dr. Don Newbury, president of Western Texas College, Snyder, to continue to excel.

Joining the youths at the awards banquet in the cafeteria at Coronado High School were parents, government officials, Extension leaders, fellow 4-H'ers, educators and other community leaders.

Honored from Bailey County were Jodie Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler of Muleshoe and Tracy Tunnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tunnell, also of Muleshoe.

'We're here to celebrate people who do not choose to be average. You've chosen to excel

Local Firm Is Helping **Rodeo Finals**

Doran Reynolds of Reynolds and Young, Inc., Muleshoe, will be joining Hesston Corporation and more than 1,000 other participating Hesston Farm Equipment dealers across North America in sponsoring the telecast of the 1984 National Finals Rodeo from Oklahoma

The program will air locally on KAMC (Channel 28), Lubbock, on Sunday, December 9, 8-10 p.m. (MST).

The two-hour, prime time special will feature "same-day" coverage of the final championship performance of the 1984 NFR, on a live tape delay.

1984 marks the 26th year of the NFR and the eleventh consecutive year that Hesston Corporation has sponsored the telecast.

Hesston's two-hour telecast will begin with a 30 minute segment called "Prorodeo Countdowns to Glory," highlighting action from the first nine performances of the NFR. The remaining hour-and-a-half of the show will carry the same-day action of the exciting final NFR performance. Many of performance. Many or the World Championships, including the All-Around Cowboy, will be decided during this performance.

Recognized as the "World Series' or "Super Bowl" of Prorodeo, the NFR climaxes th nearly 600 rodeos sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association during 1984.

At the NFR, the top 15 money winners for the year in the six standard Prorodeo events will vie for the world championship titles and a portion of the largest purse in rodeo history. The 1984 telecast will carry bareback bronco riding, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, and bull riding. Women's Pro-fessional Rodeo Association Barrel racing will also be featured.

Commercial announcements during the telecast will feature the Prime Line of farm equipment available from Hesston Corporation, plus Hesston's new collector's rodeo belt buckle. The 1984 buckle, designed by the popular Western artist Fred Fellows, is the second edition in Hesston's anniversary series, and is available at participating Hesston dealers.

Gold Star Winners Honored ...to do better than well, but to

bers of 4-H Clubs across the

To the adults, he said, "You hear talk about how much harder we worked than kids do now. I don't believe we worked harder than these kids, or they wouldn't be here, being honor-

be excellent," Newbury told the

Citing many reasons for being thankful, at this season of Thanksgiving he told the youths that although it is sometimes easy to "get into the ruts of distrust or dismay," there still are more people giving than

"I'm glad you have values, I'm glad you have commitment, I'm glad you have ability, and will make a stand when it counts," he told the boys and girls. And he urged them to continue to have the kind of standards, hopes and dreams which "keep up the payments" on the things for which we are so thankful.

Master of ceremonies was State Rep. James E. 'Pete' Laney of Hale Center. Guests were welcomed by Bailey L. Reece of Dickens County Electric Cooperative, one of 12 electric cooperatives which have sponsored the banquet for the past 27 years. The others are Bailey County, Caprock, Deaf Smith, Lamb, Lea, Lighthouse, Lone Wolf, Lyntegar, Midwest, South Plains and Swisher coop-

The awards presentations were narrated by Jim Bob Carver of Abernathy, chairman of the district 4-H council, and Brandon Harris of Lamesa, council vice chairman. The awards were presented by Dr. Catherine B. Crawford and Billy C. Gunter, district Extension

Dinner music was presented by 4-H'ers Janna Tate of Scurry County and Cody Smith of Lynn County. Other 4-H'ers on the program were Will Turner and Chris Caddel of Lubbock County and Cathy York of Borden

Four-H is the youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, an educational arm of the Texas A&M University System.

Whenever you need. advice just remember that anyone can tell you what you ought to do under any cumstances.

SANDHILLS PHILOSOPHER

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Editor's note: The Sandhills Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on Sandy Creek discusses college football this week, somewhat.

Dear editor:

Since I have never been able to figure out a scoring system for a football game where both sides come out winners, where half the college students in the country don't have to leave the stadium every Saturday sad and downcast becasuse their team lost, I have truned my thoughts to who's Number One.

At last count, there have been seven different Number One



JODIE WHEELER

teams this season. This means students from seven different schools have had a chance, if a TV camera is around, to hold up one finger and shout "We're Number One!"

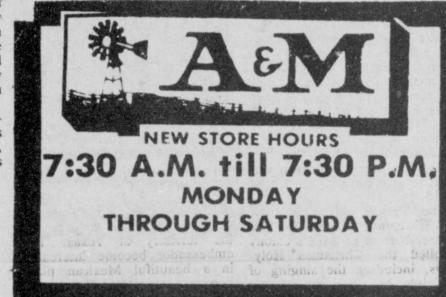
As I understand it, the Number One team is picked by coaches and sports writers. The fact they've picked seven different ones in as many weeks seems to imply they can't make up their minds or don't know what they've talking about. It's possible I don't know. what I'm talking about either.

However, I have a plan. At the start of the season, pick 20 teams to at one time or another be voted Number One. To qualify, a school would have to be paying its coach not less than \$75,000 a year and giving its players at least one car apiece, plus laundry. The Number One slot would be rotated, so that eventually all 20 attained the honor. This would require some teams to hold the title for only half a week, since there aren't 20 weeks in a season.

At the end of the season, all 20 teams would get to play in a bowl. But there are only 18 bowls this year, starting in early December and continuing till you fall asleep. For 18 bowls, 36 teams are of course required. Where you'd get those extra 16 teams would be a problem, unless of course you lowered the standards and brought in inferior universities that don't pay their coaches any more than their professors.

Is that game Saturday being televised? Hope so. Yours faithfully,

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Dashing Through The Lore Of Texas' Christmas Past

Along with feasts of goose and plum pudding, a large serving of oral history is dished out each year as families gather around the dinner table to share tales of Christmas' past.

How did your family's traditions get started? What ancient customs are kept alive in your yuletide celebrations?

Texans have witnessed a mirade of holiday traditions throughout the state's history, some of which were established as long as four centuries ago. According to researchers at The University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, Indian tribes near what is now El Paso were introduced to the religious pageantry of the holiday as early as 1599 when the ladies and noblemen attached to Juan Onate's expedition enacted the march of the Wise Men to Bethlehem. Dedicated padres, who accompanied early Spanish military expeditions, used the miracle play, "Los Pastores," as an aid in teaching Christianity. Since 1776, Mission San Jose in San Antonio has been the stage for performances of the play which depicts the shepherd's journey to Bethlehem to pay homage to the Christ Child.

Another Spanish tradition dating back to the 16th century, which is still practiced today, is "Fiesta de las Luminarias," or Festival of Lights. The soft sparkle of candles is symbolic of the lighting of the way for Mary and Joseph as they traveled to Bethlehem. "Fiesta de las Luminarias" is celebrated each year along the banks of the Paseo del Rio, or River Walk, in San Antonio, and on El Paso's Scenic Drive where the glittering lights cast a peaceful glow upon the base of the mountains.

Canary Islanders introduced the now popular Texas tradition "Las Posadas" to San Antonio in 1731. "Las Posadas" is a nine-day procession representing Joseph's search for "a place of lodging" for Mary, who was soon to give birth to the Christ

The French observed their first Christmas in Texas in 1686 extolled the Christmas Holy-Days, including the singing of Midnight Mass, at their camp on Garcitas Creek between Port Lavaca and Victoria.

More than a century later,

celebrated the holiday Galveston Island. The rum and sugar they pillaged from merchant ships sailing in the Gulf of Mexico provided the basic ingredients for Christmas feast. They reportedly spent most of the holiday drinking, playing practical jokes on one another and writing rabald jingles which they sang amidst much laughter.

Immigrants from Germany initiated many of the jolly folkways we now associate with Christmas in Texas. The ritual of decorating trees at Christmastime originated in Germany in the Middle Ages. Legend says that not only shepherds, but trees as well, honored the birth of Christ. The gray, scraggle spruce was the ugliest of the trees, so the heavens took pity upon it and dropped stars from the skies to light its branches, transforming it into such a vision of beauty that the Christ Child looked up and smiled.

Prince Solms Braunfels is credited with tranferring the German custom to Texas by decorating the first Christmas tree. Since the spruce isn't native to the state, however, German immigrants substituted cedar trees which they adorned with colored paper and lighted candles.

Another holiday trimming tradition established by German settlers is that of mistletoe. Regarded from ancient times as having magical properties, the plant can still be found growing in Central Texas. According to folklore, mistletoe etiquette directs that as each person is kissed, they are to pluck off a berry and when all the berries are gone, the kissing should Red and green are favorite

holiday colors and nowhere are they more recognized than in the poinsettia plant, which comes to us as the result of negotiations between the government of Mexico and the United States. The first American ambassador Mexico, Joel R. Poinsett, was in that country during Christmas 1828 in an attempt to purchase as members of La Salle's colony the territory of Texas. The in a beautiful Mexican plant known as "the flower of Christmas Eve" and brought it back to this country.

Just as traditional yuletide Jean Lafitte and his pirates ornaments abound during the

through the Classifieds!

TURN THEM INTO MONEY

holiday season, so, too, do customary meals and delicacies. Some of the more popular Christmastime sweets, such as pudding, were brought to Texas by English immigrants. As you prepare your Christmas dinner this year, you might share this tale written by an English surveyor in 1872 after his holidays meal.

"No prince, potentate or magnate ever sat down to such a feast. I think we had 14 varieties of meat. We could have had 16, as one of our hunters offered to furnish us with a mess of rattlesnakes and polecats, which he assured us were a most excellent delicacy, but our cook drew the line at these," the surveyor wrote.

"We had buffalo, antelope, deer, bear, rabbit, prairie-dog, possum, and possible other animals that I do not recall; turkey, goose, brant (wild geese), ducks, prairie chickens, curlew (long-legged birds), quail and other birds. The most expensive meat which we had on the table was bacon, which we had to haul 500 miles," he added.

The oldest permanent Polish settlement in the state is Panna Maria in South Texas which was established in 1854 by 150 Polish citizens from Silesia who arrived at the site on Christmas Eve. Led by Father Leopold group Moczygema, the celebrated mass under a giant oak tree and honored their holiday traditions. For Poles, Christmas Eve, or Wigilia, is the most important day of the season. As the first star appears in the sky, family members gather for a simple meal that breaks their day-long fast. The head of the household divides a small, flat oblong wafer, called an oplatek, that has been blessed by a priest. Each family member shares the oplatek and exchanges good whishes with all the other members.

One unusual imported treat is lutefisk, or lye fish, which is part of a traditional Norwegian Christmas Eve meal. delicacy, transported in dehydrated form, is first soaked in lye water, lime water and clear water, then cooked and served with boiled white potatoes, melted butter and a delicious white sauce.

Another Norwegian custom called Jule Bokking was preserved in Texas until 1890 in Normandy, the state's first

Norwegian settlement, which later became known as Brownsboro. On the evening following Christmas Day and every evening up to the New Year, groups gathered in costume to make rounds of the homes. The men usually dressed as women and the women as men. They gathered in front yards and sang Christmas songs, then the host would open his house to the group for refreshments and try to guess the identity of the masqueraders.

These various customs and celebrations shared by the many cultural groups who settled the state have blended together to give Christmas special meaning for all Texans. But there is one more traditions we can't overlook--the Cowboys' Christmas Ball, the story of which will be told around many a Texas dinner table this holiday season.

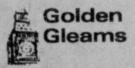
Originated by an Anson innkeeper, M.H. Rhodes, who was interested in boosting business at his Morning Star Hotel, the Cowboys' Christmas Ball began as a means of bringing in more guests, but quickly became an annual affair. It is reported that cowboys from miles around attended the first event in 1885. A rancher living near Anson, William Lawrence Chittenden, wrote "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball" poem as part of his book, "Ranch Verses," in 1893 and the piece has become an enduring part of Texas folklore.

Way out in Westen Texas, where the Clear Fork's waters flow, Where the cattle are 'a-browsin'," an' the Spanish

ponies grow..... The music was a fiddle an' a lively tambourine, And a "voil came imported," by stage from Abilene. The room was togged out gorgeous -- with mistletoe and shawls, And candles flickered frescoes, around the airy walls. The "wimmin folks" looked lovely-boys looked kinder treed, Till their leader commenced yellin': "Who! fellers, let's stampede," And the music started sighin', an' awailin' through the hall, As a kind of introduction to "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball''

His voice was like a bugle upon the mountain's height; His feet were animated, an' a mighty movin' sight, When he commencd to holler, "Neow fellers, stake yer pen! "Lock horns ter all them heifers, an' russle 'em like men. "Saloot yer lovely critters; neow swing vine 'round 'em--all hands do-ce-do! "You Marvericks, jine the round-up--Jest skip her waterfall," Huh! hit wuz gettin' happy, "The Christmas Ball!"

Merry Christmas from the staff at the The Institute of Texan Cultures.



Whoever makes great gifts wishes great gifts to be made to him in return. -Martial.

Comptroller Cuts Logjam With Program

State Comptroller Bob Bullock has found a way for local tax assessor-collectors to cut paperwork logjams and gain state and county governments the most interest possible from motor vehicle sales taxes.

"We found an assessor in Travis County who couldn't keep up with the tax payments coming into his office. We designed a way for him to deposit the tax money into the bank before he cleared his processing backlog. It worked so well for him that we're making it available to everybody else, Bullock said.

The new procedure was announced at the Second Annual Tax Assessor-Collector's Seminar in College Station last weekend and will be available for use by all local assessors January 1.

Under the new procedure,

counties will deposit Motor Vehicle Sales Tax funds they collect into a local interest bearing account until those funds are forwarded to Austin.

"We figure these funds, which had been sitting idle, will gain the state at least a half million dollars in interest each year," Bullock said. "Counties will also get some interest from these funds and the local assessors should sleep better knowing that money is in the bank, instead of sitting in unopened envelopes in the assessor's office.'

Bullock's new system continues a trend set by the last regular session of the legislature. Under a new law passed in 1983, counties with the most motor vehicle tax collections send their receipts to Austin the quickest in order to gain top interest for the state.





By Uncle Bob

My lawn furniture and the kids' toys need sprucing up. I want to use an enamel spray paint, but dread the dripping mess. Can you give me some advice?

Dear Tom,

First, make yourself a "windbreak" by taping newspapers together to form a backdrop and a floor (or pick up a plastic dropcloth from your True Value Hardware store).

After shaking the little ball in the can of paint mightily, aim the spray nozzle slightly to the left of of the article to be sprayed. Press your finger down on the top of the nozzle, avoiding a finger drooping over the applicator, and apply the paint in slow, moving strokes, left to right. Several light coats produce a smooth even buildup and no runny mess.



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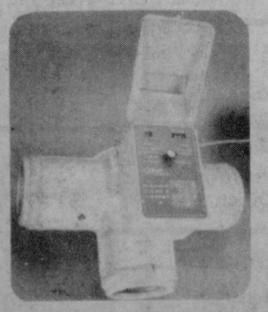
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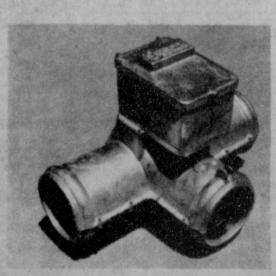
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RUBY LEE DAVIS

Ruby Lee Davis **Funeral Services Held Monday**

Funeral services for Ruby Lee Davis, 70, were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26 in the Muleshoe First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Hashell Rodgers of Lubbock, the Rev. Tom Lakey, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church of Lubbock, and the Rev. Steve Davis, pastor of the Muleshoe First Assembly of God Church, officiating.

Interment was in Bailey County Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Mrs. Davis died at 7:23 p.m. Friday in the Methodist Hospital at Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

A native of Ford County, Texas, Mrs. Davis was born Nov. 9, 1914, and moved to Muleshoe in 1953, from Oklahoma. She married Gene Houston Davis on June 14, 1931, in Erick, Okla. She was an ordained minister of the Assembly of God Movement and a member of the Women's Ministry of West Texas District of Assemblies of God Church, serving as vice president for nine years and president for 15 years, a total of 24 years.

Survivors include her husband, Gene; one son, Paul Davis of Muleshoe; two sisters: Mrs. Janice Bass of Bonham and Mrs. Virginia Barrett of Muleshoe; three brothers, R.D. Dale, Oather O. Dale and James Lewis Dale, all of Muleshoe; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were nephews, Ronnie Barrett, Robby Barrett, Ricky Barrett, Donald Dale, Cyrus Dale, Gilbert Dale and Freddie Dale.



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Eighth - Dolle Barker and Jeanine Robertson. Tenth - Shelli Terrell, Matt Sowder and Robert Zamora. Eleventh - Marcus Huff,

Lykinda Tyson and Twelfth - Donae Parker, Gena Pearcey, Nancy Hatla and Robin Kindle

Laura Mae Hamilton Services Held At Earth

Services for Laura Mae Hamilton, 94, of Earth were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 in the Earth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jimmy Nunn, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Earth Memorial Park under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth. Mrs. Hamilton died at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in South

Plains Hospital at Amherst.

Born Feb. 7, 1890, in Wise
County, Texas, Mrs. Hamilton was a house-wife and a member of the Earth United Methodist Church. She moved to Earth in 1948, from Childress.

Survivors include two sons, Buryl T. Hamilton of Earth and Clarence Hamilton of Clarendon; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild. Three-Way News by

Mrs. H.W. Garvin

Mr. and Mrs. George Tyson visited their daughter the Tommy Durhams in Lubbock Tuesday.

Mrs. Rayford Masten and Mrs. Robert Kindle were in Amarillo Thursday on business.

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Mrs. Minnie Dupler is in Oklahoma to be with her sister who is seriously ill.

The community received about an inch of rain the past week end with a snow early Sunday morning.

The Three Way Baptist

church had their Thanksgiving dinner Sunday evening with a concert by Rev. and Mrs.
Robert Edwards of Ft. Worth bringing the music.

Jerry Simpson from Lake Charles La. is visiting his mother Mrs. Jim Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reeves and family moved into their new home west of Goodland Saturday. The Reeves family had lived many years 2 miles west of Maple.

Belinda Dolle from Lubbock spent the week end with her parents and sister the Bill Dolles and Darla.

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Physical activity may protect you against coronary heart disease and may improve your likelihood of surviving a heart attack, the American Heart Association's Subcommittee on Exercise and Cardiac Rehabilitation said in a report published recently in Circulation, one of the AHA's

journals. And exercise may help people control their cigarette smoking, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, diabetes, obesity and emotional stress - all of which are factors that may increase the risk of developing coronary heart disease, said the committee, which includes some of the top exercise

experts in the United States. In its report, the AHA committee cited studies which suggest that men working in physically demanding jobs or performing strenuous recreational activities have less coronary heart disease during middle age. When present, coronary heart disease appears to be less severe and occurs later in life in physically active men than in physically

inactive men. However, because it is so difficult to carry out human studies in which all the factors that may increase the risk of coronary heart disease are strictly controlled over many years, no conclusive and unquestionable evidence has been reported so far to confirm whether exercise either prevents or retards the development of the disease, the committee said. More research must be done to answer this and other questions about the effects of

Help your heart! The committee encouraged individuals of all ages to develop a physically active lifestyle. recommended walking, hiking, stair climbing, jogging, running, bicycling, swimming and other active sports. Exercise is most effective when it is performed 30 minutes per session on an every-other-day schedule.

Check with your doctor if you plan to start an exercise program, especially if your lifestyle has been sedentary. The doctor can help you find an exercise program that suits your needs and your physical condition. You may be given an exercise tolerance test to determine your present capabilities and to identify potential hazards.



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Standing in the middle of the Trans-Pecos area of West Texas, you can look all the way to the horizon and find it hard to believe that 150 years ago it was chest-high in grass. You can look at the trickling Pecos River and wonder if it really was once a raging river. It's true: large parts of West Texas were once fertile plains, and water in the area was abundant. But man's abuse and overuse of the land have left it an arid and

underproductive area. The state of Texas owns more than 800,000 acres in the Trans-Pecos region which lease for less than \$3.00 an acre per year. While most of it is suitable only for grazing, 200,000 acres are totally unleasable.

The General Land Office manages the 16 million acres of state-owned land that is dedicated to the Permanent School Fund. As Texas Land Commissioner, it is my job to ensure that the state collects every penny it can from the profitable use of that land. Every extra penny I collect is one

less penny the state has to collect in taxes to fund public education. That's why I have signed a contract with the Israeli consulting firm Tahal. Tahal is an international company which has completed major water conservation projects and land management programs in 40 foreign countries. In November, Tahal will send two experts to Texas to begin Phase I of the Trans-Pecos project. Their purpose will be to identify at least two tracts of state land that will demonstrate land management techniques using both sweetwater and brackish water.

My goal as Texas Land Commissioner is to find ways to produce more money from this land to ease our tax burden. We must learn better ways of using our precious water resources to make the arid land in West Texas more productive. The Israelis have worked for years to produce food and fiber from their arid land, some of it with climate and hydrology strikingly similar to the Trans-Pecos region. In fact, they have pushed their desert

back 80 miles and replaced it with cultivated farmland. Obviously, if you spend enough money and hire enough consultants, you can make any piece of land productive. But I'm not interested in an academic exercise: I want this project to be an exercise in making money for the schoolchildren of Texas off of previously unproductive land. I run the Land Office like a business, and part of that business is getting the most out

of your investment dollar. We will enlist the help of our own experts in this project too. Scientists from our universities, such as Texas A&M. Texas Tech and Sul Ross, can share their agricultural know-how with the Israelis. Together we will find ways to improve the productivity of our state land. The techniques we learn from this project in water conservation and soil management will be beneficial to Texas farmers for years to come. And the taxpayers can rest assured that their land is being used wisely to help fund our state's public

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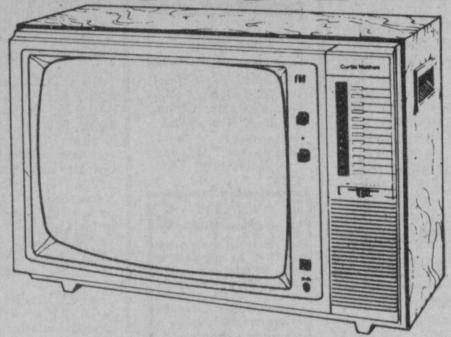
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