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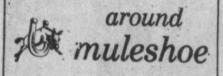
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More Than 2,000 Attend Big MAC Buck Drawing

MHS Basketball Coach Speaker At Rotary Club

MHS Coach Ruben Osuna was quick to praise his Mulette basketball teams Tuesday, after



It has been announced that the Krsity Landers Scholarship Fund has been set up at First

Anyone wishing to make a donation or memorial to the fund may do so at any teller's window at the Bank.

Trinity Baptist Church held their annual Christmas Light Services at 7 Wednesday evening at the church.

Following the Light Services, those attending retired to the Fellowship Hall for visiting and refreshments.

The Lazbuddie School Administrators have announced that a Memorial Scholarship fund has been set up in the name of Russell Redwine.

Donations may be made % Eighth Grade Sponsors, Lazbuddie ISD, Drawer A, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.

Janna Weurflein, a junior speech and hearing therapy major from Muleshoe, has been named to 'Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges,' report officials from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma at Chickasha, Okla.

At USAO, 18 students were chosen for inclusion in the 1988 edition of Who's Who. They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

The Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi national honor society inducted Percilla Quintana, daughter of Helen and Luis Quintana, of Muleshoe, in ceremonies at West Texas State University on December 3. Membership is one of the highest academic honors a WTSU student can achieve.

Myrtle Creamer said her son, Forrest, of Las Vegas, NV, continues to make slow and steady progress at Desert Spring Hospital in Las Vegas, where he is recovering from a vehicle accident on Friday, December 11.

Although he is still unable to talk due to a tracheotomy, he communicates now by writing notes to the nurses and his

visitors. He is expected to be hospitalized for some time yet, although he has been removed from the Intensive Care Unit to a private room.

he was 'kidnapped' by Muleshoe Rotarian Terry Hutto to be the speaker for the Rotary Club.

"We have a real young ball club," said the coach, and only have two seniors, Amy Bean and Joey Heathington. But, we have a winning team.

"They have good work habits, they are very competitive and like to win."

Coach Osuna, in his first year at Muleshoe, said he was pleasantly surprised to find a group of youngsters with good background, and the willingness to work. "They have God-given talen, the ability to work and are really talented," he commented. "I have also been very surprised at how much these young girls have matured since the season started.

"They all realize we have to get the job done -- and they do

The coach talked about a recent game at Lovington, N.M. He said when they saw two players six feet tall and one six foot, one inch player, he Con't. Page 6, Col. 1

County Sets Regulations On Herbicides

At a meeting of the Bailey County Commissioners Court this month, Bailey County Herbicide Regulations adopted and approved by commissioners.

Bailey County Judge Gordon H. Green has released the following regulations:

1. During the period from October 1 of one calendar year through April 15 of the following calendar year, no permit or permit fee will be required for the following herbicides:

(A) 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid (2,4-D);

(B) 2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic Acid (2,4,5-T);

(C) 2-Methyl-4-Clorophenoxyaetic Acid (MCPA);

(D) 2-(2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxy) propionic Acid (silvex);

(E) Polychlorinated benzoic acids; and (F) derivatives and formula-

tions of substances listed by Subdivisions (e) of this paragraph.

2. The herbicides listed in paragraph 1 may be used during the period from April 15 to October 1 of each calendar year, provided the user obtains a permit from the Texas Department of Agriculture prior to such use.

3. The aerioa application of the herbicides listed in paragraph 1 (A) through (D) inclusive, and any derivatives and formulations thereof, is prohibited for the period from April 15 to October 1 of each calendar year.



Behold, there came wise men from the east...saying, Where is he that is born King of the Helis? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him... And... they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

The Gospel According To St. Matthew

Lela Sue King Wins \$1,000 In Largest MAC Drawing

They started gathering before the doors to the Bailey County Civic Center were opened at 1:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon, and by the time for the big MAC Drawing, a crowd estimated at more than 2,000 people had crowded into the arena portion of the large county meetng place.

MAC had roped off one section, and reserved it for senior citizens, and the rest of the group stood waiting for the drawing to begin.

City Council **Hears Auditor** Talk Finances

Muleshoe City Council members met for only about 30 minutes Tuesday morning before going into executive session with City Attorney Mike Caldwell to discuss possible litigation pending with the city.

During the regular session of won by Ruby Clark. the meeting, Terry Field, of Sudduth, Field & Co. discussed the current city audit with council members.

Giving a 'thumbnail' sketch of the multi-page audit, Field told Festival Of Gospel the group the city is in sound financial condition at this time.

Fund balances and expenditures were given, as well as fixed assets, income from all sources and equities.

City Manager Dave Marr told the council that he and Bailey County Judge Gordon H. Green had visited in Austin on December 9, with the Texas Department of Commerce concerning the city's application for a grant.

Marr said the city had been refused the grant, and following the visit, it was decided to appeal the TDC rejection of the grant, which would have been loaned to the hospital for operating expenses.

"No correspondence has been received, and we do not know the status of the appeal at this time," he added.

Bob Donaldson and Harvey Bass shared the announcing chores from the bleachers of the building--welcoming the crowd, and giving different announcements before the drawings got underway. Tiny Sarah Holmes, daughter of Bryce and Earlene Holmes of Mountain Home, Idaho, did the drawing. She is the granddaughter of Wayne and Joyce Holmes.

Drawing for MAC Buck winners were Muleshoe Mayor Darrell Turner; Muleshoe City Police Chief Wayne Holmes; and for the biggest award of all, it was Santa Claus himself who drew the winning ticket.

First drawing was for the Giant Christmas Stocking from Harvey Bass Appliance. Donna Locker was the winner of that

Lavelle Parker then became the winner of a \$25 gift certificate from Dairy Queen. This was followed by a \$50 gift certificate from Lookin' Good.

Josie Flowers won the 20 Cont. Page 6, Col. 3

Church Of Christ Music Scheduled

On New Year's Eve, Thursday of next week, the Muleshoe Church of Christ at West 21st St. and American Blvd, will conduct their Eleventh Annual Festival of Gospel Music.

Among the groups expected to be present will be "Proclaimers," of Dora, N.M.; Enoch Fuller Family, of Childress, TX; and "Gospel Notes," of Mule-

Congregational singing will also be conducted; and visiting and food will highlight the

"Come and enjoy this festive occasion with us," said the membership of the church. "Help us sing out the "Old Year," and sing in the "New Year."

New County Sales Tax Becoming Effective

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State Comptroller Bob Bullock reminded merchants and residents in 82 Texas counties and 54 cities that a new optional half-percent sales tax will take effect on January 1.

"Voters in these cities and counties have elected to levy this additional sales tax as a method to generate money to reduce city or county property taxes," Bullock said.

Included in the counties is Bailey County. A local option election was held on August 8, and for purchases in Muleshoe and approved by county voters. Bailey County expects to

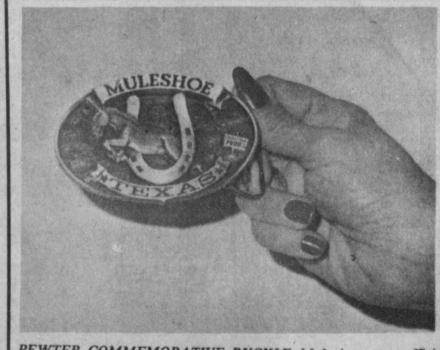
generate some \$86,535 additional revenue for the county through the new tax.

The new one half cent tax will bring the total tax in the city of Muleshoe to seven and one half

The local option sales tax was approved by the Legislature in 1986 and could raise about \$93.1 million for cities and counties where it has been enacted, Bullock said.

The law allows either city or county residents or both to add the extra sales tax.

Businesses in cities and Con't. Page 6, Col. 1



PEWTER COMMEMORATIVE BUCKLE--Muleshoe now officially has its very own buckle. This is a proof of the numbered commemorative buckle which has gone on sale at the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. The buckle sells for \$25, and is the first in the series of five collector buckles to be available at the CofC.

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Cleta Williams

Evelone Francis

Lillie Vino

-Danett' Bunch

To Ann Gomes

Bobbi MicCray

Robert Onogco

Gary Watters

Mullins Appears In Behalf Of

Farmers Union

Texas Farmers Union President Joe Rankin and Bob. Mullins of the National Farmers Union Legislative Services testified Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1987 before the Committee on Ways and Means on H.R. 1622, The Cotton Research and Promotion Act of 1987.

Nursing Home News by Joy Stancell

Building a fire in our fireplace and setting around it reminiscing, has been a fun and cozy thing to do this snowy weather, at this Christmas season.

The Girl Scouts visited Sat. and brought the residents each a gift of a sleigh full of goodies.

The Muleshoe Singers came Sun. afternoon to sing Gospel music with the residents.

J.C. Shanks came Sat. to cut the men's hair and give shaves.

Earl Peterson came Sun. to have Bible Study with the residents.

Julia Hawkin's son daughter-in-law from Dallas visited last week, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hawkins. They took Mrs. Hawkins out for a visit and meals.

Mamie Askew expresses to everyone her thanks for all the cards, visits and gifts during this holiday season. She also wants to thank all those who made her birthday "One to be remembered."

Lula Mae Shanks made and brought the residents two large canisters of hot chocolate mix. It sure has hit the spot during this cold weather

Our thanks to Mrs. Chappell for all the nice gifts for the employees of the Nursing Home. We really appreciate it.



Festive days ahead in

this special season of love and renewal! Clifton B. Allen

Maker



Happy Holidays to all our special friends. We wish you a bright and beautiful Christmas.

> **McCormick** Upholstery

Rankin pointed out the radical changes proposed in H.R. 1622 would constitute an occupational tax to cotton producers.

First, the overfiding problem is the mandatory non-refundable assessment. The mandatory nature of this assessment simply makes it an occupational tax. If you grow cotton, by government legislation cotton producers pay the Cotton Board for the privilege of doing so.

Second, the legislation drastically alters the percentage of producers from two-thirds to one-half of producers voting to approve this change in the current program.

Third, the bill permits re-

presentation of importers on the Board.

In regard to an alternative proposal to impose an excise tax on cotton producers; we are adamantly opposed to all of these propositions. Not only do they violate our policy on commodity check-off programs, it is a serious misuse of the taxing and police powers of the federal government.

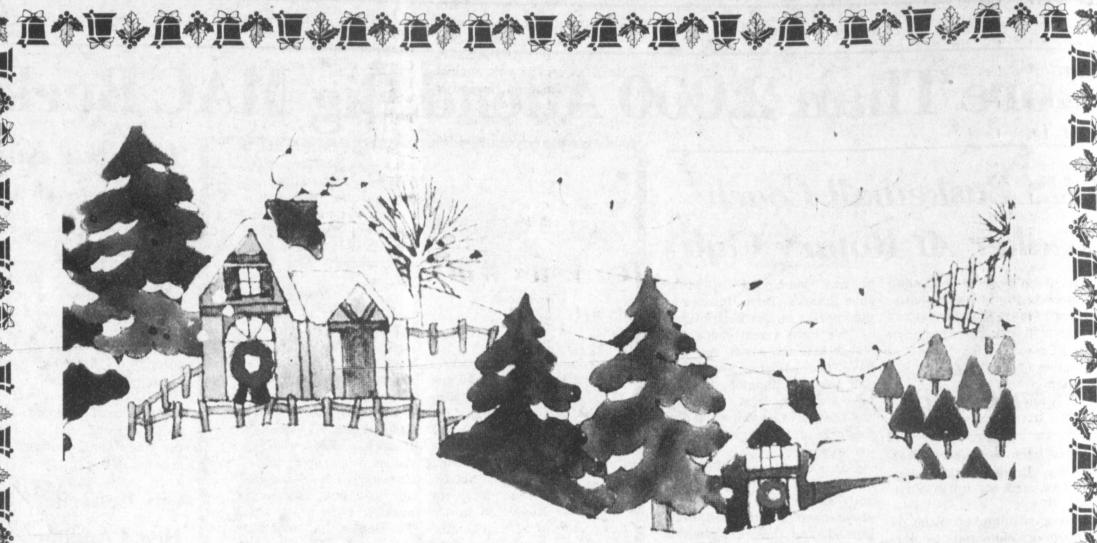
The imposition of such a tax would eliminate any right of cotton farmers to review the performance of the Cotton Research and Promotion Program through a producer referendum since the tax could not be repealed by a vote of

producers but only through an act of Congress.

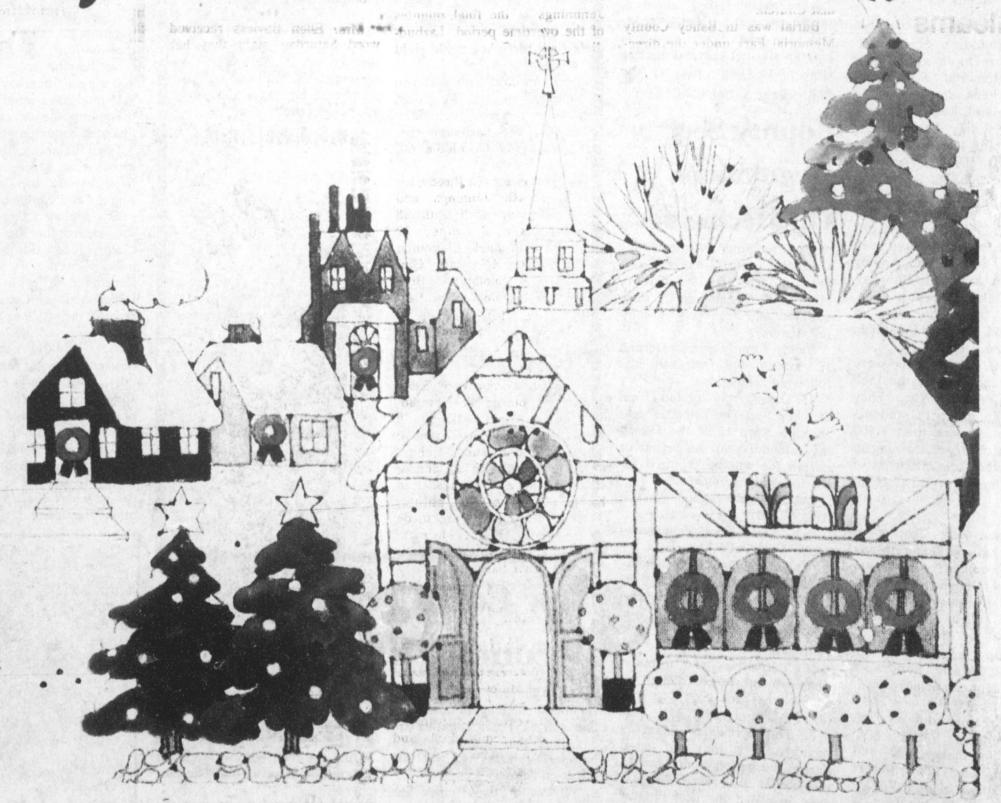
"Farmers Union is diametrically opposed to the imposition of such a tax on cotton farmers. Simply stated; it is a bad idea and bad public policy. We support the program as it is today." Rankin said.

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YOLIDAY CHEER



It's Christmas, joyous Christmas, once again. May yours be a happy one, and your new year, too!



Member Of F.D.I.C.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED--Mrs. Inez Garza of Muleshoe and Mr. and Mrs. Reynaldo Paz of Earth would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Mary Garza and Martin Paz. Vows will be exchanged on Saturday, Dec. 26 at 2 p.m. in the Mulita Ball Room in Muleshoe. The couple will make their home in Muleshoe.

Journal Files

60 Years Ago 1927

BUSINESS BRISK IN MULESHOE SATURDAY

According to local merchants, business was good in Muleshoe Saturday. With the weather continuing to hold favorable the farmers are getting the bumper crop harvested in good shape. Christmas markets on all produce are above the average, and everyone is in good spirits.

Christmas is drawing near and the business houses are showing a fine line of holiday goods. There is one thing to remember: shop early---and buy it in Muleshoe.

50 Years Ago

1937 COMPLETE HIGHWAY 28 IN 1938

Assurances have been given by the State Highway Department that State Highway No. 28, passing through Muleshoe. will be fully paved during the coming year.

In this area only a few miles east of here in Lamb County remain unpaved. It is stated contract for such may be let in January or February, work to begin as soon as frost danger has passed.

40 Years Ago

LETTERS TO SANTA Dear Santa

I have been a good little girl this year.

Please bring me a doll and a bracelet and necklace and anything else you would like to bring.

I Love You Alva Lee Shofner (Peeler)

Dear Santa, I am a little girl 7 years old. I want a magic skin doll, and I want a sewing kit, a purse and

a drum. My teachers name is Mrs. Harris.

I Love You Bobbie Nell King (Dunham)

30 Years Ago

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus, I would like you to bring me a Moris Code set, and a wood burning set, and that is all I want for Christmas. Now don't forget me because I am your

> Your friend Bruce Purdy

20 Years Ago

FIRST IN PANHANDLE, CITY SALES TAX PASSED

Despite miserable weather conditions Saturday, a total of 307 votes were cast in the municipal election for the city margin of 153 votes.

Ballots cast during the voting hours tallied 230 for the sales tax of 77 against.

The mayor said revenue from the tax would total from \$40,000 to \$50,000 annually. He said "The city is not in debt, but additional revenue is needed to finance improvement projects."

Muleshoe is the first city in the Panhandle area to call a city sales tax election, although numerous towns in south and east Texas have passed the tax in elections, while few have rejected the issue where votes have been cast.

10 Years Ago

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus, I want a pogo stick, a tape recorder and a skateboard.

That's all. I am six years old.

Holly Huckaby P.S. I'll leave you some food to

Shop Muleshoe First!



Good health, good friends...all the best to you at Christmas!

Glenna's Beauty Retreat



GUADALUPANA SOCIETY QUEEN--Melissa Mata, 8 year old daughter of Joe and Patricia Mata, was recently crowned queen of the Guadalupana Society of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. The queen contest is the main money making project for the Guadalupana Society each year. In order to be crowned queen, Melissa brought in the most money selling food of various kinds at the center as well as raffles. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mata of Muleshoe.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. How is Mrs. Santa Claus? I hope she is ok. How is Rudolph and the reindeers? I will leave some hay for your reindeers and some cookies and milk for you.

For Christmas I want a sales tax which carried by a beebee gun a skateboard, two walky talkes to talk to my friends. I also would like two turbo racers and a gocat.

I like all your songs and

Dear Santa,

Your friend, **Torrey Roberts**

Please bring me a Barbie that makes ice cream, a purse filled with keys, money, and stuff. Bring my sister blocks to play with, my mother needs a purse and bring daddy some socks to keep his feet warm.

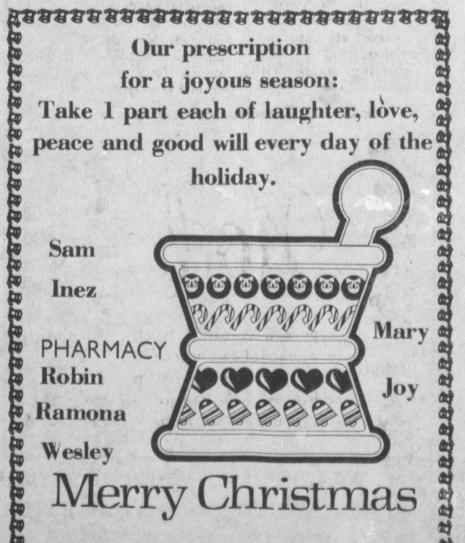
Thank You! Carolina Rivera

Dear Santa,

Hi! Please send me a tractor, combine, and a truck. Send my brother Julian, a car, a kitty for my mother, and a nice clock for daddy.

Thank You! Domingo Chavez



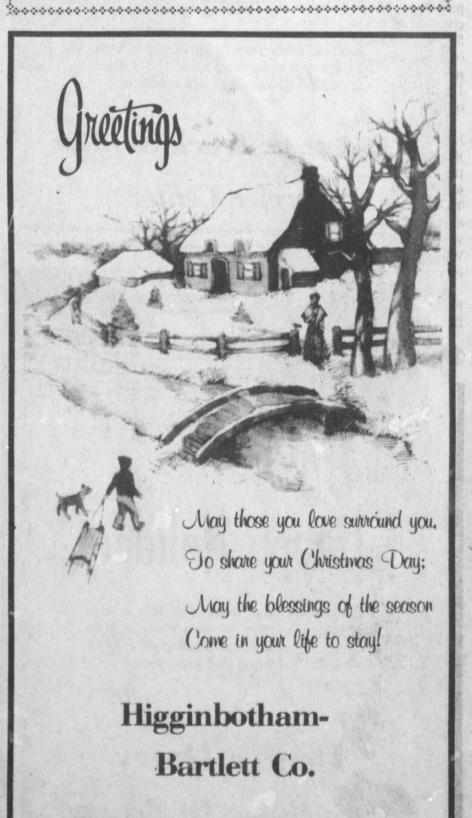


Damron Drug



RECENTLY CROWNED PRINCESS--Melissa Ann Morales, 9 year old daughter of Anna and Fidel Morales, was recently crowned Princess of the Guadalupana Society of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. She sold tamales, barbecue, cakes and donuts at the center to raise money for the organization, which will in turn be used for the church. Third place in the contest went to Lupita Ortiz, daughter of Johnny and Rosie





Basketball Coach

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long night. He saw the Mulettes go behind 8-0, and reminded they

were there to play basketball, not to watch a basketball game being played without them.

The girls, 'buckled' down and played very well for the final three quarters of the game, winning against a high-rated New Mexico team, 53-43.

"What pleased me most," he said, "is the girls are really working. Give a kid a chance, give them a goal, and they'll work for it. These girls are."

At this time, the Mulettes are 10-3 for the season.

He also said that Dimmitt, Friona and Tulia are picked over the Mulettes, but said he believed that was good, because they won't be ready for the Muleshoe team.

The girls have gained confidence in themselves now, they have a good attitude, and work

New Tax...

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counties that adopted the tax during April and August elections must begin collecting the tax on January 1, 1988.

Cities and counties that voted for the new tax rate in November or approved it in elections in the first three quarters of next year must collect the increased sales tax rate on January 1, 1989.

"For one of your New Year's resolutions, you ought to be prepared for this increase," Bullock added.

The extra revenue from the half percent sales tax must be applied toward property tax reduction, Bullock added. The amount of reduction will vary from area to area.

Property owners in these cities and counties may see property tax changes after the 1988 tax rates are set in the fall of next year.

believed it was going to be a hard," he added. "They are grasping the game real well and all willing to work for their

> He also praised the activities on the basketball court by the junior varsity Mulettes, who have competed against such school as Monterey from Lubbock and Plainview during the Littlefield Tournament.

> "Their program is coming along very well," he added. "The freshmen Mulettes are gaining confidence."

> According to the coach, what they are teaching is to play by the rules and teaching them about life.

The Mulettes will be participating in the Sudan Holiday Tournament next week. The action starts Tuesday and the Mulettes will be playing Nazareth at 10:30 a.m. Such high ranked teams also participating will be Idalou and Walls, ranked eighth in the state.

"Join us," he said, "our program and our Mulettes are 'catching fire'."

After paying expenses, the Rotary Club expects to clear more than \$1,800 from the giant TV project, according to Project Chairman Clifton Finley.

Jackie Dunham, who cooks for the Muleshoe Rotary Club, was presented a 'bonus' check for Christmas, and there was a gift for Rotary Sweetheart, Stacey McElroy.

Cleta Williams drew the name tag of Ray Day, as winner of the Polio Plus pot for this week.

Guests at the meeting included Annette Bond, Jennifer Green, Ali Cage, Tim Black, Ruben Osuna, Howard Watson and Cleta Williams.

Silence Is golden

Doctor, placing a thermometer in woman's mouth: "You'll have to keep your mouth shut for a few minutes."

Husband: "Say, Doc, how much does one of those things cost?"

MAC Drawing

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from Pay And Save; and Connie Bruns won the monogrammed jacket from Trophies and More.

The \$30 gift certificate from the Honeycomb and Sherri's Jewelry and Accessories was won by Susie Sterling; and Trinidad Navejar was the winner of 10 books of Circle W Blue Stamps from Pay and

The name of Herbert Griffiths was drawn to be the winner of the cleaning of a sofa and chair, given by Lambert Cleaners, and the gigantic screen TV, given by the Muleshoe Rotary Club was won by Greg Lantz of Sudan.

Then came the MAC Buck drawings. Mildred Redwine and Mable Wolf won the \$125 each given; Donna Locker, a previous winner, won the \$250; Doris Parker was the winner of \$500 in MAC Bucks, and Lela Sue King was the very lucky winner who took home \$1,000 in MAC Bucks.

It was announced that no

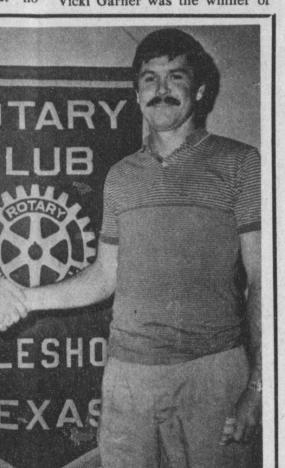
books of Circle W Blue Stamps MAC Buck drawing will be held in January, and for the subsequent drawings, a change will be made in the method for the drawings. Winning ticket numbers will be publicized in both broadcast and print media, and the holder of the ticket will have 'X' amount of time to redeem their winnings.

prize in the time allowed, that \$75, is unclaimed, that particular prize will be doubled to \$150 for the next month. If unclaimed then, it will become \$225 for the

In other drawings in the afternoon and evening, Rhonda Foreman won the animated Santa Claus from Fry and Cox, Inc., while Jerrell Otwell was the winner of the wreath from that business.

Della Snell won a gift certificate from Wilson Appliance and Vicki Garner was the winner of

If they do not claim their particular drawing will be doubled for next month. For instance, if the ticket for say, next drawing, etc.



GUEST SPEAKER AT ROTARY--MHS Coach Ruben Osuna, left, said he was virtually kidnapped by Terry Hutto, right, to be a guest speaker at the Muleshoe Rotary Club on Tuesday, at noon. Nontheless, Coach Osuna discussed the Mulettes' basketball season to the Rotarians.

the Roper boots from Joe's Boot

Amber Bruce of Farwell won the set of Samsonite Luggage from the C.R. Anthony store and Tommy Lucero won the 10speed bicycle given by Ben Franklin Store.

As the drawings were held at the Bailey County Civic Center, Santa Claus, who had arrived in style in the bucket of an SPS truck, gave candy to the youngsters at the drawing. Members of the MAC group tossed paper plates to the crowd. Each paper plate either had a certificate for a gift or discount for use in several stores.

Members of the Muleshoe MAC group expressed their appreciation to all the people, to businesses who participated, and everyone who helped with the festivities, where it was estimated that in excess of \$6,000 was given in prizes and MAC Bucks.

ONE MINUTE **SPORTS** QUIZ

1. Who is Doug Williams?

2. In what college bowl is Notre Dame expected to play January 1st?

3. What salary is free agent Juan Berenguer asking the Minnesota Twins for next season?

4. What NBA team started this season with a winning streak?

The Answers

1. Backup quarterback of the Washington Redskins.

2. The Cotton Bowl.

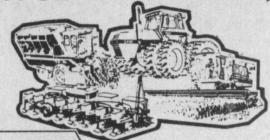
3. \$800,000 for one year

or \$1.8 million for two! 4. The Boston Celtics.

5. Tennis; he's a Swedish

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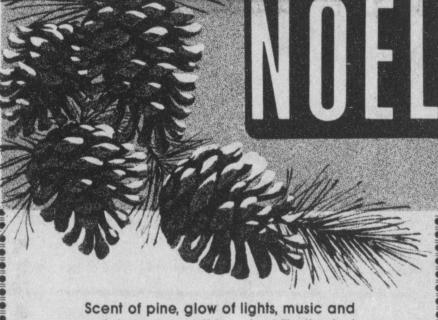
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The Advent Wreath Is Harbinger of Christmas

In many churches and homes, during the four weeks before Christmas, wreaths with candles are displayed to remind the faithful of the approaching holiday.

These decorations are known as Advent wreaths, symbolizing the eager awaiting of mankind for its redeemer.

Originally, the Advent wreath may have been part of pagan observances. Tribes in northern Europe would display cartwheels decorated with greens and lights in their homes during the winter season.

The custom became Christianized in time, with the wreath's circular shape symbolizing God's unending nature, and the evergreens symbolizing His unchanging nature.

There are four candles on the wreath, one for each week of Advent. Three of the candles are violet in color, as a reminder of our repentance and our longing for the Savior. One candle is rose colored, symbolizing our joy and hope in the coming of the Messiah. All the candles are tied with purple ribbon, again as a symbol of longing and repen-



In some homes, the family will gather around the wreath on the Saturday evening before the first Sunday in Advent, four weeks before Christmas.

Prayers are said and one violet candle is lit. An Advent hymn, such as "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" may be sung at this time. The ceremony is repeated with two violet candles on the second Saturday; on the third Saturday, two violet candles and one rose candle, a joyful sign of the nearness of the holiday, are lit; on the last Saturday, all four candles are lit.



In Europe

It was in Germany that trees and toys first became a part of the holiday. All the family waits until six o'clock on Christmas Eve for Mother to unveil the hidden tree, decorated not only with lights and ornaments, but tasty treats.

On December 6th, Austria's opening of the season is greeted with a visit from "knecht Ruprecht," leaving small gifts and sweets for the

Peace on Earth



Wishing all the blessings of the Holiday Season to you and your loved ones. We hope that you will always find peace and contentment, guided by that everlasting light that led the shepherds to the Holy Child. Have a happy Christmas season.

Farmers Co-Op Elevator

Muleshoe-Clays Corner-Enochs





Santa's on his way to fill your hearts and homes with the joy of Christmas. Our sincere good wishes to everyone.

From The Entire Staff At



Glad Tidings

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