

# Robert Lee Observer

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## Forsan Buffaloes Invade Robert Lee, Take Three Victories Tuesday Night

The Robert Lee High School basketball teams lost three games Tuesday night when the Forsan Buffaloes invaded the local gym.

The visitors whipped the girls A team 55-44. Leigh Ann Runnion had a big 21 to lead the scoring; Becky Taylor hit 12; Dianna Tinkler 6; Brenda Gray 5.

The girls B team was defeated 41-30 by the Buffs. Pointmakers

were Mary Galvan 10; Becky Taylor 8; Debbie Cummins 6; Tracie Tomlinson 4; Cindy Gartman 2.

The Steers put up a battle, but the Buffaloes squeaked by them, 37-36. Buck Duncan led the scoring with 9; Scot Long had 8; Darren Williams 7; Rudy Balderras 6; Joel Percifull 6.

Both boys and girls A teams will be taking part in the Bronte tournament this weekend.

Robert Lee girls were scheduled to play Christoval at 10 a.m. Thursday. If they win their first match, they will play their second game at 4 p.m. Friday and, if they lose, they will play at 1 a.m. Friday.

The Steers also will play Christoval in their opening game at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. If they win, they will play their second game at 5:30 p.m. Friday and, if they lose, they will play at 2:30 p.m. Friday.

The Robert Lee teams will travel to Gail Tuesday night of next week for an encounter with Borden County and will be entered in the Roby High School tournament Dec. 11, 12 and 13.

## Special Movie Coming Dec. 14

"Reflections of His Love," a new film highlighting the life and ministry of Joni Eareckson, will be shown on Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. The color feature, produced by World Wide Pictures, the film ministry of the Billy Graham Association, will be shown once, beginning at 7 p.m.

Miss Eareckson is the star of a recent theatrical motion picture, "Joni," which relates the story of her diving accident, as a young girl, which left her paralyzed from the neck down. It chronicles her struggles to piece together her life and her faith in God, in spite of the devastating circumstances.

In "Reflections of His Love," Miss Eareckson, who is also the author of two best-selling books, "Joni" and "A Step Further," tells of the great transformations that have taken place in her life because of her willingness to accept all of the things that have happened to her.

A remarkably talented young woman, Miss Eareckson is an artist of great merit, as well as an author, actress, and singer. She has learned to draw and paint with a brush held in her mouth. Her works have been displayed in major exhibitions, as well as on a number of network television programs. More recently, her illustrations and paintings have become the basis for a major line of greeting cards, plaques, and framed prints.

According to Carolyn Long, youth director of Robert Lee Baptist Church, "Reflections of His Love" introduces the viewer to "the real Joni Eareckson. We meet her parents, her sisters, and her friends. We gain insight into the thoughts of the actors who played major roles in the movie, "Joni," and we learn of her new personal ministry, Joni and Friends."

Mrs. Long added that "the determination and the depth of trust and faith that this young lady has developed can serve as an inspiration to us all. Although she is a quadriplegic, and does not have the use of her legs or arms, we actually witness her drive a van in this film. It's much more than a great physical and technical feat -- it's a credit to her inner spirit."

Mrs. Long has extended an open invitation to the community at large to attend this special screening. There is no admission charge. "We feel everyone who attends will be touched by the remarkable life and witness of Joni Eareckson. It's really an unforgettable experience," she concluded.

## Postmaster Gives Tips on Mailing

Postmaster Roy Shandley reminded customers that for the best service this Christmas season they should use ZIP Codes, place their return address in the upper left corner of the envelope and use proper postage.

"By following these suggestions," Postmaster Shandley said, "you will be assured good mail service this holiday season."

It is important, the Robert Lee postmaster said that families double check envelopes and cards to be certain that proper postage is affixed. Envelopes without postage will be returned to senders, if possible, or delayed by postage-due procedures.

"When the return address is placed on envelopes bearing holiday greetings, it also helps remind friends of one's current address," the postmaster said.

And, if the family to whom a holiday message is sent moved more than a year ago, it cannot be forwarded. With a return address, Postmaster Shandley said, such letters are returned to the sender with a notation that the forwarding order has expired.

## AKP DONATES FUNDS FOR DRAPES, AMBULANCE

Members of Alpha Kappa Pi decided at a meeting Nov. 19 to give \$250 to the drapery fund of West Coke County Hospital and \$500 to the fund drive of West Coke County Ambulance Service. The sorority met in the home of Jeanette Jacobs with 14 members present. Dwala Casey gave the program on "Art-Painting."

Mr. and Mrs. Turney Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Casey and Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Chesney spent Thanksgiving Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grady L. Coulter and family of Bronte.

# Program Approved to Aid With Fuel Bill Payments

## AKP Says Thanks For Donations

Members of Alpha Kappa Pi has asked The Observer to publish their thanks to everyone who helped them raise money to buy new Christmas lights for the city of Robert Lee.

A spokeswoman for the sorority said, "We earned money through bake sales, garage sales, flea markets, concession stands and many donations, and we appreciate the help everyone has given us."

A list of persons, organizations and businesses donated money to buy a light follows:

Mr. and Mrs. M.F. Bozarth, Shaffer Funeral Home, Simpson Brothers, Ben Bessent Chevrolet, Bill and Dwala Casey, Heart O'Texas Savings, City of Robert Lee, Mathew's Lumber & Hardware, Nell and Truman Hines, Ben Boykin, Irene Newell, Fred and Dolores McCabe, Baker's Grocery, R.L. and Evelyn Flanagan, Arthur and Joann Runnion, Bell-Auto Parts, S.E. and Elsie Adams, Allen Insurance Agency, Robert Lee Sate Bank, Roach's, Scott's Home Builders, West Way Grocery, Henry Baker, Roadrunner, Ivey Motor, Little Freezer, Skinner's Grocery, Dale and Margie Wojtek, Western Auto, Bahlman Cleaners, Alpha Omicron Nu, The '64 Study Club.

Coke County Commissioners' Court met Monday and voted to administer a program that will provide rebate money to some county citizens to help them with high heating bills this winter.

Larry Dudley of the Texas Department of Human Resources met with the court and explained the program.

County Judge D.W. Sims said there will be two groups who will receive help with their high heating bills. One group will

automatically be eligible for the rebates. These citizens mainly will be those who are receiving SSI benefits and have very limited incomes. The second group will have to apply and have their eligibility determined.

Mrs. Diane Luckett, who is employed in Judge Sims' office, will take applications and determine eligibility.

The rebates will be a one-time payment, Judge Sims said, and will be approximately \$30, \$40 or \$50, depending on the applicant's income.

The program will not start until Jan. 1, and the judge said there is no point in person's trying to apply for the rebates until after that date.

The commissioners also: \*Approved bonds for County Tax Assessor-Collector O.B. Jacobs in the amounts of \$11,000 and \$50,000, as required by law.

\*Discussed some of the easements and rights of way of General Telephone Co.

\*Discussed the current controversy surrounding the Concho Council of Governments as to how it affects Coke County.

\*Approved payment of bills. The commissioners will meet again Monday morning.

## Two Indictments By Grand Jury

Two indictments were returned Tuesday morning by a 51st District Court grand jury. Judge Earl Smith was in Robert Lee to hold court and was in charge of the day's proceedings.

Indicted were Loy Wrinkle for DWI, subsequent offense, and Ralph Tad Richards for theft of property.

Two civil cases heard by Judge Smith were Tommy Hendry vs. Air Management Control in a deceptive trade practices case, and a hearing for a change of name.

The jury commission met and a grand jury was empaneled for next year.

A petit jury list was drawn for the February term of district court.

Buy and Sell with Want Ads

## W. Coke County Ambulance Service Continues Drive for New Vehicle

The members of the West Coke County Ambulance Service want to thank the citizens of Coke County for their support at the recent flea market sponsored by the Coke County Pageant Association. Donations and receipts for items sold total over \$130.00. This money was placed in the ambulance fund.

In the drawing for the two free scalp treatments offered by Harper Method Hair Clinic (Juanita Schnabel, owner) were won by Mrs. Frank Mulkey and Mrs. Jeanette Skinner.

Two representatives of the Ambulance Service were on the Pat Atebery Show (KCTV Channel 8) on November 20. Gene Hinnard, president of the EMS board, and Lou Wright, board member, asked citizens of the Concho Valley for support in purchasing a new ambulance. The West Coke County EMS certainly does appreciate the air time furnished by KCTV.

Under the new EMS Board bylaws, the EMS personnel recently organized into a formal group to be called the West Coke County Ambulance Service. This group will operate under the overall guidance of the EMS Board.

New officers for the organization include: JoAnn Harrison, REMT, Captain, Juanita Schnabel, ECA, 1st Lieutenant, Valerie Taylor, REMT, 2nd Lieutenant

and Lou Wright, REMT, Major. The training officer for the group will be Dorothea Helen Wright, REMT, EMS Instructor, while Juanita Schnabel will serve as chairman for publicity. Gene Hinnard will chair the fund-raising committee and Edwin "Pack" Wright will chair the committee on ambulance equipment/supplies.

The West Coke County EMS also wants to thank the Coke County Commissioners for their assistance. The county will be funding some of the cost of the paramedic program in which one person is enrolled. Lou Wright began the first half of the paramedic program in October. This portion of the course will run through January. Classes meet twice weekly in Abilene.

HELP US HELP YOU continues to be the theme in the fund-raising efforts. If you can contribute toward the purchase of a new ambulance for the ambulance service, please make your checks payable to the West Coke County EMS Ambulance Fund and mail them to P.O. Box 66, Robert Lee, Texas 76945. All donations are tax deductible.

"We appreciate the support we are receiving and hope to be able to provide the best possible ambulance service for our area. HELP US HELP YOU!!" the workers said.

## Dogie Teams Winning Big

The Robert Lee Junior High basketball teams have made clean sweeps the past two Monday nights by winning victories over Veribest and Sterling City.

Veribest came to Robert Lee Monday, Nov. 14 and the local girls took a 40-19 victory. Carol Longoria was the big gun for Robert Lee with 25; Jana Gartman had 7; Sue Ann Millican 3; Melanie Epperson 2; Tracy Pearson 1; Tancie Bell 1.

The boys team downed the Veribest lads 50-26. Caesar De LaPenia was high pointer with 19; Kirby Rasco had 12; Doug Roberts 9; Bobby Boone 6; John Hinnard 2; Richard Jacobs 2.

STERLING CITY GAMES - The Dogie teams went to Sterling City Monday night of this week and brought home three wins. Score in the girls game was Robert Lee 27, Sterling City 15. Longoria was high scorer with 16; Gartman had 9; Pearson 1; Patty Bloodworth 1.

The boys B team had the closest game of the night but came out on top 24-17. Randy Stephens led scoring with 11; Mike Sanchez had 4; Jim Bob Jacobs 4; Heath Gardner 3; Steven Gray 2.

The Dogie A team took a big 37-19 win over the Eagles. Boone and Greg Green tied for scoring honors with 8 each; DeLaPenia had 6; Rasco 5; Roberts 4; Phillip Stephens 4; David Rodriguez 2.

The next scheduled games for the junior high teams will be Monday, Dec. 8, when Grape Creek comes here. Starting time is 6 p.m.

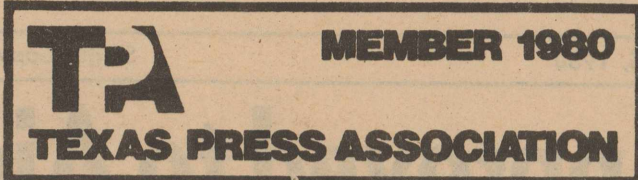


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**Recipes for Wild Game Sausage**

By Kathy Jobe

Big game provides variety and contributes high quality nutrients to meals of families of Texas sportsmen.

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Meat of big game furnishes protein needed for growth and repair of body tissues, muscles, blood, skin and hair. It also provides iron, thiamin, riboflavin and niacin.

For those who prefer to have their deer meat made into sausage, here are some deer sausage recipes.

Since there are many preferences for different flavors and textures, adapt these recipes to please individual tastes.

**FRESH BREAKFAST SAUSAGE**

- 25 pounds lean deer, anelope or elk meat
- 25 pounds very fresh regular pork trimmings (50 percent lean, 50 percent fat)
- 1 pound salt
- 1 1/2 - 2 ounces ground sage
- 1 1/2 - 2 ounces black pepper
- 1/2 ounce red pepper (if desired)
- 5 ounces sugar

**FOR SMALL QUANTITIES**

- 2 pounds wild game meat
- 2 pounds regular pork trimmings
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 4 teaspoons ground sage
- 2 teaspoons ground black pepper
- 1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon red pepper (if desired)
- 1 teaspoon sugar

Thoroughly mix trimmings, grind through a plate with 1/2 - inch holes.

Spread coarsely ground meat on table top, sprinkle seasoning on top and thoroughly mix. Regrind through a plate with 1/8 - inch holes.

If a 1/2 - inch plate is not available, sprinkle seasoning on top of trimmings, thoroughly mix and grind once through a plate with 1/8 - inch holes.

For stuffed sausage, stuff immediately for best results. Stuff into natural hog casings, plastic bags or muslin bags (use any cloth bag made from strong cloth that has been washed several times).

Obtain natural hog casings from meat markets, local meat processing plants or stores.

Soak them in warm, salty water for about one hour or until they are pliable.

If bulk sausage is to be served soon after making, add 1/4 cup of water to about four pounds of sausage. Knead with hands until sausage becomes sticky.

Pack tightly in small molds, pans or cans and chill overnight before slicing.

**CURED AND SMOKED SAUSAGE (COUNTRY STYLE)**

- 37 1/2 pounds of deer, antelope or elk meat
- 12 1/2 pounds of very fresh pork fat trimmings (fatback)
- 1 pound salt
- 1 ounce saltpeter (potassium nitrate -- obtain at drug store)
- 2 ounces black pepper
- 1/2 ounce ground cloves (or 1/2 ounce ground nutmeg, if desired)
- 1/4 ounce garlic powder (if desired)

Prepare and grind meat, and add seasonings as for fresh sausage.

Stuff into natural hog casings or muslin casings. Hang or place on racks to cure, and dry for 24 to 48 hours at a temperature of 38-40 degrees F.

The Fresh Breakfast Sausage recipe can also be used to make cured and smoked sausage.

**SMOKING:** Smoke the sausage one to two hours or until light brown color is obtained.

**Judge Blasts Controversy with COG**

A controversy in the San Angelo based Concho Valley Council of Governments continues to boil this week as the organization has failed for a second time to elect officers for its executive committee. In the past several weeks two attempts have been made to elect officers, but voting by ineligible voters and lack of a quorum have left the committee without new officers. A third election has been called for Dec. 10.

County Judge D.W. Sims, a member of the executive committee representing Coke County, said, in his opinion, the problems of COG have been brought about by the outlying counties whose representatives have asserted their rights and not allowed the City of San Angelo to maintain complete control of the COG budget and programs.

Judge Sims said it all began back in September when Ellen Brown, a former high level executive of COG, expected to replace Jim Ridge as executive director. "It so happens that Mrs. Brown's husband, Stephen Brown, is assistant city manager of the City of San Angelo," Sims said, "and we felt that her appointment as COG executive director would in effect be placing the organization too close to persons closely connected with the City of San Angelo."

"The City of San Angelo does not like for us to place restraints on their ideas of how and where the money should be spent and programs set up," Sims said.

The judge also complained that in his opinion articles and editorials in the San Angelo Standard-Times have been biased in favor of San Angelo and have added fuel to the controversy.

COG has control of a great deal

of money for programs which are supposed to benefit the 14 outlying counties, as well as Tom Green County. Judge Sims said he feels that the rural areas have not been receiving their fair share of the money and programs.

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### News from West Coke Hospital

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Nov. 25: No admissions. Ruth Garvin, Kenneth Burch, Nell Hines, C.M. Reeves dismissed.

Nov. 26: Jesse Saunders admitted. Inez Mayfield dismissed.

Nov. 27: Grace Hockendolf admitted. No dismissals.

Nov. 28: J.C. Brumley, Leona Bailey, Orville Drake admitted. No dismissals.

Nov. 29: No admissions. Jo Ella Leeper, J.C. Brumley, Leona Bailey dismissed.

Nov. 30: No admissions. No dismissals.

Dec. 1: No admissions. Orville Drake dismissed.

### MARSHA SMITH HOSTS ALPHA OMICRON NU

Alpha Omicron Nu met in the home of Marsha Smith on Nov. 20. Cindy Bessent served as co hostess.

In the business meeting, the bake sale at the annual town Christmas party was planned. The date for the delivery of the singing Christmas cards was set.

Kathy Jobe then presented a program on painting and its periods of development and styles were reviewed. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 11th.

### Gray Funeral Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Evah Gray, 87, were at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee. Glenn Gray and Leonard Gray, sons of the deceased, officiated.

Burial was in McKenzieville Cemetery under the direction of Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

Mrs. Gray died at 5:45 a.m. Monday in Callahan General Hospital in Baird after a lengthy illness. She had lived in Baird for a year.

Evah Conner was born Oct. 14, 1897, in Silver. She was married to Ed B. Gray Jan. 8, 1913 in Silver. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Glenn Gray of Baird, Leonard Gray of Denver, Colo.; three daughters, Ruthelle Wiggins of Roswell, N.M., Ava Sue Keevert of West Columbia, Leatrice Nixon of Johnson City; two brothers, Harney Conner of Glen Rock, Wyo., Latham Conner of Bakersfield, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Ethel Green of Robert Lee, Mrs. Pauline Wilkinson of Carlsbad, N.M., Mrs. Verna Davis of McKinney; 17 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Her husband and a son, Earl Gray, preceded her in death.

### HAVE BIG FISH FRY

A crowd of 39 persons attended a fish fry at the home of the Turney Caseys Saturday. They were:

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Casey, Abilene; Mrs. Louise Helley, Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Thelma Mason, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Turney Coulter and Laticia, Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Schooley Jr., Lisa and Mike, Burleson; Mrs. Gladys Wright, Mrs. Grace Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Grady L. Coulter, Tim and Layne, Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Heffernan, Pat and Stacey, Bronte.

Also, Mrs. Pearl Ditmore, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Coulter and Summer, Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Schooley Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Chesney, Opal Crabb, William Taylor, Becky Taylor, and Ricky Ross, all of Robert Lee.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Walker during the Thanksgiving holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Pitcock, Audra, Judd, and Jerrod of Purcell, Okla., Mrs. Dennis Purvis, Jenny, Laura and Kari of Sonora, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Helwig and Chad and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Riley of Robert Lee.

### REPORT YOUR NEWS!



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*A Flash From the Past! Speed traps of yesteryear (the early 1900's) could be a mite serious. In some jurisdictions police were authorized to shoot at tires and to stretch ropes or chains across the road to stop potential speeders.*

**AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE:** In case you didn't know, the national Highway Traffic Safety Administration has a toll-free Auto Safety Hotline for consumers to report motor vehicle safety defects or to ask for information about recalls and safety investigations. Hotline number: 800-424-9393.

*The Metrics Are Coming . . .* As America proceeds with conversion to metric measurements, car owners will have to learn to think in liters instead of gallons. By 1982 more than half of the gas stations in the country may be selling fuel by the liter. So if you see a sign reading "Gas — 35 cents!" don't get too excited. There are 3.785 liters in a gallon. At 35 cents a liter, gas would cost \$1.32 a gallon. Thirty-eight liters equal 10 gallons. Fifty-seven liters equal 15 gallons.

**Dangerous Drugs . . .** *The two most dangerous drugs for drivers are still alcohol (which is a factor in half of all traffic deaths) and tranquilizers. One recent British medical study revealed that drivers on valium or any other mild tranquilizer are five times more likely to become involved in car crashes than people not taking drugs.*

Good excuse! A Florida Highway Patrol officer reports that one driver who he stopped said he was speeding so that he could get to the next gas station before his car ran out of gas.

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## Elementary Honor Roll

Robert Lee Elementary Principal William Hood has announced the following honor roll for the second six weeks of the 1980-81 school year.

Third grade: Karla Aldridge, Brooke Boone, Warren Brasher, Tiffany Jameson, Dawn Kleiber, Rachel Lopez, Becky Padgett, Jon Rogers, Felicia Sparks.

Fourth grade: Cody Anthony, Ericka Clendennen, Johanna Service.

Fifth grade: Sherry Bagley, Jason Herring, Rachel Metcalf, Robert Runnion, Kelly Tomlinson, Claudette Walker.

Sixth grade: Becky Clendennen, Debbie Flowers, Missy Grim, Lin Long, Lee Ann Molinar.

### TO LINE OR NOT

To line a garment or not line a garment is often a question. Nancy Brown, a clothing specialist, has some answers.

Unlined garments are cooler, easier to launder at home and require less time to manufacture. However, lined garments may hold their shape better and may last longer. Lining also adds a touch of elegance, she says.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson, Bryan and Joy of Eagle Lake and Jack Mahon of Weimer visited from Wednesday until Saturday of last week with Mrs. Evah Mahon and other relatives.



## Attention Hunters and Trappers

Fur buyer will be in Robert Lee at Skinner's Groc. each Tuesday from 5:45 P.M. till 6:00 P.M. beginning Dec. 2. We buy green and dry furs of all kinds. Skin case all fur (like Opossum), not open up the middle. We also buy deer hides and RATTLESNAKE SKINS. Well handled furs bring TOP PRICES!!

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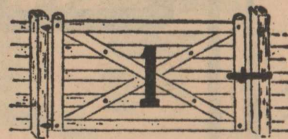
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Guests of Mrs. Helen Fowler and Janis during Thanksgiving holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fowler, Sherry and Karen of Alvarado, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taft, Tammy and Sam of San Angelo and Sammie Jo Baker of Robert Lee.

Mrs. H.L. Bloodworth, of Silver, was admitted to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo last Saturday after suffering a light stroke. She is in Room 260.

Soften hardened brown sugar by placing one-fourth of a cut apple in the bag or box of sugar, suggests Marilyn Haggard, a foods and nutrition specialist. The sugar will absorb moisture from the apple and be soft and usable again in a few hours, she explains.

Children would rather switch than fight. Many kids who are forced to give up television discover new and more interesting pastimes, says Dorothy Taylor, a family life education specialist.

Parents can help children seek out interesting alternatives, she adds.

To remove rust stains from concrete, scrub with a cleaner containing oxalic acid, says Mary Lou Rowland, a housing and home furnishings specialist.



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## Lunchroom Menu

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Tuesday, Dec. 9: Chili frito pie, cheese stick, chopped onion, corn, milk, applesauce.

Wednesday, Dec. 10: Pinto beans, spinach, french fries with catsup, corn bread, butter, milk, fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Dec. 11: Bologna and cheese sandwich, pickle slices, corn, milk, pear half.

Friday, Dec. 12: Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, cream potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, butter, peanut brownies.

Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Schooley Jr., Lisa and Mike of Burleson, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Simon, Jennifer and Justin, Wantuga, and Mrs. Pearl Ditmore of Robert Lee spent Thanksgiving in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Schooley Sr. Mrs. Jackie Scott of Seminole is spending several days in the Schooley home. She is Mrs. Schooley's mother.

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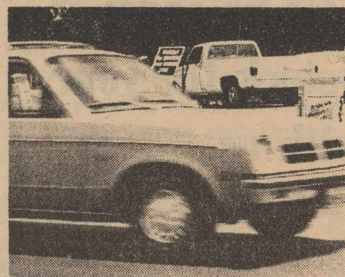
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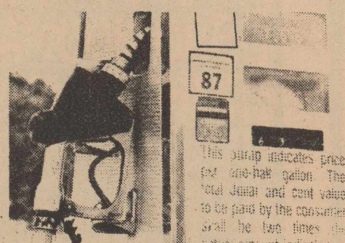
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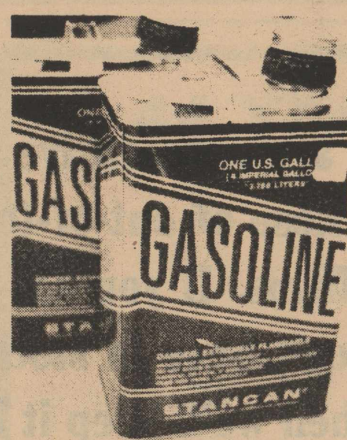
**1.** Traffic accidents are the number one cause of death to America's young people... 60% of accidental deaths of ages 1 through 19 are the result of traffic accidents.



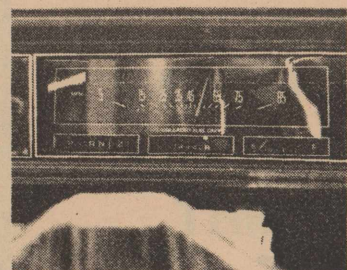
**2.** Excessive speed is involved in 70% of all fatal accidents.



**3.** You lose 1 mile per gallon for each 5 mph you drive over 50. Department of Transportation studies show that cars improve their gas mileage from 17% to 40% at 55 as opposed to 70.

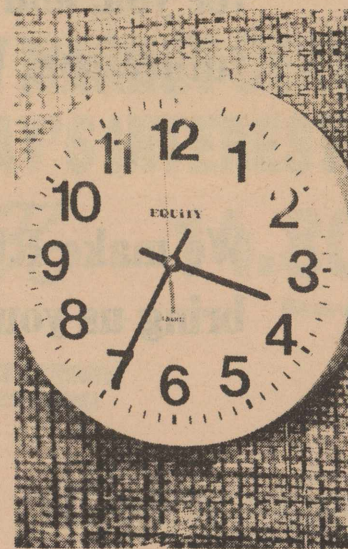


**4.** The average car can get as many as 50 more miles per tankful. Or stated another way, you could save two extra gallons for every ten gallons you buy, simply by driving 55 instead of 70.



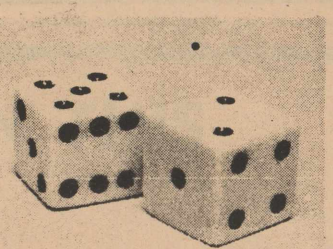
**5.** If more drivers would go no faster than 55 mph, we could save 4.9 billion gallons each year. (Our country uses nine million gallons of highway motor fuel a day.)

**6.** In spite of what you may have heard, public opinion is for driving 55 on America's highways. A National Highway Traffic Safety Administration survey showed that 77% of the public supports 55 as the speed limit.

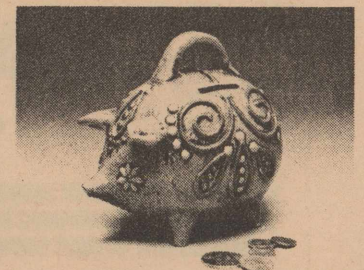


**7.** 55 mph may seem slow. The truth is, driving 55 costs you very little in time.

A 100 mile trip driving 65 mph takes one hour and 32 minutes. That same trip at 55 takes one hour and 49 minutes. Seventeen minutes difference.



**8.** Like better odds? At 55 mph, chances of a fatal accident are 1 in 33. At 70 mph, when a crash occurs, chances are 50-50 of a fatal accident.



**9.** You can save a lot of money by driving no more than the speed limit... you get more miles out of the fuel you buy; you can eliminate paying fines for speeding tickets; you can reduce your maintenance costs; eventually, the reduction of accidents will decrease insurance costs. All by driving 55 mph.



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## Christmas Has Different Meanings

By Bascom Chesney

Strange as it may seem, Christmas for some people is a time more to be endured than enjoyed; more to be tolerated than celebrated.

In fact, psychologists tell us that the incidence of mental depression among many people rises sharply during and preceding the Christmas season.

There are a number of reasons for this, not the least being that Christmas celebrated the way many celebrate it can become a nightmare of expense.

Even among Christians there is a wide divergence of opinion as to the proper way Christmas should be observed. Some approach the season with solemn earnestness, convinced that their loyalty to the Lord requires that they forego all the usual customs. No gift giving, no trees or wreaths, no manger scenes or the mailing of greeting cards. Not even the singing of special music.

To these folk, the birth of Christ, a solemn scriptural event, is to be treated the same way one would accept the Sermon on the Mount - anything beyond recognizing the birth of Christ as a

scriptural event is sinful, they say.

Some say the way to celebrate Christmas properly is in a religious way only. No Santa Claus, no Christmas trees or toys. Only a minimal giving of gifts of the purest religious nature: Bibles, crucifix on a chain, or religious pictures.

Still other Christians feel free to enter into the whole celebration, enjoying the non-religious festivities with those of particular Christian significance.

We are not to pass judgment on these or any other group of people who choose to celebrate Christmas in some unique way. To apply Paul's advice to the Christians at Rome, we can say about Christmas: "One man esteemeth one day above another; another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it."

However, be that as it may, many people, trying to guard against the over-commercialization of the holiday, and resolving to keep the spiritual significance of Christmas intact will gather the children and grandchildren for a table full of goodies, and around a green fir tree in order to exchange tokens of love in a joyful and blitheful spirit.

Then, Christmas comes out of a mixture of:

"Chestnuts roasting on an open fire; Jack Frost nipping at your nose..." "Tiny Tots with eyes all aglow will find it hard to sleep tonight."

To some at least, all that is needed for a very special Christmas is — the family being together. With a blending of our voices, we seem to become more aware of the place of the family in Christmas.

Thanksgiving Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Higginbotham were Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Wheatley, Margaret and Cathy of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Donny Higginbotham, Audrey and Amy of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. John Jacobs, Jim Bob and Richard and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bell, Doug, Tancie and Debbie, all of Robert Lee.

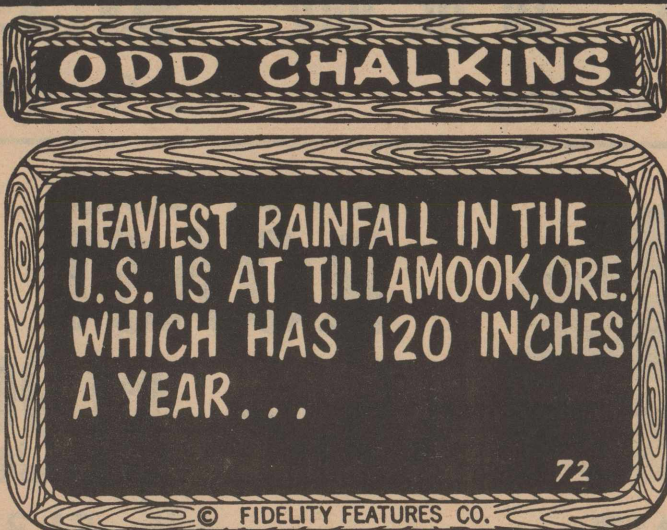


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