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## Swing Of Southwest Farm Markets

(USDA) — Generally firm to strong southwest farm markets saw easier hogs and vegetables the only major exceptions last week, according to the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Unfavorable weather slowed harvest and marketing of fruits and vegetables in most sections the past week and caused some spoilage at the New Orleans market, where oranges and satsumas met slow demand. Denver quoted lower prices on cabbage, grapefruit, shallots and tomatoes. Cabbage leveled off at around \$50 per ton to growers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley as carrot shipments increased. Texas carrots and oranges sold lower at Kansas City along with beans, cabbage, celery and onions.

Poultry markets remained firm through the week, while eggs and turkeys scored material gains. Fresh eggs brought mostly 60 to 65 cents per dozen in the Southwest. Young turkey hens sold around 40 to 35 cents a pound, and toms 35. Heavy hens moved mainly at 22 to 27 cents and frwers 32 to 35, through New Orleans bid higher.

Cotton markets saw fairly brisk sales during the week but slightly off from the week before. Light to heavy rains curtailed harvesting, but most farmers sold freely. Fluctuating spot prices closed Friday \$1 to \$1.50 a bale higher.

Wintery weather in the midwest grain belt cut country marketing the past week, and most grains scored reflected important emergency allotment advances. Sharp return in wheat options for December shipment. Active demand helped support feed grains.

Rice markets held about steady during the past week, as pre-holiday dullness began to take hold. Feeds were more settled, too, but millfeeds and cottonseed meal advanced \$2 a ton. Hay remained firm to strong on limited offerings despite restricted demand. Farmers' stock peanuts continued at support levels.

Hogs eased slightly for a week at southwest markets, as sows lost some at Denver and feeder pigs dropped sharply at some terminals. Borrows and gilts closed at a top of \$25.75 at San Antonio and \$26.25 elsewhere. Sows moved generally at \$23 to \$25, and stockers and feeder pigs \$15 to \$22.

Sheep and goats scored general advances of around 50 cents or more. Good and choice lambs drew a top of \$23.50 at Fort Worth at the close, as Oklahoma City reached \$23, Wichita \$24, Denver \$24.50, and San Antonio \$22.50. Wools saw little activity, but some Texas 12-months sold at 50 cents a grease pound.

Strong, active cattle markets showed general gains of 50 cents to \$1.50 during the past week. All groups shared the higher prices, though cows, calves and stocker classes dominated trade. Common and medium cows turned at \$13.50 to \$15.50 at Houston and San Antonio, \$14 to \$17.50 at Oklahoma City. Denver paid \$16.50 to \$20.50 for medium good lots.

## COMMUNITY TREE AT GOLDEN POND CHRISTMAS EVE

The people of the Golden Pond Community are invited to attend and take part in the Community Christmas Tree that is to be held Wednesday, December 24 at the Golden Pond School building.

Bring your gifts and enjoy the spirit of Christmas with your neighbors.

## ALMANAC



Plough deep while sluggards sleep.

### DECEMBER

- 17—Baby American Aviation Day.
- 18—13th Amendment proclaimed in effect, 1853.
- 19—New Jersey ratified the Constitution, 1787.
- 20—Louisiana becomes a territory, 1803.
- 21—First day of winter.
- 22—U.S. Navy created, 1775.
- 23—Federal Reserve bank system organized, 1913.

## Why Pay Farmers For Carrying Out Conservation Practices

Why pay farmers for carrying out soil and water conservation practices?

Replying to that question, Elvis G. Spradling, Chairman of the Kent County Agricultural Conservation Committee, says the question — as it is usually put — is itself a little misleading. Payments under the Agricultural Conservation Program are made to assist farmers in carrying out these conservation practices. The farmer stands about half the cost and all the labor of many practices.

But the county chairman went on to say that the main reason why payments are made to farmers to help them carry out conservation is that the conservation is vital to the Nation and the program of helping farmers is the most efficient and economical method of getting the job done. "It's a job that has to be done if we continue abundant production," he said, "and this is the best way we've found to get it done."

In the first place, if the erosion and depletion were allowed to go unchecked as it did for too long a time, the Nation would pay many times over in higher comparative food prices, lower quality food, and a lower standard of living. Eventually, as has happened in older countries, it would mean the breakdown of our civilization. Three of the nine inches of topsoil we had when the Pilgrim fathers landed has been lost already.

Next, telling farmers what ought to be done and even showing them has not been enough to get the conservation job done. They help, but some — in fact many — farmers cannot spare the money it takes. Many farmers are short-term tenants, and others for various reasons do not follow the instructions or heed the demonstrations.

But, with a helpful hand through their own agricultural conservation association, more than two-thirds of the farmers of the Nation are building the terraces, planting on the contour, applying the lime and phosphate, building the dams, and planting the grass that will conserve and build the soil.

Dividends to the Nation — to the consumers and taxpayers — are an abundance of good food, at prices below what they would be if production were much less as a result of neglecting the land. And, through the carrying out of these conservation practices, we are building future security just as essential to our national defense as big guns and atom bombs — maybe more essential, because without enough food all other forms of defense are weakened.

Then, too, all of us — whether we farm or not — depend on the land for our food, which means life itself, and by the same token we should share in the responsibility of protecting the land.

The following practices have been approved for payment for KENT COUNTY when carried out in accordance with the specifications given in the Handbook of the 1948 Agricultural Conservation Program of Texas.

1. Construction of terraces for which proper outlet are provided.
7. Construction of earthen dams or reservoirs for livestock water or erosion control.
9. Drilling or digging wells for livestock water.
12. Deep plowing of sandy cropland to prevent wind erosion.
16. Leaving on land as a protection against wind erosion the stalks or stubble of sorghums or millets.
17. Elimination of destructive plants on cropland or range land.
24. Application of potash and phosphate other than raw rock phosphate.
27. Leaving on land or turning under a satisfactory cover of winter legumes seeded in the fall of 1947.

## BAPTIST W. M. U. AND CHURCH NEWS

Next Monday, December 22nd, our mission Study Chairman will bring us a part of the new book "Committed Unto Us." This book will be divided into two or more lessons, so don't miss the first of the book.

We are still gathering used clothing and shoes for the needy in Europe.

Next Sunday, December 21st, we will have a white Christmas. We will have a tree and everyone bring gifts for the Buckners Orphan Home. The gifts are to be fruits, candy and nuts, toys and clothing. Be sure to come and remember our orphans with a gift.

—Reporter.

## PICTURE NEWS OF THE WEEK



THREE GENERAL OFFICERS... left, is ... 14-year-old ...



PRINCE MAHMOUD, youngest son of the King of Iraq, arrives in New York from London. He came to this country for medical treatment and will remain indefinitely.



TRAILER CRADLES GIANT MIRROR. The world's most fragile load, the 200-inch Falomar telescope mirror, valued at \$400,000, is carefully transported by truck-trailer on a 160-mile trip from the California Institute of Technology to the Palomar Observatory atop Mt. Palomar (inset). The mirror was packed in a special shockproof case and loaded on a 16-wheel Fruehauf Trailer. Combined weight of the mirror, case, truck and trailer was 60 tons.

## Texas Employment Commission To Place Farm Workers After January 1st

The placing of farm workers in Kent, Dawson, Lynn, Garza, Borden, and Gaines counties will be handled by the Texas Employment Commission after January 1, 1948, C. Raymond Jones announced here today.

Jones said cooperation of all farmers, workers and farm groups was now being actively solicited by his office and that within he next sixty days he hoped to be able to explain the Commission's aims, objectives, policies and methods to interested groups.

"Our farm labor problems are largely restricted in this area to cotton and grain sorghums", he said, "and labor demands are usually highest during harvesting seasons. We are now compiling the total acreages planted and this will be reduced to the number of workers needed and checked periodically for seasonal changes."

Jones said any farmer requiring hands or any farm workers looking for jobs should get in touch with the employment service office at 320 North Austin, Lamesa, Texas, at the earliest possible moment. He pointed out that accurate demand and supply information in advance of actual needs would help to prevent confusion and disappointment when the big rush begins.

Jones has already met with the County Agent, and working agreements on the handling of farm placement problems are now being worked out.

"Our office will make every effort to serve both farmers and workers satisfactorily and if we are given the confidence of both, I am sure we can deliver the goods," he concluded.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Jones and children left last Friday for Los Angeles, California where Edith will go through the clinic and they will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gardner and Sam Gardner went to Abilene last Thursday to see Clyde Kenamer who is in the Hendricks Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunaway of Spur, Texas visited her sister Mrs. K. P. Brantner and family Friday night.

## Roosevelt Girls Robertson Boys Win Tournament

The Annual Boys and Girls Invitation Tournament held at the Jayton High School Gym last week end was won by the girls' team from Roosevelt High School and by the boys team from Robertson High School. The Jayton girls and the Dickens boys won second place honors.

The teams from Peacock won both consolation honors.

The Jayton teams will play Dickens in their second home conference game Thursday night.

## Proclamation By The Governor Of Texas

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

It is my solemn duty to acquaint the citizens of this State with the grim prediction of traffic deaths and injuries during the coming Christmas Holiday season.

The Texas Department of Public Safety predicts that 100 persons will die, 2,870 persons will be injured, from accidents on our street and highways during the eleven day period, December 20-31. It is expected that the final 1947 traffic death toll will reach 2,100—the worst toll in Texas history.

These predicted deaths and injuries are not inevitable. They can and must be prevented.

Such sickening slaughter and suffering would be a stark negation of the Christmas message of "on earth peace, good will toward men."

Now, therefore, I, Beauford H. Jester, governor of the State of Texas, do hereby urge each citizen to impose upon himself such discipline and a sense of responsibility for the welfare of others that his acts behind-the-wheel may not lead to the death or injury of his fellow man. I also call upon the Texas Safety Association to coordinate public support effort with the official safety work of the Texas Department of Public Safety, the State Highway Department, the State Department of Education, and other official agencies with traffic responsibilities.

A concerted and intensified campaign, God willing, may bring about an accident-free Christmas season for all the people of our State.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 12th day of December, A. D. 1947.

Beauford H. Jester  
Governor Of Texas.

## Miss Julie Moller Camp Fire Girl Aid Now In Stamford

Miss Corinne Julie Moller, Regional Representative for Camp Fire Girls, Inc., arrived in Stamford on December 13 to aid Miss Kathleen Crawford, of Haskell, the New Area Executive, in making plans for the Annual Meeting and to help work out a calendar of events for the first of the year. They have visited with various organizations in the district during the week of December 15-18.

Miss Moller, is a member of Region IV staff comprising New Mexico, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas, was formerly Executive Director of the North Texas Area Council of Camp Fire Girls in Wichita Falls, Texas.

"The Camp Fire program emphasizes well-balanced activities for girls seven to eighteen," Miss Moller said. "The most gratifying part of my work with the organization has always been to watch the results of that program. I am sure it is also the most satisfying part of the work closely with the girls, seeing them grow into intelligent, thinking young women, interested in community and world-wide developments."

A native of Stevensville, Montana, Miss Moller received her Bachelor of Arts degree at Stanford University, Stanford, Calif. She is a member of the Southern Section of the American Camping Association, also the Texas Social Welfare Association.

Rev. Hancock of Girard will also give a message on Christmas.

Everyone is invited to come. Santa Clause will be there to present everyone with a gift.

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE AT CLAIREMONT, DEC. 19TH

The Clairemont School and Church are having a Community Christmas Tree at the Church House, Friday, December 19th at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. E. V. Peek and Miss Bracie Dell Lafon have arranged a drama of "The Story Of Jesus, The Babe Of Bethlehem," told in music and words.

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## WILL PUBLISH EARLY NEXT WEEK

We will publish The Jayton Chronicle a day early next week, in order that everyone will get their paper before Christmas. Please send in your news, Santa Clause letters and greeting ads before Monday noon.

## Texas Farmers Will Come First In Getting Farm Workers

Austin, Texas, Dec. 8 — "Texas farmers will come first in getting farm workers in 1948," R. M. McKinley, Texas Employment Commissioner, said here today as that agency went into high gear on the 1948 Farm Placement Service program which will be relinquished by the Department of Agriculture on December 31, 1947.

"Farmers needing one or a thousand hands will get exactly the same service from each of our offices," he said, "and when and if our Texas demands are met we will route the surplus to other states proving the greatest need. We intend to use local labor in all counties first," he continued, "and to route only as much extra labor into a community as is actually needed. We intend to route that labor out of communities when the job is done."

McKinley said procedures were now completed and that training to Local office managers in the 102 local offices in Texas would be completed by January 1, 1948. He pointed to a placement record in 1943 of 750,000 and said that, "although the farm labor force has shrunk considerably in the last four years, I believe we can better or at least equal the record we set up the last year we handled the program."

Plans, charts, maps and weather information controls have been set up in the Austin Office, McKinley said, and communication channels for instant contact with any or all agricultural areas have been established.

"We will, as we have always done keep constant check on those factors such as drought, flood, insects, blights etc., which cause labor demands to fluctuate," he said, "and we will have, during the height of seasonal demands, complete records on farm requirements. Our field crews are already compiling route schedules and methods for keeping in constant contact with workers and crew leaders as the season progresses. Should workers leave a community without direction we contact them at the next point, regardless of route taken."

McKinley was questioned about facilities for cooking, camping and sanitation and social improvements such as child care, education, nurses, and medical care that migratory workers have enjoyed under the direction of the Department of Agriculture.

"We sincerely deplore conditions not in good social order," he said, "however we have never had unlimited millions of dollars to spend on the social aspects of Farm Placement of migratory labor. In this respect, we differ in experience with that of the Department of Agriculture. Take for instance the rest stops and migratory camps which were built by the Farm Security Administration—some costing as much as a quarter of a million dollars. We begged for this type of assistance from the very beginning—and in 1937, after getting no assistance from the Federal Government we undertook to establish camps on our own initiative. Byron Mitchell, Jim Bond, Everett Speer, Hank LeBlanc (now head of Texas Farm Placement Division) and several other of our staff worked with civic groups and farmers in Sinton, Crystal City, Lubbock, Waco, and other communities and succeeded in getting camp sites, running water, showers, cook stoves and privies. We borrowed fair grounds, picnic sites and anything else we could get our hands on."

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## RENEWALS TO THE CHRONICLE

The following people have our thanks for their renewal to the Chronicle: George Mahon, Bill Harrison, N. M. Lauderdale and Aubrey Ellerbee.

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## BOYCE HOUSE



I knew three brothers. Two of them engaged in running industries. The other had "stretched" his age a year in order to volunteer in the Spanish-American War and the adventurous military life appealed to him, so he made a career of it. He served in the Marine Corps for 30 years, in China, the Philippines, in putting down revolutions in Central America and fought in the first World War, attaining the rank of major general.

All three of the brothers are dead. Two died violent deaths; one died peacefully in bed. He was the warrior.

There was the time that I missed the entire Republic of Mexico. Brady got up a motorcade to publicize its July Jubilee and I went along as staff correspondent for the Fort-Worth Star-Telegram. They did me the honor to assign me to the front seat of the lead car.

Well, we arrived in Del Rio, checked in at the hotel soon after dark, then got back into our autos to visit Mexico. Our car led the way and we were chatting merrily along (you can guess who was doing most of the talking) and after a few minutes, I interrupted myself to say: "Isn't that our hotel?"

It was. We had driven a "U" and were right back where we had started from. We had missed the entire Mexican nation. (Actually, there was a small light at a sign indicating the turn for the international bridge, and we had overlooked the sign.)

So when I misplace something around the house, such as a knife

or a pair of pliers, I just recall the time I couldn't find Mexico. (This happened going over, too; if we had been coming back, confusion might have been more understandable.)

An orchid to the press agent who got a soft drink advertisement, in the form of hundreds of brass discs embedded in the pavement of Congress Avenue in "your friendly Capital City"—and a bunch of wilted onions to city officials of Austin for permitting such commercialization.

According to the Texas Safety Association, December traffic is three times as deadly as any other month in the year. If last year's accident record for December is repeated this month, 162 persons will be killed before Christmas. The Association urges every individual to walk and drive cautiously—the life you save may be your own!

Only a month remains in which most National Service Life Insurance policies that have lapsed may be reinstated without necessity of taking a physical examination, the Veterans Administration said.

After the deadline date of December 31, 1947, policies that have lapsed more than three months cannot be reinstated without the veteran proving his insurability by a complete physical examination.

At the present time, and until the end of the year, a veteran may reinstate term insurance in most cases by simply signing a statement to the effect that his health is as good as it was at the time of lapse. Then, by payment of two monthly premiums, his insurance can be reinstated.

Since the first GI loan was made late in 1944, over 971,000 veterans had received VA-guaranteed home loans as of the end of October. The total value of their home purchases exceeds \$5,610,000,000.

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Nearly half of the veterans financing the purchase of homes with the aid of GI loans are buying newly

built houses at an average selling price of \$8,200 each, the Veterans Administration reports.

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## Christmas Bargains

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- APPLES, Selected Delicious, box .. \$5.00
- ORANGES, 1 bag, 8 lbs. .... 40c
- ORANGES, California, 1 lb. .... 9c
- ORANGES, Texas, 1 lb. .... 7c
- Christmas Candies, hard, 1 lb. .... 35c
- POWDERED SUGAR, 1 lb. .... 13c
- PUMPKIN, Del Monte, No. 2 1/2 can .. 20c
- Fruit Cocktail, No. 2 1/2 can ..... 43c
- Crushed Pineapple, No. 2 can ..... 34c
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### School News

#### FRESHMAN NEWS

Dear Old Santa: We feel that you could aid us in having a merrier Christmas if you would take our requests to our teachers. We have tried for a long

time to get them to see our way but so far haven't had any luck. Now as you make your rounds on December 25, will you please tell Mr. Hinds that Jearald Stanley wishes he wouldn't pick out the hard problems in algebra. They are the ones he can't work. Maxie Ray would like for the

teachers not to count off 20 when our papers are late. She just can't get her work in on time and have dates too.

Nina wishes that you would teach the teachers how to read her writing. They have the habit of counting a word misspelled, when Nina knows she spelled it correctly.

Sue said that her grades would be so much higher if her teacher wouldn't use so many red marks on it. Sometimes her paper looks as if she had written it in red ink. After it has been graded. You know how distressing that is. It's hard to tell the corrected from the uncorrected.

Flint's request is that it would be so much easier if he could just copy the answers out of the book; but not all our English must be in our own words, but she wouldn't accept our papers if we really told what we

think "in our own words" about "Treasure Island."

Peggy wishes that all the contributions could be left out of history. They are so hard to memorize; and who wants to know what Egypt or Rome or Greece did a century ago.

Bill's trouble is that Friday is test day. On that day Mrs. Fowler says she doesn't know anything; Bill is supposed to know all the answers. Santa couldn't you arrange for holidays on Friday?

Larry would like to have more study halls. Why just have one? It would be so much more fun to have such interesting magazines in the library.

T. F.'s pet grief is his fountain pen. It spills ink, scratches, and in general plays havoc with his papers. Now why should teachers count off 5 for messy papers when it's all the fountain pen's fault? She makes him do them over and over. Please, try to explain this matter to her.

Don Jay really has troubles. He knows all the answers but just hates to write them. Couldn't you persuade Mrs. Fowler to just let him tell all his work. It would really help her. Don can't even read his own writing, so how can they read what he has written and given him a good grade.

Cecil and Mr. Dunlap have such a hard time in Ag. You see it this way. Mr. Dunlap gives the hardest tests. If Mr. Dunlap would give say 10 true or false, it would be easier on both of them. Cecil said he could answer them quicker and wouldn't have to stay in and write all his misspelled words 10 times.

Lou's pet worry is Home Ec. Mrs. Jones is teaching the girls how to cook such good things to eat. Now after they finish cooking and eating, they have to wash the dishes. Don't you think it would be nice if Mrs. Jones were to let a Senior clean up? After all they won't have anything to do next year and we have 3 more years to work.

Lavina would like to have shorter assignments. If all the teachers would whack off nine-tenths off what they tell us to do, she could have more time to study. See, let it work like this. Mr. Hinds says bring up 10 problems. Mrs. Fowler says write a 200 word summary. Mrs. Jones says, outline a chapter, and then back to history and Mrs. Fowler says: Tomorrow you will have

50 questions on your test." Now why can't they say, "In algebra bring up just one problem; in English, write a sentence on this subject, in Home Ec, write the name of the chapter; and in history, Tomorrow you will only have 5 questions?"

Edith wishes that the teachers would put cushions in the seats. Santa, did you know we had to sit on hard, straight back chairs for 45 minutes for each class? That's three hours and 45 minutes. We could save our teachers so much trouble. They say: "Now get quite, be still, and stop talking"; Please explain to them that if we had nice arm chairs, with foot rests and pillows, we would just curl up and go to sleep. Then wouldn't bother them.

Freddie said to be sure and tell you that school would be so much more pleasant next year if our teachers wouldn't insist on making us study history, English, Ag and algebra. Why couldn't they teach such subjects as the arts of motor-cycling driving - that's math, and hunting and fishing for Ag. Use Comic books in English (He knows some swell ones to use) and for history, just skip it. It's all past and forgotten anyway. Swimming or skating would be so much better.

Edna's desire is so sensible; we wonder why the teachers haven't thought of it before. It's very hard to get to school at 8:30 so why not start school, say 11 and turn out at 3. There isn't any use for us to get to school at 8:30, for we are so sleepy we can't learn anyway; and then maybe our parents wouldn't have to say "It's school night, come home early". It could be arranged so easily, just have 15 minute class periods. We'd learn just as much.

L. E. would be happier if the teachers would just forget about report cards. They can sure tear up a persons plans. Can you tell us why they are needed? Now say, if there weren't any such things we could just go on week after week without any static at home or at school. They even make us have good grades to play basketball! Santa, why can't the teachers send a card to our parents with grades on them for study hall, basketball, parties, and other activities. He would have a straight A card and it would do just as well.

Frank wants a very minor change. It's so little to ask but would help us all to get along better. In English,

we have to read a "Tale of Two Cities." Santa, have you ever read that? Well, why wouldn't it work just as well to report on "Forever Amber"? We all won't to read it, but don't have time because our other work takes up too much time. Have you read it? Don't you think we would enjoy it more? Please tell Mrs. Fowler that "Tale of Two Cities" is such dull reading.

Bill Sartain really has trouble with his algebra, especially the X part of it. He could understand it if they would just print what X stands for but no; you have to work a problem, and not even know what you are trying to answer. Mr. Hinds explains that X is your answer but when Bill puts XXXX down as the answer he gets a zero.

Jimmy Grice, said that all he wants for Christmas is the answers to his work book; especially in Ag. Think how much time it would save for Mr. Dunlap. Every book would be perfect, so he wouldn't have to grade them, and it would banish our anxiety. Some times when we are copying the answers from someone else, we don't know whether they have them right or not, and its so much trouble to look them up.

Ruby Carey has such a nice suggestion. We feel sure you will agree with her. In our school we have two annoyances; the blackboard and the "Ditto" machine. All they ever used for are tests and assignments. The blackboards make our school rooms so ugly; and as far the "Ditto" machine, you can just give it to Girard. If we could get rid of these two things, school life would be much more pleasant.

Barbara Wayne Scoggins wants you to request longer and more interesting films for our visual education. Santa, all they ever show is some old picture in history or geography, or science. They never do have a film of Frank Sinatra or Joan Blondell, or Roy Rogers. We would enjoy them so much more, and too, we wouldn't have to spend our money going to the show if we could see them at school. Think how much bubble gum we could buy.

Santa, you have our requests for Christmas. If you really want a happy group of girls and boys for 1948, help us in these matters. We have been pretty good; but it's very hard when we have so much to put up with. Remember the Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors, we think our suggestions would make them happy also.

Yours truly,  
The Freshman Class.

#### SENIOR NEWS

Everyone is sore from riding donkeys Monday night. There are some real riders in the senior class, especially Marie Smith.

Christmas will soon be here and we are all very happy. Of course Santa Clause will come to see all of us because we have been very good. We know he will forgive E. W. and Fenny Payne for some of the things they have done such as not letting the girls go first in the lunch line. I'm sure he will forgive R. A. and Bert too for howling so loud; especially when the Sophomore girls walk down the hall.

We hardly know whether our president is a Freshman or a Senior after Monday night. We hear it rumored that a tall, dark, good-looking boy will soon enter the Senior class. We know we will be seeing smiles all over Joyce's face every day - I wonder why!

Everyone may not know it but we nearly have a professional basketball player in school. Of course it is a senior - Norma Ruth Turner. We got two seniors elected for the all-tournament team, Marie and Bert.

Next week we are going to have a puzzle for the Juniors. I'm not sure it can be worked by them though.

Well this is all for this time. The Seniors wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Barney Gardner, Carl and Wallace had business in Rule, Haskell and Rochester, Texas last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reed and Syntha Mae and Mr. and Mrs. William Underwood and children returned to Jayton from Levelland, Texas last week. They reported plenty of rain had fallen in that area.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sewalt and Mrs. Jack Holley visited in Dallas and Denton last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Ramsey and Elbert Walker went to Spur Monday night to attend the Adult Conference Workers Council.

Anson Norris Holley is spending this week in Abilene, Texas with his grandmother Mrs. W. T. Holley.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Reed and Syntha Mae and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reed and children visited Mr. and Mrs. James W. Reed and children at Sagerton, Texas last Sunday.

I. F. Murdoch and J. A. Parks had business in Rotan and Hamlin last Friday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gardner of Plainview, Texas visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gardner in Jayton last week.

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We will be closed on December 24th and December 25th, in order that our employees may observe Christmas.

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