

# Merry Christmas

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THIS  
WEEK  
IN  
JAYTON

### Accident Rate Low In Kent County

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated one accident on rural highways in Kent County during the month of November, according to Sergeant Frank Jircik, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in no persons killed and no persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first 11 months of 1973 shows a total of nine accidents resulting in no persons killed and five persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for the 60 counties of the Lubbock Department of Public Safety Region for

November, 1973, shows a total of 606 accidents resulting in 25 persons killed and 349 persons injured as compared to November, 1972 with 504 accidents resulting in 14 persons killed and 265 persons injured. This was 22 more accidents, 11 more fatalities, and 84 more injured in 1973 at the same period of time.

The 25 traffic deaths for the month of November, 1973 occurred in the following counties: three each in Oldham, Clay and Lubbock; two each in Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Wise; and one each in Garza, Stonewall, Young, Lipscomb, Parmer, Randall, Swisher, and Wilbarger.

### Noche Buena

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the casa,  
Not a creature was stirring. Caramba! Que pasa?

Los ninos were all tucked away in their camas,  
Some in vestidos, and some in pajamas.  
While Mama worked late in her little cocina,  
El Viejo was down at the corner cantina.  
The stockings were hanging con mucho cuidado,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas would feel obligado  
To bring all the children, both buenos and malos,  
A nice batch of dulces and other regalos.  
Outside in the yard there arose such a grito  
That I jumped to my feet like a frightened cabrito.  
I ran to the window and looked out afuera,  
And who in the world do you think that it era?  
St. Nick in a sleigh and big red sombrero  
Came dashing along like a crazy bombero!  
And pulling his sleigh, instead of venados,  
Were eight little burros, approaching volados.  
I watch as they came, and this quaint little hombre  
Was shouting and whistling and calling by nombre:  
"Ay, Pancho! Ay, Pepe! Ay, Cuca! Ay Beto!  
Ay, Chato! Ay, Chopo! Maruca y Nieto!"

Then standing erect with his hand on his pecho,  
He flew to the top of our very own techo.  
With his round little belly like a bowl of jalea,  
He struggled to squeeze down our old chimenea.  
Then, huffing and puffing, at last in our sala,  
With soot smeared all over his red suit de gala,  
He filled all the stockings with lovely regalos,  
For none of the ninos had been very malos.  
Then, chuckling aloud, seeming very contento,  
He turned like a flash and was gone like viento.  
And I heard him exclaim—and this is verdad—  
"Merry Christmas to all! Feliz Navidad!"



REP. CHARLES FINNELL  
..... In Senate Race

### Rep. Charles Finnell In Race For Senator

HOLIDAY-State Rep. Charles Finnell of Holiday announced today as a candidate for State Senator, 30th Senatorial District, vacated by Jack Hightower of Vernon who has announced plans to run for the U. S. Congress.

Finnell praised Hightower's work and said that their team efforts over the past eight years "have given me an understanding of the needs of the entire vast area of our district." The senatorial district, which includes Kent county, covers most of northwest Texas.

Finnell was honored by friends from throughout this area last week with an appreciation dinner in Holiday which attracted more than 500 supporters.

Finnell, a veteran of four terms in the Texas House of Representatives promised to wage an active campaign in all 29 counties of the district—even though he will be busy in Austin as a delegate to the Texas Constitutional Convention this spring.

"The opportunity for meaning public service in state government is greater today than ever before," Finnell commented.

"I will address myself to the problems confronting our state as a whole," Finnell said in his announcement, "and by doing so I hope to bring into perspective the problems

and common goals of this district."

Finnell, who has never missed a day during his entire legislative career, was first elected to the House in 1966, carrying every county in the district, was elected in 1968 and 1970 without opposition, and won his fourth term last year by defeating 3 opponents without a runoff.

During the last eight years, Rep. Finnell has represented 8 northwest Texas counties; Archer, Baylor, Clay Jack, Montague, Throckmorton and Wichita and Young.

A native of Holiday and a member of a pioneer Archer County family, he attended the University of Texas in Austin and St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio. He and his wife Merrill attend the United Methodist Church in Holiday.

Finnell, who has served on the House Agriculture and Livestock committee since 1966, is presently Chairman of the subcommittee studying agricultural equipment shortages. He is also Vice-Chairman of the important Elections committee. His colleagues chose him Vice-Chairman of the West Texas Delegation to the Texas House of Representatives.

A formal announcement will appear at a later date.

### Sister Of Kent Man Dies At Big Spring

Leona Massingill, 66, of Vealmoor, died at 6:18 p. m. Sunday in a local hospital. Funeral was held 2:30 p. m. Tuesday in Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring.

The Rev. Jack Power of Greenville officiated and Dr. Claude Craven, pastor of Trinity Baptist assisted. Burial was in Trinity Memorial Park.

Born Jan. 13, 1907, in Polar, she married Burt Massingill Sept. 17, 1922, at Snyder. She came to Vealmoor in 1928. She and her husband operated a general store in Vealmoor for more than 30 years. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

The family requested memorials be made to the American Cancer

Society.

Survivors include her husband; three daughters Mrs. Leola Green of Vealmoor, Mrs. Glen Hunt of Odessa and Mrs. Jamie Crittenden of Midland; two sons, Billy D. of Brownfield, and James of Vealmoor; nine sisters Mrs. Alice Newson of Artesia, N. M., Mrs. Lillie Markham of Odessa, Ark., Mrs. Cecil Hughes of Fresno, Calif., Mrs. Alma Fowler of Snyder, Mrs. Josie Peterson of Rotan, Mrs. Nona Cumbe of Snyder, Mrs. Bonnie Lyons of Snyder, Mrs. Eula Clanton of Lexile, Ark., Mrs. Alene Randolph of Shallowater; two brothers, Ernest Ford of Polar and Burl Ford of Post; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### New Farming Techniques Planned

A new conservation farming technique saved an estimated 1.8 million gallons of tractor fuel in Texas this year, reports an official of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service.

Edward E. Thomas, state conservationist for SCS in Temple, said minimum tillage farming systems eliminated an average of five tractor trips per acre during 1973 on about 354,000 acres of cropland.

"A tractor burns about a gallon of fuel per acre for the average farming operation," Thomas said. "Eliminating five tractor

trips per acre reduces fuel consumption by five gallons of gasoline or diesel per acre."

To haul 1.8 million gallons of fuel in railroad tank cars would require a train nearly two miles long.

Thomas predicted even greater fuel savings in the future as more farmers turn to the new system.

"The practice is still a long way from being perfected," Thomas admitted. "But we've come a long way in the last 3 years. If similar gains can be made in the next few years, conservation farmers will be able to

### Farm Bureau Does Not Favor State Income Tax

"The Farm Bureau is not in favor of a state income tax."

That's the statement made by Brice Allen of Crosby County Farm Bureau, regarding tax policies adopted by the Texas Farm Bureau at its recent 40th annual convention in Abilene.

Allen said that a wire news story incorrectly implied that the TFB had adopted a proposal favoring a state income tax. As a matter of fact, he said, the voting delegates overwhelmingly defeated proposals for such a tax.

Allen said he was certain that the error in the news story was inadvertent and that the convention received excellent coverage by both major wire services as well as locally. But, a great many members, particularly those who had served as delegates, were confused by the incorrect news story.

make a major contribution in helping ease the energy crunch."

In explaining tax policies adopted, Allen said the voting delegates approved a plan for taxing agricultural lands according to productive value.

He said the organization had long favored such assessment, but that this was the first time for the organization to spell out exactly how it should be done.

Under the TFB plan, a 5 percent capitalization rate would be applied to price and production factors in determining the actual productive value of agricultural land.

In other tax matters, the delegates not only turned down proposals for the state income tax, they also voted against pari-mutuel betting and a state lottery as methods of raising revenue. They did favor a \$10 additional tax on motor vehicle licenses to help pay for education.

ly into the stalks and leaves left over from the previous crop without

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### Multiple Use Appliances Bring Smiles

Holiday gift giving is not limited to youngsters. The spirit of peace on Earth, goodwill toward man that heralds the Yuletide season is ageless. 'Tis the season to be jolly... a time when family and friends exchange gifts as tokens of love and friendship.

This year give a gift that expresses your feelings, and will be enjoyed throughout the entire year. One such gift is the "Quintesserie" by Ronson, a truly magnificent appliance that performs five culinary functions with ease... And does it at the dining table... in the kitchen... or on the patio or terrace.

The "Quintesserie's" ability to excel as a rotisserie, grille, grill, broiler or fryer separates it from other portable appliances.

It is the ideal Christmas gift for the woman or man who truly enjoys good cooking and good cooking equipment... Someone who will not settle for anything but the finest.

You can be sure of making that someone happy by putting a "Quintesserie" under the tree.

here at the Jayton... realize that we... class with the... Avalanche Jour... the Abilene Re... News, but we do... for a town the size... on, and o r county... doing a pretty... job.

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# Christmas Joy



It's that time of the year again! May your home be filled with old-fashioned holiday cheer at Christmastime...and your hearts filled with the joy of greeting friends and being with loved ones. Best wishes from the folks at

*Thrift-Tee Super Mkt.* Spur, Texas

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



The Yuletide season brings thoughts of Christmases gone by...and thoughts of friends like you. We sincerely hope that you enjoy the happiest of holidays!

*Jayton Flower and Gift Shop*

Odell, Laverna & John

## Cherry Christmas



We know we're on the right track when we say, we hope Santa brings you the nicest gifts on Christmas day! Sincere holiday greetings from the folks at

*Ralph Riddel Insurance*

Aspermont, Texas

## O TANNENBAUM! This Year Choose A Living Christmas Tree

This Christmas most of us are concerned with the environment, the ecology on which all living matter depends.

If you want to extend the joys of Christmas for years ahead, environmentalists recommend that you choose a living tree, set in a pot of earth, as a Christmas tree, and later put it in the ground outside your home.

Among the best varieties are the Douglas fir, balsam, spruce, cedar, hemlock and a host of pines. Probably the most popular Xmas tree is the Douglas fir, with its dense green and blue-green needles.

A fresh tree is usually darker, and one way to test its freshness is to tug gently at the needles. If they come out readily the tree is not at its best for several weeks' "imprisonment" inside a heated house. In a young tree, needles are about 1/2 inch long.

Another popular tree called the Silvertip is really the Red Fir. Silver-gray and green needles grow straight from its symmetrical branches making it a formal, stately tree. The bark is gray-white while that of other Christmas trees is usually brown.

The long needled Scotch Pine is a handsome tree, although its foliage is not

quite so thick as other Christmas trees. Young Scotch Pines hold their pyramid shape, but as they get older become more irregular. Blue-green needles reach three inches in length and give a soft look to your living room.

Invest in a living Christ-

mas tree, bring it inside during the holidays and enjoy its evergreen splendor in your garden for the rest of the year. Walk through the nearest nursery and check the Ponderosa Pine, which is very hardy Colorado Spruce, and loves containers; Austrian Black Pine, a fine small tree for table-top; Monterey Pine, more irregular; and Alberta Spruce. The Aleppo and Japanese Pines are also recommended.

After Christmas, when you are ready to plant your tree outdoors, check your local nurseryman to see what procedure is best for that particular variety.

## Tradition Has It That Yule Tree Began in Egypt

The Christmas tree, now almost a universal symbol, probably came to America from Germany, although tradition has it that Christmas trees originated in Egypt. The palm tree is supposed to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with 12 shoots on it, was used in Egypt.

German writers mention the tree as early as 1605. The German prince Albert, consort of Queen

Victoria, introduced the Christmas tree in England when he had a tree for his daughter.

**TO AVERT RECESSION**  
Secretary of the Treasury George Shultz said a recession can be averted if the nation is "sharp and relentless and tough enough" in limiting consumer use of energy.

**ON CHAUFFEURED CARS**  
The Senate has voted to nullify assigned, chauffeur-driven limousines from most high Federal officials in an effort to conserve gasoline.

## Greetings for Christmas

One of the real joys of Yuletide is the chance to put aside the routine and customs of daily business and with sincerity wish our friends a very Merry Christmas.

*Frazier Cafe--Aspermont*

Bob & Bobbie Ward

# GREETINGS

## of the Christmas Season

In the quiet dawn of a winter's new day, the Spirit of Christmas descends upon the world, instilling boundless joy and the warm feeling of good will towards all. To our many friends, old and new, we're wishing that this will be the happiest of Christmases, bright and shining with the fulfillment of long-cherished dreams. It is our good fortune to have so many kind friends and patrons ... their friendship is one of our most prized possessions.

## Robert Hall Chevrolet







# The First American Xmas Tree

Christmas traditions date back thousands of years . . . to the Druids and ancient Rome and beyond, but the first Christmas tree in Amer-

ica was brought into being comparatively recently . . . in 1847.

The place was Wooster, Ohio. A young German immigrant, August Imgard, a youth of 21, is said to have introduced the Christmas tree to America.

As Christmas drew near that year, it proved to young Imgard a season of somewhat dismal anticipation. He missed the fund of entertainment and observance which

marked the Day in his homeland. So he decided to have one like those in Bavaria.

Two other reasons, very personal ones, were his nephew and niece. He wanted to bring added joy to their Christmas, and make it one they would never forget.

Young Imgard went into the woods and chopped down a spruce tree. From the village tinsmith he obtained a twinkly tin star. The family made paper decorations, and thus the Christmas tree, as most of us know it, came into being.

*the lady who lived by a pepper tree*

Frequently we hear people say how callous we all are, especially in America . . . how we are all "too wrapped up in ourselves, too busy with our own problems, to relate to Christmas".

Much of the time we deserve this comment. Probably because we think we have to build defenses against other, outside stimuli, to try to keep intact some remnant of our own personality which so far has escaped computerization.

But one November, not too long ago, the daily papers had occasion to record a little event that disputed this cliché, (if you will). Here is how the story went:

A lady of some 75 years or so who lives in a small town in Southern California suffered the loss of her home by fire. We shall call her Mrs. Sanchez.

All alone in the world, the disaster might have overwhelmed some lesser person. But not Mrs. Sanchez.

a sleeping bag, largely because they happened to be on the grounds when the fire erupted. And her pet dogs.

One morning as she was dusting herself off, a phone company truck arrived and the man informed her that the company would like to install a wall phone wherever it would be convenient for her.

"A wall phone! Where else, but on my pepper tree! And so it was installed.

Even such a big concern as the phone company had been quick to respond to a patron's need, no doubt reported by one of Mrs. Sanchez' neighbors.

People were involved in the plight of this long-time resident in distress, and especially because of her in-

domitable spirit, her never-say-die attitude.

Weeks went by and Mrs. Sanchez never before in the world's history, had there been such need for understanding between members of the human family.

The American poet Carl Sandburg has written:

"There is only one man in the world, and his name is all men.

There is only one woman



Sanchez went about clearing her lot, keeping her "quarters" as clean as she could, not only for herself, but for her pets.

Thanks to the moderate Southern California weather Mrs. Sanchez "made do" very well . . . until the late

December winds blew in from the sea and the threat of rain hovered darkly over the little homestead.


Then the neighbors pitched in, and on their own, without a by-your-leave from Mrs. Sanchez, they built a small new home for her with their own hands, and their own tools.

By Christmas Day Mrs.

Sanchez had much to be thankful. Her Christmas gift was there for all, but perhaps the town enjoyed the finest gift of the warmth of love in neighbor's eyes.

U.S. expects energy to continue.

Pioneer 10 penetrates bits of Jupiter's moon.



**Joy to The World**

Let every heart prepare him room  
And heav'n and nature sing!  
As the glad carols ring out at  
Christmas, we hope your heart is  
filled with abiding joy.

**L-P Gas Service**  
THE KYLES



The townsfolk gathered 'round to admire it. Before long, the word had been spread far and wide, about the beautiful tree in Wooster, Ohio. It became an American custom.

America honors August Imgard. His tomb stands on Madison Hill in Wooster. This year, as in previous years, a lighted Christmas tree will probably stand at its door, a tribute to the man who first brought to America the symbol of joy and peace and love that should be Christmas for us all, all over the world.



☆ A churchman, John Pierpont, composed the long Christmas song, "Jingle Bells," which has been popular for over a century.



She gathered her few belongings and camped out under a pepper tree on her remote hilltop. She had managed to salvage a beach umbrella, a picnic table and



The light that guided the shepherds may warm your heart and lead you to a better understanding of the true joys of life on Earth.

**Jackson Garage**  
JACK AND VI JACKSON



**Greetings**

It's Christmas, and time to greet good friends . . . time, too, to count our blessings. One of the greatest of these is the friendship of those whom we are privileged to serve.

TO ALL, OUR THANKS AND BEST WISHES

**Snyder Savings and Loan Association**



**Sincere Good Wishes**

We hope that you spend your holiday happily, in the company of those you hold dear. May you enjoy the peace, love that is Christmas!

**H. L. Davis Co.**  
Rotan, Texas



### Poker Face On The Bench?

How neutral does a judge have to be in conducting a trial? That was the issue in *The Case of the Smiling Judge*. A man had been found guilty of assault, and his attorney appealed to a higher court on the following ground: "Just as one of the defense witnesses was telling his story, the judge broke into a smile. The implication was obvious: he thought the witness was lying. Although the judge told the jury not to be influenced by his smile, the damage had already been done. The jury got the message and brought in a verdict of guilty."



However, the appellate court refused to set aside the verdict. The court said the judge's smile was just too minor an element, in an otherwise fair trial, to make the entire proceedings null and void.

Of course, a trial judge is supposed to be as neutral as possible. Ideally, he should keep a poker face at all times, since his facial expressions may well speak as loudly as words.

But the law also recognizes that judges, being only human, cannot be in total control of their emotions. Thus, another appellate court decided it was "most natural" for a judge to grin when a man named Ananias was sworn in as a witness.

On the other hand, a verdict may indeed be overturned on appeal if the trial judge made his feelings too convincingly clear.

In another case, involving a deadly weapons charge, the judge kept referring to the accused as a "graduate of Sing Sing." Again, the jury's guilty verdict was carried to a higher court on grounds of judicial misbehavior.

This time, the verdict was thrown out. Criticizing the trial judge for letting his feelings get out-of-hand, the appellate court said:

"The function of the judge is to preserve the rights of both the people and the accused, not to insure victory or defeat for either side."

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Japan under pressure to act on Israel.



**Greetings**

May the peace and serenity of this holiday season dwell in the hearts of all. To our customers and friends, our greetings, good wishes and grateful thanks.

**Champion Jewelry**  
Rotan, Texas



**Holiday Cheer**

Laughter, good cheer and kindness come from good friendships throughout the year. All this and much more is our Christmas wish to you and yours this happy holiday season.

**First National Bank of Aspermont**

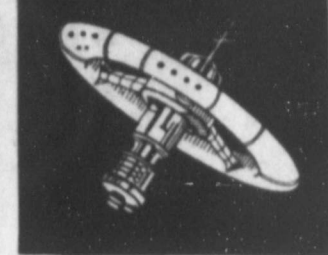


## Man's attitudes toward religion today focus on the Laws of God rather than mere magic

At Christmastime there is so much emphasis on the secular, even commercial aspects of the Season, it is natural that skeptics of the entire religious concept take this occasion to deride many of the traditions such as the miracle of Conception, the Star in the East, and so on.

As the triumphs of modern-day science continue to dazzle the mind and imagination, its age-old "conflicts" with religion continue to be debated. Interestingly enough, in the latter part of the 20th century, when such spectacular achievements as man's voyages into space are becoming almost commonplace, the conflicts between religion and science seem less controversial . . . in fact, these "miracles" are being judged as events that ensue as results of the laws of God.

Quoting Cornell University's first president, Andrew Dickson White, "My conviction is that science, though it has evidently conquered Dogmatic Theology based on biblical texts and ancient modes of thought, will go hand in hand with Religion;

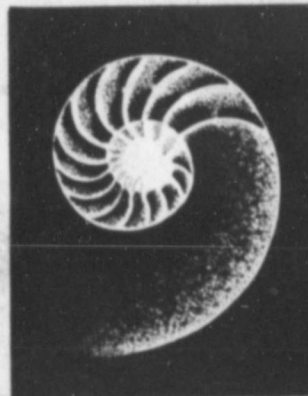


and that, although theological control will continue to diminish, Religion as seen in the recognition of a Power in the universe, not ourselves, which makes for righteousness, and in the love of God and of our neighbor, will steadily grow stronger and stronger.



Many great scientists have expressed deep religious feeling in connection with their scientific discoveries.

For example, concurrent with his discovery of the mathematical laws of planetary motion in the early 17th century, Johann Kepler said: "The heavenly motions are nothing but a continuous song for several voices, perceived by the intellect, not by the ear. It is no longer surprising (therefore) that man wanted to reproduce the continuity of cosmic time



. . . by an artful symphony for several voices . . . to test the delight of the Divine Creator . . . by making music in the imitation of God".

Again, citing the 1948 edition of Sir James Jeans' "The Mysterious Universe", the renowned physicist-astronomer wrote that "the stream of knowledge is heading towards a non-mechanical reality. The universe begins to look more like a great thought than like a great machine. Mind no longer appears as an accidental intruder into the realm of matter.

### Carol Singing Still A Popular Christmas Custom

Caroling is the custom in many countries throughout the world. And, there are about as many different customs connected with it as there are countries.

Bagpipe music accompanies the carolers in (no, not Scotland) Italy!

In England the carolers receive gifts for their efforts. "Gifts" of refreshments are often the case in America.

"Star-singers" is the name for groups of carolers in many nations. The term is taken from the pole they carry, which has a lighted star on top.

Richard Nixon, President: "We must all sacrifice a little so no one will endure hardship."

**CURE FOR CANCER**  
CHICAGO--Cancer researcher Thomas J. Dougherty reports the action of ordinary light striking certain nontoxic dyes could retard the growth of cancerous tumors and in some cases effect temporary remission of the disease.

**HEARINGS POSTPONED**  
The Senate Watergate committee said that its investigations of the milk fund and the Hughes-Rebozo money would be postponed until after January.

## Yule Legends Span Many Years and Many Lands

Did you know that the first Christmas tree erected in a church in U.S., in 1851 shocked its Cleveland congregation. It was considered too heathenish!

☆ America gave the world its most Beloved Christmas plant—the poinsettia. The plant is a native of tropical America.



☆ Bayberry candles, which are said to foretell good luck for the coming year if they burn bright at Christmas, were first made by early settlers in America. They dipped bayberry branches in wax and burned them during the holidays.

☆ The story is told that over a hundred years ago, a parish priest in Salzburg, Austria, returning late one night from administering last rites to a dying woman, was awed by the particular majesty of the still, sparkled-with-stars night; he went home.

Russell W. Peterson, the President's nominee to head the Council on Environmental Quality:

"The U.S. should lead a worldwide drive to reach zero population growth as quickly as possible."

wrote the lovely, haunting words of "Silent Night, Holy Night." With his organist, Franz Gruber, playing the great music on

his guitar, the Father, Joseph Mohr, first introduced the strains of this popular hymn to a small congregation in Austria.



We're glad to have the opportunity to wish each and everyone of our friends the happiest of holidays. May Christmas bring the realization of your hopes.

The Bill Parks Family



Our very best holiday wishes to you and your family in this gay and festive season! May the spirit of Christmas shine through the hours, lighting up your days!

Andes Furniture-Rotan



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Time to wish all of our good friends and loyal customers a merry holiday season full of peace and happiness. We extend our heartfelt thanks to you and your families for your loyal patronage during the year.

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### GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

Here's an old-fashioned wish that's still right in style...may your holidays be the merriest!

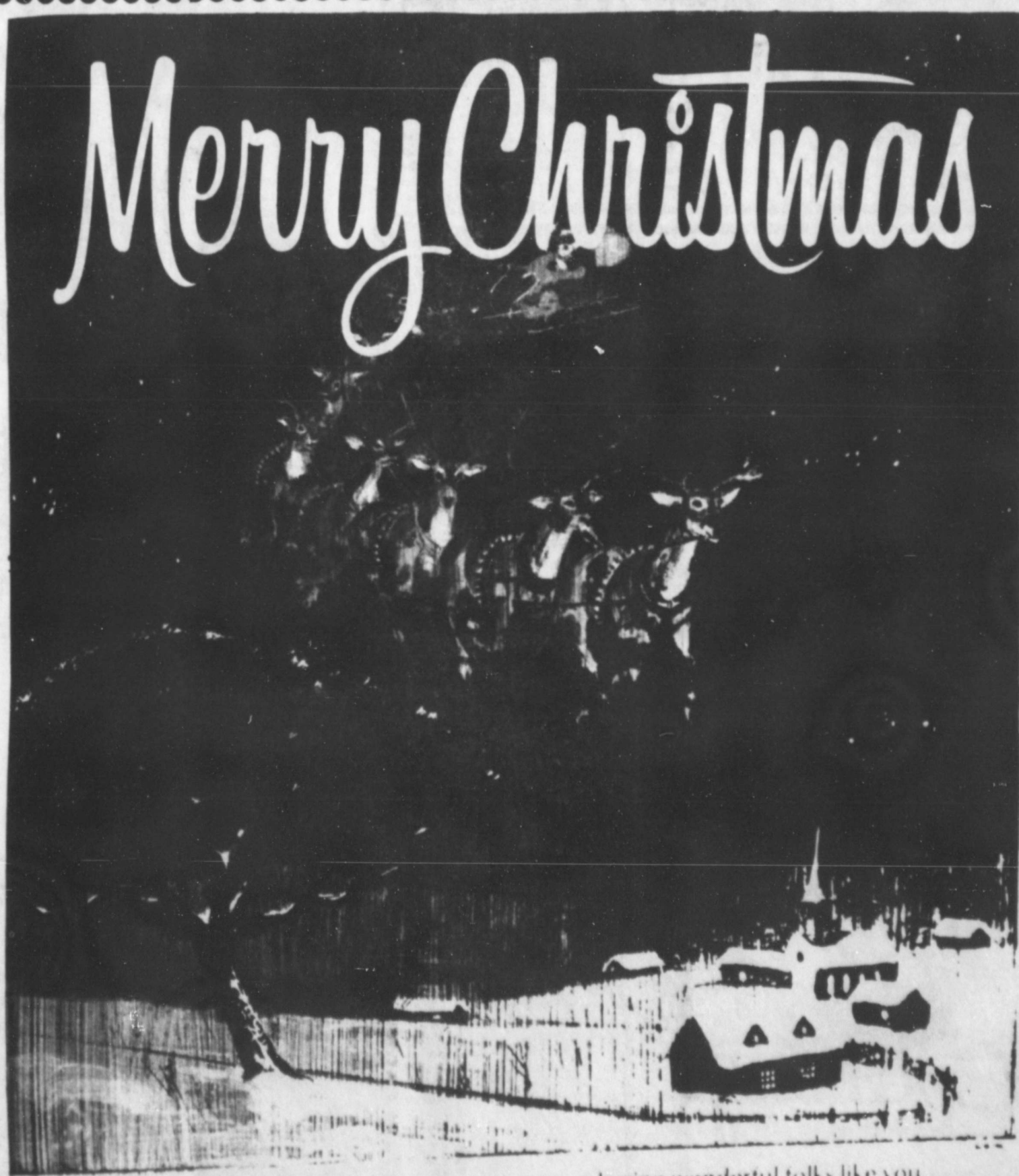
*Pioneer Abstract & Title Co.*

Euel and Erma Lee Harrison

## Greetings

*To all our good friends, best wishes for a very merry Christmas season!*

*Gordon and Thelma Hamilton*



One of the joys of the holiday season is remembering wonderful folks like you, our customers. It's always a pleasure to pause and wish you happiness and prosperity. Sincere holiday greetings from those who serve you at

## Cap Rock Telephone Co.

Spur, Texas



# Season's Greetings

Times may have changed but one thing is still the same — sending holiday greetings to friends old and new. It's a pleasure to wish you happy holidays.

Barney Murdoch

## CHRISTMAS: MESSAGE OF HOPE FOR WORLD'S WOES

In a world torn with violence at almost every level, through formally or informally declared war, in rioting, anarchy, in cruel discrimination, it is difficult for thinking people to truly experience Christmas.

Yet, through the very meaning of Christ's coming, every man, of every persuasion . . . whether "Christian" or not, can take Christmas to his heart and profit by it.

For Christ personified brotherhood, abiding love, tolerance; if Christians have gotten away somewhat through the "outward and visible signs," the ceremonials and the trappings — perhaps this is the year to come home to Christ.

Whatever the rest of the world is doing, let each of us celebrate Christ's birth in our individual, personal ways.

Let us forget self, let us truly open our hearts, to genuinely offer friendship and brotherly love.



fortunate person, someone who may have much of this world's goods, but be impoverished otherwise.

This is the Christmas to relinquish those petty grievances, and perhaps the important ones, as well.

This is the Christmas to really show those you love that you do love them, in important, little ways . . . and in large ways, too. It is so human to take care of the vital, "large" ways, and overlook the small, also vital ways! This is the year to do something about that.

### ZERO POPULATION

President Nixon's nominee, Robert W. Peterson, to head the Council on Environmental Quality said the United States should lead a worldwide drive to reach zero population growth as quickly as possible.

Let us "do" for others, not just through organized charities, or group efforts. Discover the thrill of assisting some less for-



Kent County Nursing Home

Pike, Lillian and Kim Nichols



## BRINGING BEST WISHES

and good will for your Merry Christmas.

Goodall Ford Sales

## Greetings



WHAT BETTER TIME TO WISH ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS AND PATRONS THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS AND THE BEST OF EVERYTHING! A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Dickens County Electric Cooperative

Sour, Texas



# The Christmas Story

In a lowly manger, hewn from the rocky hillside of Bethlehem, a Child was born . . . and herald angels sang. To the manger came humble shepherds, in wonder and rejoicing. Three Wise Men journeyed from the East, bearing precious gifts. And over all shone the miraculous light of a Star. In the words of the Christmas story, that light lives and shines across the ages, bringing hope and promise to all mankind. May the spiritual joys of the season bless you and yours, abundantly on this Christmas Day and forevermore.

The Spot Grocery



### Holy Night



As we rejoice in the message of Christmas, our prayer is that your life may be blessed with love.

Sarah Byrd



Just want to say we hope you have the merriest of Christmases. The very best from

Howard Freemyer and Family

## 'Christmas Only for Children'? Let's Change That

Grown-up cynics are frequently heard to say, "Christmas is only for children". This is a declaration of having abandoned any of the precepts of Christmas as far as they, themselves, are concerned. And perhaps in an attempt to set things right again, these same grown-ups "go all out" for the children in their family circles, and their acquaintance.

It's fine to "go all out" for children, at any time, as long as it is in proportion to the event, and if the children's well-being is taken into account. But sacrificial or extravagant giving can be harmful to the children, give them a false sense of values, and of course cause the giver hardship, for no good purpose.

Let us take an adult look at Christmas. Let us think of the strong, virile Christ when we think of Christmas, not merely the helpless Babe. Let us think of this mature man-God, with his adult convictions, his adult compassion, his adult physical strength, and honor these qualities.

Let us put this true evaluation of Christ into Christmas. As adults, it is we who must do this. And in doing this, we take not a whit away from the children's pleasure. But we add significance, immeasurably, to our own.

### Christmas Creche Has Tradition

We do not know when the first creche was set up as a tableau to illustrate the nativity, but church records indicate that St. Francis of Assisi received special permission from the Pope to reconstruct the scene in the Bethlehem stable.

Today the crib, surrounded by figurines of the Holy Family, the Three Wise Men, shepherds, angels and farm animals, is to southern Europe and Catholic countries what the brightly decorated Christmas tree is to America.

In the Southern Hemisphere Christmas is celebrated in mid-summer heat. They will have the traditional turkey dinner. Families often go to the seashore or the hills for a picnic.

**DDT POWER & USDA**  
A bill giving the Agriculture Department new power over the use of DDT in the battle against forest and farm insects has been approved by the House Agriculture Committee. Currently, DDT is generally banned.

Gerald Ford, Vice President: "At this moment, I see only Americans who love their country..."

Mike Mansfield, Senate Democratic Leader, on Judge Jaworski: "I think he's been doing a first rate job."

Jim Hightower, coordinator of the Food Action Campaign: "Monopolistic trends in the food industry are leading to a shortage of crisis proportions."

Moshe Davan, Israeli Defense Minister: "We will have to compromise. We don't have to keep

all the territory gained in the 1967 six-day war."

Ahamed Zaki al-Yamani, Arabia's Minister of Petroleum: "I think the goal which we are looking for, which is peace in the area, is now more feasible than at any time in the past."

William E. Simon, Federal Energy Administration head: "I faithfully promise that we will promptly take action against all those who are exploiting the current fuel shortages."



### A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

What is Santa carrying in his bag? All our best wishes for a happy holiday season, plus our sincere thanks for your confidence in us!

Judge Norman Hahn and Family



May the peace of Christmas be in all hearts this the most joyous of seasons. Happy holidays to you.

Ruby York



## Holiday Cheer

Here's hoping your Christmas "sparkles" with lots of good things...health, happiness, and plenty of gifts from Santa! It's been a pleasure serving you in the past and we're looking forward to serving you again in the future. Sincere holiday greetings from the entire staff at

H & M Dept. Store  
Floyd Hall & Barney Murdoch



May the happiness of the holidays remain with you long after the Season has come and gone

Farmers Cooperative Society No. 1 Gin

# Peace on Earth

As the beloved carols ring out once again, our hearts are filled with hope that a lasting peace on earth will become a reality—a peace that will be echoed in every heart, everywhere. At this Christmas season, may we take the opportunity to wish our many good friends the best of everything. A joyous Noel!

Kent County Lumber and Supply      The Thos. Fowler Agency  
Bob, Patricia, Bobette and Brigette Hamilton



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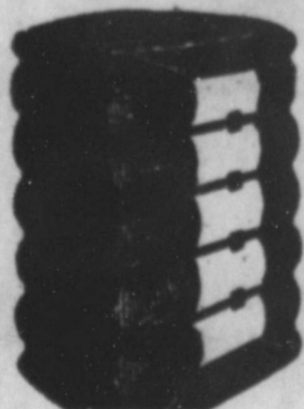
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## Political Announcements

The Jayton Chronicle is authorized to announce that the persons listed below are candidates for offices, under which their names appear, subject to the Democratic Primary, to be held May 4, 1974:

For State Senator  
 30th Texas District  
 RAY FARABEE

For State Senator  
 30th Texas District  
 CHARLES FINNELL

## Santa Claus

While some in this country choose not to observe the Santa Claus tradition at Christmas, which is their privilege and not to be criticized, for most American children Christmas Eve is a magic night unmatched for the rest of the year.

How many have tried to stay awake Christmas Eve night, to hear Santa land on the roof? How many have left food by the fireplace? How many have thrilled to the marrow at a glimpse of him, in red and white? How many millions of letters have gone out to him, of childish hopes for wonderful toys and fun?

If it can't last, and it can't; if it isn't real life, and it isn't, it is nevertheless a magic time of joy and excitement and wonderful anticipation for youngsters, and even more reward for parents. For young and old the sweet memories never die—and help keep the home a nostalgic, loved centerpiece in our long ago and memories.

**NURSING HOME NEWS**  
 Mr. and Mrs. George Darden of Girard visited Matt Darden Tuesday.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kidd for the lovely flowers for the home.

Thanks to Mrs. Harold Shipp for the cake.

The patients and staff wish to thank Mrs. Tom Fowler for the nice home baked cookies.

The "Children's Church" from the Assembly of God treated the patients and staff with music, homemade cookies and cokes on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Hilton and girls visited Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hilton.

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## in Barcelona gifts arrive on January 6

About the time when most westerners think about taking the tree down and "putting Christmas away for another year", across the ocean, in Spain, the season is reaching its height.

On January 6, Twelfth Night or King's Day, as it is called in Spain, gifts are given.

King's Day celebrates the first Christmas when the Wise Men or Three Kings brought gifts to the Child in Bethlehem.

The Kings are so important there that they take the place of Father Christmas.



Between 5 and 6 on the afternoon of January 5 the

Kings appear. In seacoast cities such as Barcelona they appear in the harbor on a beautiful ship, are rowed to shore and then paraded through the town in full regalia with their retinue.

Up until midnight the streets throng with people buying gifts and the special treats offered for this occasion.

The true spirit and joy of the season flower in this Latin land. The outward and visible signs are everywhere in Barcelona... gifts in gorgeous wrappings, and a dramatic mode of delivering gifts: some of the larger stores send men dressed as the Three Kings to go around after nightfall leaving packages on the windows and sometimes entering houses through the windows to distribute the gifts and sweets.



On King's Day the streets are decorated magnificently, there are receptions at the civic buildings, which are illuminated with spotlights—even the army is resplendent in full dress in honor of this happiest of all birthdays.

## Safe Winter Driving Begins With Checkup

Safe winter driving begins with a thorough auto check-up, before the mercury drops, says a recent Texas Safety Association reminder to motorists.

A complete tune-up before cold weather sets in is recommended, and TSA offers these basics to winterizing autos.

Test the battery for full charge and good connections. A battery should be checked more often in winter because it is less efficient in cold weather. Jumper cables are a good backup in winter.

Be sure brakes are balanced. Equal pull on all wheels will help prevent skids. In hand with brake efficiency, tires should be checked for tread wear.

For easier starts, change to a winter weight oil, unless a multiviscosity oil is in use. Motor oil breaks down fast in cold weather, so the oil and filter should be changed about twice as often in winter.

The entire exhaust system should be checked for deadly carbon monoxide leaks.

Check wiper blade tension and defroster. Add proper anti-freeze solution to washers. In addition, a window scraper-brush and tags are essential vision savers.

The trouble with taxes is that you have to pay them.

An individual is only as intelligent as he is curious.

# visiting foreigners



That's what the Wisemen were—foreigners! They came from distant countries. They were not Christ's own countrymen.

And yet they knelt before the manger. They offered precious gifts—gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The world had found its Center—a Life and a Love to bring men together.

The visit of the Wisemen is the first step in the universal mission of the Church—to bring the whole of humanity into the Kingdom.

But man has been a long time accepting the lesson of the Wisemen. We are still suspicious of strangers, of foreigners, of our new neighbors.

Before our day, the peoples of the earth lived in many mansions. Now we are all under one roof—drawn together by modern communication and travel.

With the transformation of today's world the decision over the Wisemen can no longer be postponed. All of us, human beings from every corner of the globe, must realize our need for one another, our need for love and understanding. Together we must kneel down before the manger.

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- Sunday
  - Ephesians 2:13-22
- Monday
  - Isaiah 13:6-11
- Tuesday
  - Joel 2:1-11
- Wednesday
  - Joel 2:12-17
- Thursday
  - Joel 2:25-32
- Friday
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  - Matthew 25:31-46



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- Goodall Ford Sales

## ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Jayton, Texas  
 Truett Kuenstler—Pastor  
 Sunday School—10 a. m.  
 Morning Worship—11 a. m.  
 Training Union—6 p. m.  
 Evening Worship—7 p. m.  
 Wed. Prayer Meeting, 8:15  
 Choir Practice—7:30 p. m.

**FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
 Jayton, Texas  
 Rev. G. B. Jones—Pastor  
 Sunday School—9:45 a. m.  
 Morning Worship—11 a. m.  
 Youth Meeting—6 p. m.  
 Evening Worship—7 p. m.  
 Wed. Prayer Meeting—8 p. m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Jayton, Texas  
 Virgil Yoachim—Minister  
 Sunday School—10 a. m.  
 Morning Service—11 a. m.  
 Evening Service—6 p. m.  
 Wed. Prayer Meeting—7:30 p. m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Girard, Texas  
 Abe Martin—Minister  
 Morning Service—10 a. m.  
 Evening Service—6 p. m.  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Classes—7 p. m.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**  
 Mass 7:30 Saturday Evening  
 Re. Larry Hemp

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Jayton, Texas  
 Rev. Bill Perkins—Pastor  
 Church School—10 a. m.  
 Morning Worship—10:50 a. m.  
 Evening Worship—7 p. m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study—8 p. m.  
 Youth and Children bible Study—8 p. m.



# Town & Country Review

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## Kenady Drug

This modern drug store offers many outstanding brand names in high quality merchandise. Whatever your needs, if it's a drug store item, you will find a wide selection of drugs, sickroom supplies, beauty aids, photographic needs and sundries, at Kenady Drug in Aspermont.

located at 500 Washington. Phone 989-2646.

You can always find your own particular brand of cosmetics at this store and other high grade merchandise. You will find courteous employees that will make your shopping enjoyable. You will find here a prescription

department that is rated the best, assuring you of fast accurate prescription service.

The Kenady Drug Store is the one for you. We highly recommend this excellent drug store and urge you to trade with them regularly. Stop in often.

## Stonewall Memorial Hospital

One of the mainstays of any community is its hospital. Such a hospital is the Stonewall Memorial Hospital, located on U. S. Highway 380 in Aspermont. Phone 989-3551.

It is completely equipped, competently staffed and prepared to render the best kind of medical, surgical, laboratory, X-ray and the allied services.

The nurses and attendants give careful, efficient attention to all patients entrusted to their care, thereby relieving the family of additional worry and responsibility in the time of necessary hospital confinement.

We commend the management of this hospital for excellent service they render.

## LeHew Farm Supply

When in the market for farm machinery, be sure and go to LeHew Farm Supply located on Dickens Highway in Spur. Phone 271-3322.

They feature the famous John Deere farm machinery which has stood the test of years of rugged usage and has proven

satisfactory in every phase.

To be efficient a piece of farm machinery must be built to stand the rough use necessarily involved in the working of farm lands. John Deere equipment is just that type of machinery.

LeHew Farm Supply also

features a complete parts and repair department so that when your equipment needs overhauling and revamping, as all machinery must at various times, they can give you the best service in the shortest time at the least possible expense to you.

## Star Feed Store

The Star Feed Store located at 211 West Harris in Spur, phone 271-4532, is your store for the best high quality feed and feed supplies. They feature scientifically tested feed for a healthier, more productive livestock. Their feeds are milled in plants where modern machinery, experienced

operators, and tried and proven formulas are combined to produce the highest quality feeds possible. This feed store carries a wide assortment of other supplies from poultry remedies to fast acting fertilizers. All this means higher profits for you, as you save more

when you trade at this feed store. You will enjoy dealing with the personnel of this reputable business establishment, receiving always dependable, efficient service. They also feature Boyd built feeders, hay and feed troughs in any size.

## Stonewall County Feed & Supply

Stonewall County Feed and Supply is in Aspermont, Phone 989-3556. Their reputation has been built in our area through service, satisfaction, and quality. No where will you find a firm that endeavors more to please its every customer than this reliable company, regard-

less of the amount of the purchase or the size of the order! Prices are low, quality merchandise paramount.

Remember, when you are in need of anything in the feed, seed and fertilizer line contact or visit this firm for a wide

selection of seeds and a guaranteed selection of feed supply of all types and fertilizer for better crops.

We wish to recommend to our readers that they trade here regularly.

## Spur Milk and Ice Cream

Spur Milk and Ice Cream is located in Spur at 121 West 5th. Phone 271-4331. They feature the well known Foremost brand dairy products.

This dairy is proud to be a part of the community and they have fulfilled a great need in the business life of this section.

In trading with this firm, you are helping yourself by using your own products, helping build a better community and further increasing the buying power of local people. Their dairy products and dairy farms in the area excel all others in this section.

## Chickasha Cotton Oil Company

Chickasha Cotton Oil Company is located at 217 South Railroad in Spur. Phone 271-4231. Here they pay top prices to farmers for their grains.

This firm has an enviable reputation of being among the most dependable and reputable

firm engaged in the grain business. Through straightforward and above-board policies, this firm is well thought of in our area of the state and people have come to realize more and more their important participation in the grain business. They bring thousands of dollars into

this area that would otherwise go to some other center, if their policies and services were not satisfactory in every way. The activities of this grain dealer cover a wide territory. We assure our readers they can find no better firm.

## Frazier Cafe

For a place that is friendly and a meal that is delicious, go to the Frazier Cafe in Aspermont. Here you will find a homelike atmosphere together with courteous service. Phone 989-2606.

Frazier Cafe features dinners of tender meats that are cooked to suit you, served with vegetables and salad. They also have delicious steaks cooked to order and served in your favorite manner. If it is just a snack you want, you will find sandwiches, salads, and soups

here that are just the thing to take away that hungry feeling.

If you want the best in food, you'll find that Frazier Cafe is the place to go.

Under new management since September 10-Bob and Bobbie Ward. Special—Fish Fry on Friday nights.

## Rolling Plains Production

Rolling Plains Production is located at 330 North Brington in Spur. Phone 271-3361. They loan money to farmers and stockmen for agricultural purposes at reasonable rates of interest.

The management has a reputation far and wide as business people of ability and straight-forwardness and are

anxious to please every customer alike. Their position among the people of this area is evidence of well placed confidence. In this review we take pleasure in recommending the Rolling Plains Production of Spur to the people and industrial firms of this and surrounding territories.

## Randy Clifton TV & Appliances

Many families have reason to appreciate the services performed for this area by Randy Clifton T. V. & Appliances at 415 North Burlington in Spur. Phone 271-4301.

This progressive firm has been doing business here for years and over that period

time has made many friends throughout the community.

They are your local dealers. Call them for any information. Readers are invited to stop in Randy Clifton T. V. & Appliances and look over their display of equipment. They have a complete selection of

Westinghouse and Zenith sales and service.

No amount of effort is spared by the management to see that every customer becomes a permanent friend.

We recommend this firm to our readers.

## B & L Construction

B & L Construction, located in Aspermont, phone 989-3503, are contractors for buildings, streets, and foundations, and they feature asphalt paving.

When you have a paving laid, you want one that will be durable and last for years. There is a great deal of skill

required to lay a paving properly. When you contract with B & L Construction to do any work, you can be assured of an expert job and only the best in materials.

They will complete their contract on schedule and you

## Sew Sew Fabric Shop

Sew Sew Fabric Shop is located at 323 West 2nd Street in Spur. Phone 271-4317. They offer everything for the seamstress whether amateur or professional.

Fabrics are not just a sideline here but their ONLY business. They bring to this area all that is

new in fabrics, cottons, double knits, nylon and acrylic fibers. They feature famous names in patterns and carry a complete stock of trims, notions and accessories to give your garment that truly professional look. Go in soon and see their lovely displays of fabrics.

## Hudson Auto Parts

Hudson Auto Parts is located at 211 North Burlington in Spur. Phone 271-4341.

This firm means ECONOMY to the automobile owner of today. They have everything in the way of automobile parts which means a saving to the people of this area as their

prices are the lowest. This economy is made possible because of the large amount of business they transact and they pass the savings on to their customers.

We are pleased to give this public spirited and progressive

concern mention in this Review issue and to say that whenever you are in need of automobile parts, you will find them at this firm. You can be assured of a SQUARE DEAL at all times and quality parts with every purchase.

## L & L Upholstery

L & L Upholstery is at 302 Burlington in Spur, Phone 271-4392.

This firm has restored many valuable pieces of furniture to their original beauty and usefulness. In fact, they can restore any piece of furniture that has not been damaged beyond recognition.

investment to be made. They have a complete line of upholstering fabrics to suit your choice. You can match any color scheme you desire at this upholstering shop.

We wish to commend them upon the quality of their work and we recommend them.

## Clinic Pharmacy

Clinic Pharmacy is located at E. Snyder Ave. in Rotan. Phone 735-2211.

Since this well-known firm has been engaged in business their popularity has grown until it is known by practically everybody in this section and it has attained a well deserved reputation for honest and

efficient dealings.

The prescription from your doctor will be scientifically filled to his exact order. A registered pharmacist is on duty at all times to see that the proper drugs are compounded and who understands how to read any prescription.

Quick service is our motto.

## Bronco Seed Company

Bronco Seed Company at Arledge Field is in Stamford. Phone 773-2741. No one is better acquainted with the seed business. Their many years of experience in the seed business have enabled them to offer you seed that will produce and that

will give you the highest yield for the variety. They feature Bronco Cotton Seed.

This firm continually studies the results of planting of variety brands in various soils, therefore planters in this section

may seek their advice. The Bronco Seed Company has built an ultra modern delimiting plant three times their original one.

We recommend this firm to all our readers for anything in the field or garden seed lines.

## O. L. Kelly Agency

O. L. Kelly Agency, whose office is located at 407 North Burlington in Spur, phone 271-3353, is one of the leading real estate firms in this section. STATE LIQUIDATION SPECIALIST DEBT LIQUIDATION AND REFINANCING SPECI-

ALIST P. O. BOX 686 SPUR, TEXAS 79370. They are brokers and therefore have a wide list of tentative purchasers. These men are qualified to render excellent service of this nature. By the same token, if you're

in the market for a piece of property or a rental stop in and see them and they will show you pieces of property designed to fit your needs. They have many pieces of property of varied kinds available for purchase.

## Summers Drug Store

Summers Drug Store is located in Rotan at 105 North Garfield. Phone 735-2442.

It is imperative that prescriptions be filled properly. Your doctor knows what he wants in that prescription, and the pharmacist at this drug store knows how to fill it. For satisfaction, take your prescription here!

You find only courteous and helpful employees in this store. They help make your shopping enjoyable, and you may be sure that the entire stock of this store is kept strictly up-to-date.

We are happy to recommend this store in Rotan as your drug store and suggest you visit them.

## Gifting Versatility Offered Modern Santa

Variety, portability and a range of prices making it easy on any budget, assures today's Santa a selection from among the modern electronic gifts to bring joy to the youngest and also the older but youthful minded.

A visit to stores displaying the brilliant diversity, ranging from tape and records through radios to TV and Sound Systems, is recommended by Zenith as a help to making gift choices.

Christmas will be what you make it.

Tolerance is the key to peace of mind.

We agree nothing is as bad as active ignorance.

Is anyone keeping up with the cost of living?

## Stamford Welding Supply

Stamford Welding Supply is located at 404 West McHarg in Stamford. Phone 773-5011.

Stamford Welding Supply has a complete line of supplies for both light and heavy welders. Following is a partial list of the supplies they offer you: Complete line of industrial

gases, gas welding supplies, gas welding rods, welding torches, hoses, gauges, as well as, all those other necessary supplies such as gloves, goggles, helmets, wire brushes, etc. They also have medical oxygen.

Their truck is in Jayton every

Tuesday. If you are in the welding business, it is to your advantage to get acquainted with this reliable firm in Stamford. Drop in at Stamford Welding Supply and they will be happy to discuss your welding supply needs with you.

## Weathersbee Funeral Home

Residents of this community are offered 24 hour ambulance service by Weathersbee Funeral Home. Phone 735-2255.

Their years of successful experience combined with a most comprehensive knowledge of the proper manner in conducting funeral services has made the name Weatherbee

Funeral Home outstanding in this community. The memory of reverence and dignity, which is a prominent part of their service has comforted many people in their time of grief.

From the minute they are called until the final duties are performed, not a single detail is

overlooked, not the least semblance of confusion serves to mar the quiet, thoughtful, professional service.

It is appropriate in this Review that we commend Weathersbee Funeral Home, located at 111 North McKenley in Rotan on their record of service.

## Day and Day Building Supply

Day and Day Building Supply 114 West 5th in Spur, phone 271-3210. Here they feature building materials of every description and of the highest quality at reasonable prices.

This popular lumber concern carries a complete line of grade A building materials and

through their fair methods of doing business and high quality and fair prices constantly offered, they have won an enviable reputation throughout this section.

The people of this area have come to know they can depend on this firm for everything in building materials.

One of the essential features of any house, store, or other structure is that it will stand the wear of the years. The same is true of the reputation of any business firm and that is why Day and Day Building Supply enjoys an ever-increasing volume of business and popularity.

## Special Gifts Deserve Distinctive Wrappings, Careful Handling

If that special girl on your gift list is going to receive a diamond or other piece of jewelry be sure that the wrapping is just as special. Velvet ribbons flowing over textured wrapping paper—color coordinated—is one way to let her know something important is inside.

Another suggestion is to use embroidered fabric as the wrapping and tie with colorful ribbon. Because the ring jewelry box is probably small in size it's a good idea to place the gift box inside a larger one, being sure to secure the present with insulation.



# Greetings

At this beautiful and joyous time of the year, we would like to take the opportunity to say "Thank You" for your patronage. Have a Merry Christmas.

## Stonewall County Feed and Seed

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## Pied Piper Mills Inc.

Pied Piper Mills Inc. is located at 423 E. Lake Dr. in Hamilton. Phone 576-3684.

One of the most important things for a poultry of livestock grower to consider is the nutritive value of the feeds they are using. They realize this fact and have invested a vast sum of money on equipment and research to find the right food supplements which will give the most production at the lowest possible cost. They are happy to advise their customers as to the proper feeding of any kind of stock.

## Thompson Hardware

Thompson Hardware is located at 102 East Hamilton in Stamford. Phone 773-2611.

You will find merchandise of every description at this modern retail store. Their line of hardware supplies is complete at all times, and they can be depended upon to give you quality merchandise. They also have Maytag washers and dryers, Zenith televisions, stereos and sporting goods.

This firm features hardware of all types. Contact this store for all those "hard to get" items, which the average home owner is always needing. The farmers and townfolk of this section make this store their headquarters.

## B & P Memorials

When you are faced with the problem of selecting a monument or marker, visit this monument company. They will courteously help you in selecting a memorial of quality, embodying both durability and good appearance. Here you will find a large selection of finished work ready to be lettered or you may submit designs of your own choice. They carry a wide and varied stock on hand at all times. They have been serving this area for many years. B & P Memorials is located at 501 West McHarg in Stamford. Phone 773-5392.





*Somehow, not only for Christmas  
But all the long year Through.  
The joy that you give to others  
Is the joy that comes back to you.*

John Greenleaf Whittier

### Cotton Estimate Up Despite Rain

AUSTIN—From South Texas to the High Plains, the story of cotton this year is rain, high winds, and early-season hail, but despite it all, Texas is expected to produce a record crop, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has reported.

Present estimates place the state total for this season at 4,800,000 bales of Upland cotton and 29,200 bales of American Pima from West Texas, the largest crop since 1949.

"While South and Central Texas production is predicted to decrease 140,000 bales, Plains growers are getting unexpected high yields. Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service predictions for the Plains area show a total of 3,745,000 bales for this season," White said.

Cotton is still standing in some flooded fields in the Rio Grande Valley and Coastal Bend. One rain gauge at Combes in the Valley has

measured 92 inches of rain since June. "As soon as the farmers pump out two inches, they get three inches more rain," White said.

Deadlines for cotton stalk destruction have been extended for all cotton-growing areas from Austin to the Valley.

"Because many farmers cannot get equipment into the fields, there is no possibility of plow-up. However, the infestations of pink bollworms and boll weevils are extremely heavy and could threaten the entire cotton crop in the state next year," White said.

Texas Department of Agriculture personnel are checking all fields in areas where the extensions have been granted to make certain that farmers plow up as soon as possible.

"I urge farmers across the state to get the shredders in right behind the harvesters," White said.

If anyone thinks cotton textiles are a thing of the past, the current energy crisis may prove them wrong, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

Natural Fibers Economic Research personnel report that cotton production requires only one-fifth as much energy per pound as man-made fiber production.

"If cotton had to be replaced by man-made fibers, the additional energy required would be enough to supply more than 1 million people or to power 2,250,000 automobiles," the Natural Fibers report states.

"We may be coming to a time when more and more cotton is going to be used for clothing. When milled in combination with some man-made fibers, cotton cloth is easy to care for and offers the qualities of comfort long associated with cotton fabrics," Commissioner White said.

#### Piggybank Budgets

Children searching for holiday gifts to please Mom can probably find something just right at local beauty counters. Piggy-bank budgets can afford many of the simple—but important—beauty items Mom needs every day. Suggestions might include: emery boards, cotton balls, facial tissues. Children-wrapped, these presents are part of the treasures of Christmas.

#### JEWELLED ORNAMENTS

Old jewelry such as gold chains, earrings, pins are ideal decorations for make-it-yourself Christmas ornaments. Plastic foam balls covered with paper or material can be decorated with the jewelry.

#### NEW TECHNIQUES from page 1.....

prior land preparation. Herbicides are used to control weeds, cutting out several tractor trips over a field. Some farmers report minimum tillage saves as many as 10 to 12 tractor trips per crop. A statewide average is about half that amount.

The surface cover of dead leaves and stems greatly reduces wind erosion, dust storms, and air pollution. The practice is equally effective in preventing water erosion and sedimentation from cropland.

Thomas said one of the big problems with minimum tillage is that surface-applied herbicides used to control weeds don't always work properly on all soils in Texas. He said better, more dependable herbicides adapted to mulch farming are needed.

Thomas credited the state's conservation farmers with helping develop minimum tillage farming systems.

"This practice has evolved by trial and error during the last few years," Thomas said. "SCS agronomists, researchers, chemical companies, conservation district leaders, and innovative farmers have all had a part in developing the measure. We only hope continued progress can be made in this field."

With 20 million acres of cropland in Texas, long-term fuel saving possibilities by improved methods of minimum tillage are huge, Thomas pointed out.

Two eggs will furnish from 35 to 121 per cent of the minimum daily requirement of the eight essential amino acids, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

#### 'CATCHES' BURGLAR

FRESNO, CALIF.—A burglary suspect got stuck in a window while trying to break into a lumber company here and had to be pulled free by a policeman, and employees of a burglar and fire alarm company. The suspect was reportedly glad to see the police arrive.

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### Consumer Services Provides Protection

AUSTIN—High prices and fuel shortages are combining to make Texas consumers aware of the need for accuracy in their purchases, says Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

One way they can be sure they are getting what they pay for is through the Texas Department of Agriculture's Consumer Services Division. Among its many services, the division inspects gasoline pumps at unannounced intervals to see that they deliver the exact amount of gasoline registered on the face of the pump.

Commissioner White urges consumers to check for the inspection seal on pumps wherever they buy gasoline. "With the warnings on conserving fuel and the possibility of further restrictions on driving and buying gasoline, no one can afford to get less gasoline than he pays for," White said.

"While the inspection seals cannot guarantee that the pump is still accurate when your purchase is made, it does mean the pump has been checked and will be checked again."

Consumer Services is also responsible for checkweighing, pre-packaged items, checking eggs and inspecting scales.

Persons who suspect they are being cheated are asked to contact Barbara Harper of the division's Consumer Affairs Office which checks out consumer complaints. Mrs. Harper can be reached through the Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, 78711.

"We will try to see that everyone gets a fair shake," Commissioner White said. "Though we don't always have the legal authority to set on complaints, Mrs. Harper's staff has become an effective liaison between the consumer and the proper agency."

### Life Quality Brochure Available

"Working for a Better Quality of Life," a brochure describing the Texas Department of Agriculture's involvement in striking a balance between environmental protection and technological progress, is now available, says Commissioner of Agriculture John C. White.

The brochure follows a colorful road from city to country, explaining the department's role in consumer and environmental protection along the way.

Services described include the work of the Agricultural and Environmental Services Division and the Consumer Protection Division.

Among its duties Agricultural and Environmental Services checks for pesticides residue on vegetables and in soil, water, milk and seafood. It also closely monitors pesticides for agricultural use.

Consumer Services checkweighs pre-packaged food items, calibrates weights, oversees the quality of eggs, and licenses grain warehouses, commercial fruit and vegetable operations and public scales. It also handles consumer complaints through its Consumer Affairs Office.

The brochure also gives tips on what individuals can do to protect the environment. Unfolded it is suitable for display on a bulletin board. For free copies write to Commissioner John C. White, the Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Tex. 78711.



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Easy-Do Desserts for the Holidays

## Do-Ahead Desserts for Christmas Parties!

As all get out, these parfaits may be made well in advance of serving time. If you have parfait glasses, use those that will reveal the layers of whipped cream and coffee-flavored choc-

olate pudding—the latter studied with roasted diced almonds and bits of maraschino cherries.

For a festive garnish, top each serving with more of the crunchy almonds, and a bright red cherry.

**Jamaican Almond Parfaits**  
 1/2 cup diced almonds, roasted  
 1/2 pint whipping cream  
 1/4 cup sugar  
 1/4 teaspoon almond extract  
 Roasted diced almonds  
 Maraschino cherries with stems (optional)  
 In a saucepan, cook stirring until thickened. Cool, then stir in rum extract, cherries and almonds. Chill. Whip cream with sugar and almond extract until stiff. Pudding mixture and whipped cream alternately into 6 parfait glasses. Garnish with a sprinkling of almonds, and if you wish, a stem cherry. Chill well before serving. Makes 6 servings.

**CEAUSESCU ON OIL**  
 Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu expressed little hope that his country could boost its oil shipments to the United States after a two day talk with President Nixon.

**Merry Christmas**

People of the 101st Legislative District: At this time of year feelings of gratitude and appreciation to friends is in order. The people of the 15 counties of the 101st Legislative District have been very gracious and considerate of me in the past. This I appreciate very much.

The purpose of this ad is to return your expressions of friendship in the past in kind measure. I will be anxious, as always in the past, to have your suggestions and assure you any time I can be of service you will call on me.

Later I will expect to be making formal announcements for re-election, and express the hope that you will renew my nomination to represent you in State Government.

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**Guacamole**  
 3 avocados, mashed  
 2 tsp. grated onion  
 1/4 tsp. lemon juice  
 1 tsp. jalapeno and tomato relish (to taste)  
 1/4 T. picante sauce (to taste)  
 1/4 tsp. minced garlic  
 1 tomato, wedged  
 Salt and Pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients and allow to sit in refrigerator in air tight container for 2 hours. The avocado seed may be placed in the mixture to prevent it from turning dark. Garnish with tomato wedges.

**Cheese Crisps**  
 Package white flour tortillas  
 2 lb. cheddar cheese, grated  
 Picante Sauce

Top tortillas with cheese & place on cookie sheet. Bake at 425 degrees until cheese melts. Sprinkle with picante and cut in wedges.

**Biscotti Di Zia Lena**  
 3 cups flour  
 2 tsp. baking powder  
 2 eggs  
 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped  
 pinch of salt  
 1/2 cup shortening  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 1/4 tsp. cinnamon

Mix all dry ingredients except nuts. Blend in shortening with hands. Beat eggs and add to mixture. Add milk gradually and form into ball. Knead and mold dough until smooth. Roll small pieces into 3 inch oblong shapes. Sprinkle tops with chopped nuts. Bake in moderate oven — about 300 degrees for 15 min. or until golden brown. Yield — 3 dozen.

**Chili Con Queso**  
 1/2 lb. velveeta, grated  
 1/4 lb. longhorn cheese, grated  
 2 cans chopped green chili  
 1 medium onion, chopped  
 1/2 tsp. minced garlic  
 1/2 T. jalapeno and tomato relish (to taste)  
 1 T. worcestershire  
 1 large can tomatoes and green chili

Place cheese and milk in double boiler. When melted, add remaining ingredients and allow to simmer for 45 min.

**Sombrero Spread**  
 1 lb. ground beef  
 1/2 cup chopped onion  
 1/4 cup chili sauce  
 1/4 cup catsup  
 1 tsp. red pepper chips salt to taste  
 1 small can taco sauce  
 1 can red kidney beans (with liquid)  
 garnish — shredded cheddar

cheese, chopped stuffed olives, chopped onions.  
 Brown meat and onion. Stir in remaining ingredients and mash in kidney beans. Add garnish.

**HOLIDAY SANDWICHES**  
 Trim crusts from thinly sliced white or whole wheat bread. Bake your own bread for extra special sandwiches. Spread with soft butter. Fill half of the sandwiches with sprigs of watercress. Fill remaining ones with thin slices of cucumber. Top with buttered slices of bread or leave open-face. Cut lengthwise into finger shapes or diagonally into triangles.



**Cheese Ball**  
 2 3-oz. wedges Roquefort cheese  
 2 5-oz. jars process Cheddar cheese spread  
 4 3-oz. pkg. cream cheese  
 2 tablesp. minced onion  
 1 teasp. Worcestershire  
 1/4 cup snipped parsley  
 1 cup ground pecans  
 1/4 cup snipped parsley

**Day before:** Let cheeses soften at room temperature. In medium bowl, combine cheeses, onion, Worcestershire; blend well. Stir in 1/4 cup parsley and 1/2 cup pecans. Shape into one large ball. Place in bowl lined with waxed paper; refrigerate overnight.

**To serve:** About 1 hr. before serving, remove ball from refrigerator, and roll in mixture of 1/2 cup ground pecans and 1/4 cup snipped parsley.

At serving time, place ball on serving dish and surround with crisp crackers. Or, serve with fresh fruits as a snack. Makes 4 1/2 cups

**SAUSAGE - CHEESE BALLS**  
 1/2 lb. hot seasoned sausage  
 2 cups (8 oz.) sharp cheese, grated  
 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
 2 cups biscuit mix  
 2 tablespoons water

Fry sausage in skillet, stirring until crumbly and done; drain. Combine sausage, cheese, pepper and biscuit mix; add water and mix well. Form into one-inch balls; bake on greased cookie sheet at 375 degrees for 15 minutes or until light brown. Yields: 5 dozen.

**RYE BREAD CAPERS**  
 1 lb. Cheddar cheese, grated  
 1 small can green chilies  
 1/2 cup cooking oil  
 3 tablespoons vinegar  
 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
 Dash of hot sauce

Mix together all ingredients and spread on thin slices of rye bread (party loaf, if available) and bake at 300 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. Serve as a hot appetizer. Blender may be used for this recipe.

**RED SATIN PUNCH**  
 2 trays 7-Up "ice" cubes  
 (6 bottles (7-oz) 7-Up)  
 2 pints cranberry juice  
 1 quart apple juice  
 10 bottles (7-oz) 7-Up

Make "ice" cubes by pouring 7-Up into trays and freezing. Chill fruit juices and remaining 7-Up. At serving time, combine cranberry juice and apple juice in a punch bowl. Slowly pour in chilled 7-Up. Add "ice" cubes. Yield: 35 servings.

**BANANA PUNCH**  
 4 cups sugar  
 6 cups water  
 1 can (46 oz.) pineapple juice  
 1 can (6 oz.) frozen orange juice  
 5 bananas - very ripe and mashed  
 Juice of 2 lemons  
 2 quarts gingerale

Combine sugar and water and bring to a boil for about 3 minutes; cool to room temperature. Combine sugar syrup, pineapple juice, orange juice, bananas and lemon juice; chill. This may be prepared well in advance and frozen in cartons.

When ready to serve, have punch base removed from freezer and almost thawed, or take chilled punch base from refrigerator; add chilled gingerale and serve.

This will serve 35 to 40 punch cups.

**CHILI CHEESE LOG**  
 1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese  
 2 cups shredded sharp cheese  
 1 tablespoon lemon juice  
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
 Dash red pepper  
 1/4 cup finely chopped pecans  
 1 teaspoon chili powder  
 1 teaspoon paprika

Let cheese stand at room temperature to soften. Combine cheese, lemon juice, garlic powder and red pepper; beat with electric beater until light and fluffy. Stir in nuts. Shape in a roll about 1 1/2 inches across. Sprinkle roll with mixture of chili powder and paprika. Chill several hours. Before serving, let stand at room temperature about 10 minutes. Slice and serve with crackers.

**JALAPENO CHEESE DIP**  
 2 tablespoons flour  
 3/4 cup cream  
 2 tablespoons margarine  
 1 pint cottage cheese  
 2 lbs. Velveeta cheese, cut up

Mix flour and cream in saucepan. Add margarine and cheeses; melt on lowest heat setting. Add remaining ingredients and simmer 10 to 15 minutes or until thick, stirring occasionally. If desired, serve warm as a dip or as a spread on crackers.

**Sour Cream Enchiladas**  
 Tortillas  
 2 cans enchilada sauce  
 1 1/2 lb. longhorn cheese  
 1 large chopped onion  
 1-1/2 lb. ground beef, fried  
 2 cartons sour cream

Fry tortillas 3-4 seconds in hot oil. Dip in enchilada sauce and place layer in casserole. Then layer each ingredient in order — meat, cheese, onion and sour cream, top with more tortillas dipped in sauce. Continue layers as long as you want. Top with remaining sauce and grated cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

One U.S. Jew in 3 marries non-Jew.



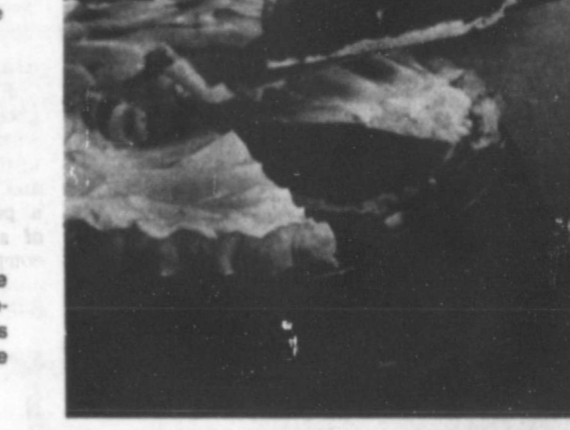
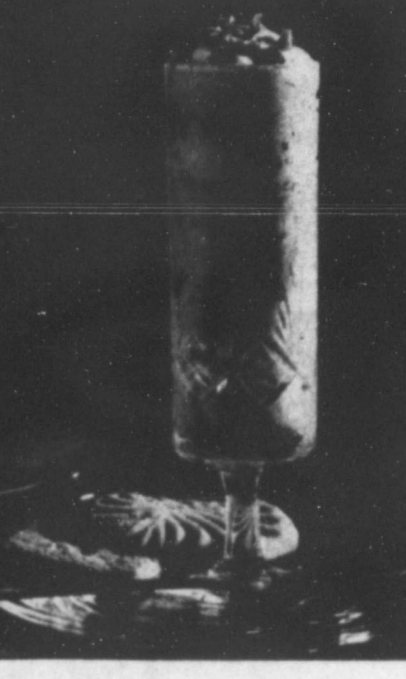
**Apple Date Dream**  
 Apple pie filling makes this easy—  
 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour  
 1 cup sugar  
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice  
 2 slightly beaten eggs  
 1 21-ounce can apple pie filling  
 1/2 cup cooking oil  
 1 teaspoon vanilla  
 1 cup chopped dates  
 1/4 cup chopped walnuts

Sift together flour, sugar, soda, salt, cinnamon and allspice. Combine eggs, pie filling, oil and vanilla; stir into flour mixture and mix well. Stir in dates and nuts. Pour into greased and floured 13 1/2 x 8 3/4 x 1 3/4 -inch baking dish. Bake in 350° oven for 40 to 45 minutes. Cool. Cut in squares; serve with a dollop of whipped cream, if desired. Makes 12 servings.

**Date Pecan Parfaits**  
 A light, creamy dessert that can also be made into frozen squares—  
 1 envelope (1 tablespoon) unflavored gelatin  
 1/2 cup cold water  
 1 18-ounce can vanilla pudding  
 Few drops maple flavoring  
 2 cups frozen whipped dessert topping, thawed  
 1 1/2 cups finely snipped dates  
 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Soften gelatin in the cold water; dissolve over hot water. Combine dissolved gelatin with pudding and maple flavoring; chill till partially set. Fold in whipped topping, dates and half the pecans. Spoon into parfaits; sprinkle top of each with remaining pecans. Makes 8 servings.

For frozen squares: Turn date mixture into 8x8x2-inch baking pan; sprinkle with remaining pecans. Cover and freeze till firm. Cut into squares.



**Lemon Layer Date Pie**  
 1 cup snipped dates  
 1/4 cup honey  
 1/4 cup water  
 1 tablespoon lemon juice  
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts  
 1 9-inch baked pastry shell  
 1 3- or 3 1/2-ounce package regular lemon pudding mix  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 2 1/4 cups water  
 1 beaten egg  
 1 2- or 2 1/2-ounce package dessert topping mix

Combine dates, honey, the 1/4 cup water and the lemon juice. Bring to boiling. Reduce heat; simmer 10 minutes, stirring often. Add nuts; cool. Turn into pastry shell. Combine pudding mix and sugar; stir in the 2 1/4 cups water. Add egg. Cook and stir over medium heat till thickened and bubbly; cook 2 minutes more. Cool without stirring; pour into shell. Cool thoroughly. Prepare topping mix according to package directions; spread atop. Chill thoroughly.

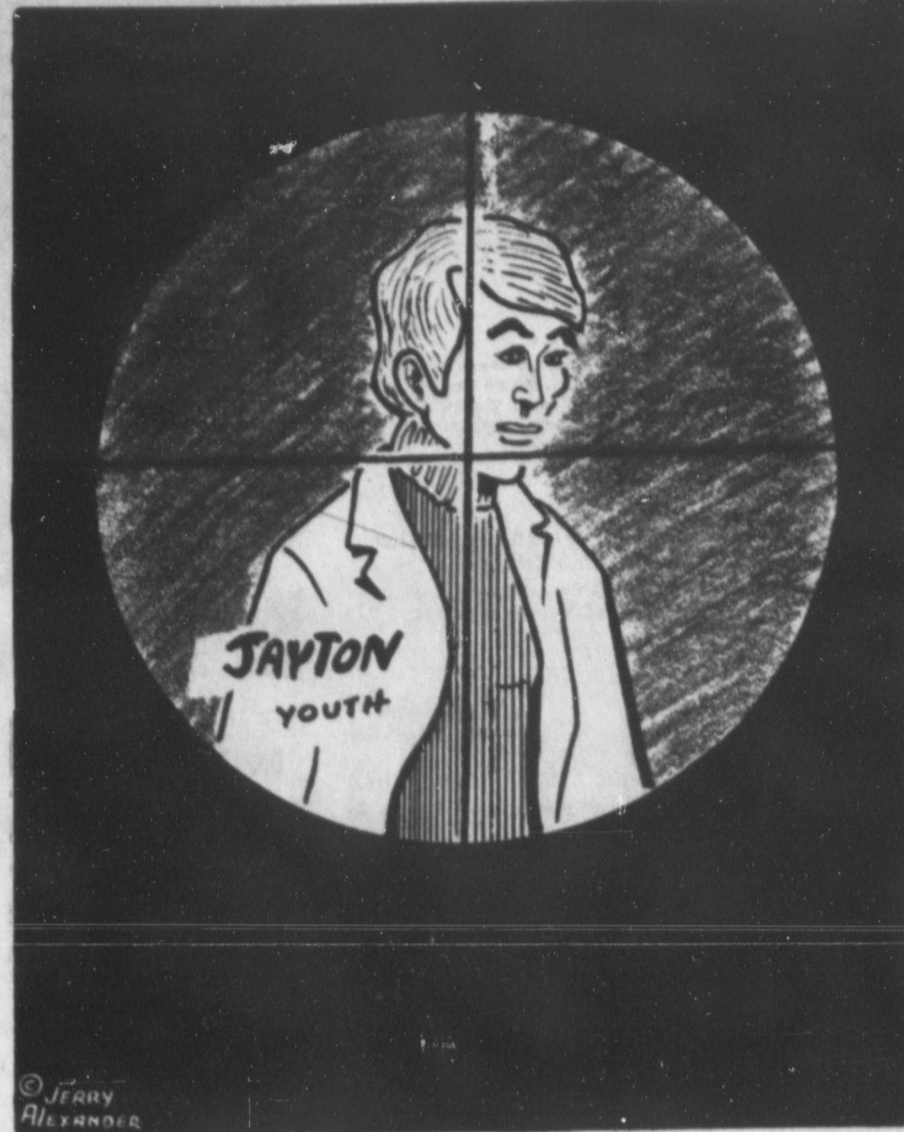
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Smart Santas can add versatility to the special girl's wardrobe with a wig. Here, "The Marcel" by Helene Curtis.



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The biggest detective mystery of the year is approaching. Question: "What size is Dad—or Mom or Aunt Wilma?"

Novice private eyes are getting clues with Scotland Yard techniques.

Everyone should be out of the house — everyone but the size snatching sleuth who scans closets and bureau drawers getting the clothing sizes of everyone in the family. Of course, there is no trace of breaking and entering. The culprit gets away clear.

When a size is needed for someone outside the immediate family, different tactics can be used. This time the snooping is by someone close to the person. Parents, spouses and roommates can be good sources of information.

Uncovering the color caper is a cinch. Eyeing the case may be called for. Colors the person wears most often may prove to be good leads.

The case goes on. They don't want clothes? Don't fret. The same super-snooper can also ask questions like: "What do you want Santa to bring you?"

Corny? Yes, but it sometimes works.

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## Merry Christmas

Teen Scene  
Jayton Cafe

## Joyous Bells!

One of the most joyous symbols of Christmas is the ringing of bells. The mellow, sweet-toned ones in church steeples and belfries have heralded the coming of Christmas since the Middle Ages.

that ring with solemn grandeur from cathedral and churches there are the secular types that hail the pure joy of the occasion.

Christmas had become well established before bells be-

In addition to the bells

came an important part of the celebration. The first large bell for a Christian church is said to have originated with a bishop in Italy, in the fifth century, A.D.

Church bells have called people to worship, they have told the time of day, they peal for weddings and toll for deaths, they have been rung to warn of enemies and disasters and to celebrate happy events of many varieties. The high point of every year has been the ringing of church bells during the Christmas season. In England, especially, this became a tradition, during the Middle Ages. The joyful clangor started at vespers on the first Sunday in Advent, and repeated on the following Advent Sundays. On the three mornings before Christmas Day, happy peals were rung as a reminder. At sunset on December 24th and every hour thereafter until sunset on December 25th bells pealed joyously. On Christmas Day bells would be rung spontaneously, at any hour.

In the melodious tones of their church bells people believed they heard "the songs of the angels" on that first Christmas, so long ago.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS to ALL

We're spreading the news to friends near and far, that we wish them all the very brightest, cheeriest and happiest holiday season ever!

Merry Christmas!

Leck and Vallie Wall

## GLAD TIDINGS

May your happiness be so great that you treasure forever the many wondrous memories of this Christmas and all its joys.

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## Greetings

Santa's coming along spreading lots of holiday cheer. And, he's delivering special thanks to our nice friends.

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## Greetings

The best wishes of this Yuletide season to you and all those you hold near and dear.

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**GREEN GIFTING**

For all the family's 'green thumbs' Christmas time can provide an opportunity for garden accessory giving. Many smaller items like hand spades, rakes, watering pots make fine gifts. Check garden suppliers for off-season savings.

**STOCKING STUFFERS**

Little kitchen helpers can find an abundance of stocking gift ideas for Mom in housewares and notions departments. Pot holders, measuring spoons, measuring cups, thermometers, knives, serving utensils and hot plates make fine gifts.

## A Joyous Christmas

To all, a wish for a Christmas richly blessed with peace and joy. And to our patrons, our heartfelt thanks for the privilege of serving you.

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## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Christmas is the perfect time to count our many, many blessings. High on our list is the confidence and good will you've showed us. So to you, our patrons, we're extending a cheerful, hearty holiday "thanks."

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## Merry Christmas

This is the happy season, when voices join together in laughter and song. It's the time when we count our blessings and share our good fortunes with friends and strangers, alike. In the true Christmas tradition, we'd like to extend to you and yours, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

## City Of Jayton