

Voter Registration Program To Be Conducted

The voter registration program will be conducted in Red River County, according to an announcement by County officials, despite much confusion over apparent differences in State law and Federal rulings.

A. A. (Suey) Sauls, County Tax Assessor-Collector, and Gavin Watson, Jr., County Judge, said that voter registration application cards will be mailed before the first of the year to more than 8,000 voters currently carried on the voter lists.

"Although a person who has been voting is not required to register again, every citizen is strongly advised to do so," Sauls emphasized. Information on the new registration forms will be used to bring up-to-date and correct hundreds of errors in present voter registration lists that have accumulated over the years, Sauls said.

"In order to be absolutely sure that the proper information is on the voter rolls every person is advised to register again," Watson said. "Additionally, the envelope will contain a form that can be completed by any person who is exempt from jury service and their name will be removed from the jury wheel" Watson said.

Sauls advises that the mailed application forms cannot be forwarded by the Postoffice and that he expects perhaps a 25 percent return for incorrect address. "This means," he said, "that we have improper addresses on as many as 2,000

voters, another reason to register again." Those not receiving a form through the mail by January 1st should call at the County Tax office for an application.

Watson said that the original intent of the Texas law was to start completely new voter registration rolls with complete information in order to identify registrations. However, a decision by the Federal authorities that re-registration is not a requirement has clouded the issue. Under present rules a person not voting within three years in the voting box in which registered can be removed from the rolls.

Native Promoted In Apco

Thomas W. diZerega, President and Chief Operating Officer of Apco Oil Corporation, announced the following recent organizational changes:

R. R. Rothwell, formerly Vice President, New Projects, has been promoted to Vice President, Supply and Transportation. Phillip L. Mahan has been promoted to Manager, Crude Oil and Supply, reporting to Rothwell, and B. R. Wheeler has been promoted to Supervisor, Lease Purchasing, reporting to Mahan.

John R. Grantham, formerly Vice President, Industrial Relations, has been promoted to Vice President, Administration, reporting to the President. Vinton L. Wolfe has been promoted to Assistant Vice President, Management Information, and will report to Grantham, as will R. C. Arnold, Manager, General Services. J. J. McConnell has been promoted to Director, Industrial Relations, and will continue to report to Grantham.

Reul R. Rothwell joined Apco Oil Corporation August 16, 1971, as Project Manager. He is now Vice President, Supply and Transportation.

Rothwell came to Apco from Northern Petrochemical in Joliet, Illinois, where he held positions as Assistant to the Vice President, Manufacturing, and Manager, Project Planning. Prior to his association with Northern, he was employed with Enjay Chemical Company in Baytown, Texas.

He is a graduate of Talco High School in Talco, Texas, and holds a BS Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Texas.

Also, many have moved to different precincts without changing addresses and therefore are not properly registered. Therefore, for all these reasons, Watson said, local officials are strongly urging everyone to complete a new voter registration application.

Both Sauls and Watson criticized the timing of the mailings just at Christmas, stating that it is undoubtedly the worst time of the year to begin

a county-wide mail program. They both stressed, however, that no choice was given counties in the timing. Some counties have decided not to enter the program at all but Red River County was so far advanced in planning and preparation that it appears more economical and feasible to carry out the program, Sauls and Watson stated. Anyone with questions is invited to call the Tax Assessor-Collector's or County Judge's office.

100 Lives Will Be Lost During Texas Holidays

AUSTIN—Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today warned that traffic accidents during the Christmas and New Year periods may claim almost 100 lives in Texas.

The state's top lawman said 48 of the deaths are likely during the Christmas period which runs from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 24, through midnight Sunday, January 4, 1976.

An estimated 46 deaths will occur in the New Year period which runs from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, through midnight Sunday, January 4, 1976.

Speir said the DPS will be working with local law enforcement agencies to mount as strong an enforcement effort as possible.

"We will be utilizing all the manpower and resources that we have in the department, and will be concentrating on such hazardous violations as drinking while driving and speeding," he noted.

He said public cooperation is also needed if accidents are to be prevented during the holiday, and pointed out that DPS will be working with local police and the news media in a public education effort called "Operation Motorcade."

"Through this program we attempt to emphasize the problem of hazardous driving and create a driver consciousness that will make our highways and streets safer to use," he said.

During the holiday, the news media will be provided with periodically updated information on holiday accident locations and dangers.



BUBBLE GUM—Lewis Hancock has been passing out double bubble gum to children at the Bogata school for about 20 years. He is now passing out gum to children of former students he gave it to. He does this day the children are dismissed for the Christmas holidays. Hancock was 92 years old October 1. (Staff Photo).

Pattonville Post Office Planned

Plans for a new Postal Facility in Pattonville, Texas were released this week by the Dallas District of the US Postal Service. Bids for construction of the new leased facility will be received from December 15, 1975 through January 15, 1976. Bid is for construction of a 874 square foot building with a basic lease term of ten (10) years. Interested parties may obtain complete information relative to lease and specifications by contacting the Postmaster, Pattonville, Texas or the Real Estate Branch, Dallas District US Postal Service, P. O. Box 3, Dallas, Texas 75221.

Talco Defeats Deport In First Conference Wins

The Talco Elementary boys and girls basketball teams defeated the Deport Tigers in games December 18 in Talco. The Talco boys won 44 to 30 and the Talco girls won 20 to 18.

High scorer for the Talco girls was Donna Hines with 10 points, followed by Gloria Savage with six, Judy Via with two and Tracie Jones with two. High for Deport was Cheryl Salter with 17 points.

The Talco girls trailed eight to one at the end of the first quarter and 10 to seven at the half. It was the fourth quarter before they pulled ahead.

The Talco boys stomped the Deport boys 44 to 30, with Roger Galloway the leading scorer

with 14 points. Eddie Norman was next with 12 points, followed by Gregg Norman with eight, Jimmy Via with six and Charles Savage with four. High for Deport were Kennedy and Humphrey with eight points each.

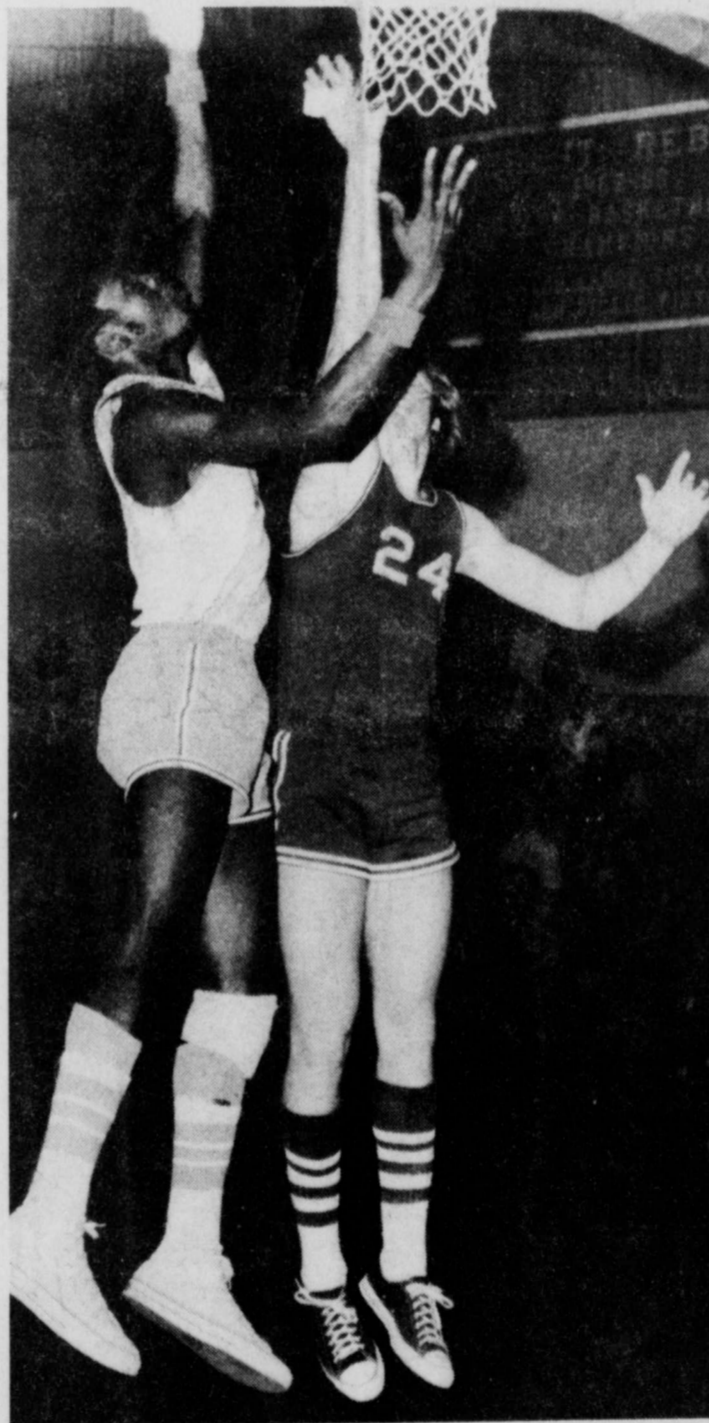
It was the first conference game of the season.

TEL Class Has Christmas Social

The T.E.L. Sunday School class of the Calvary Baptist Church held their annual Christmas social in the church Monday evening with only one member absent. Group 1 with Mrs. Edgar Easterlin as Captain were hostesses for the occasion. The serving table was covered with a red felt cloth and laden with sandwiches, cookies, candy and hot spiced punch.

The teacher, Mrs. B. L. Cain gave the invocation. President, Mrs. O. J. Holland expressed her appreciation of such a good turn out of the class. Following the meal, Mrs. M. E. Jones brought the Christmas story.

After gifts were exchanged, social chairman, Mrs. Ollie Redwine directed several interesting games. She gave each one present the ball point pen they used in playing the games. The pens were large three sided pens holding the advertisement of their business. Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Ivy Smith, Mrs. Cain and Mrs. Holland won prizes. The meeting closed with the group singing their class song, "Blest Be The Tie".



BILL MONTGOMERY got under the basket for two points in the Prairiland-Rivercrest game Friday night. Prairiland won the game, which was delayed because of a disturbance between players and spectators from Commerce and Clarksville. The tournament was called off Saturday in order to prevent further trouble when Commerce was in the playoffs. (Staff Photo).

Seventh Grade Defeats Chapel Hill

Talco seventh grade boys defeated the Chapel Hill Red Devils last Wednesday afternoon 28 to 26 at Chapel Hill. After being down by 15 points early in the third quarter, the Trojans fought back in the last two quarters to pull out the victory. The win evened their season record at 2-2. Members of the seventh grade team are Jimmy Smith, Tommy Stroud, Doug Phillips, Roger Edge, Don Thacker, Craig Clemmons, Andy Williams and Mark Hardy.

The Way We Were

By Nanalee Nichols

December 25, 1915—Little children lay in the dawn darkness squirming for the sound of daddy's boots going out to milk and mother stirring up biscuits. At those signals, no matter how warm the quilts or cold the floor, there was a mad dash downstairs for the Christmas tree to see what Santa Claus had brought. Little girls hugged china dolls in long dresses, and little boys trundled cast iron fire engines with dashing white horses across the floor. Mother and father smiled, finding more pleasure in their offspring's joy than in the new lamo or overalls.

December 25, 1945—Little children lay in the early morn, waiting for daddy to get the heaters lighted and mamma to put the puppy out. Then they tore downstairs to be thrilled by electric trains and toy sewing machines. And mommy and daddy smiled for two reasons that year, not only because of

the delighted children but also because it was the first peacetime Christmas in years. December 25, 1955—It's the same song, third verse. While the coffee pot perked kids tried out the most delivered items on Santa's list that season—the hula hoop. And mom and dad got a good laugh out of the whole series of wobbling and gyrating.

December 25, 1975—Central heat has warmed the floors, and the hour of rising is later. But the squirms and bright eyes are still the same. Toys are, to use a common phrase, "far out" performing an astonishing variety of feats. Bicycles have ten speeds, and sometimes children seem to also. But the wonder and joy of Christmas morning is still undiminished. Mother and Daddy still smile to each other more at the pure pleasure of their kids than at the new "Mr. Coffee" sitting on the dining room table with its red bow.

Tournament Cancelled

The annual Rivercrest Tournament was cancelled Saturday afternoon in a move to prevent another disturbance like that of Friday night, according to Mike Vinyard, principal.

"When we considered all the possibilities and circumstances surrounding the situation, cancelling the tournament seemed the wisest course of action," Vinyard said.

Verbal exchanges between players and spectators from Commerce and Clarksville occurred while they were playing, and were extended to the parking lot outside the school, where one individual was cut with a knife. The fight reportedly moved inside the building, where superintendent Talmadge Morgan tried to hold double doors closed against the growing crowd, but was unsuccessful. The fight then moved inside the gym and onto the east bleachers, where the men in the audience interven-

ed. Chairs were thrown and tire pumps were being used as weapons, according to reports.

One individual was treated for cuts at the Red River County hospital and released, but reports were not available on the condition of the boys from Commerce, who were taken home for treatment.

The Saturday night championship would have been between Prairiland and Commerce.

Harvest Complete

Cotton harvest is complete or has reached the final scrapping stages, except at a very few gin points along the Red River, in the Texas Counties served by the USDA's Dallas Cotton Classing Office. Roy W. Gilreath, Officer in Charge of the Dallas office said this would be the final news release of the harvest season for the Texas Counties. According to the Agricultural Marketing Service, samples from 373 bales were classed during the week ending December 12. This brought the seasonal total to 83,106 from Texas Counties.

Cotton prices fluctuated some but overall held fairly stable within about a five cent spread throughout the season. Purchases for domestic mill use or purchases to fill previously made foreign sales made up the bulk of business as new foreign sales were minimal due to price competition of foreign growths. Prices for mixed lots of predominate qualities being produced in the area started out in mid-September in the 42

to 45 cent range. By the end of September, prices ranged from around 45 up to 50 cents for selected lots. Prices gradually worked down to the 44-45 cent level by the third week of October. Prices since then have followed a general upward trend until last week prices around the 50 cent level or higher prevailed again.

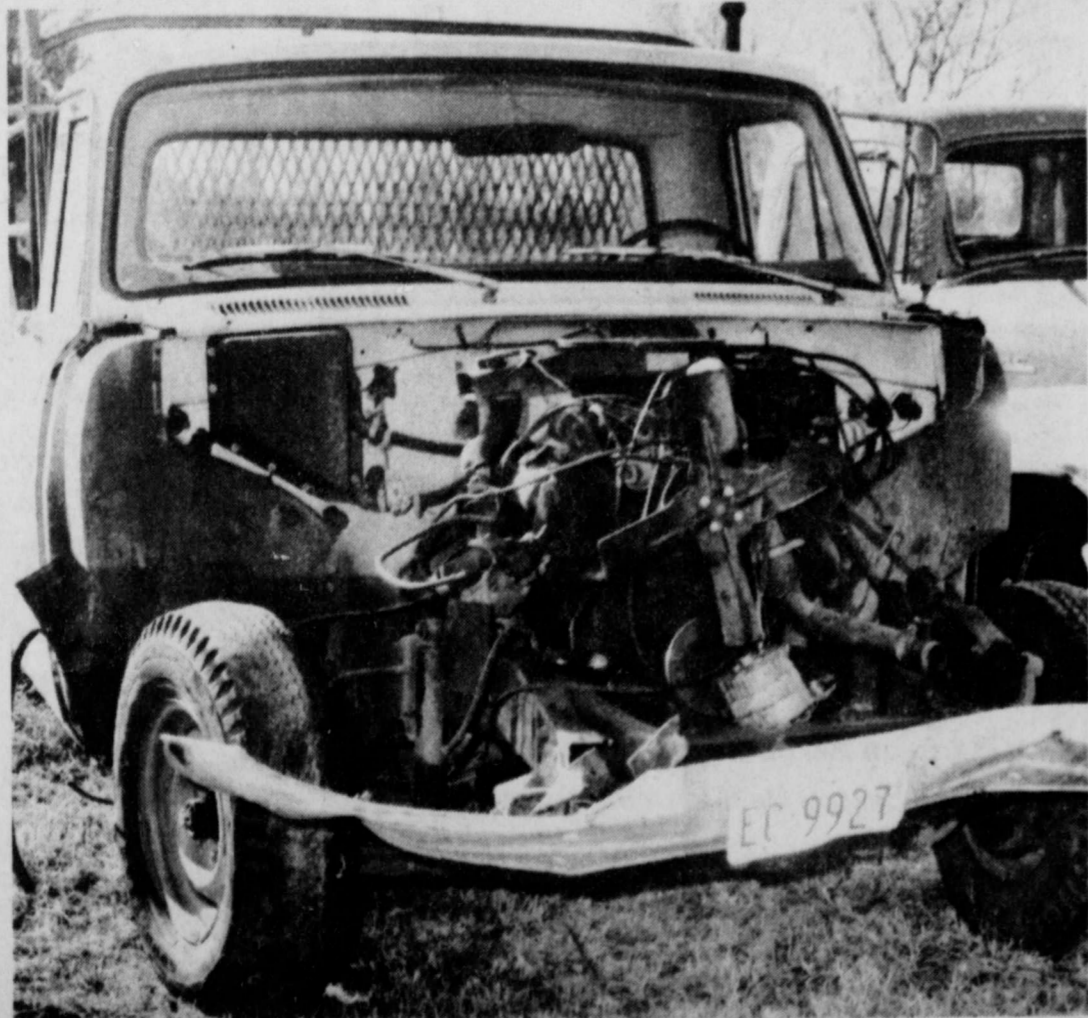
Good weather prevailed and this crop was harvested early and rapidly. All quality factors were unusually good for cotton from this area and held up well throughout the season.

For the season, grade 41 accounted for 36 percent of the cotton classed. This was followed by grade 31, 25 percent and grade 32, 21 percent. Staple 31 at 46 percent and staple 32 at 44 percent, together, accounted for 90 percent of the samples. Mike readings in the 3.5 - 4.9 range made up 92 percent of the volume. Pressley strength readings averaged 89,000 pounds per square inch for the season.

Bogata Boys Beat Avery

Bogata junior high boys met Avery in the first district game of the season December 18 with a win of 37 to 20. High scorers were Billy Scales, 19; Alvin Jordan, 10; Terry Mauldin, four; and Dale Jean, four. For Avery they were Beal, six, and Bunch, six.

This makes the Bulldog season 7-3 for the season.



AUBREY HERRIN escaped without injury when he drove onto Highway 271 in Bogata on Friday near Denny's Garage and under the dual wheels of a Conoco tank truck. Damage to the pickup was major, and the truck driver was also uninjured. (Staff Photo).

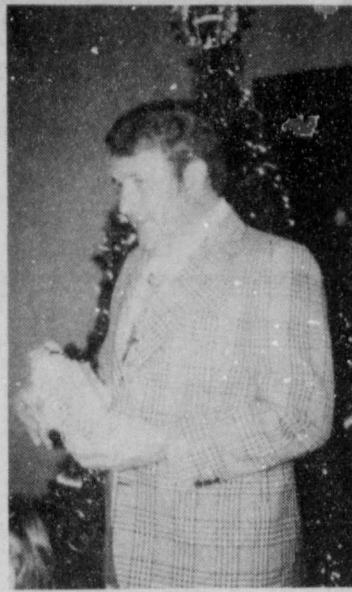
Talco Well Service Has Christmas Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell Reed of Winnboro and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Frye of Talco were hosts to the employees of Talco Well Service on Thursday evening for a Christmas dinner party. The affair was held in the banquet room at Rick's in Mount Pleasant. The en-

tertaining rooms were decorated in the Christmas theme of traditional red, green and white. The Christmas dinner was served from tables for four laid with white cloths and each was centered with a bed vase holding a single red or

white carnation and fern. Redd gave the invocation, he also expressed his appreciation to the employees for their loyalty and support during the past year. Gifts were exchanged from the gaily decorated Christmas tree.

Those present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. James Gibbs and Shana, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Gibbs and Shane, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Weatherall and Kristy, all of Bogata, Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell Reed, Kelli and Lance of Winnboro, Tommy Weisinger, Mount Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Frye, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bean, Danny, Kevin and Ricky, Mr. and Mrs. Don Eudy, Chris, Christy and Stephanie, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Nolan, Randy Lee Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parsons and Kim, Mr. and Mrs. Erby Lewis, Charlotte and Jim, Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Alexander, Stanley Jones and Miss Cindy Richeson.



WELL SERVICE—Jerrell Reed, owner of Vick Well Service in Winnboro, is pictured as he plays Santa at the Talco Well Service Christmas Party at Rick's Thursday night.

Talco Church Hosts Red River Birthday

First Baptist Church, Talco, was host for the December Birthday Party at Red River Haven Nursing Home in Bogata last Tuesday. Ten residents having December birthdays were honored, including, Annie McConnell, Edie Forrester, Vivian Belcher, Billy Boyd, Zura Newsome, Maggie Gillis, Lona Scruggs, Serena Myrtle Keener, Mary Smith and Maude Sells. Mrs. Mary Smith was recognized as being the oldest resident of the month at the age of 92. Three of the birthday girls were from Talco, Mrs. Vivian Belcher, Mrs. Lona Scruggs and Mrs. Myrtle Keener.

Entertainment was furnished by the Senior class of First Baptist Church, which presented a concert of Christmas songs under the direction of Mrs. Ann Roberts.



WAA! — Jesse Dwayne Watts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Watts, objects to the bearded gent. (Staff Photo).

Mrs. Ruby Bell Club Devotional

Mrs. Ruby Bell gave a devotional on "Joy To The World" when the Bogata Sunshine Club met Thursday with Mrs. F. P. Brumley. "Silent Night" was sung and Mrs. J. W. Corbell led in prayer. Mrs. Brumley

demonstrated two paintings and Mrs. R. J. Holt and Mrs. Forest Webster gave a reading. Refreshments were served to 10 members and one visitor, Leon Bell. The next meeting will be January 1, 1976 with Mrs. Bell.

Joy to The World

When we hear the beloved carols sung, our hearts are filled with hope—that peace & joy will fill the earth.

Kelley's Garage

379-2422 Talco

The sweet melodies of the season can be heard throughout the land. We hope you all sing many happy holiday songs, and lend an ear to our musical wishes for a warm, happy Christmas!

NOEL

Cecil's Grocery

Talco

Refreshments of birthday cake and punch were served to the 150 residents and guests by these ladies of the church, Mrs. Ima Sikes, Mrs. Ruth Belcher, Mrs. Nancy Brooks, Mrs. Charlean Treece, Mrs. Fannie Clark, Mrs. Vivian Westbrook, Mrs. Gladys Garretson, Mrs. Zelma Blackburn, Mrs. Joe Coil, Bessie Gilean, Mrs. Doe Walker, Mrs. Joyce Alexander, Mrs. George Bond, Maydean Close, a visitor, Mrs. Georgia Miller, daughter of Mrs. Scruggs. Others that could not come sent cakes.



BIRTHDAY — Mrs. Lona Scruggs, 89, celebrated her birthday at Red River Haven Tuesday. (Staff Photo).

CELEBRATING their birthdays at Red River Haven last week were Mrs. Serena Myrtle Keener, 91, and Mrs. Vivian Belcher, 83, both of Talco. (Staff Photo).

Classified Ads Bring Results

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We're ringing up our good wishes ... joy plus peace plus love. The total is the best Christmas yet! We're grateful to all our patrons.

PYLANT GROCERY

Steve, Carol And Lynn

merry, merry, Christmas

Jolly good greetings to all the wonderful folks in our community. We hope the spirit of this holiday season will abound and the good fellowship we have enjoyed with our customers continue.

Jerry Jones
Ronnie Logan
Christelle Cato
Sherry Thacker
Jo Anschutz
Wanda Vickers
Zeneth Hargrove
Russell L. Jones

Officers, Directors And Employees Of
TALCO STATE BANK



CARR DINNER—Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Graff, Mr. and Mrs. Dickey Morton were at the annual Carr Christmas Dinner held at the 271 Snack

Shop in Talco Sunday, December 21, 1975, from 11:00 until 2:00, with 33 adults and three children present.

O Holy Night

Peace on Earth May the Blessings of the Season Be With You Always

Dr. W. C. Ragan

110 Clarksville Paris

Toyou's Tidings

As we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, let every heart find His peace within ... and let every heart rejoice! Best wishes to one and all from

Johnson's

402 N. Jefferson Phone 572-8729
Mt. Pleasant, Texas

Used Christmas Trees For Fish

TYLER—Christmas trees do not have to be thrown away as soon as December is over. Instead, they can be re-cycled into fish attractors or shelters in your private lake or pond. "These fish attractors can also be used around fishing piers or a favorite 'honey hole' in most public lakes," said

Jack Crabtree, Parks & Wildlife Department fishery biologist. "However, some public lakes do have regulations which prohibit introduction of brush into the water." Since these provisions vary, one should first check with the water body administrator

before installing a fish shelter on a public lake.

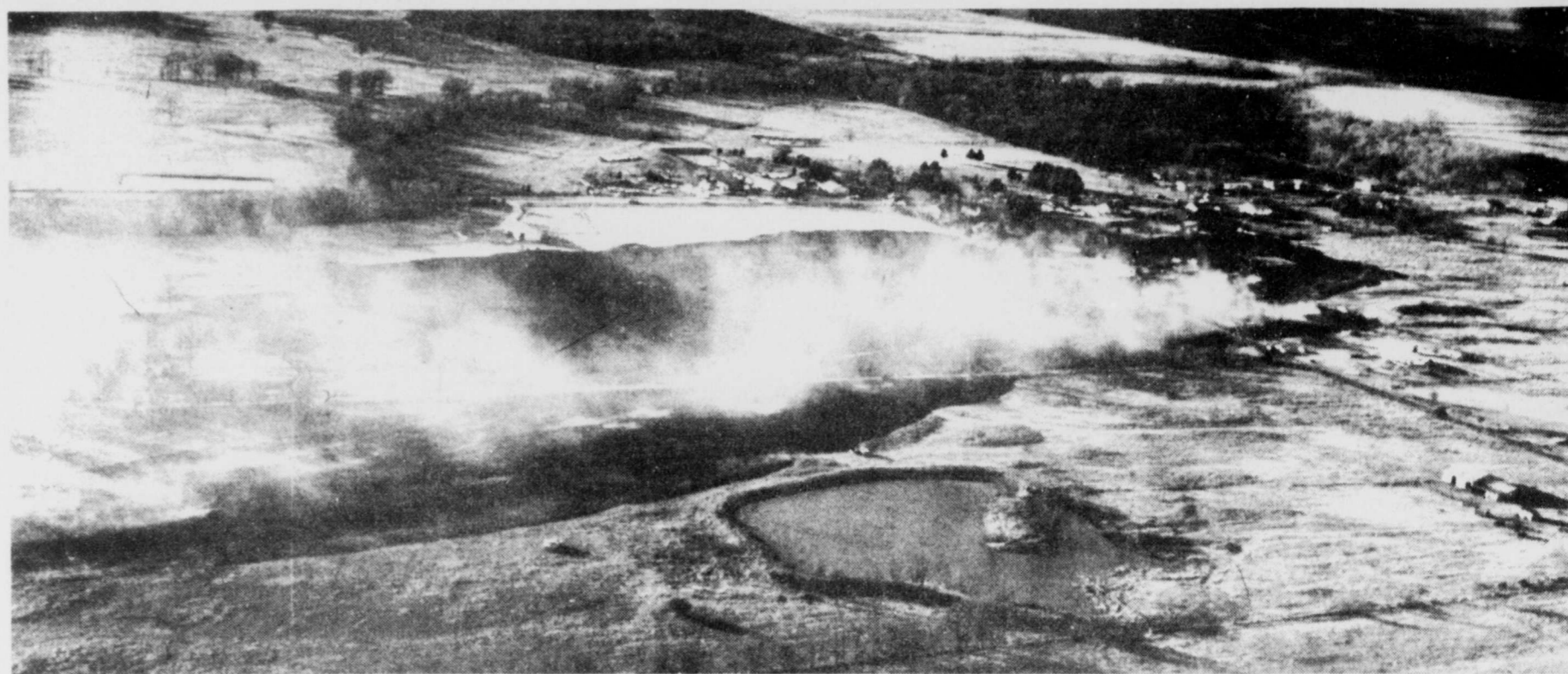
To be worthwhile, four or five trees should be used as a minimum shelter. Simply tie the trees together in a bundle, preferably with wire, and anchor them with heavy weights. The weights should completely submerge the trees. Christmas tree brush shelters such as these are especially attractive to crappie and sunfish, Crabtree explained.

If you have trouble securing additional Christmas trees, you should check with organizations which sell them. These groups may donate their un-sold trees to a worthy cause. On a larger scale, Christmas tree collecting could be expanded into a project for some of the East Texas fishing and bass clubs.

Flocked trees are not recommended, although pine and cedar with regular tinsel work well.

"One temporary drawback in using Christmas trees for fish shelters," Crabtree continued, "is that they contain resin. Fish are sensitive to odors and may not use the shelters until the smell dissipates. This may take up to four weeks".

These self-styled fish shelters should provide good fishing as soon as the resin odor disappears. In addition, they are generally more durable than regular wood and brush shelters because of the resin.



SMOKE drifts across the parched black earth already covered by the fire Saturday afternoon south of Bogata. Highway 37 is running from left to right in this picture, with Skaggs Auto Parts and

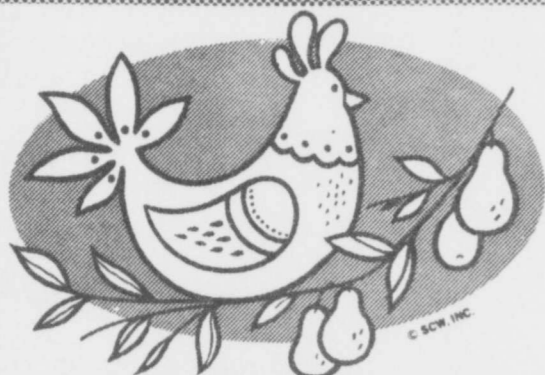
Garage in the center top. Three unoccupied houses were lost in the blaze, that required the help of the Department and Clarksville fire department before being brought under control. (Staff Photo).

YULE GREETINGS



BEST OF THE SEASON TO YOU AND YOURS!

J. W. Nichols
Clarksville, Texas



A Christmastime greeting to all our good friends!

United Dollar Store
Blanche and Billie



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Christmas Greetings

Let's follow the three Wise Men along the road to peace and contentment during this season. We wish you all a joyous holiday.

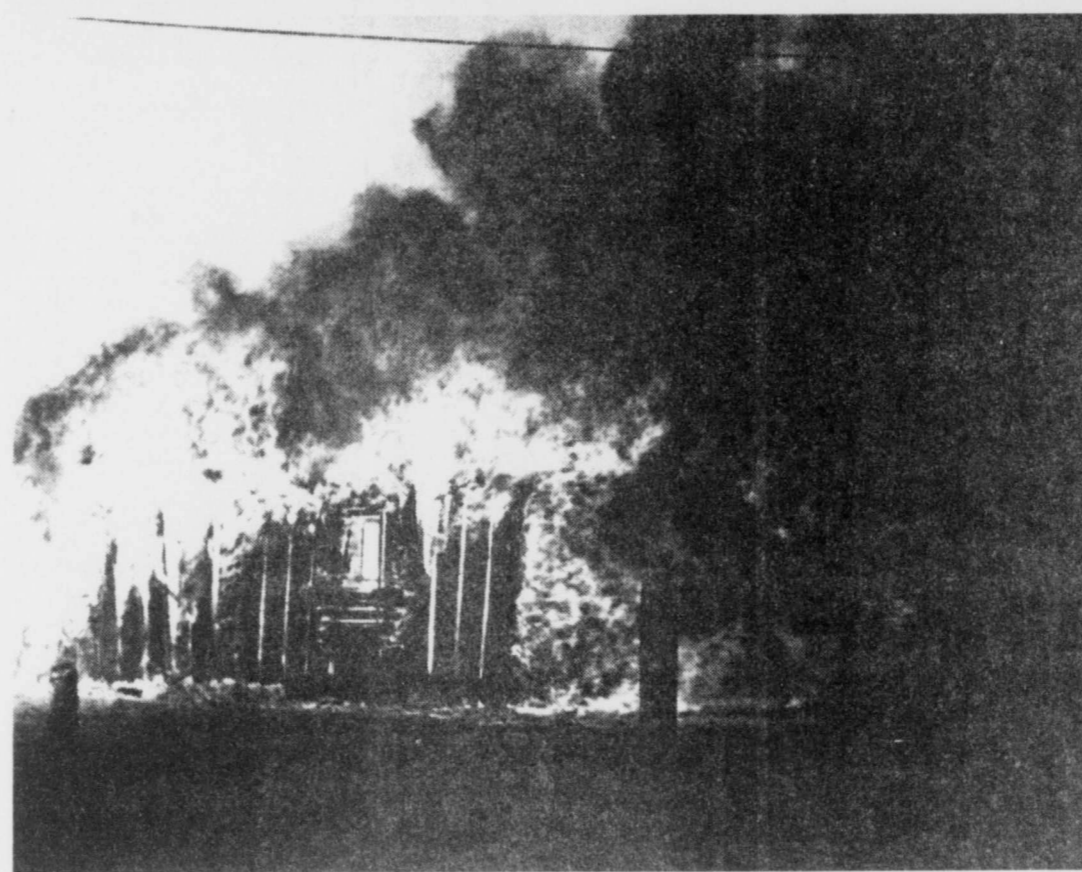
Darrell And Teresa,
James And Wanda Minshew



Christmas Blessings

Away in a manger... let's remember Christ on His day.

Bogata Paint
And Body Shop
Bear Wheel
Alignment



Terry Temple Outlines Food Stamp Program

Terry Temple, Assistant Regional Administrator of the Texas Department of Public Welfare, Paris, Thursday appeared before the Lamar County Commissioners to outline upcoming DPW Food Stamp Outreach activities in the county.

At one point in his presentation, Temple said, "I do want to make it clear that we're not appearing here today as an advocate for any group."

The outreach effort, a door-to-door face-to-face effort to explain the benefits of and the requirements for entry into the Food Stamp program, is an outgrowth of a federal court case which resulted in a court order that DPW must expand its outreach efforts, Temple

told the Commissioners. Federal grant monies for the effort are allotted to The Texas Dept. of Community Affairs who in turn fund DPW contracts through inter-departmental agreements.

Temple explained that the Community Action Resources, Inc. (CARS) organization based in Texarkana has been designated by the governor's office to serve Bowie, Red River and Lamar counties, but that the Lamar county Commissioners have not authorized CARS activity in the county.

Because of this situation, Temple told the group that DPW officials have contracted with CARS for outreach effort in Bowie and Red River counties, but not in Lamar,

BLACK SMOKE poured from a house that was destroyed Saturday south of Bogata. Depart, Clarksville and Bogata fire departments fought the fire for several hours before bringing it under control. (Staff Photo).

awaiting Commissioners Court action to clarify CARS status.

The final determination was tabled until the Commissioners regular meeting next week.



This is the wish we send your way: May yours be a Merry Holiday — And we also extend a big "thank you" for your patronage.

GLASS MOTORS
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2425 Lamar Paris



Joyous Noel

At this holy time, we extend the blessings of the season to you and yours. May the peace of Christ abide within every heart.

Simms-Moore Lumber Co.

Tommy Varner — Trey Gayler — Brenda Williams
Bogata



May love and peace light your way this Christmas!

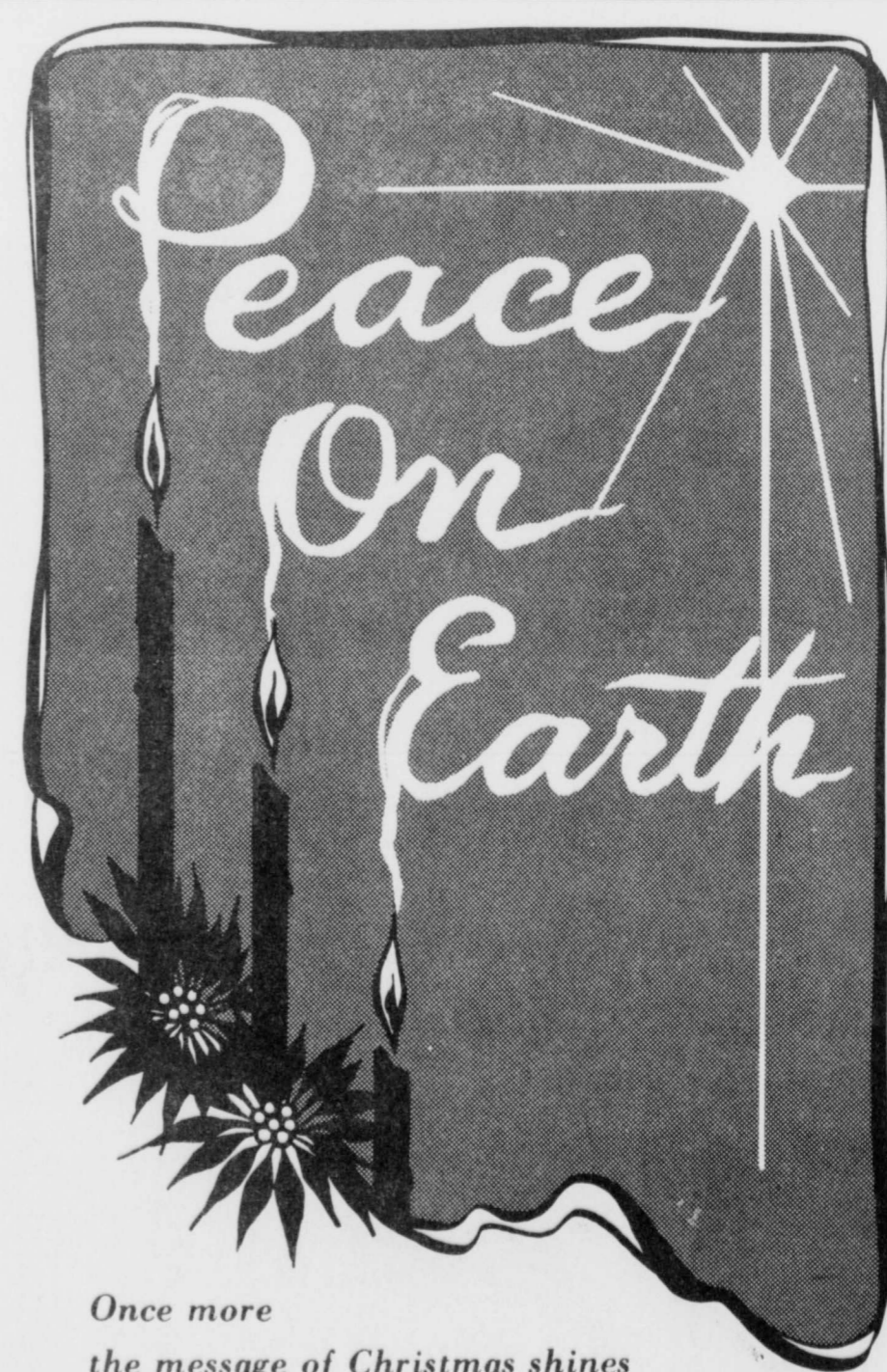
Otha & Ina White & Family



Warm Wishes for a Cozy Christmas

Buddy's

Men's Wear
Clarksville, Texas



Once more the message of Christmas shines in men's hearts... "Peace on earth, good will toward men!" Our sincere hope is that this holy season may find a world at peace.

Bobbie Cawley, Administrator

Red River Haven
Nursing Home Inc.

Bogata, Texas



HERE'S HOW...Cowboy-hatted instructors at Steamboat Ski School, Steamboat Springs, Colorado relect the Western atmosphere that prevails at this resort area.



FRESHMAN — Teresa Bogata and Talco parades last weekend. The car was driven in Bogata by Terry Williams. (Staff Photo).



ALLIED YOUTH—Betty Lou Geese portrayed Betsy Ross making a flag for the new Republic on a decorated car with the theme, "Christmas Spirit of '76." The car was in the Bogata and Talco Christmas parades. (Staff Photo).

Rev. Amerson Preaches At Golden Years Lodge

The Rev. Harold Amerson, pastor of the Ripley Baptist Church, north Mount Pleasant brought a Christmas message when he filled his third Sunday preaching appointment at the Golden Years Lodge in Mount Pleasant Sunday afternoon.

While he was delivering a sermon, his wife and other members of the church were delivering beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts to every resident in the home, approximately 75. The gifts were hand made lap robes made by the ladies of the church. There also was some unusually good

singing by the group accompanying him, including the solo, "He Touched Me" sung by their choir director, K. Sloan. It was a most touching and beautiful service. Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Taylor, members of this church gave several individual gifts to special friends in the home.

Christmas Program At Baptist Church

The annual Christmas program and party was held at the first Baptist Church Sunday evening.

The Christmas Story was presented by the young people of the church, under the direction of Mrs. Ann Roberts. The Sunbeams presented a short skit and special in songs.

After dismissal in prayer Mrs. Roberts took the young people caroling, returning to the Fellowship Hall of the Church for refreshments of sandwiches, chips, dips, cookies and punch served by teachers and parents.

They also enjoyed the marsh-mellow game and bingo during the social hour. Approximately 60 attended.

Three Kings' Day Party Occasion

On Driekonigendag, or Three Kings' Day, bands of children in grotesque costumes go around from farm to farm. They sing nonsense verses about the Kings and receive gifts of coins and cakes.

Three Kings' Day is a party occasion in Belgium. There is always a cake of the Kings. This is no ordinary party cake. As in Portugal, it contains a dried bean and the child who discovers it in his portion receives royal honors for the day.

The King chooses a Queen or, if a girl finds the bean, she names a King. The royal pair receives gold paper crowns and robes that are often pieced together from purple, orange, or scarlet scraps.

The young King and Queen rule the party. Whatever they do the court imitates. Whenever the royal pair laughs, for example, the courtiers shout, "The King laughs! The Queen laughs!" and burst out laughing. When the two sneeze, everyone sneezes; when they dance, everyone dances

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happy holidays. May your Christmas tree be gay with decorations, and your home be bright with warmth & laughter! Sincere greetings from all of us at SIMMONS GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC. GORDON, BERNICE, JERRY & ROGER TALCO

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa, I am a 3 1/2 yr. old and my brother is 2 yrs. old. We have both been pretty good this year. I want an animal farm, six million dollar man and a bunch of surprises. My brother, Brad, wants an inchworm, a six million dollar man, and a helicopter. We will have coffee and cake waiting for you. Please don't forget our dog Sam. He wants some dogfood and toy bones. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and safe return to the North Pole.

Thank you Santa, Chad and Brad Ingram. Dear Santa Claus, I am in the second grade at Talco. I have been on the honor roll twice. I have been a good girl. I want an Ice box, stove, and sink. Also, a table and chairs. I want a Baby-That-Away or Happy Baby. Michelle Barthel.

Trampoline, Christopher Don Eudy. Dear Santa Claus, I am in second grade at Talco. I have been a good girl. I want a Cathy quick Carl and a Easy bake over. Penny Norman. Dear Santa Claus, I am in the second grade at Talco, Texas. I would like a new train and a spin welder. Mark Belcher.

Dear Santa Claus, I am in the second grade at Talco. I have been a good boy. I want a Walkie Talkie, six million dollar man and a Trampoline. Jay Roberts.

Dear Santa Claus, I am in the second grade at Talco. I have been a good girl. I want a Baby That Away, bike, Bless you Baby, and record player. Kim Parsons.

Dear Santa Claus, I am in the second grade at Talco. I was on the honor roll last six weeks. I have been a good girl. I want a trompeline and a B-B- gun. Susan Baxley.

Dear Santa Claus, I am in the second grade at Talco. I have been a good girl. I have been on "a" honor roll. I want a big doll. Jeanie Hanks.

Dear Santa Claus, I am in second grade at Talco. I have been a good girl. I have been on the honor roll. I want a Rub a Dub Dollie, a Doctor case, and purse. Misti Foxworthy.

Dear Santa Claus, I am in the second grade at Talco. I have been a good girl. I want a baby that away and some clothes. Sandy Brooks.

Dear Santa Claus, I am in the second grade at Talco. I have been a good girl. I made the "AB" honor roll. I want a bicycle. Perry Lewis.

Dear Santa Claus, I am in the second grade at Talco. I have been a good boy. I want a bicycle. Kenny Phillips.

Dear Santa Claus, I am in the second gade at Talco. I have been a good girl. I want a Calculator, baby that a way and Clothes. Melissa Brooks.

Dear Santa Claus, I am in the second grade at Talco. I have been a good girl. I want a Baby That Away and a music Box. I make good grades. Sandra Taylor.

Dear Santa Claus, I am in the second grade at Talco. I have been a good boy. I want a Motorcycle 75, an a

Bogata In Talco Tourney

In the Talco Tournament December 11, 12 and 13 the Bogata Junior High girls met Blossom December 11 and lost 24 to 25. Bogata high scorers were Annette Harris, six; Linda Crow, 12; and Sharon Embrey, five. For Blossom Reiley scored eight. At the end of regulation the score was tied 23 to 23 and in overtime play made two free throws for two points and won the game.

On December 12 they met Detroit and won by a score of 20 to 13. High scorers were again Annette Harris, eight, and Linda Crow, seven. For Detroit Y. Yarbrough scored nine points.

December 13 was against Avery and they were defeated by 13 to 25. High scorers were Annette Harris, four, and Linda Crow, three. For Avery Titus, 13, and Johnson, 12. This was the consolation game.

Season's Greetings. May your Christmas be as gay and sparkling as the ornaments that brighten your tree! We thank you for your past patronage. WHERE NO ONE WALKS AWAY Donnie Keck Ford, Inc. Ferguson Road Phone 572-3486 MT. PLEASANT, TEXAS

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Dotty Moore, Dennis Carr To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Russell D. Moore announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Louise, to Dennis Glen Carr of Bogata, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carr of Bogata. The couple will be married Friday, January 2, 1976 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Moore. The Rev. David Griffin will hear the couple pledge their double-ring vows. Miss Moore is currently enrolled at Paris Junior

College. Her fiance is employed at Cullum Auto Parts in Paris.



DOROTHY LOUISE MOORE



JUNIORS—Kathy Brooks, Junior class Christmas Queen, rode the class decorated car in both the Talco and Bogata Christmas parades. (Staff Photo).

NHS—The Rivercrest National Honor Society entered a car in the Bogata parade, and it was ridden by Betty Sheffield and Janice Graham. (Staff Photo).

Agri-Products Need Higher Prices

A stocking full of increased prices for their products in 1976 would be the very best gift that Santa Claus could leave the nation's food and fiber producers this Christmas. In fact, this could be the best gift for bankers and other agribusinessmen who are dependent on agriculture. The year 1975 has not been a very favorable year for most Lamar County agriculture producers. Probably the hardest hit has been the beef cattle segment, and with the apparent brucellosis quarantine to become effective on January 1, the coming year could indeed be even worse.

We as a nation have been told over and over and over what a great country we have in which to live. We boast of the fact that only 17 percent of our income is spent on food. We are also proud of the gigantic strides that our American food and fiber producers have made in the area of production efficiency.

transportation and retailing of these products must have a decent living. And I would be quick to add that the producers of these products must also be paid a decent price for their services in order to live as decent citizens of our nation. Gone are the days when our nation's producers could experience low economic returns on successive years. This is due primarily to inflated prices of all the production inputs. The big question today is how many more losing years can the livestock producer endure before calling it quits?

Soybean farmers saw their profits dip in 1975 as prices fell well below 1974 prices. Some of this can be attributed to the government's involvement in world markets that had been established by the soybean farmers through the American Soybean Association.

Another interesting development in 1975 agriculture was the emergent of the State Department as an "Expert" in agriculture pricing and marketing. Let's hope their decision making. Let's hope their decisions are in the interest of the expense of them.

Yes, Santa, increased 1976 farm prices would be about the best gift for the American farmer. In fact, Santa, it would even be the best gift for our nation. Oh yes, there will be a big thick broiled steak; baked potato topped with Soy Bits, cheese and real butter; tossed salad with diced ham and egg; hot chocolate; and pecan pie waiting for you on Christmas Eve. Please hurry and don't be late.

But on the other hand, we as consumers have not and are not, apparently willing to pay more for the abundant food and fiber supply. Every time there is an increase in food prices most of us are quick to point out that the American Farmer is getting rich.

It is amazing to those of us who are associated with agriculture how prices to the consumer never seem to drop in proportion to the drop in prices to the producer. On the other hand, the increase in prices to the consumer are never in proportion to the increased producer price. This could perhaps be labeled as the "Great Mystery".

Now we realize that people engaged in the processing

Make Resolutions? Be Reasonable

If you plan to make one or more resolutions for the New Year, be reasonable. A resolution you know you will not, or cannot, keep does little for self-confidence.

Make a resolution aimed at self-improvement, one which will not require a drastic change in habits or activities.

Here are four rules you might follow:

1. Don't resolve to do anything under the pressure of a calendar date or a friend's nudge to do "something to improve yourself."
2. Do take serious stock of your problems. Try to define the source of the trouble, not merely the symptom. If you are overweight and it is due to boredom or feeling sorry for yourself, solve the problem and weight loss will be easier. If necessary, get professional advice.
3. Once you have located the source of your difficulty, find out how important a change is to you. Is it a project you can really put yourself into? If you are not convinced you really want to overcome a situation as a personal goal, your resolution probably will be worthless. Other people's prodding is a poor substitute for a personal commitment.
4. Finally, keep your goals reasonable. Many mental problems and lost resolutions are results of unreasonable, unattainable goals.

Jones Entertain Couples Class

Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Jones entertained the Young Couples class of the First Baptist Church with a Christmas party Saturday evening. Traditional Christmas decorations were used throughout the house.

After several games the group was served refreshments of candy, cookies, chips, dips, punch and coffee.

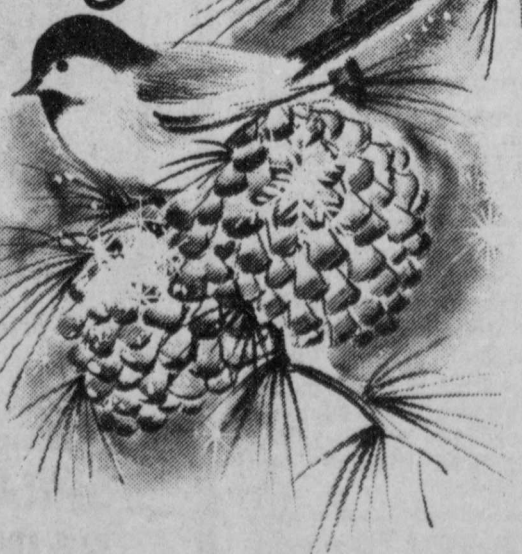
Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Coil, Mr. and Mrs. Don Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hood, the Rev. and Mrs. Barney Treece and Tresa, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fitch and the hosts.



CHEERLEADERS riding in the Talco Christmas parade were LeeAnn House, Teresa Allums, Freda Cabell, Velma Savage and Kathy Pirtle. (Staff Photo).

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Talco Third And Second In Junior High Tournament

The Talco Junior High girls and boys placed third and second in the annual Talco Tournament held last weekend. The girls won the opening game against Avery 25 to 19. Gloria Savage led Talco's offensive charge with 16 points; Margaret Hines added eight; and Tracie Jones, one. Jeannie Edge did an outstanding job on defense for Talco. In second round action, Talco was defeated by North Lamar 33 to 11, but they came back to defeat Deport for the third place trophy 32 to 24. In that game Gloria Savage poured in 25 points for Talco; Judy Via added four; and Tracie Jones, three. Jeannie Edge, Margaret Hines, Carla Mills and Donna Hines all did a good job on the guard end for Talco.

The Talco boys advanced to the finals by beating Avery 57 to 25. Everybody got into the scoring act in this game, as Charles Savage and Roger Galloway scored 11 points each; Gregg Norman added 10; Jimmy Via, eight; Tommy

Stroud and Doug Phillips, four each; David Birchfield, three; and Jimmy Smith, Eddie Norman and Mark Hardy, two each. The Talco boys defeated North Lamar Friday night 38 to 31 to advance to the finals. Galloway and Savage led Talco's scoring with 10 points each. Jimmy Via and Eddie Norman did an outstanding defensive job in that game, coming up with several key steals and interceptions late in the game.

In the finals, Talco was defeated by Blossom 39 to 29. Roger Galloway scored 12 points; followed by Eddie Norman with 10; Jimmy Via, four; and Charles Savage, three.

The girls consolation was won by Avery 25 to 13 over Bogata, and the girls championship was won by North Lamar by defeating Blossom 35 to 21. The boys consolation was taken by Bogata 33 to 29 over Avery, and in the third place game, North Lamar defeated Deport's boys 36 to 24.

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OBITUARIES

Sam F. Reeder

Funeral services for Sam F. Reeder, of Garland, were held Monday, December 15, 1975, at 2:00 p.m. in Williams Chapel, Garland, with the Rev. Billy Harris and Pastor James Mueller officiating. Interment was at Restland Cemetery, there.

Reeder, who was born May 16, 1909, in Tennessee, was a resident of Garland for 35 years, died Saturday.

Reeder is survived by his widow, Nancy; two daughters, June Busse of Lewisville and Dixie Monroe of Garland; sisters, Alpha Russell of Paris, Maudie Lee Preston of Garland and Minnie Young of Rockwall; grandchildren, Choya and Troy Barker of Garland, Monette and Marchelle Monroe of Garland, and great-grandchild, Choya Dewayne Barker of Garland.

Mrs. Mary Jane Williams

Mrs. Mary Jane Williams, 93, Depart Nursing Home, died in McCuiston Regional Medical Center at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, December 18, 1975.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church, Depart, with the Rev. Glenn Renfro officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery under the direction of Grant Funeral Home, Depart.

Mrs. Williams was born November 12, 1882, in Alabama, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Terry. She came to Texas at the age of 18 and at that age married Shelby Williams, who died in 1933.

Survivors include one son, Clyde Williams of Avery; one daughter, Mrs. Rena Rollins of Depart; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Rayford Yancy, Paul Jackson, Forrest Parks, Raymond Hignight, Terry Johnson and Rabb Skidmore.

H. S. Harrell

Services for H. S. Harrell, 77, of Longview were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday at Welch Funeral Home with Dr. W. C. Everette, Dr. W. Morris Ford and the Rev. Kenneth Mann officiating. Burial was in Memory Park Cemetery.

He died early Thursday at a local hospital after a sudden illness.

A member of First Baptist Church, Harrell was in the Businessmen's Bible Class, and ushur, a member of the Longview Kiwanis Club and Masonic Lodge No. 404. He was a real estate and insurance broker.

Survivors include his widow, Arvie; a son, Billy of Houston; two sisters, Mrs. J. H. Purdy and Mrs. Rex Howard, both of Houston; a brother, Alton of Houston; and two grandsons, Bobby of Dallas and Mike of Houston.

Mrs. Harrell was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Will Thompson of Bogata.

Carol Wayne Logan

Services for Carol Wayne Logan were held Sunday, December 21, 1975 at 3:30 p.m. at Smith-Bates Chapel with the pastor of the Church of God of Prophecy of Wilkinson and Charles Collins from South Texas officiating. Burial was made in the De Shields Cemetery.

Logan was born in Titus County on June 19, 1956 and died Friday, December 19, 1975.

He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Carol Logan of Duncanville, one sister, Brenda Logan and one brother, David Logan, both of Duncanville. Also surviving are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Logan of Wilkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brown of Argo.

Logan was pronounced dead on arrival at Titus County Memorial Hospital about 7:45 a.m. today, after a one-car accident 1.5 miles north of the Midway Grocery on FM 1402 (Harts Bluff Road).

The investigation by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers indicated the car was south-bound when it ran off the right side of the road coming out of a curve, traveled about 150 yards along the shoulder, crossed the road and travelled another 150 yards, rolling over as it went, then, came to rest next to a pasture fence across the road from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Irby. Mr. and Mrs. Irby told DPS Trooper Tony Bynum that they heard the noise of the accident about 7 a.m. and summoned an ambulance when they saw the overturned car.

The victim was thrown from the car, a 1969 Oldsmobile. The Mount Pleasant Fire Department made an inservice run to the scene and hosed down the overturned car to prevent leaking gasoline from igniting.

Mrs. Carra Ashley of Pleasant Grove Nursing Home died at 4:45 a.m. Friday, December 19, 1975, at McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

Leverett and Steele Funeral Home of Paris transferred the body to the People's Co-op Funeral Home in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma for services there.

Mrs. Ashley was born March 15, 1887, in Blossom. She was married to William Marvin Ashley who preceded her in death. She was a member of the Christian Church.

Survivors include four sons, Henry of Milpedas, California, Jack of Vernon, Ralph of Newton and John Ashely of Lone Wolf, Oklahoma; three daughters, Mrs. Sue Hulien of Paris, Mrs. Pete (Ruthie) Landers of Gainesville and Mrs. Warren (Jewell) Newberry of Waco; two brothers, Tom Ray of Blossom and Henry Ray of Paris; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Carnahan of Tigertown and Mrs. Edith Martin of Shawnee, Oklahoma; 24 grandchildren; and 40 great-grandchildren.

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Thanks to the Bogata Fire Dept. and others who helped fight the grass fire Saturday afternoon. Guy Smelser.

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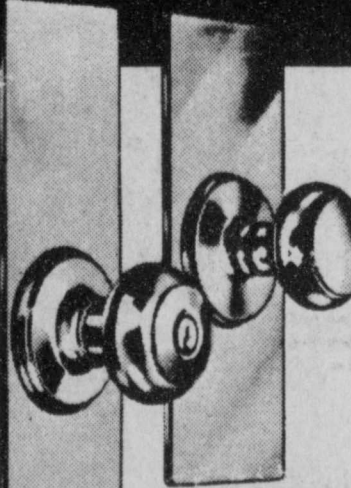
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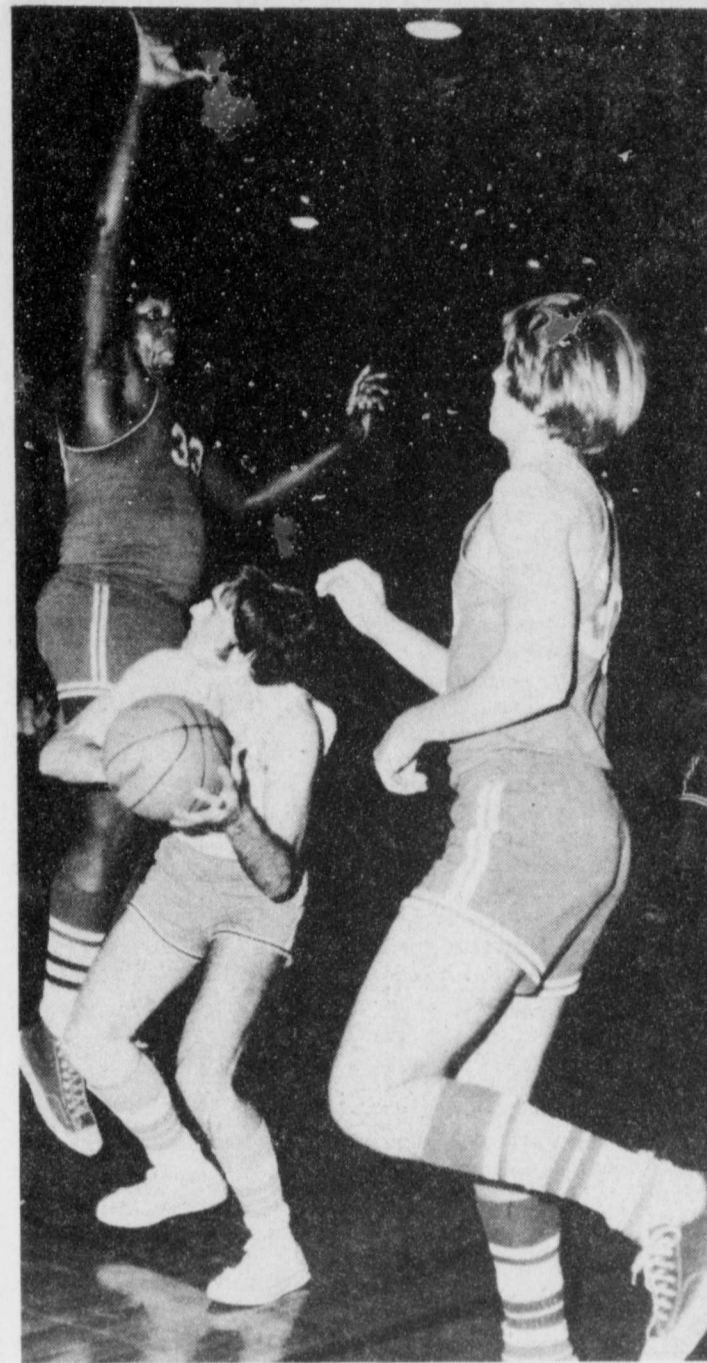
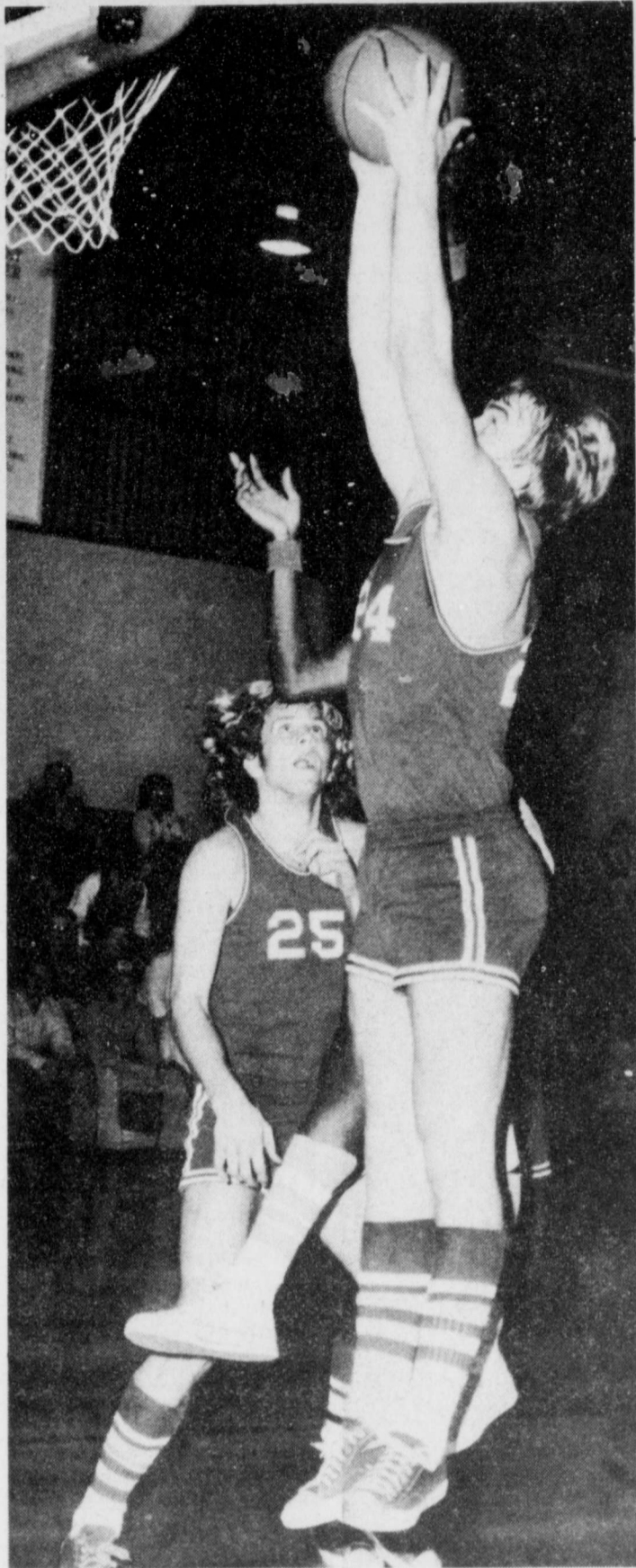
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BRAD HUDSON was on the leading Prairiland rebounders in the Rivercrest-Prairiland tournament contest Friday night. Prairiland would have been in the finals, but the tournament was cancelled Saturday because of a disturbance before the game. (Staff Photo).

Charles Dickens' Christmas Thoughts

"I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come around . . . as a good time; a kind of forgiving time, charitable and pleasant; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they were really fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And therefore . . . though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good; and I say, God bless it!"

CHRISTOPHER FIRST Christopher Columbus is believed by many to be the first white man to celebrate New Year's Day in the Western Hemisphere. Columbus enjoyed a sumptuous meal with two monarchs on the Island of Haiti, January 1, 1493, when his ships were being repaired.



INTIMIDATING Mike Medlin of the Rivercrest Rebels was Tommy Dowdy of the Prairiland Patriots, who towered over most of the Rivercrest players. Prairiland won the game, and would have played Commerce in the finals Saturday night had the tournament not been cancelled. (Staff Photo).

AN APPLE, AN ORANGE A spicy pomander ball for scenting drawers and closets is made by studding a firm apple or orange with cloves, as close together as possible. The fruit is then rolled in equal parts of cinnamon andorris root and tied with a gay ribbon.



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Some Counties Gain And Others Lose Brucellosis Area Status

Seven counties moved up in the national brucellosis eradication program, but 17 others slipped a step during the past 30 days, the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reported Monday, December 15. Regaining top status as certified brucellosis-free was Newton County, Texas; Beadle County, South Dakota; and Harris, Liberty, McMullen, Robertson and Upshur counties, Texas, all regained modified certified status. On the negative side, Jackson

County, Illinois, and Brewster County, Texas, lost certified brucellosis-free status. Losing modified certified status were Adair County, Missouri, Adair County, Oklahoma, and Angelina, Galveston, Garza, Hardeman, Hopkins, Jasper, Morris, Red River, Shelby, Terry, Uvalde, Webb and Zavala counties, Texas.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) explained that counties lose status in the eradication program when herds fail to meet required testing schedules. The schedule provides that an infected herd must be retested within six months. When an infected animal is found, through the Market Cattle Identification program, the herd must be tested or quarantined within 30 days. If quarantined, the herd must be tested within six months. Dairy herds must be tested within 30 days after a suspicious brucellosis ring test has been reported.

A county's status is not changed or revoked for failing to meet testing schedules if the state has initiated legal steps against a delinquent livestock owner. When status is revoked or changed, it may be regained when deficiencies are corrected.

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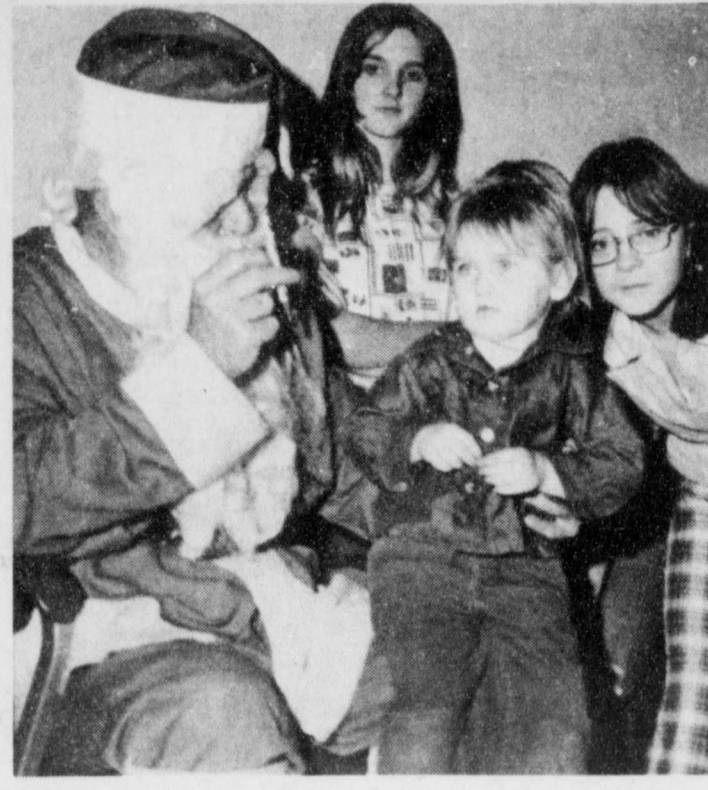
Sleigh bells ringing in the night.
Yule logs burning warm and bright.
Children laughing with delight.



PERKY—Tonya Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn, is right at home on Santa's lap. (Staff Photo).



DOYLA BARTHEL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barthel, has a short talk with Santa. (Staff Photo).



SPELLBOUND—Michelle Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Foster, sits spellbound on Santa's knee. (Staff Photo).



NO SMILE FOR SANTA—Santa is trying to coax a smile from Christy Richeson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Richeson. (Staff Photo).

Avery Squeaks By Bogata Girls

Bogata Junior High girls met Avery December 19 and lost by a close score of 33 to 34. High scorers for Bogata were Annette Harris, 11; Sharon Embrey, nine; Linda Crow, nine; and Suzanne Taylor, four. For Avery Titus, 22 and Johnson, 12. This was the first district game and was close during the last quarter.

Happy Holiday



May this holiday be one that lights the way to peace.

Bradshaw's
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JOY TO ALL

We wish you & yours a happy holiday season!

Alex & Zip Waddell



PETITE MISS—Felicia Hobson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hobson, waits patiently as Santa gets her candy and gum. (Staff Photo).



BIG EYES—Brandi Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray Jones, is a little overwhelmed at sitting on Santa's lap. (Staff Photo).

Talco Personals

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Sain during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown, Miss Ollie Eavens from Bloomington, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Posey from Houston.

Bill Easley has returned to his home in Lovington, New Mexico after visiting here during the week with his sister, Mrs. R. L. Clark, Mrs. Susie McCullor and Mrs. Roy Ottinger. He also visited these brothers, Melvin Easley, Tom Easley and Albert Easley.

Jimmy Lee Croley of Mt. Pleasant visited with the W. E. Welch's Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bradley of Mt. Pleasant visited Friday and Orvis Welch of Ft. Worth was a Friday night guest.

Mrs. Allean Fussell of Dickinson and Mrs. Martha Perry of the Golden Years Lodge, Mt. Pleasant visited in the home of Mrs. Ollie Reid Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Laird and sons, Bruce Jr. and Steven of Corpus Christi arrived here Saturday for the Christmas Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Belcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mayes had their Christmas dinner Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Black and daughters, Angela and Jerri; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rolf and daughter, Dynphania; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hobson, Melinda and Felecia, all of Mount Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Belcher, Mrs. W. W. Belcher and Miss Pam Smith of Mount Pleasant.

Ney Alton Blackburn and daughter, Kim, of Dallas spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ney Blackburn. Loyd Gauntt entered the McCuiston Hospital in Paris Saturday where he was scheduled for surgery Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Frve were luncheon guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hull of Willsboro Sunday.



TROY LEWIS and Tom Barthel returned home Friday after a two day deer hunting trip in South Texas near Del Rio. They downed these four bucks with 306 rifles. One was a six pointer, two with eight points and one with nine points. (Staff Photo).

Mrs. Stockton Honored With Shower

Mrs. Eugene Stockton was honored Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. with a pink and blue shower in the home of Mrs. Boyd Horton. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Edgar Easterling, Mrs. Loyd Gauntt, Mrs. Bob Fitch, Mrs. Leo Roberts and Mrs. Wayman Alexander.

The hostesses' gift to Mrs. Stockton was a pretty gown and robe to match.

The serving table was covered with a white cloth over yellow and centered with a crystal bowl filled with yellow flowers and flanked by tall white tapers. The hostesses alternated in serving sherbert punch and tiny decorated cake squares.

The gifts were passed around the room for each guest to view after being opened by the honoree.

Jimmy Gray Graduates From East Texas

Jimmy Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gray, received his B.S. Degree in Political Science and History from ETSU at Commerce Friday evening, December 19, 1975. Jimmy was among the top ten in his class.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray attended the graduation.



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Talco Self Serve Drawing Winners Announced

Winners of the drawing at Talco Self-Service Station were Flint Hendricks, Talco, men's watch; Gary Howard, Bogata, woman's watch; L. Hargrove, Talco, auto-room air freshener; Mrs. Oleta Van-dever, auto-room freshener.

Johntown News

Leslie Weisinger of Longview visited last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Weisinger.

Dan Cotten of Midland visited Saturday with his father, W. A. Cotten, and his aunts, Miss Vera Cotten and Mrs. Maggie Chessier.

Mr. and Mrs. Drue Pirtle of Longview and Johntown are proud parents of a son born December 14 weighing 6 pounds and 7 1/2 ounces and named Clay Jason. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Roach of Bogata and Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Pirtle.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hervey were Mrs. Josie Allums and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mayes and Mrs. Arthur Jennins, all of Bogata.

Visitors during the week and over the weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Wicks were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Anderson and family of Mesquite and Mrs. Junior Black of Fort Worth was a Tuesday visitor. Friday night visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitlock of Fort Worth. Sunday visitors were Mrs. Van Wicks

have a nice weekend...

Best Wishes



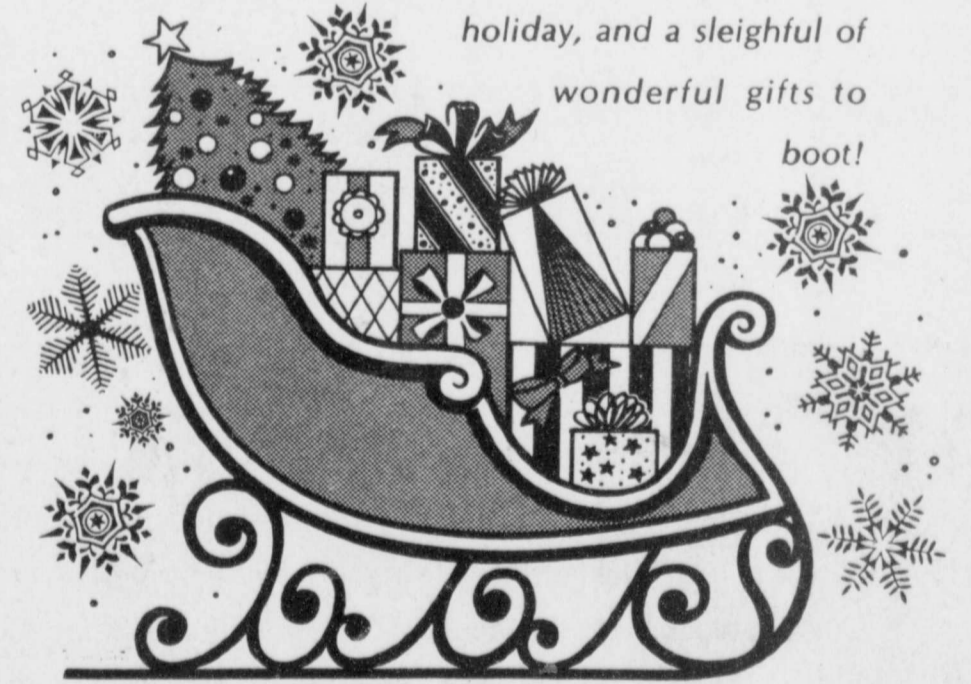
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Best Wishes

Here's hoping you have a jolly good holiday, and a sleighful of wonderful gifts to boot!



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