

# Gift shop tonight and save! ... It's 'Postex Employees Night'

ON PRE-CHRISTMAS VISIT

## Santa Claus to 'drop in' early Saturday afternoon

If the present chilly weather keeps up, Santa Claus is going to drop in on Saturday for his first of three pre-Christmas visits to see the local kids.

Santa is due to arrive at 1 p.m. Saturday and the junior high band will escort him into the business section and stay around to play Christmas carols and other spirited music until about three.

The first of three Christmas drawings is scheduled for 4 p.m. with \$50 worth of trade with a participating Post merchant going to the winner—if he is on hand to claim the prize.

If he doesn't happen to be on hand, the prize will climb to \$100 for the second drawing the following Saturday and then could jump up to \$150 for the third and final drawing on Dec. 18, at which time slips will be drawn until a winner is determined.

The Post Antelope band will provide the Christmas music for the second Saturday and the Post High choir will sing on the final Saturday afternoon of the holiday series. Word from the North Pole is that Santa is pretty mushy up there and Santa is hoping for a good blizzard to "cool things off."

Santa will have his sack of candy with him Saturday with treats for all the youngsters.

If your boy or girl wants to "send Santa's ear he will sit it out for two hours this year on the vacant lot in the 100 block East Main.

Santa admits he is getting a mite older and all that walking up and down Main Street on Saturdays leaves him pretty pooped!

For the oldesters, more interested in the prize drawings than the jolly old gentleman in the red suit, in any participating store with a drawing card in its window.

## Funeral services set Friday for Wesley Stephens

Funeral services for William Wesley Stephens, 75, a resident of Garza County since 1915, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church.

Stephens, who was a retired farmer and stockman, died at 10:25 p.m. Tuesday in Garza Memorial Hospital following an illness of several months' duration.

Born July 11, 1896, he was married to Darris Bowen on Jan. 29, 1920. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the First Baptist Church and the American Legion post here.

Survivors include his wife, Darris; one son, Bowen Stephens of Plains; four daughters, Mrs. Lucille Windham of Post, Mrs. Zella Burch of Newark, Ohio, Mrs. Joyce Richardson of Lubbock, and Mrs. Sue Lovingsood of Odessa; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Wesley Jr., in 1943, by his parents and by one brother and two sisters.

The Rev. Robert Griffin, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate at the funeral services, assisted by the Rev. A. C. Hardin, a former pastor of the church.

Burial will be in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Mason Funeral Home with nephews as pallbearers.

## Chamber election ballots ready

Ballots for the 1972 election of a president and new directors for the Post Chamber of Commerce will go into the mail Monday to members with ballots required to be back in the Chamber office by Dec. 20 to be counted.

Mrs. Maxine Marks and Jim Cornish are the nominees for president.

Nominated for two-year terms on the board of directors are Walter Dickey, Silas Short, Jack Alexander, Mrs. Helen Miller, Jim Prather, Ronald Simpson, Bailey Mayo, Earl Chapman and Bo Jackson.

The five drawing the most votes will be elected to director positions. New officers and directors will take office after the annual Chamber banquet in February.



## POST HIGH GRADUATE

### Wins raves for acting ability

Billy Jack Hodges, speech and English education major from Post, is winning acclaim with his roles in productions at the Van Ellis Theatre on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, according to William Clark, professor in acting and director of the theatre.

Early in the semester, Hodges turned in an outstanding performance in the one-act play, "Please, No Flowers," by Joel Esana. Next came the major fall production of "Inherit the Wind" by Lawrence and Lee, in which Hodges gave a notable performance as the Rev. Jeremiah Brown. According to a review of the play in the college newspaper, "his hell-fire and brimstone sermon at the prayer meeting is one of the highlights of the play. It was both frightening and comical; a great job."

Hodges, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hodges of Post, is presently directing "Waiting for the B. S.," a one-act play by Ramon Delgado, to be presented to the public Dec. 10-11.

A graduate of Post High School,



BILLY JACK HODGES



We are extremely happy to announce that the Teen Agers Live Nativity Scene will be presented again this Christmas eve in the Cornish carport for the 11th consecutive year.

It was a family custom Mrs. C founded 11 years ago and the Cs with a whole lot of help from a lot of people including the all-important teenagers, will continue it 3 weeks from tomorrow night in the precious memory of Mrs. C.

The key factor each year in continuing the sponsorship of the "scene" is in getting Miss C, the younger, and Mrs. K, the older, home for the holidays at the lively Cornish castle.

We are delighted to announce both are coming, which means the "show will go on."

Next item on the agenda is to determine who of the "scene" alumni now attending universities all over the country — including Wyoming, Oklahoma, and Princeton — to name three sort of off the beaten path — want a part again this year.

Those who do please get in touch — a card, a mother's phone call, or any other means of communications — will do. Then we will know how much recruiting needs to be done among the Post high schoolers to round out the cast and bring on new talent.

Mrs. C always left it up to the youngsters themselves to determine when they had "graduated" from the Christmas eve cast to only "out front watchers." So we're keeping this "ground rule" in.

We were much more prophetic than we realized when we wrote last week that in remodeling the office we were just going to give Ben Owen the door key when we drove out of town and "it will be interesting to note any changes when we return."

It sure was interesting all right. When we peeked in Sunday night— Ben still having half the floor to lay— we had a whole new color scheme — yellow walls with brown furniture instead of light green walls with the furniture the same color. Seems, Ben explained, that my floor pattern wasn't available on short notice so he had to substitute another because it all had to be done over the weekend. What he got didn't match the green walls. (See Postings, page 8)

## Ward rites held in Post Friday

Funeral services for Forrest Lee Ward, 79, a retired farmer of the Pleasant Valley community, were held at 2:30 p.m. last Friday in the First United Methodist Church.

Ward died about 6 p.m. Tuesday of last week at his home following a brief illness. A native of Water Valley, Miss., he moved to Garza County 56 years ago and was married to Jewell Robinson in 1929 in Slaton.

He was a member of the Garza County Democratic Executive Committee, representing the Pleasant Valley voting precinct, and was a member of the Woodmen of the World lodge. He had been a member of the Methodist church since boyhood.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Virginia Gentry of Midland; a brother, Jess Ward of Slaton; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Jim Sharp of New Deal and the Rev. Sherman Erwin of the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, officiated at the funeral services. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Cecil Lee, Jack Burkett, James Shelton, Spencer Bevers, Clark Barton, Martin Edmunds, Pete Lancaster and Gaylord Kinard.

## Christmas trees are on sale by Jaycees

The Post Jaycees are selling Christmas trees as a fund raising project for the proposed new Post Youth Center.

The Jaycees have set up their Christmas tree collection in the former Ford agency building on West Main, and are open from 5 to 9 p.m. weeknights, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and 2 to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

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# The Post Dispatch

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## Freeze thaws, teachers to get salary increases

### December checks to reflect hike

Post school teachers are among approximately 140,000 in the state who will get the pay raises the legislature voted for them — just in the "St. Nick" of time.

Local teachers will receive their first increased pay checks this month, shortly before Christmas.

William F. (Bill) Shiver, superintendent of the Post schools, made the announcement this week following the lifting of President Nixon's August freeze order on Nov. 14.

More than 60 members of Post's faculty are affected in the latest ruling on the state increases. Only a few of the administrators and the coaches escaped the freeze here, as their contracts began before the freeze was ordered.

The superintendent explained that the school year begun here the third week in August when teachers reported for in-service work. "So as of Nov. 14 we are figuring they lost one-fourth of their state increase," he said.

Teachers have received three

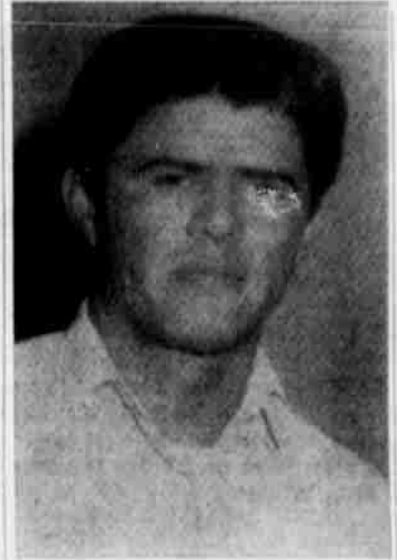
checks at their frozen rates, so the remaining nine checks will be at the rate originally called for in the contracts. Shiver said they also will be paid what is due them for the part of November not included in the freeze, with the school district to be reimbursed by the state for this payment.

The superintendent cited as an example the case of a teacher who was scheduled to be raised \$400 to a total of \$7,600 this year.

"In this case, the freeze reverted the salary to an annual figure of \$7,200. Now, with the freeze off, this particular teacher will get three-fourths of the \$400 raise, and

the pay for the remainder of the year will be at the figure originally called for in the contract," he explained.

"This is our understanding of the situation and the way we will handle it unless future instructions from the state change it," Shiver said.



JOE SANCHEZ

## Joe Sanchez new Piggly manager

Joe Sanchez, thrice-wounded Vietnam War veteran, was named Friday as manager of Post's Piggly Wiggly store, succeeding John English in the position.

Sanchez, who was named assistant manager in February of last year, has worked in the Piggly Wiggly store here over nine years. This does not count the two years off for army duty, which included a 9 1/2 months tour of duty with the infantry in Vietnam and a long recuperation period in army hospitals from his wounds.

The new manager, born and raised here, is the son of County Commissioner Ben Sanchez. He is married, and he and his wife, Mira, have one infant daughter, Susie.

## Door decorations contest slated

The Amity Junior Study Club has announced its sponsorship of a Christmas door decoration contest here from now through Dec. 19.

The doors will be judged in three separate categories — religious, comic and traditional.

Judging of the doors by three out-of-town judges will be Sunday, Dec. 19, between the hours of 4:30 and 7 p.m.

A first place prize will be awarded the winner in each category.

A spokesman for the club said it is not necessary to file notice of entry in the contest, since all decorated doors will be judged.

## Library here heading for 'salaried status'

Availability of nearly \$3,000 in federal funds through the Federal Emergency Employment Act has enabled trustees of the Post Public Library to undertake conversion of the library's operation from volunteer to salaried status.

The library has been staffed for over five years entirely by volunteers.

The federal funding became available when the City of Post decided not to employ a dump ground attendant as had been planned for several reasons.

Since the Post project already had received approval of SPAG and the state for federal funding, it was possible to convert the funds to the library's use.

Library trustees at their November meeting Tuesday night voted unanimously to begin conversion of operations to a salaried status.

A screening committee composed of Trustees Rosemary Chapman and Pee Wee Pierce and Volunteer

Librarian George L. Miller was named to interview applicants for the librarian's position.

The board will hold a called meeting to consider the committee (See Library, page 8)

## Funeral services held Tuesday for Malcolm T. Bull

Funeral services for Malcolm T. Bull, 54, of 1012 Camden Circle, who died early Sunday night in Garza Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness, were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Bob Ford, pastor, officiating.

A resident of Post since 1948, Bull was owner of Bull's Farm and Ranch Supply here, and was one of the town's most active citizens.

During World War II, he served with the 200th Coastal Artillery on Corregidor Island in the Philippines where he was captured by the Japanese in January of 1942 and spent 39 months in a prisoner of war camp.

A native of Amarillo, Bull was married to Margaret Stone on Feb. 18, 1946, in Post. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and a former member of the church board. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, a former member of the school board, had served as a Scoutmaster and Cubmaster, and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; a son, Timmons, of Post; his mother, Mrs. Mary Bull of Taft, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. Max Simmons, also of Taft.

Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Mason Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Ted Aten, Lewis C. Herron, Bill Shiver, Bill Pool, Alex Webb of Slaton, Irvin Cross, Syd Conner, Grady Davis, C. R. Wilson and Henry Wheatley.

Named as honorary pallbearers were Sam Elter, Larry Waldrip, James Dyer, Weldon Reed, L. D. Lowe, Carlos Bass, Harold Cass, Basil Puckett, Wagner Johnson, Glenn Norman, Boy Hart, Walter Josey, Mack Ledbetter, Riley Miller, Dr. A. C. Surkan, Jack Loft, Ed Murray, Jack Kirkpatrick, Dave Cheshire and Al Burrier.

## REFUTES ENVIRONMENTALISTS, ECOLOGISTS

### Engineer says highways not taking too much good land

Oscar Crain of Lubbock, Texas Highway Department district engineer, struck back at environmentalists and ecologists who have been attacking the national highway program as taking too much valuable land for road needs in a talk before PostRotarians here Tuesday noon.

He said "they are not confining themselves to the truth and are making rash statements." "But he

said too many were believing them. All the streets and highways in the United States only take up 45 million acres of land, Crain said, pointing out this was "only about 20 per cent more than away back in 1915."

Crain also said he opposes converting highway funds to the financing of mass transit systems for cities. Studies have shown only seven cities in the United States can benefit with a mass transit

rail system, Crain said.

Most of the highway money these days, he pointed out, is going into developing road nets in and out of the cities.

In the question and answer period, he was asked about the traffic feasibility of the "circle" in the south end of Lubbock, which has drawn a lot of letters to the editor in the Lubbock paper lately.

Crain said he and his friend,

Charley Guy, Lubbock public works, have "disagreed about the circle for a dozen years." He said at the end that right of way now is being purchased to enable the circle to be abolished.

After Crain's talk he showed a color slide presentation entitled, "The Day the Roads Were Closed." "It's a little drastic maybe," Crain told Rotarians of the slides, "but they point out what could happen."

## ONLY \$91.98 SHORT

### United Fund goal looms just ahead

The Garza County United Fund drive is expected to "slip over" the top" by the "skin of its teeth" this weekend, Drive Chairman Jim Cornish announced today.

A \$609 deposit of cash, checks and pledges yesterday left the campaign just \$91.98 short of its \$9500 goal.

Cornish said several cards are still out in the business division for rather sizable amounts.

"We should make it Friday," he declared.

A cleanup of the Postex Plant employees division showed that an additional \$48 had been given at the close bringing the plant employees total to \$1,323. This was down from last year's Postex employee total but by far the biggest drive division except for the business division, which annually contributes over \$6,000 to the United Fund here.

This will mark the third straight year the county's united fund drive has reached or topped its goal.

Cornish expressed his thanks to all division chairmen and drive workers who participated in the month-long financial campaign.

