

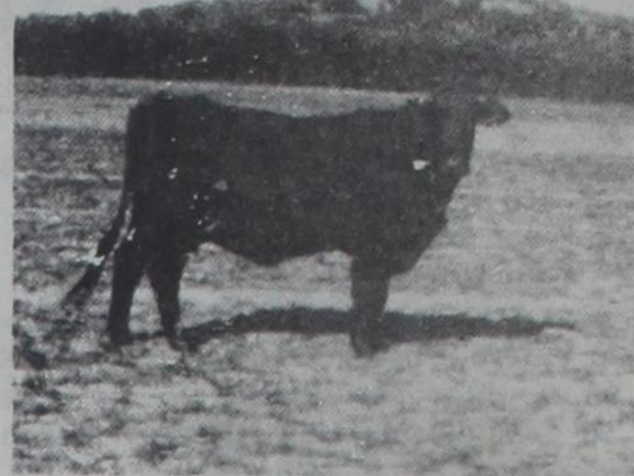
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## WTU Names Area Business Manager

Robert Noriega has been named West Texas Utilities Company Area Business Manager for Cisco, Cross Plains, Rising Star, Albany and Baird.

"In this new position, Robert will play a key leadership role in community and business development activities for WTU in the area," said WTU President Floyd Nickerson.

"This appointment is part of WTU's stronger focus on economic growth and improved customer service. Robert brings a wealth of experience to these communities. We are in the process of reshaping our business to meet the changing needs of our customers in an increasingly competitive marketplace. Robert will provide the local leadership which will help us build upon our tradition of customer satisfaction while moving in new directions to improve the value we deliver to the customers and communities we serve," Nickerson said.

Noriega has been with WTU for 15 years. During that time, he has been a serviceman and an area manager in Sonora and Santa Anna. He has been active in the Santa Anna Chamber of Commerce and served as its presi-

dent. He is also a Santa Anna City Councilman and has served as the president of the Santa Anna Economic Development Corporation. He is pursuing a degree in Marketing and Business Development. He and his wife, Gladys, have one child, Michele, 10.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to serve our customers in this region of West Texas," Noriega said. "WTU has a strong commitment to helping our communities grow and prosper. I'm proud that I can be a part of that effort and I am looking forward to working with new friends in the area."

WTU is an affiliate company of Central and South West Corp. CSW is a public utility holding company based in Dallas. The corporation owns four electric utility subsidiaries in the United States and non-utility subsidiaries involved in independent power production, telecommunications, energy efficiency and financial transactions. It also has a major ownership position in SEEBOARD plc, a regional electricity company in the United Kingdom.

## Citizens State Bank Announces Reception

On December 19 Citizens State Bank invites everyone to attend a Reception and Open House honoring W.G. McCoy's twenty years of service to the bank and the community.

Please stop by the bank for refreshments, and help us show our appreciation to Wimpy for the work he has done. This is a great opportunity to visit with him and celebrate his commitment to this area.

## CP Children Under 10 Invited To Toy Party Dec. 23

Christmas arrives early for children ages seven and under in the form of a "Toy Christmas Tree Party" at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center on December 21 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Children will be able to draw a toy from the tree and enjoy goodies and even enjoy the thrill of a chance to win a door prize. Remember kids, tell Mom and Dad to mark the calendar for the Toy Christmas Tree Party December 23.

All children under 10 years-old is invited.

## Child Care Available For Christmas Shoppers

The youth of First Baptist Church will be available each Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. until Christmas to care for your children while you shop. Call (817) 725-6532 after 5

## Cross Plains EMS To Offer Emergency Care Attendant Course

Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service will be sponsoring an Emergency Care Attendant course taught by Texas State Technical College of Sweetwater in the near future.

The personnel of the local E.M.S. has dwindled some in the past and their members are needing continuing education hours as required by the state. This is a plea to those who wish to become a part of a community service group or who are needing continuing education hours.

The two month course will be held at the Cross Plains Community Center two nights each week. Anyone interested in attending may contact Linda Strength at (817) 725-6871 or (817) 725-6515, Bob Pipes (817) 725-6700 or (817) 725-6117, or any member of the Cross Plains E.M.S.

This is an opportunity to give a part of yourself to the people of this community who find themselves in desperate need of medical assistance in an emergency. It is also an opportunity to become better educated and trained to help someone in all types of medical emergencies. The training might even save you, your spouse, your child, a parent, a grandparent, a grandchild, or your neighbor in an emergency situation.

## Immunization Clinic To Be Held Dec. 19

An Immunization Clinic will be provided by the Texas Department of Health Thursday, December 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center, 701 Beech, Cross Plains.

For further information call (915) 754-4945.

## Garden Club Hosts Social At Nursing Home

On Thursday, December 5, the annual decorated Christmas Tree will be placed in Colonial Oaks Nursing Home by Lucille Payne and Sarah Brashear.

On Sunday afternoon, December 22, Lucille Payne, Chairman, will host an open house with refreshments of punch and cookies being served to residents and guests.

The Garden Club extends an invitation to everyone to come by and enjoy the social and fellowship.

Happy Holidays from the members of the Cross Plains Garden Club.

p.m. or (817) 643-3321 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the fund-raiser will benefit a ski trip for the youth.

## Graves Automotive To Hold Open House Wed., Dec. 18

Graves Automotive will hold an open house Wednesday, December 18 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. at 200 South Main Street in Cross Plains.

Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited to come by and enjoy the fellowship and food.

For your automotive servicing and repairs call (817) 725-4027 or 1-800-460-8048 for after hours service. Graves Automotive is offering oil changes and lube at the every day low cost of \$12.95. With the coupon inside this issue you will receive a free computer analysis with any automotive service.



LINDA HENSON, CHAIRPERSON FOR THE 1996 CHRISTMAS VILLAGE IS PICTURED IN 1950'S ATTIRE

## Fun In The 50's Was Recreated During Christmas Village

By VANDA KING  
Editor

Project Pride has once again found a wonderful theme, the 1950's, for their Christmas Village. Margaret McNeel served as the Project Chairman for the entire Christmas Village and another successful year has been accomplished. Linda Henson was the chairperson for the exhibit upstairs at Higginbotham and Brothers Company and attained a light-hearted flash to the past. Her dialogue was entertaining and informative.

The village recreated Cross Plains during the 50's and that brought back memories to some of us, and was a source of new found expressions and items for the youth. The old Cross Plains High School was depicted with its red brick two story structure and even the old rock wall. An antique wooden school desk and students dressed in poodle skirts with pony tails looked like the "good old days."

The infamous "gravel pit" was even brought to life. The teenagers of today didn't relate to this, but the older folks remembered well. This particular hang-out for teens was located on the Ben Atwood (my Grandfather) place east of Cross Plains and is now filled in.

The Buffalo Burger Shop had a waitress on rollers skates and the price of items on the menu were very desirable. Everything from hamburgers, fries, and milk shakes were mentioned.

Even the Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store was included in the tour. You might recall when it was located in the building now housing West Texas Utilities and Mr. Riley was the owner.

The importance of church was captured in one exhibit. The original windows from the Cross Cut Baptist Church were featured in the poinsettia decorated section. Three teens singing Christmas carols tied in the holiday season perfectly.

A family living room scene displayed furniture from the 50's which belonged to Sherry Bennett. The couch was the typical western style of that era and it even had a wooden boot on each arm. On the mantle was a photo of Linda Henson's parents, David and Jean Lloyd, and one of herself and her sister, Carolyn. Their dress and hair styles were all typical of the 1950's. A green tree, depicting the cedars which everyone once went out and cut themselves, was decorated with silver icicles and blue



SANTA CLAUS COMES TO TOWN—Whitney Brienne Clark is visiting with Santa for the first time. She is the daughter of Lowell and LaTrisha Clark and the granddaughter of James and Deborah Griswold and Linda Clark all of Cross Plains.

Christmas balls popular of that time. Unique items from the 50's were the Philco television set, owned by Bill Strickland, and Philco radio, owner Donna Wagner.

Traveling on down the road was a dress shop featuring hats and gloves from the 50's. These were provided by Melissa Richards who collects both. Vicky Worley supplied the scarves. One formal displayed belonged to Sandra Jones and was made by her mother, the late Alma Illingsworth, and two others were mine, and my mother, Wanda Anderson, made them. Also a wedding dress of mine was on exhibit. Julene Franke's wedding dress, which she made herself, along with the matching shoes were exhibited. Leo and Julene were married December 6, 1953 and just celebrated their 43rd anniversary. Karen Pena supplied two day dresses. A silver tree was highlighted in this booth, as it was one of the first artificial Christmas trees appearing in the 1950's.

You can't leave out the Pioneer Drive-In Theatre, and it wasn't. A large screen was set up and slides of the time were being shown. A 1957 cut-out car was in the parking area and even an original speaker. Teenagers dressed in rolled-up blue jeans,

white t-shirts, long tailed shirts, bobbie socks, and the girls wearing scarves in their pony tails were sitting on a car seat watching the movie.

The winter wonderland area featured the carousel which was built by Alton McCowen along with lighted trees, animals, and Christmas characters in a field of snow. Some neat toys from the 1950's were being tried out by the kids. The hula hoop was put to good use while an original metal miniature house with furnishings, belonging to Julene Franke was displayed. I remember having one just like it!

The lighting for the village was prepared by Alton McCowen and Gene Dillard.

One of the living windows at Higginbotham's was decorated like a malt shop including the juke box, metal stools, leather booths, and two girls doing the jitterbug on the black and white flooring.

A live nativity scene was in the middle window depicting the birth of Jesus Christ, the best gift.

The third window was alive with props and children acting out skits from the comic strip "Char Brown." Sherry Bennett was

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**COUNTY COURT**  
Bill Johnson presiding

**Misdemeanor Minutes**  
Edward L. Stephenson, motion filed to revoke probation.  
Theft of property by check charges dismissed due to restitution having been made; Elizabeth G. Miller, Emily King.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**  
Hayle Patrice Kendrick, Balrd, Matthew Wayne Cunningham, Abilene.

**42nd DISTRICT COURT**  
John Weeks presiding

**Civil Filings**  
Divorces filed:  
Martin, William & Belinda.  
Widener, Janice L. & Michael P., and in the interest of minor child.

**Civil Minutes**  
Kevin Shawn Davidson vs Terry John Adams, \$5127.57 default judgment for plaintiff.  
Divorces granted:  
Cannon, Beverly Johnette & Danny Michel.  
White, Jamie Ladell & Randy Lee.

**Felony Indictment**  
Daniel Alexander Smedley, 2 counts of theft.

**Song Fest In Denton Valley Dec. 14**

There will be a Country Christmas Song Fest held at Denton Valley Baptist Church (FM 604 & Hwy 36) on December 14, at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments and nursery will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the good music and a good time in fellowship.

**Admiral Cemetery Assoc. Meeting Dec. 19**

The Admiral Cemetery Association will have a called meeting on Thursday, December 19, 1996, at the 2nd Floor of the Callahan County Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

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**"The Gift" To Be Performed Dec. 13-16 At Coggin Ave. Baptist Church**

"The Gift" which portrays the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ in music and drama will be presented December 13, 14, 15, and 16 at 7:00 p.m. nightly and 2:00 p.m. matinee on the 14th at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church, 1815 Coggin Avenue, Brownwood.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. There is no admission fee.

**Bro. Jones To Speak At Pioneer Pentecostal Dec. 15**

Brother Joseph Jones will be the guest speaker at Pioneer Pentecostal Church on Sunday, December 15. Worship services will begin at 10:00 a.m. He is the son of the late F.L. Jones who pastored the Pioneer Pentecostal Church years ago.

Pastor Ruby McCowen welcomes everyone to the service.

**Selected Scriptures**

*And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his wife has made herself ready. Revelation 19:6, 7*  
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**Annabel LeBus Vaught**

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. December 10, 1996, in Colorado City Cemetery for Annabel LeBus Vaught of Cross Plains.

Mrs. Vaught passed away Saturday, December 7, 1996 in a Brownwood hospital.

Officiating the final rites was Rev. John Taylor.

Arrangements were handled by Kiker-Seale Funeral Home of Colorado City.

Annabel was born August 30, 1905, in Sherman, and attended school in Electra. She married Henry Vaught December 26, 1923, in Vernon.

She organized and was active in Camp Fire Girls groups during the 1930's and 40's in Colorado City. She was a member and active in the Plainview Baptist Church in the 1970's and 80's, moving to Cross Plains with her daughter in 1989. She has been lovingly cared for in Colonial Oaks Nursing Home since 1990 and until she entered the Brownwood Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clemie and J.E. LeBus; her husband, Henry, in 1985; a sister, Margaret; and three brothers, Ervin, Johnny and J.W.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Bettye Sue and Johnny Adams of Cross Plains; two grandsons and their families; one sister, Mary Nell Keinlen and her children; two sisters-in-law, Loleta LeBus of Abilene, Faye Vaught of Monahans and their children; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

**Berna 'Butch' Garms**

BROWNWOOD—Berna "Butch" Garms, 48, of Early, passed away Saturday, December 7, 1996, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 10, 1996, at Davis-Morris Funeral Home. Burial was at Clear Creek Cemetery.

Berna was preceded in death by his father, Berna Walter Garms.

Survivors include three sons, Jason Garms of Brownwood, Michael Garms and Walter Garms both of Brownwood; three daughters, Angela Garms of Dallas and Stephanie Garms and Lisa Garms both of Brownwood; his mother and step-father Bill and Gloria Tubb of Cross Cut; and three sisters, Linda Clark of Cross Plains, Cheryl Garrett of Palo Pinto and Lois Talent of Fort Worth and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Anna Bell Pittman**

RISING STAR—Anna Bell Pittman, 100, passed away Wednesday, November 4, 1996, in a Comanche nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James McLcod officiating. Burial was in Blake Cemetery in Brown County.

Mrs. Pittman was born in Gainesville and was a homemaker. She was a Baptist and was the widow of Jim Pittman.

Survivors include three sons, Joe B. Pittman and Morris C. Pitman, both of Comanche, and John Doyce Pittman of Houston; one brother, Bailey Seal of Abilene; one sister, Nellie Phillips of Olden; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

**Ruth Griffin**

RISING STAR—Ruth J. Griffin, 75, passed away Wednesday, December 4, 1996, at her home after a long illness.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday in Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dick Williams officiating. Burial was in Rising Star Cemetery.

Mrs. Griffin was born in Manistique, Michigan, and was a retired nurse. She was a homemaker and was a Methodist.

Survivors include her husband, Andrew Griffin of Rising Star; three sons, David Griffin and Bret Griffin, both of Brownwood, and Mark Griffin of Rising Star; one sister, Eva Hoffman of Jamesville, Wisconsin; and two grandchildren.

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We don't know what we want, but we are ready to bite somebody to get it.  
—Will Rogers

**William 'Bill' Collins**

COLEMAN—William "Bill" Collins, 86, passed away Friday, December 6, 1996, in a local hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Voss Cemetery with the Rev. David Jenkins officiating, directed by Walker Funeral Home.

Mr. Collins was born in Texas and lived in Coleman County most of his life. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and married Neoma O'Shields Walker in 1964 in Coleman County. He was a retired surveyor and was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, of Coleman; and three sisters, Ruby Allen of Coleman, Oneta Thate of Burkett and Sybil Coleman of Fort Worth.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 209 S. Danville, Abilene 79605.

**Mary B. Hutson**

Mary B. Hutson, age 94, of Lockhart, passed away Thursday, December 5, 1996.

Graveside services were held Sunday, December 8, 1996, at Blake Cemetery in Brown County, at 1:00 p.m. Arrangements were made by McCurdy Funeral Home, 105 E. Pecan St., Lockhart.

She was born April 1, 1902 in May, to James Albert and Maggie Bell Elder Witt.

She was preceded in death by her husband Herbert H. Hutson in 1948.

She is survived by three sons, J.C. Hutson of Austin, Don Hutson of San Antonio and Ray Hutson of Georgetown; two daughters, Charlene Flint of Cedar Creek and Jean Walls of Austin; two sisters, Ruth Lester of Bertram and Florence Richie of Brownwood; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Annual Dinner Meeting For Callahan Historical Commission Held Dec. 3**

Approximately thirty members and guests of the Callahan County Historical Commission attended its annual dinner meeting Tuesday, December 3rd, at the Balrd Presbyterian Church.

Guest speaker, Dr. Roseanna Herndon, former head of the Communications Department at Hardin-Simmons, was introduced by Dr. Paula Windham. Dr. Herndon is a renowned member of the NSA (National Storytelling Association) and her demonstration of the art was very impressive.

Among the items of business covered was the election of a new slate of officers for the upcoming two year term, 1997-1998. The slate consists of: Chairman - Allen Wright, Potosi; Vice-chairman - Hugh Shrader, Balrd; Secretary - Beverly Ross, Cross Plains; Historian - Dr. Paula Windham, Oplin; Director (Immediate Past Chairman) - Russell Chatham, Balrd; Director - Felix Manion, Balrd; Director - Robert Watson, Rowden; Director - Lee Abernathy, Abilene.

Three incumbents declined to continue in office: Russell Chatham, Chairman; Dorothy Watson, Historian; and Jud Gilliland, Director.

New Chairman, Allen Wright, current Callahan County Attorney, has a strong interest in local history. He has an MA Degree in History from Southwest Texas State University and once taught History there for three years.

A new regular member voted in at the meeting was Tom Rumfield of Potosi/Oplin.

The gourmet dinner was catered by Felix and Barbara Manion.

**Colonial Oaks Services**

Old Time Gospel Mission will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, December 15, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

**Railroad Commission Urges Review of Space Heater Safety Guidelines**

AUSTIN—Colder winter weather means Texans again will be relying on propane gas-fueled space heaters to provide warmth to specific areas of the home. In recent years, propane gas-fueled space heaters have become popular because they offer high energy efficiency and fuel savings. And anticipating frost on the pumpkin, the Texas Railroad Commission says it's always a good idea to review safety guidelines for such heaters at the outset of cold weather.

A direct-vent heater requires outside air to support combustion and is typically installed on an outside wall. Be sure to check the location of the outside vent to ensure that it is free of debris.

A space heater requires clear space above and around the unit to be free from any combustible materials, such as curtains or plastics. Keep the unit running in top shape by scheduling a periodic check-up with a local propane delivery company. A trained technician will inspect the unit and clean the control compartments, burner and circulating air passageways.

Homeowners should also become familiar with the odor of propane

gas. An odorant that smells like rotten eggs has been added to propane gas for easy identification. If you do smell gas, whether the heater is operating or not, follow these steps:

1. do not touch any electric switches, light matches or use the phone;
2. exit the structure immediately;
3. if there is an outside tank, turn off the gas valve;
4. telephone your propane supplier or fire department from a neighbor's phone.

The Railroad Commission also suggests that homeowners who fuel furnaces and appliances with propane contact their local dealer about having their propane delivery account put on "automatic," so there is always an adequate supply of the gas no matter how cold the weather or how treacherous the road conditions.

For more information on how to stay warm safely with propane this winter, look under "propane/gas" in the Yellow Pages for your nearest dealer, or call the Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at 1-800-64-CLEAR.

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## COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By  
**LINDA EDINGTON**  
Activity Director

We will be having our Open House Sunday, December 22, at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. We will be presenting the program for us and the Garden Club will be providing the refreshments. The residents will be exchanging gifts with Santa's help. All family and friends are encouraged to come and share in this time with our residents.

We would like to express our sincere sympathy to the family of Mabel Vaught. May knowing hers care and share deeply in your sorrow comfort you today and strengthen you tomorrow.

A warm welcome to our new resident Blanche Brooks.

Ruby Harrell was our winner for a meal at Jack's Place. Thanks to her and Jack.

Bill and Billie Wright from Clyde visited with Lorena Wright.

Kaylon Johnson from Eastland visited Deward Maynard.

Dorothy Welch from Fort Worth visited Leila Montgomery.

Joan McCarty Bullard from Clyde, Jesse Norris, Ruby and Naomi Mc-

Cowen visited with Gertie Powell and Blanche Brooks.

Frances Thornton visited Myrtle Wilson, Juanita Thornton and Jo Boatright. Also visiting from Roswell, New Mexico, Linda Butts.

Kelly Dickey and Gayla Trojock from Potosi visited Juanita Thornton and Myrtle Wilson.

Activities during the week:

**Monday:** Bingo winners were Dorothy Thomas (2), Ruby Harrell (3), Midge McCall, Gertie Powell (2), and Vera Belyeu. Exercise class.

**Tuesday:** Art class. Popcorn and Skip-Bo games.

**Wednesday:** Jo Boatright played the piano. Exercise class.

**Thursday:** Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2), Minnie Swann (2), Dorothy Thomas, Allie Dickson (2), and Ruby Harrell (2). Skip-Bo games.

**Friday:** Singing with Bob Wallace. Sit-down-basketball.

**Sunday:** Old Time Gospel Mission.

**JESUS is the GIFT we all can share.**

## Quips, Clips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS...ETC.

Friends dropping by during the holiday season call for fun, companionship, holiday songs, Christmas carols, good food, and good cheer...Amid all the happenings of the season!

No matter what type of beverage you serve; a little something to nibble on is usually appropriate. You may serve either a cold or a hot beverage or both. Some drinks are excellent at room temperature.

For those close family style gatherings we suggest cranberry juice cocktail, home-style pink lemonade, Dr. Pepper, apple cider or pineapple juice. All the above can be served either cold with a slice of lemon or orange, or perhaps a maraschino cherry. They also can be served hot. The apple cider is great served with cinnamon sticks as the swizzle stick. Any of these can be served to both adults and children. Also excellent choices are hot cocoa for the children and various coffee and hot teas for the adults.

To satisfy that "NEED TO NIBBLE" feeling, here is our suggestion for something a little different.

Select a soft white cheese, drizzle it with olive oil (quality counts) and sprinkle it with a complementary herb (freshly shipped if possible).

You can adapt this simple recipe by substituting other soft, white cheeses and experimenting with a repertoire of herbs. Try feta cheese with oregano and hot pepper flakes or dill, goat cheese or Monterey Jack cheese with chives, or basil, smoke mozzarella with sage, Mexican queso fresco cheese with cumin or mascarpone with tarragon.

FRESH MOZZARELLA WITH BASIL

Fresh mozzarella has a texture that's softer than that of cream cheese and a singularly sweet, delicate taste. You should be able to find balls of mozzarella (often packed in whey) in the deli case. If not let a package of mozzarella get room temperature and soften and roll your own ball.

16 ounce fresh mozzarella cheese - 1/4 cup roasted garlic oil or olive oil to 2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar, 2 tablespoons snipped fresh basil or 1 teaspoon dried basil, crushed, 1 tablespoon freshly cracked pepper.

Cut mozzarella into 1 inch cubes. Place cubes in a medium bowl. Add oil, place balsamic vinegar, fresh or dried basil, and pepper. Toss gently til cheese is well coated with oil and seasonings. Serve immediately; or store, covered in refrigerator up to several days. Spear with toothpicks.

Suggestion: roll cheese cubes in sesame seed. Serve with bacquette slices if desired. Other suggestions are with melba toast or hot yeast rolls and halved cherry tomatoes or sliced tomatoes. Drizzle olive oil over tomatoes and sprinkle lightly with fresh or dried dill. Also excellent with hard rolls or warm soft breadsticks is tomato slices drizzled in olive oil and sprinkled with garlic powder and fresh parsley or for another appetite pleaser sprinkle tomato halves with parmesan cheese and broil them then top with fresh chives and serve with marinated cheese and cucumber slices or celery and other crudites.

If you should see Santa between now and Christmas, would you please ask him if wheat crackers would be alright for Rudolph's snack - or does Rudolph have another preference? Be sure to let me know because I certainly want Santa to visit me at my house.

Until Next Column "MERRY CHRISTMAS"

## PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

The Thanksgiving holiday's was enjoyable to everyone I talked to. It's one of the nicest holiday's. It's a quiet time, with the year's work being laid by and the animals and birds disappearing into their winter habitat.

Our quilting club has finished all the quilts for this year. We will start again January 7. This will be the last column in the paper for this year, but we will be starting up again in January.

The Quilting Club Christmas Party is Tuesday, December 10. Jean Fore, Sandy Hutton, and May Jones did a superb job transforming the club house into Santa land. Even our deer trophy was turned into Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.

Oliver and Frankie had for their company Thanksgiving Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nance from Irving, Joey and Scott Nance from Arlington, Laura Rankin from Stephenville, Russ Ryan from Brownwood Lake and Jean Fore. Shirley and Steve Harrelson could not be there. Saturday, Oliver, Frankie and Jean went to the Carbon Musical. Novilia Barton's company for Thanksgiving

were Cecil and May from Waco, his granddaughter Leanne and Paul from Houston and great-grandson Ryan from Montgomery. Everyone had a great time.

D.P. and May spent Thanksgiving with his mother Pati Jones and sister Lola Lea. While there, we all went to Shreveport, Louisiana to visit with another sister and husband, Lamuril and Henry Paulson. We all had a great time.

Skip Jones visited with May and D.P. Jones. We enjoyed turkey and football. Mary and Bell from Graham spent Sunday and Monday with D.P. and May.

Don, Fran and Lottie Sooter went to Monroe for the holidays. Lucy Townsend from Benton, Arkansas, came home with them for a few days.

We took the tour of the Cross Plains "Parade of Homes." Every home was unique. Everyone was hospitable and welcomed us into their homes. It was a very enjoyable evening. We appreciate the effort it took in opening their homes to the public.

## PERSONALS

Paula Bond, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S.F. "Fos" Bond, has moved from the Dallas area to Heritage Retirement Home in

Abilene. She expresses that she would enjoy visits from her friends here in Cross Plains and surrounding areas.

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Once Jesus got into a boat with His disciples a great tempest arose on the sea very suddenly -- so that the boat was covered with the waves! Jesus was fast asleep, but His disciples awakened Him saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" Waves of anxiety! They flood our lives so often. How do we calm the waves? To whom do we turn in such times of distress?

On another occasion the disciples were alone in a boat in the middle of the sea. The winds were contrary and they were being tossed by the waves. Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. When they saw Him they were even more afraid, thinking He was a ghost; they cried out for fear! But Jesus said, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." This was when Peter asked if he could walk to Christ on the water -- and Jesus said, "Come." As Peter began to walk to Jesus he saw the waves, caused by the boisterous wind, and was afraid. He cried out, saying, "Lord save me!" Waves of anxiety!

I don't have all the answers -- not even to the above questions. I do know, however, the closer we are to Jesus, the better off we are. Jesus stretched out His hand and caught Peter, and helped him back into the boat -- and the wind ceased!

Are you "close to Jesus"? Are you "in Christ"? Come draw near unto Him with us. It will help us all, especially when the waves of anxiety are about to drown us in fear...

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## BURKETT NEWS

By  
LOVERA STRICKLAND

Mike and Linda Brady are grandparents again. Dawson and Kim Schnautz are proud parents of a son, Brady Dawson Schnautz, born November 15, and Jacky and Sandy Dodgen are proud parents of a daughter, Alexandria Danielle born November 24.

Visiting Mike and Linda over the Thanksgiving Holidays were Russell Gould of Abilene, Jimmy, Michele, Anita and Misty Allcorn, Ben and Grannie Creek all of Coleman, Melinda, Stephanie and Colton Bledsoe of Valera, W.B. (Dad) Bludworth, Jackie, Sandy, Nicholas, Alex Dodgen, Steven and Amber Kleiber all of Burkett.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Mrs. Ethel Wilson. She passed away Friday. Her funeral was Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Burkett Cemetery.

Lafaye and Billy Pace of San Antonio, Richard Burns and Caroline Sanders of Round Rock and Tommy Gene Burns of Breckenridge visited Lanette Burns Sunday.

Visiting Lanette Thanksgiving day were Chad Burns of Abilene and Tommy Gene Burns of Breckenridge.

During the cold and icy weather Low and Liz Golson had visitors from San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Whisenant. Low and Whisenant attended Southwest Texas State College now University in San Marcos together and later both taught in Big Lake.

Saturday, the family gathered at Low and Liz Golson's home for a late Thanksgiving dinner. Present for the dinner were Joe Golson, Tim and Suzanne Golson, Tyler and Lauren, Michelle Wilkovich, Kelsey and Logan from Coleman, Matt and Emma McKinney Alice and Kevin of Goldsboro; Jake and Mary Beth Golson, Kala and Wade of Midland; Beth Kleiber, Steve and Amber

Kleiber, Liz and Low Golson of Burkett.

Don and Kathy Tinney, Johnathon and Jonelle of Lefors, Darryl and Kathy Tinney, Mindy and Lyndsey of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, and Jackie and Julie Strickland, Dale, Dee, Staci, Jacob, Jeremy, Jarad and their friend Robin visited Jack and Lovera Strickland during the Thanksgiving holiday. Jack and Lovera hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for the ones listed above plus Randy and Dena Strickland and Misty and Ricky and Shannon Sanders and Shambry, Jerry and Linda Strickland, Marty and Glenda Callaway, Brook and J.J., Ken and Jan Baker, Landon, Bill Strickland, Eddie Strickland, and Mark and Marsha Turney, Jon and Matt.

Zander and Pegge Rasbury, Colton, Cody, Colby, Cayley and Clayton of Mrs. James Day of Clyde spent Thanksgiving with Ed and Ann Rasbury.

Recent donations received for the Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association are Roy Hollon \$40; Mrs. R.L. (Lec) Jones (in memory of Tracy Golson) \$20; M/M W.J. Johnson (in memory of Beverly Strickland) \$10; M/M Dick Koenig (in memory of Beverly Strickland) \$20; M/M Virgil Burkett (in memory of Beverly Strickland) \$25; Anonymous (in memory of Beverly Strickland) \$30; Mike and Linda Brady and Jacky and Sandy Dodgen (in memory of Beverly Strickland) \$25; M/M James Lindsey \$40. The Burkett-Adams Cemetery Board would like to thank everyone for all the contributions and memorials donated to the cemetery. It is greatly appreciated.

## NOTICE

Due to the Christmas Holidays, the *Cross Plains Review* will go to press on Monday, December 23. We ask that you please have your articles in by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, December 19 and advertisements by 12 noon Monday, December 23. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated in this matter.

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## Buffalo Basketball Begins

By GREG TURNER

Basketball season is here but no where to play. The school is working frantically to repair the old gym floor so some home games can be played here. The new gym is running behind scheduled some 30 to 45 days and hopefully some games in the new gym will take place this year.

The Buffaloes traveled to Panther Creek last week with only a couple of practices to rely upon. The Buffs played well and came out with a win. The Buffs led at halftime by 12 points, but gave up 6 of those points by the end of the 4th quarter only winning by 6 points. The final score was Cross Plains 69 - Panther Creek 63.

Those scoring for the Runnin Buffs were Lee Wayne Wheeler 14; Joseph Turner 11; Benji Blackstock 10; Jarad Richards 9; Brandon Stover 7; Jeremy Barnett 6; Justin Richey 5; Dusty Hargrove 4; Zach Edington 2; and Cory Switzer 1.

## Buff Won 3rd Place In Tourney

The Cross Plains Buffaloes won 3rd place in the Rochelle Tournament. Cross Plains opened the tournament playing Cherokee and beat them fairly easy. The score was Cross Plains 68 - Cherokee 27.

The Buffs played Eden and lost 63 to 56 putting them in the losers bracket. Head Coach and Athletic Director Bill Boyd stated that not many days of practice helped contribute to the loss against Eden. The Buffaloes were out scored in each of the first 2 quarters by 7 points taking them into the half trailing by 14 points. Cross Plains then came out and narrowed the margin but could not close in as the game ended with the final score being Cross Plains 56 - Eden 63.

Cross Plains then faced Menard for 3rd place in the Rochelle tournament. The Buffs played better breaking into the lead 17 to 3 at the end of the 1st quarter. Good play continued throughout the 2nd quarter and Cross Plains led at halftime 32 to 10. Cross Plains won 3rd place by a margin of 20 points -- Cross Plains 55 - Menard 35.

The Buffaloes have made it to the finals in their last 10 tournaments.

Those scoring during the tournament were Joseph Turner 40 (All Tournament Team); Lee Wayne Wheeler 25; Brandon Stover 21; Jeremy Barnett 17; Benji Blackstock 16; Jarad Richards 15; Dusty Hargrove 14; Zach Edington 10; Justin Richey 8; Cory Switzer 8; and John Chesshir 2.

## Public Debt Begins Search For 1998 Savings Bond Campaign Popster; Launches Annual Student Poster Contest

The Savings Bond program began the search for its 1998 campaign poster today by announcing the 6th annual Savings Bond Student Poster Contest. The contest, for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders provided the artwork for 1996 and 1997 savings bond campaign posters. "Children give us a fresh perspective on the bond program," said Dino De Concini, Executive Director of Public Debt's Savings Bonds Marketing Office.

Treasury started the poster contest in 1992 as a fun way for students to learn the value of savings. The theme of this year's contest is "U.S. Savings Bonds -- Invest Today, Enjoy Tomorrow." According to the sponsor of the event, James R. Leva, chairman, President, and CEO of

## Lady Buffs Won Rochell Tourney

By JOLENA FLEMING

The Lady Buffs had a very successful weekend at the Rochell tournament December 5-7. In the first round, Cross Plains defeated Cherokee 57-35. In the second round on Friday, the purple and gold dominated the Eden Lady Bulldogs 55-39. Then, the Lady Buffs brought home the championship trophy by defeating Lohn 57-32 on Saturday night.

The players combined tournament

## JV Lady Buffs Traveled To Panther Creek

By AMANDA DILLARD

On December 3, the Lady Buffs Junior Varsity traveled to Panther Creek to play the Lady Panthers. The Lady Buffs dominated the game until the 3rd quarter. In the end the Lady Buffs were defeated 25 to 23, bringing their record to 0-5. Scorers for the night were Wyatt with 7, Dillard and Hutton both with 6, and Richey and McCarty with 2.

## CP Boys JV Basketball Season Begins

By GREG TURNER

The Cross Plains Buffaloes traveled to Panther Creek to face the Panthers last week.

The Buff JV team consists of Jody Pancake, Clint Bailey, Scott Ricci, Coby Richards, Kenneth Ratliff, Kenny Callaway, Jaden Winfrey, Nathaniel Swift, Scott Brame, Sam Nixon, Robert Walters, and Dusty Hinkle.

The Buffs found tough competition in the Panthers as they fell short by 10 points. The Buffs went into halftime trailing by 1 point. The fourth quarter is where the young Buffs found problems only scoring 1 point.

Those scoring for the Buffs were Jody Pancake 7; Sam Nixon 4; Coby Richards 3; Clint Bailey, Scott Ricci, Kenney Callaway, Nathaniel Swift, Scott Brame all with 2 points each.

## CP Jr. High Gold Team Suffers First Loss

By LINDSEY MEIRON

The Cross Plains Jr. High Gold team suffered their first loss this past Monday to Gorman. The final score was Gorman 30 and Cross Plains 8. It was a long and grueling game for the girls. Those scoring were Jen-

ner Hartman 4; Citanya Scott 2; and Rebecca Tennison 2.

The girls have an open date next week but the purple team has a tournament in Santa Anna that week so come and enjoy the all day basketball.

Those scoring were Jennifer Hartman 4; Citanya Scott 2; and Rebecca Tennison 2.

points for the 3 days were McGuire 34; Sowell 34; Ricci 29; Mitchell 19; A. Beggs 18; Harris 11; Giles 10; Fleming 9; Davis 3; and Ratliff 2.

Overall our shooting percentages were down, but because of our excellent defense and rebounding skills, we were still able to dominate the competition. Present record 8-2. Good job ladies!

Amanda McGuire and Malysa Sowell both received All-Tournament plaques.

## Lady Buffs Battle Lady Panthers For Win

By JOLENA FLEMING

The Lady Buffs traveled to Panther Creek Tuesday, December 3 to battle the Lady Panthers. The Lady Buffs controlled the scoreboard throughout the night final score being 53-42. Amanda McGuire had an excellent night under the basket, racking up a total of 30 points. Also scoring were Mitchell 13, Sowell and A. Beggs with 4, and Ricci with 2. Coach Cavender stated that this was one of our best defensive games yet this season.

The Lady Buffs as well as the Running Buffs will be playing in a 3 day tournament December 5-7 at Rochelle. Our present record is 5-2.

## CP Jr. High Purple Team On Winning Streak

By JENNIFER TURNER

The purple team, on a winning streak with a record of 3-0, played Gorman Monday night. Rejoining the team were Kayden McNell, Lindsey Meiron and Kristin Hunter.

The majority of the girls found their hot spot Monday night. The purple team won the game with a score of 36-15. Running up the score board was Jennifer Turner 8; Shena Thomas 6; Sarah Nixon 4; Ashlee Hutchins 5; Lacy O'Dell 4; Lindsey Barnett 4; Candice Bailey 2; and Kristin Hunter 2.

The purple team have an open week next week.

poster contest has won the endorsement of major educational groups. Among them are: National Education Association, American Federation of Teachers, American Association of School Administrators, National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the National School Public Relations Association.

Teachers and parents interested in getting information on how to enter the contest can visit Public Debt's Internet home page (<http://www.ustreas.gov/treasure/bureaus/pubdebt>) or write to: National Student Poster Contest, Bureau of the Public Debt, Savings Bonds Marketing Office, Room 331, 999 E. St., N.W., Washington, DC 20226.

Students must enter their posters in each state by February 7, 1997. The

## Governor Bush Proclaims January School Board Recognition Month

Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed January 1997 as School Board Recognition Month and districts across the state will use this opportunity to build awareness and understanding of the important function an elected board of education plays in their communities and schools.

"For more than 200 years, local school boards have governed and guided local schools in accordance with the will of the people. They have ensured that citizens control and are accountable for the schools in each community," he said.

"Today the school board's role is more vital than ever before. Schools face great challenges and great opportunities. Texans appreciate their local school board members who are working diligently to improve education in their districts. We encourage them to set high standards of academic excellence for all our children," he said.

"As citizen advocates, individual board members face a complex and demanding job; yet few people fully understand the scope and far-reaching implications of board members' responsibilities," said James B. Crow, executive director of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB).

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by school board members. These public servants are elected to serve by local constituents and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. We hope every community will acknowledge the thousands of trustees who make the time to care about Texas children and their futures," Crow said.

## BAND NEWS

Dec. 13 - Dec. 20

Dec. 15 - Christmas Concert 3 p.m. in Auditorium

Dec. 21-Jan. 6 - Christmas Holidays

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

DECEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 20 (Subject to Change)

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THURSDAY — Cold cereal, toast, apple juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Doughnuts, orange juice and milk.

### LUNCH

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TUESDAY — Sloppy Joes, pinto beans, pickles, chips, peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Pizza, salad, corn, Jello and milk.

THURSDAY — Turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, candied yams, rolls, fruit salad and milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, Rice Krispie bars and milk.

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## Callahan County Senior 4-H Club Held Meeting

The Callahan County Senior 4-H Club held an organizational meeting on November 19 in Baird. This Senior Club was formed for any 4-H member or interested 4-H member from 12 to 19 years of age. The primary purpose of the Senior 4-H Club is to develop leadership skills through participation in different projects.

Officers for the club were elected as follows:

President - Amber Dannheim - Clyde 4-H; Vice President - Jessica

Archa - Eula 4-H; Secretary - Chad Franke - Baird 4-H; Treasurer - Jimmy Wilson - Baird 4-H; Reporter - Teri Windham - Baird 4-H

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17, in the County Courtroom in Baird at 6:30-8:30 p.m. This will be a Christmas Party. Please bring snack foods and girls bring girls/boys bring boys gift. \$5.00 limit.

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5th Period - 12:58-2:45  
Buses will run at 2:45  
**Thursday, December 19**  
2nd Period - 8:00-10:08  
4th Period - 10:12-12:20  
lunch  
6th Period - 12:58-2:45  
Buses will run at 2:45  
**Friday, December 20**  
7th Period - 8:00-10:08  
8th Period - 10:12-12:20  
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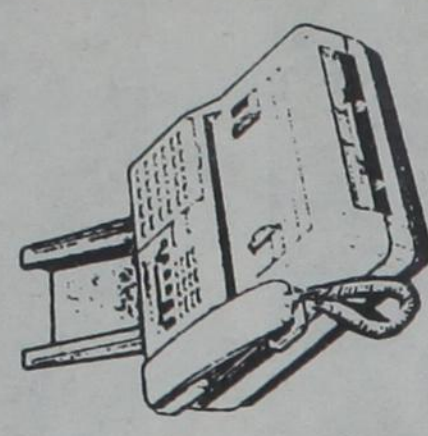
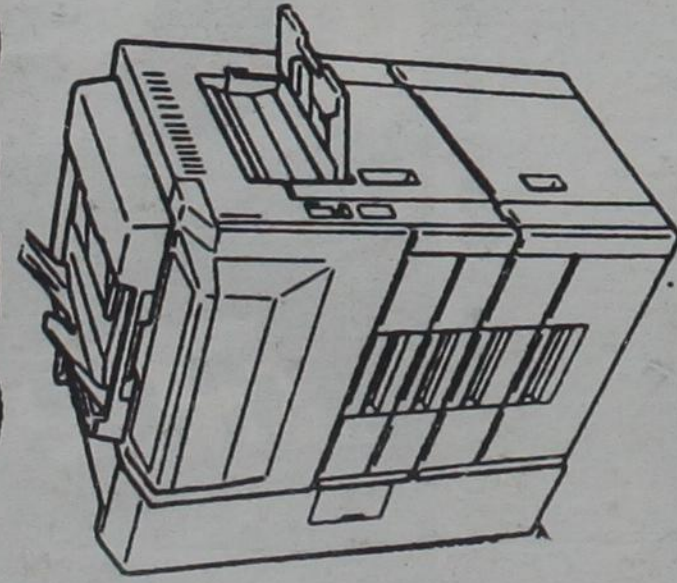


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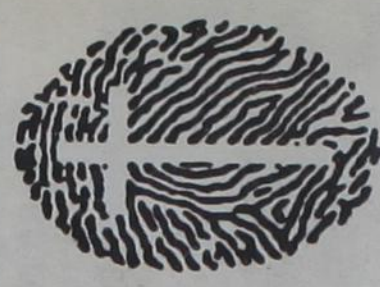
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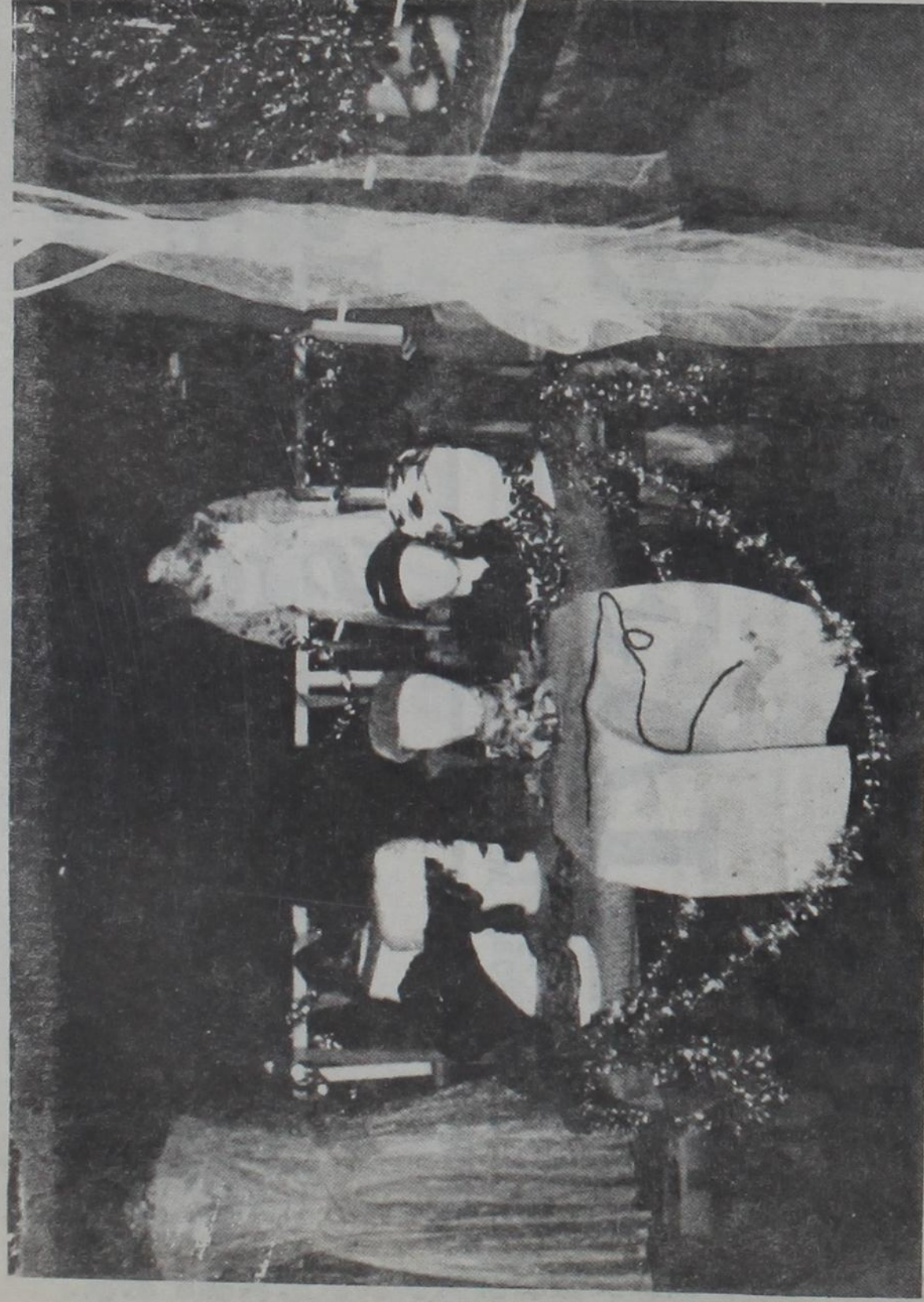
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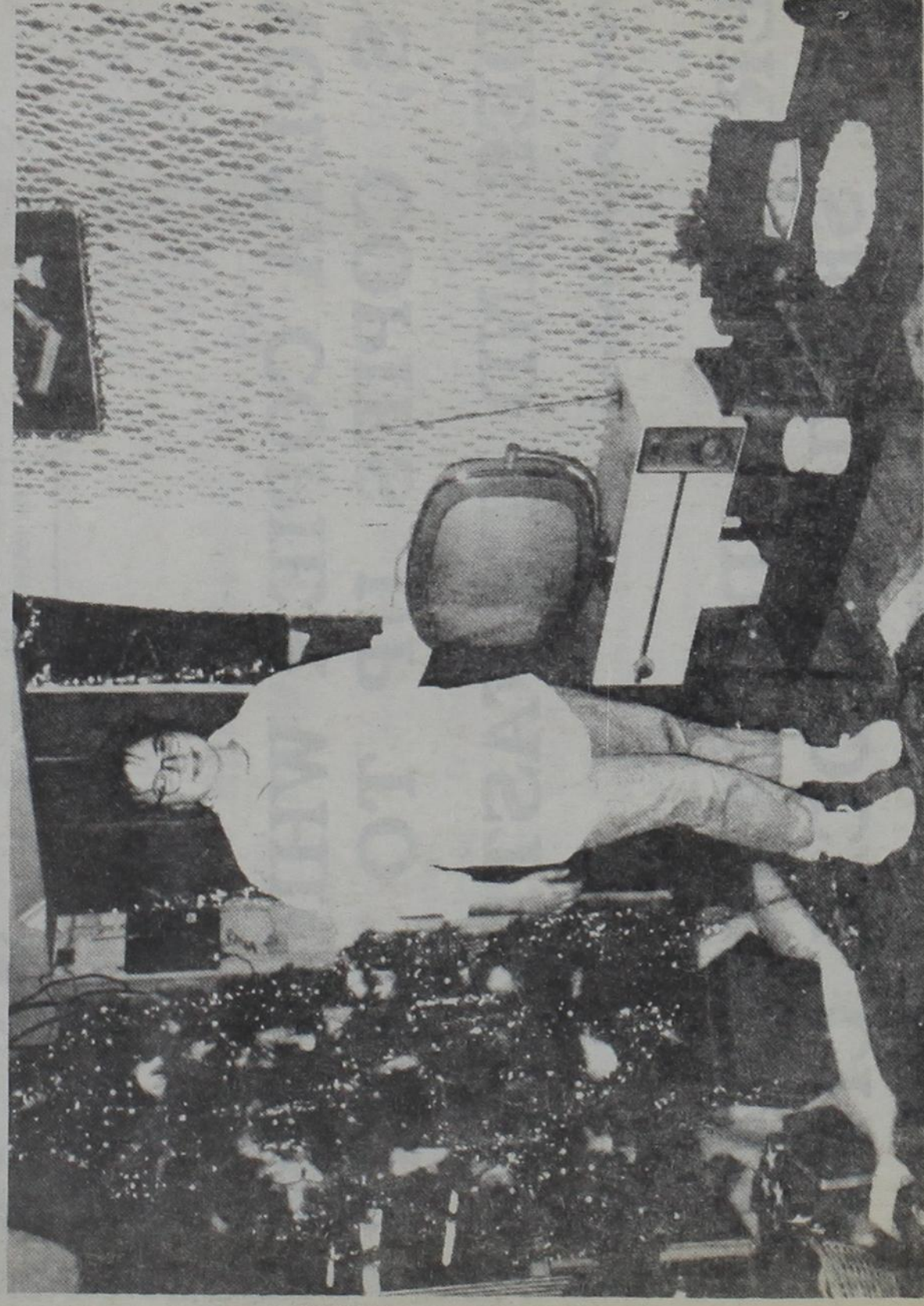
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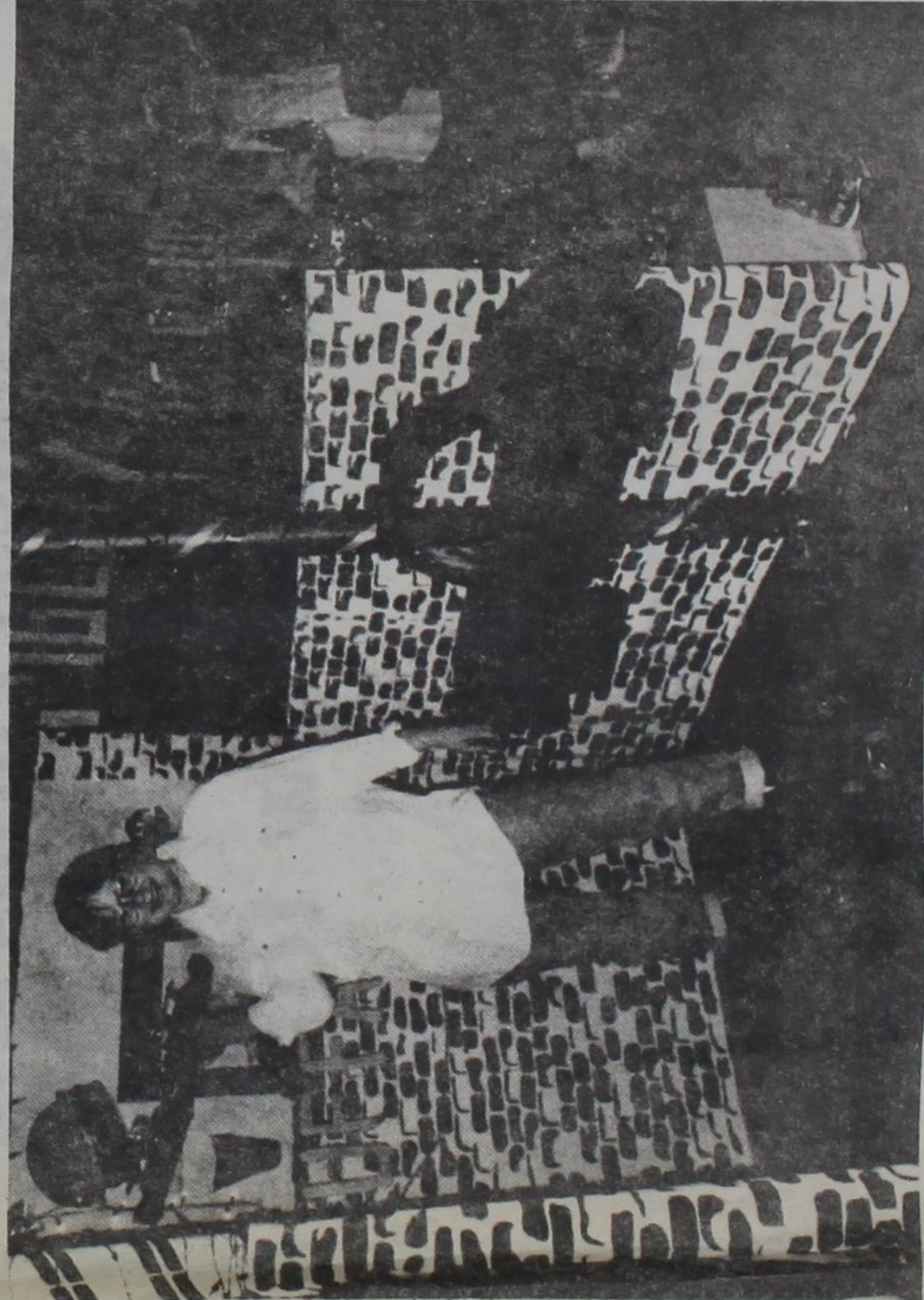
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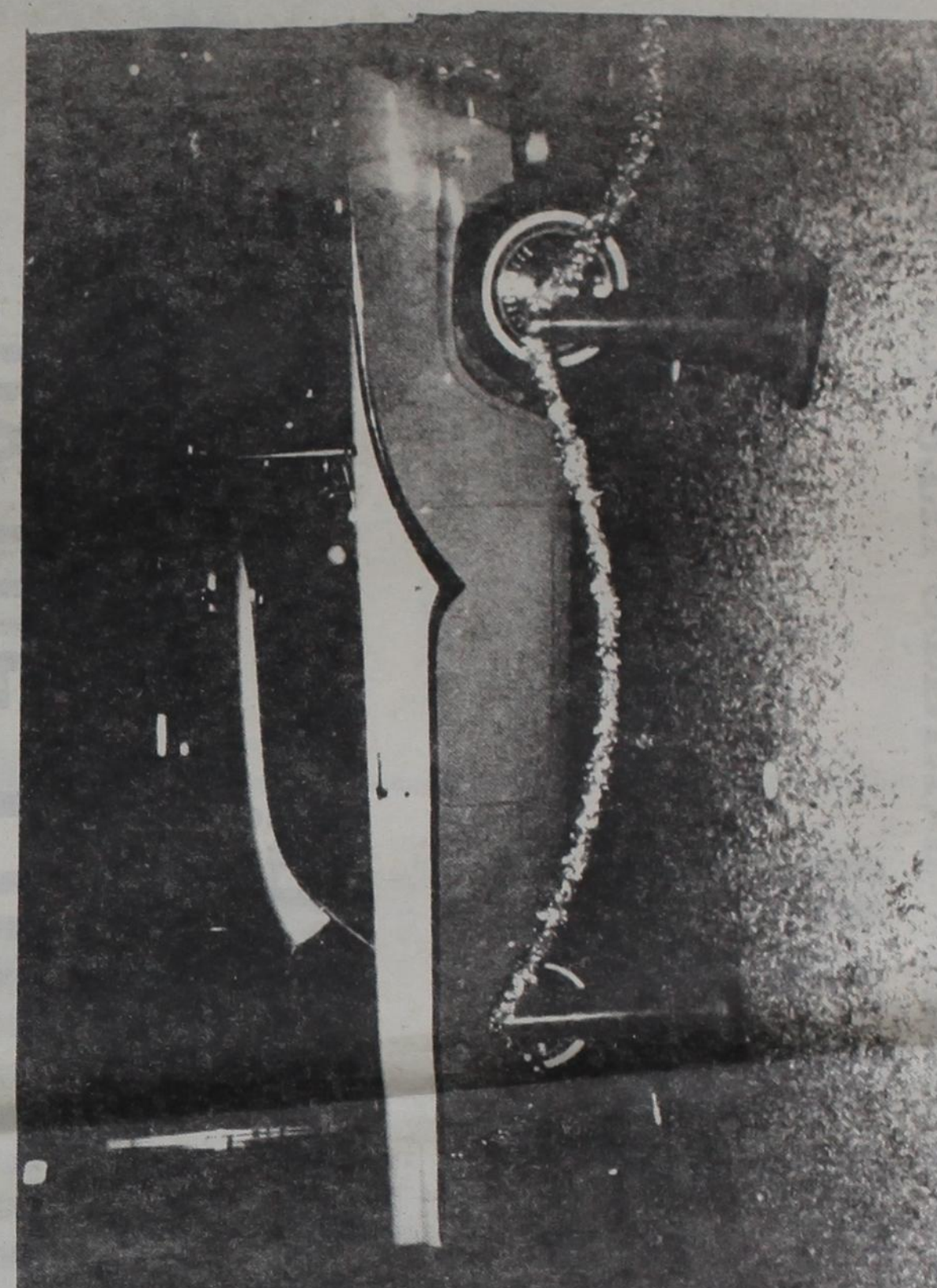
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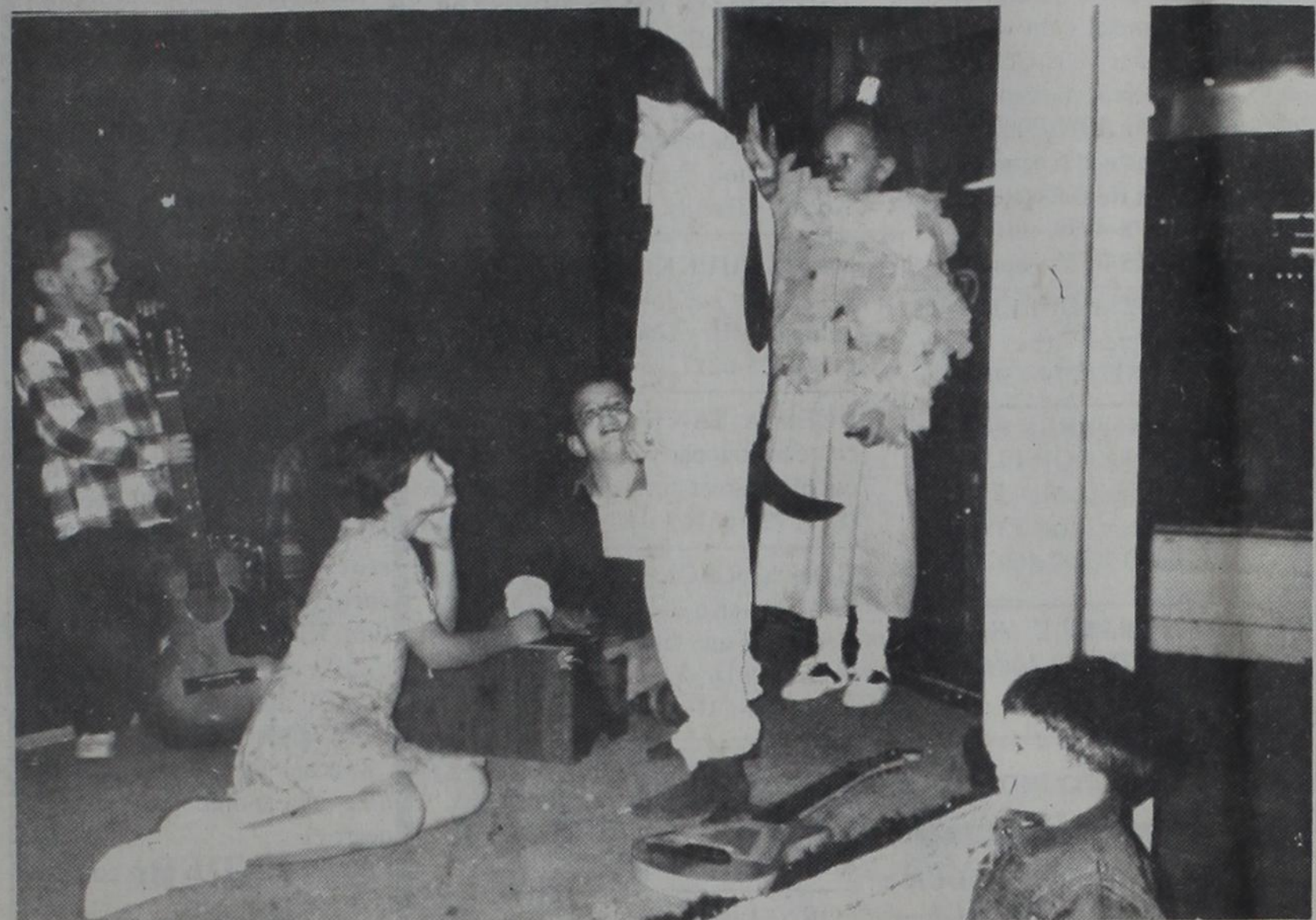
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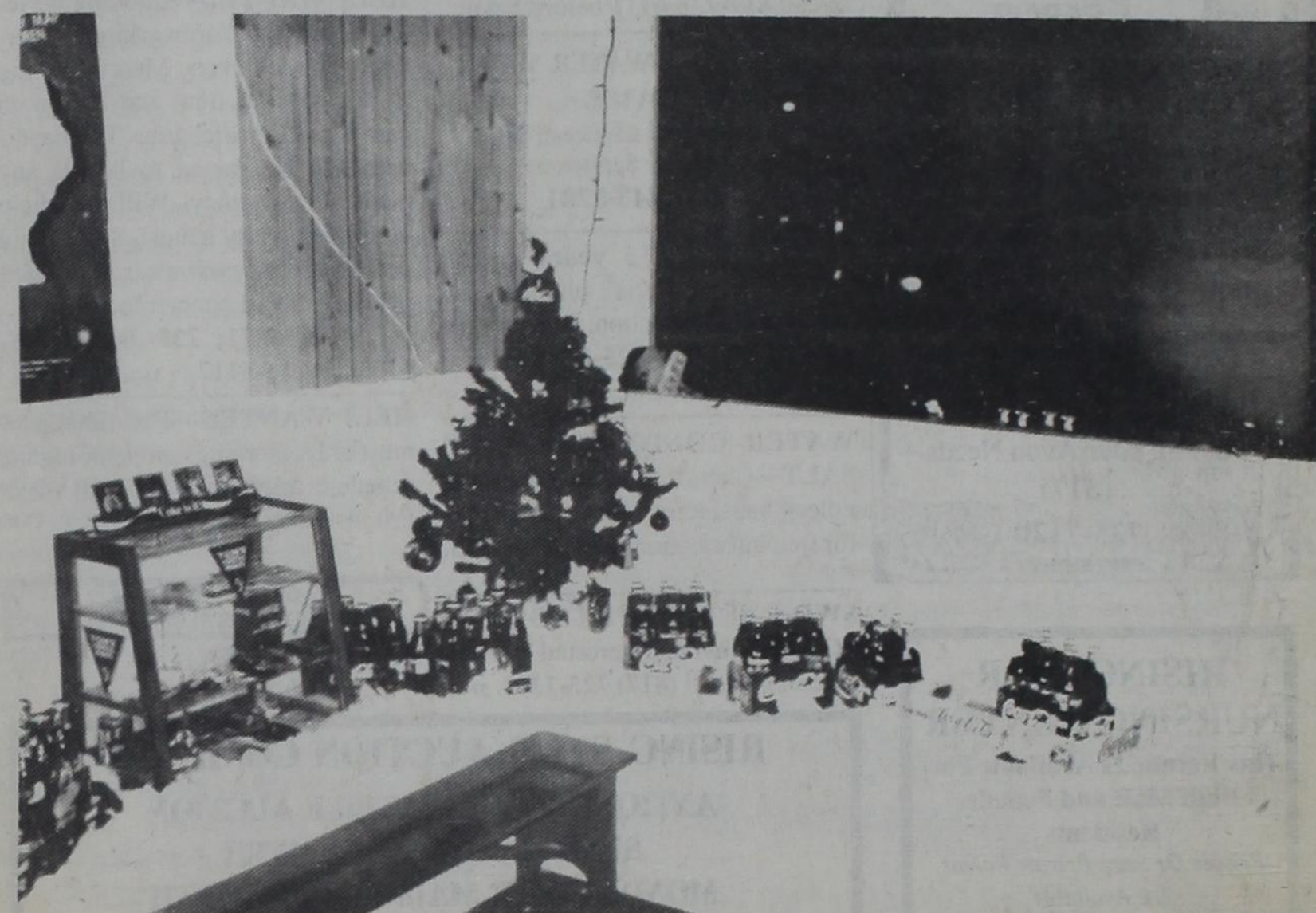
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## VILLAGE

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The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce arranged for Betty Lewis, Danny Lewis, and Ted McKeehan to play old time rock 'n roll music at the Senior Citizens Center. Mike McClure and Audrey Purvis' classic automobiles were on display out front and added just the right atmosphere to the evening.

Friday night was popular with the Kiwanis tree lighting and drawings for cash and gifts. The children were able to tell Santa their wishes and receive a gift of fruit, etc. The Buffalo Band performed Christmas music.

The Cross Plains Public Library housed collections by many local residents. It is amazing how many different collections have been exhibited over the years without repeats. The 1996 group included the town buildings (Cross Plains) built by Tracy Dillard and her dad, the late Charles Dillard; nesting figures - Barbara Sowell; piano collectibles - Connie Swift; cat collectibles - Angela Swift; airplane and soldier figures - Nathaniel Swift; angels and

angel quilts - Susan Schaefer; Precious Moment figurines - Pam Glover Smith; stuffed animals - Susan McNeel; nativity scenes - Linda Henson; collectible cereal boxes - Malysa Sowell; angels - Judy Luter; Coke collectibles - Debbie Edington; hens on nest and candy containers - Jeanell Purvis; and summer hats from the 50's - Lois Garrett. All were most interesting!

Citizens State Bank exhibited the paintings of Bonnie Ree White during the three day event. Mrs. White was present to provide information about her work.

The Health Fair conducted by Columbia One Home Health Care was a big hit. Lots of folks had cholesterol and blood sugar testings, blood pressure checks, and received informative pamphlets.

The U.S. Post Office had open house Friday evening and Deana Strickland and Norma Evans dressed in the 50's attire, while Larry Crockett appeared as James Dean. They reported a great time and reminded everyone you can still receive the postal cancellation designed by local artist, Arnold Henson.

West Texas Utilities hosted open house and was busy with visitors. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments

and treats.

The *Cross Plains Review* had a good crowd tour the newspaper looking at the antique equipment and learning about both the past and present printing techniques. Don Tabor, publisher, and his wife, Betty Joe, were available to answer newspaper related questions. The crowd enjoyed viewing old newspapers and photos.

Beta Sigma Phi's Tour of Homes was another highlight. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful homes decorated for the season. It is very gracious for local residents to open their homes to the public.

This year's Christmas Village was great and the event makes Cross Plains special. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the annual festivities!

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## Postal Service Encourages Public To Mail Now

DALLAS—With Christmas Day less than three weeks away, the U.S. Postal Service encourages the public to mail their holiday cards and packages now to ensure they arrive in ample time. Floretta E. Reed, the Postal Service's DFW Metro Manager, offers two suggestions to get holiday mail to its destination on time: "Mail early and address completely."

"Most mail travels throughout the United States by air and surface transportation," Reed said. "A prevention against possible delays caused by winter snow storms is mailing your packages early in the holiday season, preferably by the end of the first week in December."

Reed encourages the public to mail by this weekend, if possible. She says postal customers in the DFW Metroplex will be able to take advantage of extended hours, as well as additional open windows and lobby directors to assist them with their holiday needs. The Dallas Main Post Office, at 401 DFW Turnpike (Interstate Hwy 30, between Beckley and Sylvan) and Dallas Airport Mail Center (located on the south service road of DFW airport) are open 24 hours a day, everyday including holidays. In addition, during the holiday mailing season, the Postal Service will expand weekday and weekend hours and services for offices in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. These hours vary from branch to branch and customers are advised to check with their local post office for specific details.

"The holiday season is our busiest time of year," said Reed. "And if we're busy, it's because our customers are busy. We have systems and people in place to ensure that lines move quickly and customers are directed to the appropriate windows and service areas. "It's our job to make the postal experience as pleasant and hassle-free as possible." Behind the scenes, the additional mail-processing equipment and temporary operational annexes are being used to manage the heavy mail flow and maintain speedy processing and delivery.

"While we encourage the public to mail now and avoid the last minute rush to the post office," Reed advised, "the Postal Service will be ready for last-minute mailers. Express Mail next-day service guarantees next-day delivery seven days a week to most major metropolitan areas -- including Christmas Day -- for packages, cards and letters that must be sent overnight. Priority Mail provides cost-saving, two-day delivery to most U.S. destinations for those gift-givers who have little time to spare."

Reed said postal customers with internet access can find useful information on the U.S. Postal Service's homepage on the World Wide Web. The page provides links to a wide variety of mailing information, including ZIP Codes, various classes of mail and postage rates. The address for the Postal Service web page is <http://www.usps.gov>

## CJC To Offer History Course In Spring 1995 Semester

Cisco Junior College will offer History 1301 - History of the United States to Reconstruction via video tape at the Abilene Educational Center during the spring semester of 1997 beginning in January.

Students will use video tapes and view them on a self-paced basis. Students will be required to meet at the Abilene Educational Center of Cisco Junior College in Abilene one time for orientation and four times for testing and interaction. Optional study sessions will also be offered. Registration for the course will be during regular registration beginning January 8, 1997.

The class is designed to:

- 1) reach students in our rural West Texas service area who do not have convenient access to higher education;
- 2) reach many non-traditional students who must work full time and find it difficult to travel to the Abilene Center or Cisco Campus and;
- 3) deliver college-level courses to qualified high school seniors.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Accepting Bids

The City of Cross Plains is now accepting bids on modifications to the Ambulance bay located at the Fire Department on 9th Street that will accommodate a new ambulance. Bid specification may be obtained by contacting City Hall. Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., January 7, 1997. 37-3tc

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that City Hall now has call waiting on their telephone line. When you are calling city hall, please let it ring more than you normally would, due to the amount of time that it may take to break the ongoing call to answer the incoming call. There is normally someone at the office, unless it is during lunch, or closed to go to the bank or post office. If this is the case, the answering machine will be on. Thank you for your patience and help in this matter. 37-1tc

"The annual windbreak tree sale offered by Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now under way", says Clint Rollins, District Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Baird. Orders will be taken until February 19th and will be sold to the general public on a first come, first serve basis.

This year's selection of Evergreens includes the Afghanistan Pine, Arizona Cypress, Austrian Pine, Pinon Pine and Eastern redcedar. These evergreen seedlings are being offered for \$2.50 each or 40 for \$90.00

In addition to the evergreens, several varieties of bare-rooted hardwoods are being offered this year. These varieties include Russian Olive, Catalpa, Bur Oak, Shumard Oak, Nanking Cherry, Sandcherry, Green Ash and Little Walnut. The bare-rooted hardwood seedlings are sold in bundles of 50 for \$23.00 or 25 for \$12.50.

Tree orders will be taken until 4:30 p.m. on February 19th or until supplies run out, whichever comes first. The expected date of delivery will be February 20th. All orders are pre-paid with a check or money order and delivery is

guaranteed. These trees are delivered fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery located in Lubbock. The pick-up location for the trees will be at the Natural Resources Conservation Service Office in Baird.

For more information on planning, planting, and maintenance of windbreak trees or how to purchase low cost seedlings contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Baird at (915) 854-1349.

All services of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Callahan Divide SWCD are available to anyone without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin.

## TEXAS COUNCIL ON FAMILY VIOLENCE HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AUSTIN—Diane P. McGauley, Chair of the Texas Council on Family Violence's Board of Directors, announced today that Donna Medley will be the Council's new Executive Director, effective January 1, 1997. TCFV is a statewide advocacy organization working to end violence against women.

"After an extensive national search, we are thrilled to have someone of Donna Medley's caliber leading our efforts to end violence against women," McGauley said. "She brings with her a long history of commitment to the battered women's movement, a national presence in establishing public policy, and great

strength of character." According to Medley, "I've respected the Council's work for many years and regarded them as a national leader in the movement to end violence against women. I'm proud to be a part of that effort and to help carve a new future for TCFV."

For nearly 20 years, Medley has been a battered women's advocate at the local, state, and national levels. Her skills and experiences are uniquely applicable to Texas. She has worked in remote rural areas of Alaska, as well as major urban areas like San Francisco, and understands the challenges of working statewide in a state as large and diverse as Texas.



The custom of decking the halls with holly probably dates back to the early Christians, who did so in imitation of the Romans in their celebration of the festival Saturnalia, which celebrates the birth of the sun.

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John Cook, State Representative, District 60, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX. 78768-2910.

Washington  
Bill Clinton, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000.

Charles Stenholm, Congressman, 17th Texas District, 1211 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Phil Gramm, U.S. Senator, Room 370, Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-4302.

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## Wrap It Right For The Holidays Packaging Tips From The USPS

American consumers will spend nearly \$500 each on holiday gifts this year and, in total, Americans will send an estimated 30 million packages through the mail between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Unfortunately, careless packaging can cause many to arrive in poor condition.

The United States Postal Service offers these helpful "do's and don'ts" for ensuring your holiday parcels arrive on time and in one piece.

**DO**  
Select a container strong enough to protect the contents during handling. Fiberboard containers are generally strong enough to ship most materials. If you don't have a box like this, check your local post office for packaging products designed for safe and sound delivery.

Leave space inside the carton for cushioning. There should be enough room for the contents, plus cushioning to prevent damage. Good cushioning materials include polystyrene, shredded or rolled newspapers, bubble plastic and fiberboard inserts.

Seal liquids or items that have an odor in leak-proof, air-tight containers and mailing materials.

Seal all packages with reinforced tape.

Mark the address, including apartment number (if appropriate) and

ZIP Code (9-digit if possible), clearly and make special markings to alert the Postal Service to packages that are fragile or should not bend. If you are shipping framed photographs, remove the glass and wrap it separately.

Include a return address label inside the package prior to wrapping and sending.

Don't use cardboard boxes that have become worn and weakened from use. It is unlikely the boxes will make it through another trip.

Don't package your gifts without cushioning because your gifts will shift and absorb the shock of any movement during handling which will increase the risk of damage.

Don't package liquids and odorous items in only cardboard boxes or paper wrap. They will leak and spoil.

Don't use twine or cord to seal your packages. Both tend to catch and bind in the Postal Service's mechanized mail sorting equipment.

Incomplete, hard-to-read addresses make delivery of your packages difficult. Don't leave off ZIP Codes or street and apartment numbers, and print clearly when marking the address.

Don't seal your package without enclosing a return address label inside to ensure it is mailed back to you should it be undeliverable.



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...Celebrates 50th Wedding Anniversary

## James and Charlene Chesshir Celebrate 50th Anniversary

James and Charlene Chesshir will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 22, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center. Their children and spouses Christy and Doug Dallas of Crane; John and Margaret Chesshir of Edmond, Oklahoma; Jim and Anna Chesshir of Odessa; Charles and Kathy Chesshir of Cross Plains and Nancy King of Eastland invite all to this reception.

James was born June 18, 1922 in Gasolene, Texas in Bisco Co. and moved to Turkey, Texas as a small child. Charlene was born May 31, 1927 south of the Wylie School in Taylor County. The couple met while attending church in Abilene in

January of 1946, and married December 20, 1946. Their wedding was the first to be held at the Hendrick Home for Children Auditorium.

The couple lived in Abilene until December of 1953 when they moved to their present home northeast of Cross Plains. James still farms small acreage and has cows. Charlene is a homemaker and farmer's helper. James has served as director of the Pioneer Farmers Coop and was a committee member of ASCS for 5 years. Charlene has taught Sunday school classes preferring preschool and elementary classes.

The couple attends the Rising Star Church of Christ. They have been blessed with nine grandchildren.

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## \$1.4 Million In Federal Tax Refunds Unclaimed

DALLAS -- A total of 2,795 North Texas taxpayers have a pleasant surprise from the IRS this holiday season.

The IRS has been unable to deliver \$1,369,617 million in tax refunds to North Texas residents. The smallest refund check is \$1. The biggest undeliverable check is \$23,378. Nationwide, more than 96,400 taxpayers have yet to receive their 1995 refunds which total about \$62 million.

These refunds were returned by the post office because they were unable to deliver them. Many taxpayers move and do not give the IRS their new address or their returns have an incorrect name and address. Taxpayers who are due a refund can call 1-800-829-1040.

"Taxpayers can eliminate the possibility of lost, stolen or undeliverable refunds by electing Direct Deposit, said North Texas District Director Bobby E. Scott. This year, Direct Deposit is easier than ever -- just two extra lines to complete on the tax form." Last year, more than 10 million taxpayers avoided problems by having their refund checks deposited directly into their bank accounts. In addition, taxpayers can avoid delays in getting their refunds by sending IRS their new address on Form 8822, Change of Address, when they move.

Although thousands of refunds are not delivered each year, that number is small compared to the refunds that are delivered. Last filing season, almost 79 million refunds were delivered, an average amount of \$1,227 each.

The undelivered refund list for this area includes: Faye Gardenhire, Cisco, Tx. 76437 and Jan L. Bishop, Cisco, Tx.

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