

RADICAL LIVING

By Dan Carter, Pastor
Trinity Community Church

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST
Luke 2:8-14

Psychologists report more depression and suicides at Christmas than at any other time of the year. Why all the despair and emptiness? Christmas is praised and sung about as the best of times.

Could it be in all the celebrating, the reason for the celebration has been lost? Perhaps the uncertainty of the future, and a longing or sorrow for the past cause the depression. And just when it's the season that everyone's duty is to be jolly.

Is there a remedy for the holiday blues? Yes, there is a cure, and its roots are to be found in the origin of Christmas. Two thousand years ago an angel of God appeared in a pasture where some shepherds were tending sheep. He said, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David (Bethlehem) there has been born for you a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord."

There's the cause for celebration. Almighty God has become a man. A baby no less. He didn't come to judge us (as much as we deserve it), but to communicate with Him (contrary to new age philosophies, which are actually as old as Eden), He became a Man.

Here then is the solution to despair and anxiety that haunt people in the Christmas season, and any other time: God's love for us is so great that He offers peace through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

God continues, year after year, generation after generation, to offer the same incomparable gift to everyone who will believe: Peace with Him, and eternal life. If you decide to give real peace a chance this Christmas, ask Jesus to come and live in you. Then you will have the real, the only reason to celebrate Christmas.

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Police Files

Spearman Police Report

During the reporting period beginning Monday, Dec. 14, and ending Sunday, Dec. 20, the Spearman Police Department filed 33 activity reports. Four of these reports were traffic accidents, according to Police Chief Joe Raper.

On Monday, Dec. 14, a minor accident occurred at 9:12 a.m. The accident occurred on seventh and Townsen. According to Police Chief Raper Barbara Hand stopped her 1990 Oldsmobile at a stop sign on Townsen. Daniel Rios, driving a 1989 Ford, was unable to stop due to the road conditions and struck the Oldsmobile, said Police Chief Raper.

The second accident occurred on the vet clinic road on Tuesday. This accident was referred to the DPS office.

Another accident was reported on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 3:27 p.m. This accident occurred in the 200 Block of S. James. According to Police Chief Raper a 1983 GMC pickup driven by Roman Arnold of Spearman struck a 1990 Chevrolet, a patrol car, that was parked along the street. It was reported that the car was damaged on the left side, but no injuries were report.

The third accident occurred on Saturday, Dec. 19, in the 10 Block of N. Hoskins, but was not reported until Sunday, Dec. 20. The accident occurred between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. According to Police Chief Raper the incident is still under investigation.

The department also reported 12 miscellaneous calls, three lock-outs, one suspicion call and two suspicious vehicle reports. Other calls during the week were as follows:

On Monday, the department received a traffic complaint. It involved motorcycles and snowmobiles on the road by the vet clinic. It is being investigated.

Another traffic complaint was also received on Monday. This one involved snowmobiles on Seventh Street.

Still another traffic complaint was received on Tuesday, Dec. 15. This report also involved snowmobiles, but it was reported from Fifth and Brandt.

Then on Wednesday, Dec. 16, the department responded to an alarm.

On Thursday, Dec. 17, the police department received a report of a possible prowler in the 100 Block of S. Drensen.

Then on Saturday, Dec. 19, the department filed a domestic disturbance report. The disturbance occurred in the 900 Block of Drensen.

On Sunday, Dec. 20, the department had an ambulance assist call in the 1100 Block of S. Bernice.

There were four animal control calls during the week.

Gruver Police Report

During the reporting period running Wednesday, Dec. 2, through Monday, Dec. 21, the Gruver Police Department filed 11 activity reports.

As 1992 comes to an end, I would like to reflect on the accomplishments of this past year and the challenges which lie ahead in 1993.

1992 Accomplishments

For the City of Spearman, 1992 was a very active year in improving our services to citizens. The City Council battled against higher electric rates through monitoring the status of the Texas-New Mexico Power Company rate increase request. More specifically, the Mayor and City Manager, along with several citizens, testified before the Public Utility Commission against increasing our electric rates. Also, the Mayor and City Manager testified at the Sunset Commission hearings about ways to make the Public Utility Commission more responsive to the interests of electric rate payers. While the Public Utility Commission gave Texas-New Mexico Power Company a rate increase of 6.86% overall, this rate increase is less than the 9.63% overall rate increase requested by Texas-New Mexico Power Company officials. However, our economic development efforts will be hard-pressed as long as we have to pay one of the highest electric rates in the State of Texas.

In April, 1992 the City Council authorized the sale of \$1,000,000 in Certificates of Obligation. These certificates will provide the money to rebuild the sewer plant, paint

City Lites

by Kelvin Knauf
Spearman City Manager

the water towers and build a garbage transfer station. The certificates will be paid off through garbage, water and sewer fees over the next fifteen years. To this end, the City Council increased both the garbage fees and the sewer fees this past year.

1992 proved to be the year that we struggled with complying with new environmental laws, specifically the Subtitle D regulations issued by the Environmental Protection Agency. The costs of complying with these regulations will force us to close our landfill in 1993. The City Council and the City Manager have been exploring ways to dispose of our trash that will have the least burden on our citizens. This past year, we signed an agreement with Perryton to begin hauling our trash from Spearman and Gruver. Also, Spearman officials have begun exploring the possibility of having a regional landfill with the cities and counties in the Oklahoma Panhandle. If these talks are successful, then it is possible that a regional landfill will be located in Guymon, Oklahoma. Should the Perryton landfill be closed, then we will most likely haul our trash to Guymon.

State laws also had an effect on City operations this past year. For the first time, we were forced to have regular operating hours at the landfill. State fees for garbage, water and sewer inspections went

up this past year. The rehabilitation of the sewer plant was delayed by seven months until the Texas Water Commission could straighten out its merger with sections of the Texas Health Department.

However, not all of 1992 was filled with problems or negatives. Many positive events happened this past year. The City annexed land for a new Soil Conservation Service building. The City made the last payment on land for a future municipal service center. The temporary sewer plant bids were awarded. A new City logo was devised, which will help promote tourism and economic development in Spearman. The City Personnel Policies were updated, providing more guidance to City employees. The City was successful in winning a lawsuit against a painting contractor and settled a lawsuit out-of-court with a consulting engineer. An emergency generator was bought for the fire station in case we lose power in a crisis. The County Commissioners awarded the bids on a new fire truck for the volunteer fire department. Finally, the City Council adopted a parks improvement plan to provide more recreational opportunities for our citizens.

Challenges for 1993

This next year will provide its share of problems and challenges for the City. The closing of the landfill will certainly be a major problem, particularly if Perryton closes their landfill also. The city will continue to implement the requirements of the Americans With Dis-

abilities Act. Sections of this Act require the public facilities be accessible to disabled persons. The City has been studying the ways to make the public improvements, including sidewalks downtown, more easily accessible to the disabled. In December, we received report that to fix the sidewalks downtown would cost about \$34,000. We will look for funds to pay for these repairs in 1993.

This next January, the City will begin an active process of promoting economic development in the community. Already, an Economic Development Committee has been appointed by the City Council and will begin meeting in January. This next year, the City and the Chamber of Commerce hope to have a lake festival at Palo Duro Lake to promote tourism in Spearman and Hansford County. To be successful in economic development and tourism will require the active participation and cooperation of everyone in Spearman.

This next year the City will be pursuing grants to implement the parks improvement. Also this next year, we will repair the damage to our streets caused by the recent

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Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Christmas is as Christmas should be for Paul and Adela Lopez as their son, Daniel, whom they hadn't seen for a year arrived this past week. Seaman Daniel is assigned to the frigate U.S.S. McClusky and is stationed in Japan. Daniel has been in many ports in many countries but considers being in Vladivostok, Russia the most interesting.

Daniel had planned his leave to be here not only for Christmas but also for the wedding of his brother Chris and Maranda Loomis. Daniel is honing up on his "best man" technique for the wedding on January 2.

He will have to fly back to Japan by January 6.

He is looking forward to next April at which time he will be stationed state side at the naval base at Bremerton, Washington.

A tradition of many years is the Christmas party for the employees of the Dean Cluck Cattle Company of Gruver which was held in Spearman this year. On Friday evening Ivey's Hungry Cowboy catered to all the hungry cowboys, other employees and their fami-

lies. A few old friends shared the evening, including from Spearman Blanche Greene and Helen Fisher.

It was hosted by Dean and Rita Cluck, Tim and Teresa Cluck and Monte and Mary Jo Cluck. More than 100 attended; with Monte Cluck leading in prayer.

Other than visiting and congenial fellowship, entertainment was watching an interesting video shown on a large screen, installed for the occasion.

The video was taken by Teresa Weldon, an accomplished photographer, of the three day cattle round-up last October.

Eight teepees were set up for the small fry for the three nights; meals were from a chuck wagon, and camp fire. The days were long—beginning at first light and ending near sundown as the 3000 head of cattle were rounded up and moved from grass at one of the ranches preparatory to going on wheat or into feed lots.

41 horses were saddled every morning which included the children's and they made pretty fair hands. The youngest was a 13 month old girl who rode with her dad from 5:30 am until 10 one morning.

This unique round-up was featured in the October issue of the *Southwest Stockman*, and a number of out-of-town friends participated.

Early Christmas guests for Martha and Billy Haden were their sons, who will be unable to be here on that day. Jimmy came from Arlington for four days and Billy Ray and Lynn with Sadie came from Amarillo for a couple of days. Sadie furnished all the entertainment needed.

It was a very complimentary article and an excellent picture of the pretty Krista Kirkland in the Saturday issue of the *Amarillo News-Globe*. Krista, a Spearman High School graduate of 1989 and now a Junior at Texas Tech is an outstanding basketball player. She is already the all time SW Conference leader in three-point attempts and needs only five more three pointers to be the all-time leader in the three point category.

Chris McClellan left Saturday to return to his home in Arlington

after a few days here with his parents, Wilson and Joan McClellan. He brought four friends with him for pheasant hunting and were pleased that all bagged their limit.

The family is looking forward to being together on Christmas as the other son, Ken, will be with them. He is expected to arrive in Dallas from Indonesia on Monday.

Bill Partridge and his daughter, Sherisse Martin, of Oklahoma City are visiting in the home of Slim and Mary Cates. They are assisting in the store, Cates Men and Boys Wear, during the holiday season. Sherry Partridge and other family members are expected in time to share Christmas.

Pre-Christmas guests of Ila Mae and J.B. Buchanan for a couple of days last week are Tammy and Chris Hanson and son Mills. They had been in Canada and were driving back to their home in Sun City, California. Tammy is a great niece of Ila Mae's.

Mrs. Irene Baker, in addition to being surprised at reaching the age of 80, was surprised by having a birthday party in her honor.

Her son Thomas and Rita Reed hosted the occasion on Saturday evening at the Plaza in Borger.

Showing their love and devotion to her by attending the dinner, complete with birthday cake, were four generations. In addition to the host couple, from Spearman, was her sister Mrs. Grace Simpson, grandson John Reed, Ken and Joann Schneider with Shane and Kendall; Jackie Bradley with Brittnay; from Dumas came Judy Reed, Jerry Raper with Heather and Dustin; from Gruver-Todd and Janet Williams with Lane.

Local PTA members... attend annual convention

Teresa Kirk, Jan Howard and Marlene Miller of Spearman were among more than 2,000 Texas PTA leaders from across the state who attended the Texas PTA 83rd Annual Convention held at the Westin Hotel in Houston Nov. 21-23.

Delegates from the 18 Texas PTA districts convened in Houston to conduct the annual business of the Texas PTA, to adopt resolutions and legislative positions, to elect new Group I officers, and to attend workshop discussions.

More than 70 workshops were presented on a variety of topics ranging from self-esteem/discipline to HIV/AIDS, safety, site-based decision making, and trends in education.

Keynote speakers included: Dr. Guadalupe C. Quintanilla, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs and associated professor of the Hispanic and Classical Languages Department, University of Houston; Arnold Fege, director of the National PTA Office of Governmental Relations in Washington D.C.; and Justice of the Peace George E. Risner, Precinct 2, Position 2 in Harris County, vice president of Communities in Schools for Pasadena ISD.

Texas PTA President Shirley Igo, Plainview, concluded her two-year

Hometown news

Maria Magali Sumner of Spearman was among the students named to the President's Honor Roll at Frank Phillips College for the fall 1992 semester.

Students must complete 12 semester hours or more and achieve a GPA of 4.00 before they can be placed on the President's Honor Roll.

Eight students from Spearman have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Frank Phillips College. Pam D. James, Stephanie Kirk, Deziree Dawn Pearson, Forrest W. Reichen, Christa M. Sims, Maria Magali Sumner, Susan Faye Thompson and Cassie Torrez were among the students named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 1992 semester.

Students must complete 12 semester hours or more and achieve a GPA of 3.00 before they can be placed on the Dean's Honor Roll.

Margaret Yates (Automated Office Technology), Spearman, graduated this fall from Texas State Technical College-Amarillo with a certificate.

Texas State Technical College-Amarillo is a non-profit technical college, created in 1970 by the Texas Legislature. The school offers 19 technical programs including three new programs: chemical technology, metrology, and telecommunications.

Lookin' Back - Spearman

Christmas Past-Spearman 5 Years Ago

The manor empty stocking fund was happy to report \$2,955 as the ending balance for their 1987 efforts.

A special Christmas lighting



Amber Moore wins trophies - Amber Moore recently competed in an All Star Kids pageant in Borger and won several trophies. She placed first in the Denim Wear and Photogenic categories and was first alternate in the beauty category. Amber is the daughter of Paul and Julie Moore of Spearman. Her grandparents are Sonny and JoAnn Kell and Hubert Moore of Shamrock. Amber was sponsored by Gillaspie's Auto and Truck Center, B & B Sales and Moores Construction.

Club News

Dahlia Flower Club

The Dahlia Flower Club had their Christmas meeting in the beautifully decorated home of Karen

Babitzke on December 8. Wanda Smith called the meeting to order. The flag salute was led by Frances Williams and the club collect by Ruth Mary Whitson.

The minutes were read and approved, and the treasurer's report was given. A card for Hollie Riley was signed by the members present. Wanda Reed demonstrated making and covering beautiful heart-shaped boxes. Roll call was answered by "A favorite Christmas story".

Delicious holiday refreshments were served to: Marjorie Curtis, Cleo Denman, Ethel Ellsworth, Wanda Smith, Jewel Turner, Ruth Mary Whitson, Frances Williams and one guest, Wanda Reed by the hostess, Karen Babitzke.

10 Years Ago

The pheasants of 1982 were a smart bunch of birds—they came to town while the hunters went to the country to hunt for them. Billy Miller reported seeing a pheasant flying around Ralph Blodgett's home. Owen Montgomery had a pheasant hen in his yard and Sylvia Robertson saw a pheasant rooster in her backyard.

The first meeting of the New Year will be in the home of Marjorie Curtis on April 5.

As for Christmas celebrations in '82. Rainbows & Ranglers, Spearman's square dance club, was having their share of fun. They combined their Christmas dinner with graduation ceremonies. The happy feet had survived lessons conducted by Jimmy Shieldnight.

Rainbows & Ranglers Club News

On Sunday, Dec. 13, the Rainbows and Ranglers Square Dance Club entertained the residents of Hansford Manor.

Dancing to the music of Murry Beasley of Texhoma, Okla., were: Joe and Wanda Archer, Ronnie and Vicki Bullard, Benny and Joyce Byers, Alvin Byers, Danny and Debbie Herrington, Dwayne Booth, Sandy Beasley, Kathy Morley, Sonya Tindel, Rusty and Judy Tindel, and Lupe Renteria.

15 Years Ago

Christmas 1977 had good news and bad news. Farm crops did not bring high yields in Hansford County for that year. The good news...assistance arrived in time for Christmas. Thirty-seven Hansford County farm families received disaster or low yield payments, while 325 farm families received deficiency payments.

The dancers as well as the residents had a wonderful time!

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Air Force.

The country and western lessons will be held from 7-8 with the square dance lessons following from 8-10. Your first three lessons are free. If you decide to continue, the cost is only \$5.00 each week. Come and join the fun!!

Hometown news

RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE, Frankfurt, Germany—Tech. Sgt. Joe D. Lewis has been decorated with Air Force Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Air Force.

It is his second award. Lewis, a contracting supervisor, is the son of Billy R. and Peggy L. Lewis of 105 S. Mackenzie St., Stinnett, Texas.

The sergeant is a 1976 graduate of Stinnett High School.

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 Gone from our touch,
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Tammy & Kim Kiss,
 Mr. & Mrs. Reg Robertson & families,
 Mr. & Mrs. Imre Kiss & families.

H.C. producers ... elect new ASCS committeeman

by Keith Martin, ASCS
The Hansford County ASCS office would like to take this opportunity to thank Sonny Windom for his time and devotion to the Hansford County ASCS Committee. Sonny had served as County Committeeman for 3 consecutive terms (9 years), and was not eligible to run for a fourth term. Sonny was always willing to give his time and

energy to serve the farmers and ranchers of Hansford County, and we want to take this opportunity to say thank you for a job well done.

We also want to take this opportunity to announce that Phil Sanders has been elected to serve a three

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take good men, make them better to help serve society and all mankind."

He said Masonry is not a secret, but a charitable organization.

The charitable and protective features of the fraternity have been responsible for the establishment of Masonic homes for the care of dependent aged Masons and their widows and orphanages and schools for the children of members.

Schnell said millions of dollars are spent annually to operate several facilities including the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Dallas; Shrine Burns Center, Galveston; Girls' Dormitory, Austin; Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Springfield, Ill.; and for many scholarships.

Schnell defined Freemasonry as an educational society, teaching its members a moral philosophy of life.

He said Freemasonry, as we know it today, had its beginnings in England in the 1700's and came to America with the early settlers. George Washington, who served as the first U.S. President, served as Master of his lodge. Many of the signers of the Declaration of Inde-

pendence were active Masons, he said.
Schnell said there are more than four million Masons nationwide. He said Masons are diverse as movie stars John Wayne and Roy Rogers, and former Presidents Gerald Ford, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, and former Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

Schnell attributes success of Freemasonry through the years to the following: belief in the fatherhood of God, belief in the brotherhood of Man, and the method of membership selections.

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trunks, stated Charolette.
Elvin Martin, Charolette's dad, also lends a helping hand. "Dad still comes in and helps seal packages," Charolette says.

Joyce Vanderburg is another important person at Charolette Ford Trunks. She was hired after Charolette's mother, Mildred, past away last year.

"We do everything we can ourselves," Charolette said. But if they do need help cleaning Idella White and Butch Schaefer are often called upon. And some of the cedar work is done by Orville Latham, she said.

So how long does it take to restore a trunk?

According to Charolette it should take anywhere from two to four weeks to restore a trunk from start to finish if you do the job right. "If it takes less than that you are just doing a 'quick fix' and it won't last," said Charolette. She added, "If done right it should last another 50 to

100 years."
Although Charolette does a considerable amount of advertising in specialty magazines, such as *Country Living*, a lot of her restoring is from repeat customers.

When I arrived for the interview, Charolette was covering a tray with cloth. She explained that was one of the three ways it would be restored. The other two ways are natural or papered. The tray was from a trunk being restored for Neida Hulsey of Austin. Charolette reported that she had restored three trunks for her and about six or seven for her two sisters.

Charolette said that she had probably restore more trunks for Mrs. Blackburn of Spearman than she had for anyone. Mrs. Blackburn would make the gift of a unique trunk even more unique. According to Charolette, Mrs. Blackburn would fix flower arrangements and put them in the trunk. She would then give them as gifts to her grand-

daughters or grandsons.
Charolette said that restoring trunks is a lot of hard work. "There have been a lot of happy times and sad times, but I guess it has all evened out, said Charolette. I appreciate all of the customers that have supported me in the past years."

Charolette Ford Trunks is a unique, "specialty" store celebrating its 15th year of business in Spearman.



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<p>Gruver Farm Supply 515 Main, Gruver 733-2882</p>		<p>Cates Men & Boys Wear 221 Main, Spearman 659-3426</p>
<p>The Bunkhouse 212 South Main, Spearman 659-2476</p>	<p>Charolette Ford Trunks 313 Main, Spearman 659-3027</p>	<p>Main Street Store 506 Main, Gruver 733-5040</p>
<p>Little Tiffanies 103 East Broadway, Gruver 733-5290</p>	<p>Lady Fair Shop 719 West 7th, Spearman 659-3215</p>	

Boys Ranch, no match for the Gruver Greyhounds, 64-45

by Bob Bort
This past Friday, Dec. 18, the Boys Ranch Roughriders came to town to do battle with the Hounds, and it was a game for the first quarter and a half. But then the Hounds exerted their muscle, and stormed to a 19-point, 64-45 victory.

It was the 17th consecutive victory for the Hounds at Greyhound Gym dating back to a loss to Borger on Dec. 31, 1990. No one can fault the schedule makers this year for a patsy schedule for the Hounds though, as they just came off an 8-game road trip, and hadn't played a home game since Nov. 20. This one break with a home game is short-lived though, as the Hounds now go back on the road for 6 more games, before their next home game vs. Stratford on Jan. 8. Pity the poor Lady hounds, who must suffer through the entire 14-game road trip, and will not have played a home game between Nov. 20-Jan.

8. It is a killer schedule. Boys Ranch actually led the Hounds toward the end of the first quarter, 14-9, but then the Hounds outscored the Roughriders 30-10 for a 39-24 halftime lead. It was no contest.

Like the Gruver ladies, in order for the Hounds to match up with the Spearman or the Highland Parks or the Stratfords, they are going to have to step it up a notch or two in order to win the tough road games in district 1-AA. They played well against Boys Ranch, but the Ranchers are not the class of the district, and Gruver still is committing a tremendous amount of turnovers, and must improve. Some of the recent performances by the Hounds which were less than Houndball-like can be attributed to the sickness this flu season, which has hindered the Hounds for over a week now. They are not playing their best basketball of the season at this point.

Kevin Spivey had a fine ball game, with 27 points. Carey Kauffman also turned in a notably excellent performance, hitting his short jumper for 13 points and turning a nice job on the boards.

Gruver will next play at Perryton on Tuesday, Dec. 22, and thus they will begin a strange stretch of playing all their road games on Tuesdays, and their home games on Fridays. Another quirk that makes the schedule tough for our athletes, who must travel on school nights.

The ladies also play at Perryton after an off-night for the Boys Ranch contest, and then both Gruver teams will play at Dumas on Dec. 29th, then they end the year and begin the new year with the Stratford Invitational Tournament.

- Basketball Roundup**
12/18/92
- Varsity Boys vs. Boys Ranch**
Gru 64-BR 45
- 3-Pointers: Kevin Spivey 3, Jeffrey Price
- Kevin Spivey-27, Carey Kauffman-13, Jeffrey Price-7, Brady Pool-5, Jace Dawson-4, Tek Ferguson-4, Matt Etheredge-2, Will Etheredge-2.
- JV Boys vs. Boys Ranch**
Gru 42-BR 77
- Ricardo Soto-10, Kevin McNett-9, Victor Lopez-8, Fabian Salazar-6, Eric Wright-4, Paul Renteria-3, Roma Tomlinson-2.
- 9th Grade Boys vs. Borger Sophs**
Gru 43-Bor 61
- 3-Pointers: Phil De La Cruz, Bailey Barkley-10, Sammy Renteria-8, Wylee Maupin-7, Phil De La Cruz-5, Scott Jarvis-5, Max Frick-4, Travis Ferguson-2, Tye Womble-2.

Southwest Outdoors

with Mel Phillips

Goodbye to Good Hunting
With pheasant season ending December 27th, this is the last weekend to enjoy some outstanding hunting for a great tasting bird. Early hunting reports indicate an all time high number of birds because of the late spring rains. Our unusually early snow storms affect the hunters much more than the birds. Hunting conditions are best described as "muddy but productive." The daily limit is two cocks with a possession limit of four birds.

Originally stocked by private efforts in the Hereford area, these adaptable and delicious birds now have a prime range in an area roughly bounded on the north by Dalhart over to Spearman down to a southern border from Plainview to the New Mexico line. The CRP set aside program has provided huge areas of excellent cover that serve as an ideal nursery for young ring-necked pheasant.

The incredibly long cold spells during the winter of 1989 literally froze many pheasant and even entire coveys of quail in their tracks. For some reason our birds have bounced back while their numbers in our sister states to the north remain low. This year hunters from all over the United States will sample our excellent pheasant hunting.

Safety Tip of the year—a cellular phone can save your life, and one in your spouse's car can put her a phone call from rescue during any emergency. The price has really come down, and the service areas have increased. A cellular phone is the perfect late Christmas gift. Check your local dealers because they are offering some great holiday prices. Some hunters have been seen conducting business while driving to and from their hunting leases.

From my family to yours—
MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Spearman Basketball Roundup

- December 21, 1992
- Varsity Lynxettes vs. Perryton**
Spr 41-Per 36
- Jill Lusby-6, Mary Cook-5, Michelle Garnett-4, Kimbre Townsen-3, Kara Townsen-6, Holly Jarvis-6, Laura Pearson-11.
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Charolette Ford Trunks... celebrating 15 years of business

by Angela Jones
Editor

Charolette Ford Trunks is celebrating 15 years, but the treasure available at this unique, "specialty" store date back to the 1900's.

At Charolette Ford Trunks they restore old trunks, transforming them into a beautiful antique that will add to any room. Charolette Ford, owner of Charolette Ford Trunks, said, "You can't just go into every little shop in every little town and purchase something like this."

But restoring trunks is only a small part of the business at Charolette Ford Trunks. "Most of the business is mail order," said Ford. They send parts and books to people so they can restore their own trunks, explained Ford. Charolette publishes *Trunk Talk* and sends out news letters upon request.

Although they send do-it-yourself information they still restore many trunks for others. "We get trunks shipped to us from all over," said Ford. She went on to list some of the places such as Saint Louis, New Mexico, California, Pennsylvania and Orlando. "The furthest away was Alaska," she added.

So how did it all begin?

Charolette thought for a second and then said that her mother had restored a couple of trunks and she had watched her. She added, "As far back as I can remember grandmother always liked antiques. We just kind of zeroed in on trunks."

Charolette has been trunking for



Charolette Ford is helped in her business by her daughters and grandchildren. The daughters seated on one of the shop's trunks (l-r) are Kamala Goodheart and Tammy Benton. Grandchildren are Kenzee and Bray Goodheart and Austin Benton.

17 years. She and her husband, the late Jerry Ford, bought the business from the previous owner, Dorothy Groves, about 15 years ago. Charolette explained that Dorothy started the craft in the 60's. Charolette began working for her in 1974 and purchased the business in 1977. Charolette and her husband worked together in the business. "He helped me make it what it is today," she stated.

"I first started restoring them in my garage," said Ford. But she soon moved the business to the Plains Shopping Center where Adela's Flowers was located and then "across the way" to the store that is currently the video store. Then in 1982 she moved her business to its current location, 313 Main. But the changes didn't end there. About two years ago she expanded her business and it now include country gift items.

Although there have been many changes, Charolette says that it is family ran business. Her daughter, Tammy Benton, does most of the painting. Her other daughter, Kamala Goodheart of Amarillo, runs Trunks N Time out of her home. She also refers customers to me, said Charolette.

Even her son-in-laws, Kent Benton and Darren Goodheart, pitch in and help. They have both been involved in the cleaning of

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Notice is hereby given that North Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the "Utility") intends to change rates for electric utility service effective March 9, 1993, or as soon thereafter as may be permitted by law. The Utility has not had a rate increase since 1983. Based upon a test year ending December 31, 1991, the increase requested over actual total year revenues is \$369,472 or 4.67%. The changes are applicable to all areas, all customer classes, and all customers served by the Utility.

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Information concerning the proposed rate changes is available at the general office of the Utility, located at Highway 83 North, Perryton, Texas 79070. Inquiries should be directed to Pat McAllister.

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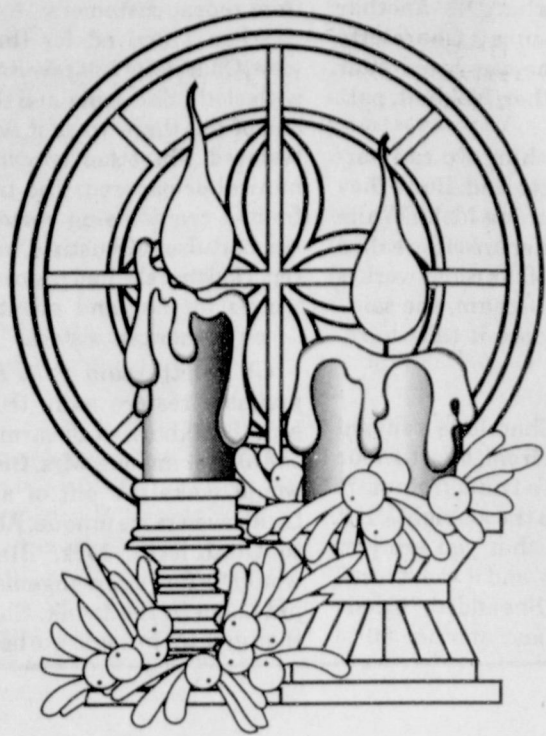
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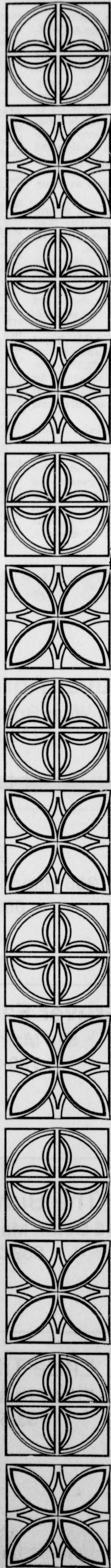
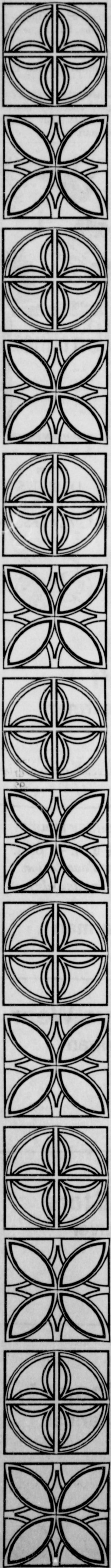


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