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Minutes of the City Council Meeting

The Rising Star city council met at a regular meeting Dec. 13, 1983. The councilmen present were Bernie Barnes, Jamer New, Rudy Sayas, Pete Starks and John G. Lee.

The treasury report for November was discussed and approved as presented. The \$45,250.00 payment owed the FHA was paid in full Dec. 14, two weeks early.

The third reading on late utility charges from an old City ordinance was read. Lee made a motion to accept the reading and to update the ordinance as such, the motion was seconded by New and the motion carried. Letters stating the ordinance are to be mailed to utility customers with the Jan. bill.

The third reading on loitering was read; Barnes moved to put this reading in the city ordinance to take effect immediately and Lee seconded, motion carried.

The council went into executive session. The mayor stated that the session covered the employees and their working conditions; she also stated that the council was very pleased with all the employees.

Robert Fletcher, a certified night policeman, has passed his three months working probation and his salary will be increased from \$400 to \$600 a month in January.

The council received a report on fire department incentives and city utility accounts receivable.

The Brownwood Television Cable Services Inc. 15-year contract was discussed.

Materials needed to repair the bridge on Miller St. include three 4x40 ft. sections of conduit, reported New. The bridge near the Church of Christ was reported to be in dangerous condition and is to be checked.

New brought up West Texas Utilities Co.'s last request for rate increase, which was suspended for 120 days by the city council and then turned over to the West Texas Council of Governments to study and intervene on the city's behalf. The cities that refused the increase are still paying the old price and were not charged the interim rate increase. The council considers that Rising Star should refuse such rate increase requests in the future.

The council asked that prices on chlorine bottles be checked to see if a cheaper supplier could be located.

The city audit report was read, discussed and accepted by the council.

The council discussed the trash contract which calls for every citizen to pay for trash pick-up or have their utilities cut off. The council is checking on this contract concerning elderly, crippled or citizens unable to pay the charge. The council will review this city ordinance and act upon it as soon as all questions have been resolved.

An open hearing has been scheduled for December, 27, 1983, at 6:30 p.m. This public hearing will cover the City Budget report and all citizens of Rising Star are urged to attend.

The council turned down any action pertaining to Rising Star joining the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at this time, citing the need to save the membership fees for now.

The council discussed and acted on the city ordinance concerning soliciting, this ordinance covers the door to door salespeople who do not go through city hall for a permit. A permit charge of \$25 has been discussed and accepted.

Councilman Sayas' employers have donated two gas pressure meters to the city; the mayor and council accepted these meters and thanked the oil company on behalf of the citizens of Rising Star.

NOTICE

Rising Star City Hall will close at noon December 22 and will open again Tuesday, December 27.

In case of emergency call Doug Owen 643-7132, Gary Westerman 643-1676 or Tom Bailey 643-3184.

Merry Christmas from the employees at City Hall.

A public hearing on the Rising Star City Budget will be held Tuesday, December 27, 1983, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.



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The next meeting of the Saturday Club will be Jan. 4, 1984, at the club room in the Library.

Ruby Murdoch and Polly Parker will serve as hostesses. Members will answer roll call with "I conserve energy by"

WTU Granted Rate Hike by PUC Fire Trucks Freeze Refunds Expected to Be Made in February

West Texas Utilities Company has been granted a retail rate increase totaling \$12 million annually by the Public Utilities Commission of Texas.

The overall increase amounts to 5.1 percent, much less than the 11 percent the Company had said it needed. The Company had asked for \$25.6 million in its request to the cities and the PUC.

The exact amounts assigned to various customer classifications and the effective date of the new rates awaits PUC approval of rate tariffs which will be filed early next week. Company officials said the rates are likely to go into effect around January 1.

The approval rate hike also is less than the interim rates WTU has charged customers in

32 of its cities since October 22, which means that those customers will be receiving refunds and will see their rates lowered slightly. The interim rates, collected under bond and subject to refund, were designed to increase the Company's annual revenue by \$18 million.

Approximate effects of the rates changes on a typical residential customer's bill are as follows, based on 600 kilowatt-hours of electric usage and including fuel costs:

Proposed rate—\$46.85
Present rate—\$44.16
Increase—\$ 2.69
Or 6.1 percent
Interim rate—\$49.56
Proposed rate—\$46.85
Decrease—\$ 2.71
Or 5.7 percent

Company officials said the refund on interim rates probably will be made in the February billing. Customers due refunds who have moved out of the WTU service area should contact their former local offices.

Interim rates were placed in effect Oc-

tober 22 in the following communities, which had suspended WTU's proposed rate increase: Abilene, Anson, Baird, Ballinger, Benjamin, Big Lake, Blackwell, Buffalo Gap, Childress, Cisco, Clarendon, Crowell, Eden, Hamlin, Haskell, Impact, Knox City, Melvin, Munday, O'Brien, Paducah, Quanah, Rising Star, Rochester, San Angelo, Spur, Stamford, Throckmorton, Tye, Wellington, Winters and Woodson.

Interim rates were not placed into effect in the following cities, because they denied the rate increase and their cases had been appealed to the PUC: Alpine, Aspermont, Balmoreha, Bronte, Clyde, Cross Plains, Dodson, Estelline, Hawley, Iraan, Jayton, Junction, Lawn, Lueders, Marfa, Memphis, Menard, Merkel, Miles, Presidio, Putnam, Quitaque, Rankin, Santa Anna, Shamrock, Sonora, Sterling City, Turkey, Tuscola and Valentine.

The need to meet State Board of Insurance requirements to heat the fire station so that freezing temperatures would not render Rising Star fire trucks completely useless is being brought home to volunteer firemen and everyone the fire departments serve this week. Temperatures dropped to the low teens Sunday, froze the water in the fire truck tanks and pumps and disabled them.

Those same low temperatures increased the fire hazards in the town as city gas lines froze. City employees and councilmen thawed the lines and residents relit their heaters and water heaters. However, gas heaters in many businesses, which were closed Sunday, were not relit and owners and managers felt very relieved that explosions did not greet them as they aired gas-filled offices Monday morning.

Temperatures remained below freezing through Tuesday and city employees continued to work on gas regulators that were

not operating properly. Gas pressure continues to be low through the peak hours of usage during the day while businesses are open.

Another cold front blew in Wednesday morning, dropping temperatures from the mid-twenties to the low teens again, this time bringing sleet and putting a coating of ice over everything. Weather bureaus see no relief from the frigid temperatures for several days.

Volunteer fireman Clinton Crisp reported Tuesday that tanks and pumps on the fire equipment had been drained. Although no longer useless because of being frozen, having to refill them will cause a serious delay should they be needed.

Rising Star and area residents are again urged to support the volunteer city and rural fire departments and to have a definite part in building a new fire station to house the equipment.

Everyone is cautioned to use extreme care in efforts to keep warm. Fire prevention is invaluable.

Merry Christmas



Santa and Granny (Lena Eason) at the Rising Star Nursing Center's Christmas party Tuesday.



Sula Harris and Jean Ogden were just two of the volunteers on hand for the Christmas party at the Rising Star Nursing Center.

Stricter DWI Laws Effective Jan. 1

A minimum jail term is mandatory for any person convicted two or more times for DWI under stricter Texas law effective January 1, 1984.

Colonel Jim Adams, DPS director and chairman of the task force which recommended tougher DWI legislation, said the new law should close the back door in the criminal justice system for repeat offenders.

"Deferred adjudication, which allowed repeat violators to wipe the slate clean after a DWI arrest, will be eliminated under this new statute," Adams pointed out. "Even if probation is given, a conviction record will be established for the offender and this record can be used in subsequent prosecution of any additional drunk driving charges. Jail time is mandatory as a condition of probation beginning with the

second DWI conviction."

The new law provides increased penalties for DWI convictions. Conviction on first offense DWI carries a fine of \$100 to \$2,000 with a jail term ranging from 72 hours to two years. A second offense conviction is punishable by jail time ranging from a minimum of 15 days up to two years with a fine of \$300 to \$2,000. Conviction for third and subsequent DWI offenses carry a fine of \$500 to \$2,000 and confinement in jail for a minimum of 30 days to two years or in the state penitentiary for 60 days to five years.

Minimum terms of confinement are increased by 60 days and fine limits are raised by \$500 if the DWI offense results in serious bodily injury to another person. If a drunk driver is found responsible for a traffic fatality, the law prescribes a man-

datory term for the violator.

Adams said the revised DWI statute will aid in the prosecution of drunk drivers.

"Under the present law, a person is only presumed to be intoxicated if tests reveal a blood alcohol concentration of .10 percent or more," Adams said. "The new law establishes that a driver is definitely too drunk to drive at the .10 percent level."

The revised statute also contains provisions for automatic 90-day suspension of driving privileges for refusal to submit to an alcohol chemical test. The refusal also will be admissible evidence in the driver's trial. The drunk driver's vehicle may be confiscated and sold upon the fourth conviction.

The DPS director predicted that the statute will help deter DWI violations and provide the means to

identify repeat offenders.

"Despite increased DWI arrests and enhanced public awareness about this problem, far too many people still believe that there are no unfavorable consequences to drunk driving," Adams said. "Texas law enforcement agencies do not have enough resources to adequately police all streets and highways. However, when these changes in the DWI law take effect, drunk drivers who are detected can count on being punished in a meaningful fashion. This should help discourage drunk driving," concluded Adams.



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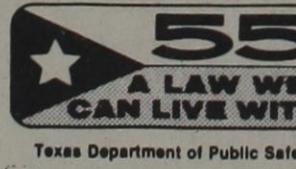
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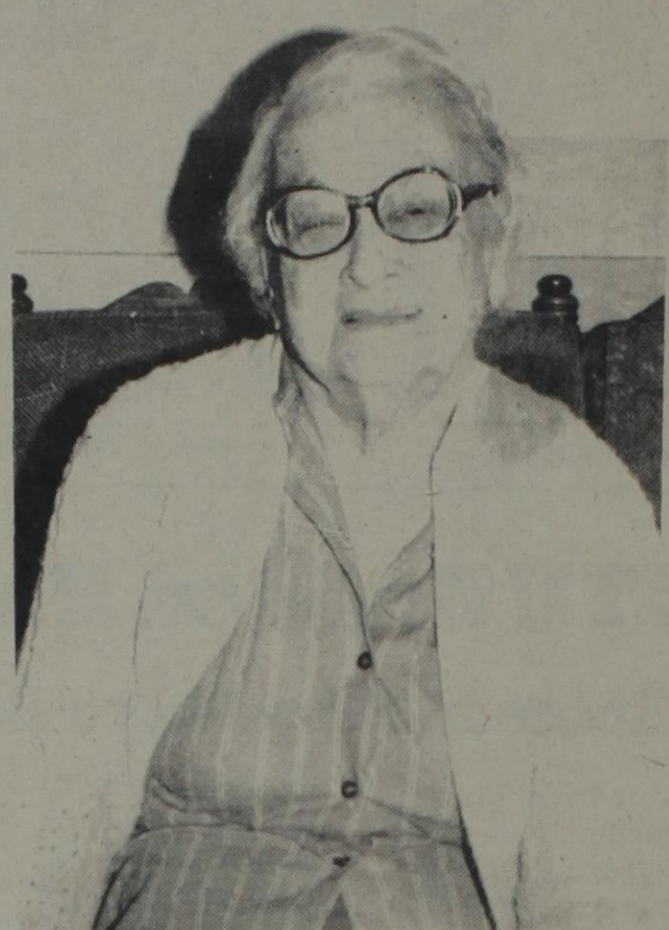
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The family of Buck Jones expresses our appreciation for the concern and thoughtfulness shown at the time of his death. Thank you for the cards, visits, flowers and comforting words.
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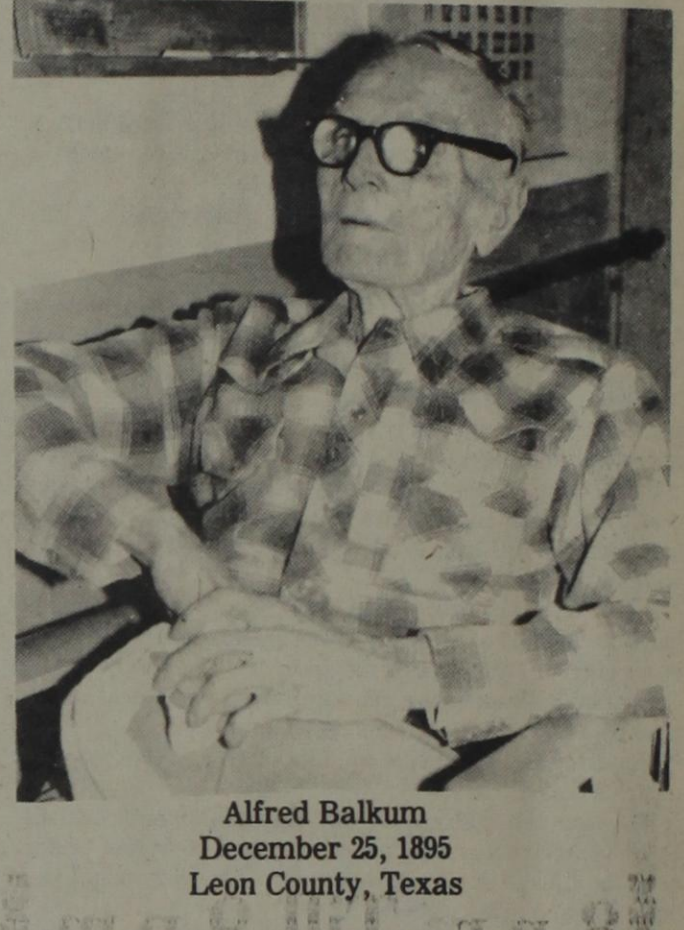
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You're truly loving, caring people and I'm looking forward to seeing you in the near future.
Blanche Cawley

I wish to thank Dr. B.T. Carpenter and his office staff for being so patient with me, also Dr. Carpenter for calling in Dr. Paul Mani and sending me to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.
I also wish to thank the driver of the ambulance, Paul Maxwell, and nurse Debbie Williams for taking me there.
Also thanks to all for their phone calls, get well wishes, cards, visits and especially for their prayers.
With all my love,
Geneva M. Bobbeen

The family of Billy Faye Shelton wants to say thank you for the prayers, visits, cards and flowers sent to her while she was ill. Also thank you for the concern shown us at her death, for the flowers, food and words of comfort.
William Shelton, Tommy, Bobby and Jackie Clayton & Roberta Mary Rose Goodard

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December 1, 1983

The Honorable Doris Griffin
Mayor
City of Rising Star
P. O. Box 35
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RE: Safety Evaluation No. 84-0708
Previous Evaluation No. 82-340
(Please refer to the Safety
Evaluation No. in all
correspondence regarding this
evaluation.)

Dear Mayor Griffin:

On November 14, 1983, our Regional Engineering Technician, Mr. Steve Rushing, met with you at City Hall. A safety evaluation was conducted of the City of Rising Star distribution system in accordance with the gas pipeline safety requirements, TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN. art. 6053-1 (Vernon Supp. 1983).

During the system evaluation, selected physical conditions, written procedures, and records were reviewed. At the time of this evaluation, alleged violations of the minimum safety standards were noted and are detailed in Attachments A and B.

Items listed in Attachment B were identified on a prior evaluation on January 5, 1982. According to the plan of correction submitted to this office following that evaluation, these problems were to be corrected by August 30, 1982. These items must be corrected by December 30, 1983, followed by written verification to this office within thirty days of correction. Failure to comply will result in initiation of legal action, which may result in show cause action or referral to the Attorney General of Texas, as specified by the statutes.

In addition, immediate action should be taken to correct the new alleged violations which are listed in Attachment A. Submit to this office by December 30, 1983, the time schedule and plan to correct the new alleged violations specified in the attachment.

The correction plan should be an item-by-item explanation of exactly how and by what exact date each individual violation will be corrected. The date specified above is the date we should receive your plan of correction, not the date you are to have the alleged violations corrected. Our staff will review the plan for compliance with the safety requirements.

The evaluation results reflect the general status and condition of the entire system. It is your responsibility to take action, not only to correct the specific deficiencies listed in the attachments, but also to recognize and correct any other conditions which do not meet the safety standards.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Steve B. Rushing in the Abilene Regional Office at 915-672-1371.

Sincerely,

M. L. Fegenbush, Jr., P.E., C.S.P.
Director
Pipeline Safety
BY:

M. Y. Hibler, P.E.
Chief - Western Area

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SAFETY EVALUATION 84-0708

The violations listed below require attention, and a plan of correction schedule (described in the body of letter) should be submitted to the Commission by December 30, 1983.

- There was no written damage prevention program.
Requirement: 49 CFR 192.614(a)
- Distribution mains were not patrolled within the specified interval in places or on structures where anticipated physical movement or external loading could cause failure or leakage.
Requirement: 49 CFR 192.721(b)
NOTE: At all creek crossings.
- Odorization records were not kept up to date or on file.
Requirement: Gas Utilities Substantive Rule 12(F)(1)
NOTE: Injection rate records were not being kept up to date.
- The following pressure limiting station(s), relief device(s), pressure regulator station(s) or equipment was not inspected and tested at the specified interval to determine if it was in good mechanical condition and adequate from the standpoint of capacity and reliability of operation for the service in which it is employed.
At the West City Gate
Requirement: 49 CFR 192.739
- Pressure relief devices were not tested at the prescribed interval to determine that they had adequate capacity.
- Records necessary to administer the operation and maintenance plan were not maintained or were inadequate in the areas listed below:
There were no records on annual inspection of key valves.
Requirement: 49 CFR 192.603(b)

7. Written procedures must be provided for leakage surveys as required by 49 CFR 192.723(a) in the Operating and Maintenance Plan.
Requirement: 49 CFR 192.723(a)

NOTE: The Commission must be notified within 30 days after the leak survey equipment has arrived and the initial leak survey has been completed.

8. There was no procedure for continual surveillance of the facilities to determine and to take appropriate actions for changes in unusual operating and maintenance conditions.
Requirement: 49 CFR 192.613(a)

NOTE: a. The barrier at E. J. Houston's meter had been knocked down.
b. PVC above ground at Fox Trailer.

9. The pressure relief or limiting device(s) at the location(s) below had discharge stacks, vents, or outlet ports that were not designed or installed to prevent water, ice, or snow from accumulating.

At the West Pioneer Regulator.

Requirement: 49 CFR 192.199(e)

10. The transmission line(s) or main(s) at the location(s) below was not protected from washouts, floods, unstable soil, landslides, or other hazards.

Valve on the aboveground main outside of the West City Gate Regulator Station.

Requirement: 49 CFR 192.317(a)

NOTE: This valve needed to be locked, and since this was corrected during the evaluation, no reply is necessary.

11. The aboveground transmission line(s) or main(s) at the location(s) below was not protected from accidental damage by vehicular traffic or other similar causes.

At the West City Gate Regulator Station

Requirement: 49 CFR 192.317(b)

NOTE: A barrier needs to be installed at this location to protect the aboveground facility from vehicular traffic.

12. The outside terminal of the service regulator vent(s) or relief vent(s) at the following location(s) was not rain and insect resistant.

At the Helen Mitchell residence

Requirement: 49 CFR 192.355(b)(1)

13. The pipeline segment(s) at the below location(s) was unsafe and had not been replaced, repaired, or removed from service.

- Leak at 103 South Anderson
- Leak in Jack Agnew's driveway
- Two leaks near fence row on Hwy. 183 across from s.o. regulator station

Requirement: 49 CFR 192.703(b)

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS
SAFETY EVALUATION 82-340

The violation(s) listed below were noted on a previous safety evaluation on January 5, 1982. These items must be corrected by December 30, 1983, and followed within thirty days by written verification to this office that all items were corrected.

(Mayor's note: The Railroad Commission had received letters stating that these violations had already been corrected. During their examinations the Commission found that the corrections had not been done.)

1. Buried or submerged pipeline at the listed location(s) was neither coated nor cathodically protected and there were no tests, investigation, or experience to prove that the environment was not corrosive.

Throughout the system

Requirement: 49 CFR 192.455(b)

NOTE: Bare and coated risers on plastic services throughout the system were not cathodically protected.

2. Distribution mains were not patrolled as often as necessary to observe conditions affecting public safety.

Requirement: 49 CFR 192.721(a)

3. The pipeline(s) at the location(s) below was abandoned in place and was not (disconnected from all sources and supplies of gas; purged of gas; filled with water or inert materials; or sealed at the ends).

At numerous locations throughout the city

Requirement: 49 CFR 192.727(b)

4. Line markers were not placed or maintained along the following publicly accessible, aboveground main or transmission line section:

At road crossings and exposed piping at creek crossings.

Requirement: 49 CFR 192.707(c)

5. The distribution system was supplied by more than one district pressure regulating station and was not equipped with telemetering or recording pressure gauges.

Requirement: 49 CFR 192.741(a)

REPORT ON RAILROAD COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS REPEATS

- No anodes on risers:
 - Put on anodes
 - Anodeless Risers-cost more initially
- If anodes are put on then records and surveys must be kept.
- Line markers along roads and crossings
- Pressure recording charts at both gates-were reported to have been installed and were not.
- Damage prevention program
 - Contact all local contractors and inform them of gas line locations.
 - Patrol lines outside city limits and keep records annually, creek crossings quarterly.
 - Build guards around Key valves and meters next to roads.
- Records of pressure check on gas system is missing.
- Odorization tests were figured wrong.
- Mal oderant records are incomplete.
- No records of relief valves and Key valve inspection. Must be checked annually. Keep supply station locked.
- Leak survey records are incomplete.
- Leak complaint records are incomplete.
- Customer side and city side of meters must be plugged-working on it now.

ITEMS TAKEN CARE OF

- I.O.M. Plan has been submitted.
 - All risers in Book 1 area have been plugged, 75% of others are plugged already.
 - Replaced all above-ground plastic lines.
 - Leaks fixed at Ricky Bailey's.
 - replaced old line with new plastic.
 - Two major leaks on line South of town
 - Billy Carpenters-replaced old steel line with new plastic.
 - 2 inch supply line in pasture- patch job will not pass RRC
- Explanation: Any metal line repaired or replaced must be replaced with approved coated steel pipe and welded by certified welder.

Doug Owen

Registration Dates for HPU Set

Registration for the Jan. 2-13 mini-term will be held from 8 until 9 a.m. in Winebrenner Hall of Science. Registration for spring classes will be held Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 16 and 17, with classes to begin Jan. 18. Schedules for credit classes for the mini-term and spring semester are now available in the Registrar's Office at HPU on the first floor of the Old Main Building. Administration offices will remain open throughout the break except for Dec. 23 and 26, said HPU president Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr.

Texas Stocker Calf Trade Show

The first ever Texas Stocker Calf Trade Show will be held Jan. 5 at the National Guard Armory just east of Marlin on Farm Road 147. Registration will be from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Show highlights will be 13 mini-seminars sponsored by allied animal agriculture industries plus two keynote speakers at a 7 p.m. program. They are Dr. Rod A. Bowling, vice president for research and development with Monfort of Colorado, Inc., and Dr. Gary C. Smith, head of the Department of Animal Science at Texas A & M University. The stocker cattle industry has a major impact on Central Texas, where some 150,000 head of stockers annually graze on wheat, oats and ryegrass during the winter months before heading to feedlots, notes Falls County Extension agent Ronnie Leps.

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Happy Holiday Rising Star O.E.S. Chapter 277

Courtesy of National Gallery of Art Washington, D.C.

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. He then became an itinerant preacher. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the public turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to the enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. He was laid in a borrowed grave. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that.

ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

Pioneer Farmers Co-op
Will Be Closed Dec. 24-26 for the Holidays.
Franklin D. Cox, Mgr.

JOHN DEERE BOTTOM-LINE SPECIALS

Big cash rebates...from \$1,000 to \$8,200 on new 50 Series tractors...plus finance charge waiver to March 1, 1984, or take a cash rebate in lieu of waiver

| Model | Cash Rebate On Purchase | Cash Rebate in Lieu of Waiver |
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| 40hp 1250 | \$1,000 | \$1,175 |
| 40hp 1350 | 1,000 | 1,175 |
| 40hp 1450 | 1,000 | 1,175 |
| 40hp 1550 | 1,000 | 1,175 |
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DEALS YOU CAN FARM WITH
Bramlett Implement Inc. of Rising Star Ph. 643-4311 Mark Cooksey, Manager

Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,
My name is David Grissom and I'm 7 years old. For Christmas I would like a race car set and a soccer ball and I would like something for my big sister. Well I guess that's all.
Thank you,
David Lynn Grissom

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a bike and a watch and a record player.
I am six years old. I will save you some cookies and milk.
Love
Donna Tolee

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and in the first grade. For Christmas I would like a three speed bike, Raggedy Ann doll and an Atari game. Don't forget my brother Shannon and all the little boys and girls.
Love,
Misty Bailey

Dear Santa,
This is my brother Stephen's first Christmas. This is what he wants: some sleeping clothes, a teething ring, some new bottles and some new books. Here are two things I want: a Cabbage Patch Kid and some Return of the Jedi shoes.
Christy Hughes

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Barbie house & a Barbie swimming pool. For my mom and dad I want a big diamond ring. For my brother a slam shifter & for my cousins the toys.
Kimberly

Dear Santa,
I am in second grade. I want a stuff animal Ewaka and tuff animal Alvin.
Love David
I hope you have a great time Santa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for people in the United States not to fight and people to have enough to eat and for them to be happy and every one to have a Merry Christmas and have all of us to have world peace on earth and have a merry xmas and have a happy new year of 1984 remember its the thought not the presents you get.
P.S. I am in the 2nd grade.
Love Wayney

Dear Santa,
I want a strawberry shortcake doll and the chipmuck dolls and a picture of you.
Mary

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a doll. I want a baton too and I want a watch for Christmas and I want a stuffed reindeer.
Love Lisa

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a little play pony and a Barbie doll and a stuffed play reindeer with a red nose.
Inga Lea Williams

Dear Santa,
I would like a skating doll and a crawling doll and I want a strawberry shortcake.
Love Christi Bush

Dear Santa,
I want a some He mans and all and a trick shot.
Jimmy Key Ayers

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Strawberry Shortcake Doll and I want a Smurfette and Papa Smurf Stuffed Doll. I love you.
Sharla

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tired to be good this year for Christmas.
I would like to have a Huffy bike G-I-Joe figures return of the universe toys my brother Donnie would like Skystriker. Please do what you can.
P.S. there will be milk and cookies.
Love Jarod

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a waterbed and a doll that drinks and wets. I love you Santa Claus.
Heather Wright

Dear Santa Claus,
I'll give you some cookies and milk on the table. I won't a Fall guy race track and a pellet gun. Im in the third grade and we won't a new car.
Les

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the third grade. I want a puppy and I want a toy duck and I want some pink and blue leg wrams and house.
Love Shawna Merry Christmas

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm in the third grade. I i'm a girl. I want two rag dolls, Rub-a-dub Doggie, dolls of all nations, music box, my little pony stable & water globes.
Love Christeyna

Dear Santa,
I would like to have clothes Hot wheel cars some reading books a ten speed bike and some stomper 4x4. Oh yes I would like to have some guitar strings for my guitar I got last Christmas.
Stephen Dezell

Peace



A joyous holiday, filled with the spirit of Christmas present.

K & S Equipment & Machine
643-3177

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year, I just wont a few things for Christmas and they are some games and a tape box and some tapes and some paints. I guess that is all.
Mery Christmas
LovePam Hollis

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl this year and for Christmas I would like a baby doll and a tricycle.
Please remember my cousin, Dedria, and all the other children.
Lacy Knight

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the third grade and I want a pony or a motor cross bike or a pellet gun.
LoveRobert Self

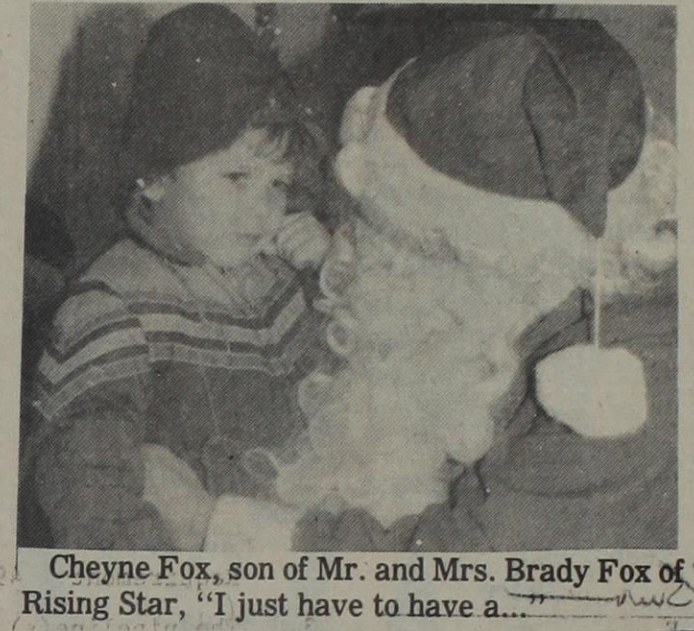
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for Christmas most of all there to be peace on earth every where there is fighting and sadness in there land and for there to be enough to eat for all the starving people through out the world to have a merry Christmas and a happy new year 1984 remember its not what you get for Christmas, its the thought that counts. Merry Christmas. P.S. I am in third grade.
LoveKim Larkin

Dear Santa,
I'm in the third grade now. I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas: a radio a pony and what ever you think I should have. I have been fairly good this year.
Love
James Brownson
The only red chimney in Rising Star, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm in the Third Grade. I would like a radio, an Alvin, Theodore and Simon tape, a new watch, a Siamese kitten, a guitar, a Dust Runner, a football, cap gun, Hungry Hippo game, a vest and find Thomas, my cat, and bring him home. Remember my little brother Dusty and bring him the A-Team van. Remember all the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Trey Bilbrey



Johnathan Rimer, son of Donnette Rimer of Rising Star, "how big is your sleigh?"



Cheyne Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brady Fox of Rising Star, "I just have to have a..."

Dear Mr. C,
On behalf of the Rising Star we would like to wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.
Jim & Carolyn Ratliff

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. I would like a three-wheeler and a cheerleader suit, a tape recorder and some tapes and a tape box. I guess that is all Merry Christmas
Love Gwen Hollis

Dear Santa,
I am in the third grade and its fun. I would like a bike and a miniskirt for Christmas eve I will open gifts that's why I like Christmas it is fun. Last year I had lots of fun, and this year I will have fun.
Merry Christmas to all.
Love
Renea Carter

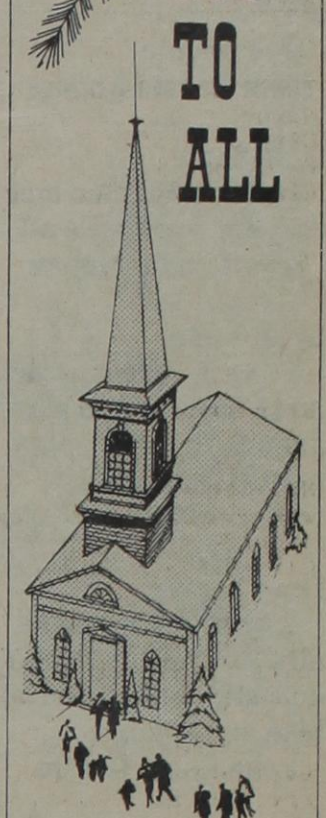
Dear Santa,
My name is Dean Sessums an I am in the Third Grade. I would like to have an electric train and a watch. I will be looking for you Christmas. Have a safe trip.
LoveDean

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a tow stompers, a real three wheeler, a pellet gun, and a lego set.
I will leave your cookies and milk on a little chair.
LoveClint

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a Bigfoot 4x4x4, 6x6, Dart board, weight bench.
My name is Will Ezzell. I am 8 years old. I have one sister and Mom or Daddy.
And when Santa gets here I am going to leave some cookies and milk with my favorite mug.



JOY TO ALL



Warmest greetings of the season. Special thanks to our customers and friends.

D & T Building Supplies
643-4131

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a He-man castle and bring me a pair of walkie-talkies and also a cassette player/recorder and please bring my sister a Barbie pony.
Thank you,
Nathan Henson



We wish you a Merry Christmas and most Happy New Year.

First State Bank
643-2811



Merry Christmas

... The most wonderful time of the year ... the birthday of Jesus Christ ... the hope of the world. May the spirit of this holiday touch us all.

Higginbotham's
Main Street Rising Star

Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,
I want a He-man and a bobcat and a castle and Skeletor and that's all.
Come see me.
Love Ronald Majors

Dear Santa,
I want a He-man and Skeletor and that's all.
Love Donald Majors

Dear Santa,
I want video game and 3 wheeler and play school house, play cards I been good
Chris

Dear Santa,
I want a Care Bear, Strawberry Shortcake doll and house, and a bike and a game.
Love Robin Griffin

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This is what I want for Chrtm, compac Kitchen, perty pony stable, and dr. set.
I hope you have a Merry Christmastmas and a Happy New Year!
Love Tianay

Dear Santa,
I want a three-wheeler, motorcycle, new clothes and boots and tennis shoess. I want some toys too. And I want a new belt buckle and a new cowboy hat and a new saddle.
Jeff Pettijohn

Dear Santa Clause,
I have been a good girl and nice to my parents. I wand some more pretty ponys, Barbie and Ken.
Just bring what you can
Sincerely Kristy

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year, for Christmas I would like a cheerleader doll, a birthday Barbie and some Barbie clothes. Please bring a GI Joe for my little brother Jason. I hope all the little boys and girls have a Merry Christmas.
Amanda loves Santa Claus.
Love Amanda



Donna Lee, daughter of Sandy Lee of Rising Star, "I'll leave cookies and milk"



James Murphree, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Murphree of May, making his request.

Dear Santua,
I want honda atc 503 and a bike. We will lave same cookes and milhe out for you.
from Tracy

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my atari, I would be glad if you would bring my little brother some clothes, and a little candy for him too. Can you bring moma a new dress? And me and my sister a little toys? And please bring daddy coat for winter. Bring my big sister a ring and dress.
Love Thomas

Dear Santa,
I want a train. I want a doll. I want a Tanya doll. I want a car. I want a little car and a little truck. I want a radio. I want a 4x4. I want a big foot. Well santa I now you my bothers George and Andres you now Andres well hes 16 year old and George hes 15 year old well santa I like your reindeer But am 9 year old you see santa well I have to say good-bye I love you santa.
from Angelica

Dear Santa,
I want a atari a pac-man a x wing fighter and Luke ski Walker.
Love Travis

Dear Santa,
I wont a Bmx Bike and a 4x4 geep and a 4x4 sioper set. and my brother want a Sero and Taps.
Love Lonny
ps I a Iam 8 years old and my brorher is 14 years old.

Dear Santa,
I am going to tell aboat me. one time I went to lake livetsen. and non I am going to tell aboat my brother he is 12 years old and is in 7th grad and I am 8 years old and I want a 3 weeler and a hot weles sel
I Love yow Santa
from Curtis

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll with socks and clothes. and sweater and seawing kit for me. and my brothers want a motorcycles
Love Jennifer

Dear Santa,
My name is Dedria Emert and I am 5 yrs. old. I have been a good girl this year so this Christmas please bring me a Barbie doll, a Care Bear and a game. Please remember all the other children in the world.
Thank you,
Dedria Emert

Greetings

We wish you an abundant share of all the good things that are part of Christmas joy and happiness.

Jenkins
Insurance Agency
643-2251

Dere Sant,
I would like a transistor radio. I love you vere much.
Amanda Rutherford

Dear Santa,
I would like to tell you what I should like for Christmas if you pleasr. I have been a pretty good girl and mind my granny most of the time. I'll promise to be better next year. Here is my list. Please bring me a new doll and some new doll clothes also I would like a game and some books and some records. Thank you, Santa I will leave some cookies for you under the tree. Merry Christmas.
Terri Marie
I love you

Dear Santa,
My name is Renee, I live at Rising Star. I want a skating baby for Christmas this year. See you soon.
Good bye
Your friend
Renee

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll for Christmas and I want tap shoes and a black ballarina dress also a pink dress. Two baby dolls and makeup and a diamond ring
I love you
Barbara Jean Lewia

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a new bicycle and a dirt bike. I also want a football suit and I like toys.
Randy Pettijohn

NOEL

Our sincere wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a happy holiday season.

Dear Santa Claus,
Are you doing good? I know its cold at the north pole. Could you bring me a basketball for Christmas. I learnt how to dribble last year. Be careful and have a happy new year.
I will leave you some cookies.
Your friend,
Rance

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a BB gun Heman collection and A-team van I have been a good boy my brother would rike a bike.
Love Quinton

Dear Santa,
My mother got me a Christmas tree last Saterday. It doesn't have any presents under it. Daddy and Mother can't buy us anything but if you can I would like a baby skates, Alphe II to help me learn to read and some makeup.
Teresa Ann Powell

Dear Santa,
I want a BMX bike, Michal Jackson tape, 6x6 High riser, a boy cabbage patch, model air plane, Spalding shoes, foot ball siut with all the pads, electronic foot ball game, ps.
I am doing good in school
Love Kevin

Dear Santa,
My name is Marie. I am nine, I have one best friend- her name is Toni Hardwick. She is writing to. My sister is a bore. all she wants is clothes. My aunt has a baby-he is six months old. He will be at my grandmothers on Christmas. She lives at 2307 Vincent.
Please bring me a Gerber doll, tape player with AM FM radio Baby bed, and a Keystone Kapers for the Atari.
PS: Do not for get my baby cunsan.
PS. Please bring me a Care bear.
Love Marie

Butler Texaco

Dear Santa,
My name is Dean Sessums an I am in the Third Grade. I would like to have an electric train and a watch. I will be looking for you Christmas. Have a safe trip.
LoveDean

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a tow stompers, a real three wheeler, a pellet gun, and a lego set.
I will leave your cookies and milk on a little chair.
LoveClint

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a Bigfoot 4x4x4, 6x6, Dart board, weight bench.
My name is Will Ezzell. I am 8 years old. I have one sister and Mom or Daddy.
And when Santa gets here I am going to leave some cookies and milk with my favorite mug.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I have been a good boy.

I would like a Smurf school bus, a Knight rider, a Honda three-wheeler(70), a small bike for my brother Don, a US1 for my brother Richard, a hot wheels and a stomper 6x6 high riser.
Thank you,
Brian O'Connor

Dear Santa,
This year I want a Castle grey skull and a Barbie fashion shop; plus a perfume for mommy and cologne for daddy for grandma & grandpa a fruitcake.
Thank you,
Ignacio

Dear Santa,
I like the very best gift and that is Barbie with swimming pool
Love Wendi

With best wishes and personal greetings

Merry Christmas

Sincere wishes for a Christmas filled with joy and love.

Medley Motor Co.
643-6211

GREETINGS

The gift of joy and peace, be yours as we celebrate the birth of a child at Bethlehem.

Rising Star
Nursing Center
643-2681

Dear Santa,
I want a new T shirt and a new truck and a new Mr. T von and a new puppet
Billy Spencer

Dear Santa,
I want something special this year. I want a remote control boat and a Ken and Barbie doll with a black horse, a Pac man game, strawberry shortcake set and a Care bear and a smurf.
Love Amber

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a go-cart, a B.A. van with a B.A. init. He-man, Heman castle, Army tank stomper, a watch, and a Dust runner for my brother Trey. Please remember all the other boys and girls.
Your friend
Dusty Bilbrey

Dear Santa,
I would like a bicycle and some mittens and tobbgin and a train.
Love Rusty

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish that I would find a baby doll under the tree this Christmas.
Love,
Andrea Fox

Dear Santa,
I'm in the first grade. I im a boy. I want a 6x6- high risers, battery powered construction trucks, army action command, Matel hot wheels, Cosme beam "Laser" gun, stunt-wheelle motorized car, Accord racing car, Manglors- action allens figures, Advanced dungeons and dragons action toy.
Love John
Merry Christmas

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the true meaning of this season be an inspiration to you and yours . . .

Bramlett Implement, Inc.
643-4311 Rising Star

Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie pool and Atari and Pit fall, Ms. Pac man, Dongkey kong.

I would like a Barbie van and western Ken doll, A care bear book and a camara and film and a tv, a radio and congo bongo and froger. A desk and baby skates and a crib. My brother David wants a race track. My other brother Chad wants a guitar.

Love, Christi
P.S. I will leave some milk and cookies on the tv.

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want Cabbage Patch doll and bike, Dallas Cowboys cheerleader suit, Atari Pac Man Game. don't forget GIRLS and Boys.

Tera

Dear Santa,
I want a tv. I want a Et dall. I want a Oak Ridge Boys jacket. I want a water bed. I want a cat. I want a babby dog. I want a play house. I want a tape recorder. I want a diamond ring.

Love, Lisa

Dear Santa,
I want a walkie-talkie and a watch I want an ET doll a TV, a tape recorder. I want a Santa doll. I want a gold ring I want a radio-controlled model car I want a three-wheeler.

Love Alan

Dear Santa,
please give me a GI Joe set. and an atari cartridge named Pit-fall. I will give you a present to Santa. I Love Rudolph.

Love, Randy Jones

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a very Happy Christmas. Will you give my brother a train? Will you give my daddy a hammer? Will you give me a diamond ring? and my mother a diamnd for her ring? Will you give e a Atari?

Love, Becky

Dear Santa,
Is it cold up at the Noth pole I know it is very cold up there.

I want some walkie-talkies. I want a record player.

Love, Toby

Dear Santa,
I would like a soccerball and a Gold Star and a new bike and a gold ring for mom and \$50. and a tv I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

David C. Chambers

Dear Sanata,
I hope we have a Merry Christmas this year, and I want a pellet gun, pellets and a knife.

Love Jesse

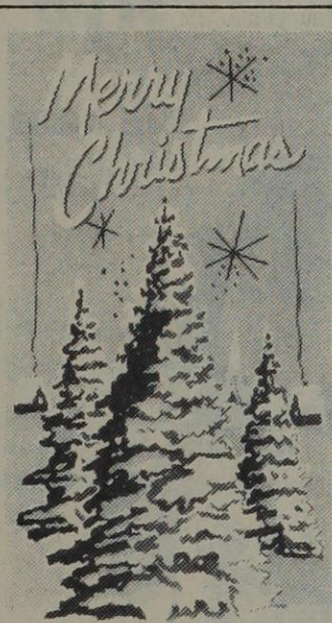
Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a Golden Dream Barbie and a Dream Date Barbie and a table and a record-player and a trampoline and a baby doll and a Operation game and a Monopoly game.

I will make you some cookies and fix you a glass of milk.

I hope you come to my house and that's what you will get.

And a Golden ring. I love you Santa. Remember cookies and milk. I love you.

Love Jeanette



Wishing you all a memorable and most happy Christmastime.

C&C Used Furniture

102 N. Main

Dear Santa,
I am glad that you gave me the donkey kong table top game for christmas I want a pac-man table top, and some clothes, and jewelry, and a barbie-dream house, cabbage patch kid, and a car bear. I also like Rudolph.

My name is Shea Gordon I am 8 years old. I also will leave cookies and milk.

Love Shea Gordon

Dear Santa,
I want atai, mini bike, at-at two speeder bikes, atari kit, bmx bike(Hurify) and five cartriges.

Sencercly, Jason Tischler

Dear Santa,
I have to best friends 1 is Marie Fergeson and Corey Ashworth. My cousin is 4 years old his name is Josh Gibbs he lives on Goman Texas. I have a sister I do not know what she wants. My name is Toni Hardwick I am 9 years old. And I want a Barbie house, Care bears, Garfield, Bubble Bath Barbie, Strawberry Shortcake doll, annie doll Cabbage Patch Kid, Snoopy and Belle doll, Atari, TV, Satellite. Thank you for my gifts.

Love, Toni Hardwick

Peace

To all our friends, to all the world, let it be.

Evas Kountry Kitchen
643-6831

YULETIDE CHEER

Best wishes to all our friends and patrons.

All Star Pump & Supply
643-4300

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a doll that talks and walks and that has some clothes and that wears shoes and sits down and has pait.

I want something for my dad and my mom.
love, Veronica

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a trampoline and I will make you some cookies and milk. and I like you very much Hurry! I love you Santa.

I want a operation and a Barbie house and a play Santa, and a golden ring.
Love, Tonya

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me some makeup and some pompoms and a baton. I love you a when it is Christmas in night I will not pick on peston.

Love, Jessica

Dear Santa,
I want a Twirly Curl Barbie doll and I want a pretty suit and a nurse bag and a Care Bear and I want a book about the Care Bears and I want a Strawberry Shortcake watch I want a taperecorder.

Love Cynthia

Dear Santa,
I want a threewheeler and a bike and a Atari and a walkie-talkie. Love,
David Lee Chambers

Dear Santa,
I want a Statue Care Bear and Barlie doll and a baton, and some Barlie doll's clothes, and some comic books and a puzzle, and some pampoms?

Tanya

Best Wishes

Because Christmas is the time to remember good friends, we are thinking of you and wish you a happy holiday.

Palace Drug Store
Bill & Peggy
JoAnna & Lynda



Gherda Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Williams of Rising Star, "I knew what I wanted."

Reflections

by Jim Ratliff

The following was brought in by a Rising Star man. He found it in his wife's scrap book and he said his son recited it back in the '40s.

A REQUEST

Im looking for a wife, Sir, can you find me one today with a "homey" sort of setup and a bit of wifely way? For wherever I am roaming and I see a girl I know I have in mind a picture of a woman mixing dough.

The girls today are witty, and I like their frank appeal: But somehow I always wonder could they cook a decent meal? and back my fancy wonders

to a kitchen long ago-a picture of my mother as she stood there mixing dough.

Too, I see a little cottage with curtains soft and white and magazines and papers-

a room by evening light theres a little fellow near me with unsteady steps and slow, and my wife says "take the baby" for my hands are in the dough.

Would the flappers fit my picture? and when I come home at night would I find "homey" mixture in the soft and mellow light?

or will auto, movie, dance hall be the way I have to go-with no baby-but to "swing" it while the baker mixed the dough?

I am just a working fellow, but somehow I hate to spare this picture that for many years I've looked for one to share.

So I'll just keep right on looking; and if you find her let me know, for I'll never be quite happy If my wife couldn't mix the dough

Johnny Phillips

NOEL

...with the gift of charity to all.

Connies Beauty Salon
643-4673

Dear Santa,
Thank you for last year. Thank you for the Christmas trees and everything.

This year I want a Big Foot and a bicycle.

Jeffrey Gregory

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for my doll, crib, new bicycle, and my new chalk board.

This year I want a new baby doll.

Hope you are alright,
Tina Foster

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a six by six, a Big Foot, an automatic Fall Guy pickup, an automatic General Lee, and an automatic tractor, and an automatic Firebird. Thank you,

David Wheeler

To all of our friends-

A Very Merry Christmas

Family Food Store
643-2221

HOLY NIGHT

Joy to the world in this Christmas season. May the blessings of the day reach into every heart.

Hutton Insulation
725-6683

Greetings

Joy to the world—and to all our friends, a full share of Christmas peace and happiness.

The Rising Star

Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a stomper and a horse and a tape recorder and a bike and a 3 wheeler and colors, glue, scissors, trapper keeper, zipper bag. Back pack, pencils, paper and a model and a Bigfoot.

Love Stephen

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the third grade and I left some cookies on the table for you to eat. I want a cliff hanger, stomper, and a G I Joe set, remot control airplane and a new pellet gun and some pellets.

Love Duane

Dear Santa Claus,
What I want for Christmas is for my Mom to get better. I would like anything you give.

Love Leigh Ann

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for my presents last year. I enjoyed playing with them. I love you Santa Claus.

This year I want a big stocking full of candy.

Jennifer Brown

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for giving me that Big Foot last year. Thank you for giving me that Star Wars. Thank you for giving me that puzzle. Thank you for giving me that He-man.

I want a six by six and a Goofy puzzle this year.

I love you,
Tim Palette

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Return of the Jedi, Luke Skywalker, and a stocking full of candy.

Lance Chambers

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Care Bears, I want Baby Skates and Rubby Dub Doggie. Bike and Cabbage Patch. Dallas Cowboys Cheer Leader suit. Video Pac man game. Don't forget other girls boys.

Teri Hardwick

Dear Santa,
I want Baby Skates I want a Rubby Doggie I want Welcome Home Baby I want Baby-alive I want a bike I want a new. I want a Dallas Cowboys Cheer Leader suit. Care Bears.

Crystal

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Star Wars, a bike, and a present, and a Baby Star Wars. I want a new shirt. Thats all.

Thank you for last year,
Jason Freeman

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Bike, Football tee, Big Foot Truck, Electric Truck, Video PAC Man game. Merry Christmas.

Bradley

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a bike. I want a Rubby Dub Doggie. I want a Baby-a-live. I want a video Pac Man game. Remember Entee. And Entee wants a baby doll. I want a Care Baers. Merry Christmas. Santa.

Rowonna

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a Tiger Football Suit.

Eric

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a bike and a 6 X 6. I want Murman. Remember others, boys and girls.

Craig

Dear Santa,
I want a kit car and it comes with a Michael. I want handcuffs and a short gun, and a thang that goes round your mouth. I want a big wheel and my little brother wants a little bicucle.

I thank that's all
Love Roy Burcham

Dear Santa,
What I want most of all for Christmas is a Barbie doll and Barbie clothes.

Love Jessica Henson

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy, it has been real hard to be good.

I would like to have a 4x4 and some smash-up derby's and a race track and my mommy wants me to have some new pants with the knees in them.

Will you bring my brothers and sister something because they have been pretty good.

Santa, I love you,
Nicholas Barker

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I want a Stomper. I also want the castle greyskull and I want Beastman, and Skeletor and Merman and Man-at-arms and battle ram and Teela and Stratos and Darth Vador.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and thank you for all the toys you're giving all the boys and girls.

Tony Goode

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Football tee, electric truck, want a new sister. How have you been doing Santa?

Ethan

Peace on Earth



LET US LISTEN AGAIN TO THE WISE MEN OF PEACE.
Chambers Grocery
643-5292

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike. It is a red bicycle, with red wheels, and some metal spokes in the middle of the wheels. It needs black training wheels. I want it to be a 16 inch boys bike with pads.

Thank you for last year's present Santa.
I love you Santa,
Cristy George

Dear Santa Claus,
I want lipstick, Poochie, Strawberry Shortcake, and Rainbow Care Bear.

I hope your not to cold, Santa. Have a happy New Year's Eve.

Crystal Tischler

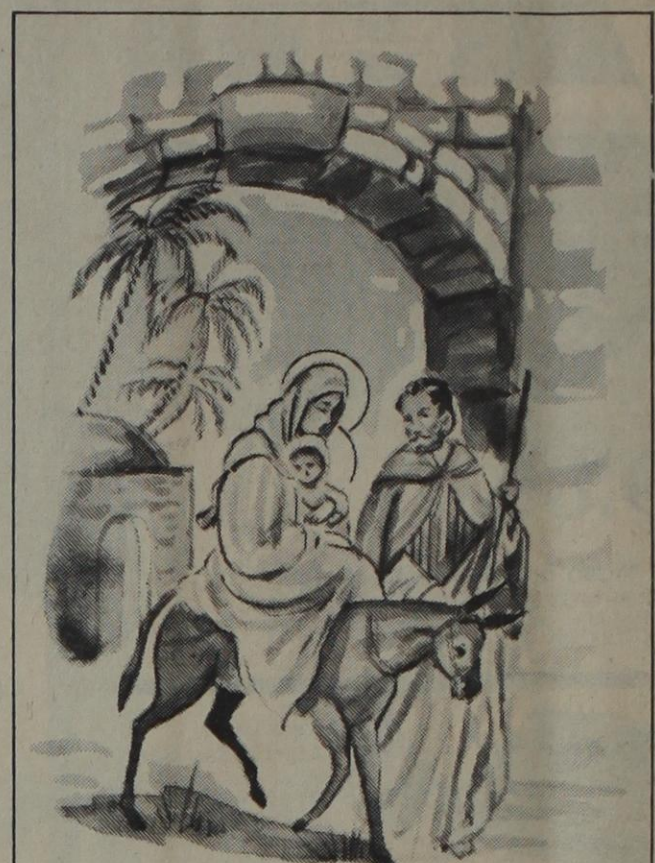
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a X-X Wing Fighter and a Tie Fighter, Hans Solo, Biker Scout, Jaba The Hut and a speeder bike.

Matthew Beech



We would like to add our "thank you" for your friendship and patronage.

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WARM WISHES FOR A HAPPY, BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON

Ray And Alta Agnew



Amy Agnew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Agnew of Rising Star, "What do I want?"

Merry Christmas

We extend sincere Christmas wishes to you.

Jakes Shop
643-3163

Season's Greetings

Warmest holiday wishes to each and every one.

The Wishing Well Flowers & Gifts
643-2023

HOLY NIGHT

Joy to the world in this Christmas season. May the blessings of the day reach into every heart.

Rising Star Chamber of Commerce
643-2251

Dear Santa,
I am in the third grade and its fun. I would like a bike and a miniskirt for Christmas eve I will open gifts that's why I like Christmas it is fun. Last year I had lots of fun, and this year I will have fun. Merry Christmas to all.
Love
Renea Carter

Dear Santa,
I like Atari games I like Angelica I love motorcycles the best I like pets to oh ps my dad is a policeman and my mom is a hous wife my siter is in the 12th grad and my owther siter is in the 10th grad and my brother is in the 7th grad and my ouder brother is in the 9th grad I like a boy his name is Curtis
Love Angie

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a chair. I want the video Pac Man game. I want Baby Skates and real live kitten. Don't forget others.

Tina

Dear Santa,
I have been good and I want a bike and a Dallas Cowboys suit and a Atari Donkey Kon Game and a Big Foot.

Ryan

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a Baby Skates doll, video game, cheerleader suit. Merry Christmas.

Mina

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want the football suit, pacMan game. Remember don't Forget Boys and Girls.

Ben

Dear Santa,
I have Brandi good. I want Baby Skates, I want rocking chai, Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders suit. don't forget remember other Girls Boys.

Brandi

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Melissa Grimes I am in the third grade in Rising Star Shcool cause I like my teacher she is very nice to me. Well what I won't for Christmas I won't some new clothes, a Barbie doll, Pink and Purple Mini skris, pink and purple leg warmers. Thats all I won't. Happy New Year.
LoveMelissa Diane Grimes

Dear Santa Claus,
Im a girl in third grade. I want some flash cards so I can do better in math. I would like a pretty hourse. I would love to ride it in our pasture. I would like a swing set for any tine and last but not least, I want a swimming pool for summer.

Love Jo

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in third grade. I am 8 years old. Please coulf you send me a pink and purple miniskirt and a strawberry shortcake doll and rudolph the red nosed reindeer and it nose to lght up.

Love Trisha

Season's Greetings

May the true spirit of Christmas be with you and yours.

Kizer Insurance Agency
643-4421

Holy Night

For on this night a child is born and the angels sing. Joy be with you this Christmas.

Jim Ratliff Welding
643-6464

Senior Center News

There was a large crowd at the club Thursday. Final plans were made for the Christmas party, where gifts will be exchanged and our dinner will be Tuesday evening at 6 p.m.

Joe Fox plans to spend Christmas with his stepson, Jack Edwards, and wife at Victoria.

Nell Morgan made a business trip to Comanche last week. Martha Caruth spent three days in Brownwood caring for a granddaughter while her mother was in the hospital.

Dan Rodgers, stepfather of Martha Caruth, was rushed to a Temple hospital by ambulance, where he is recovering from pneumonia. Martha and her mother, Zelma, followed the ambulance to Temple.

Alvy and Dell Bible shopped in Eastland one day last week.

Martha Caruth is planning to attend a Christmas party for her granddaughter next Thursday in Brownwood.

We had the following visitors at our club Thursday from the Romney community: John R. and Ruby L. Hatten and Ruby's father, S.N. Wood. John Hatten was released from Hendrick Medical Center Wednesday. He will return January 16 for scheduled surgery. Ruby Hatten will enter West Texas Medical Center in Abilene for eye surgery the 28th.

Sula Harris spent Thanksgiving in Cleburne attending a family reunion. All five of the children of the family were there. The oldest was 85 and the youngest was 76.

Red and Sarah Chamberlain will be leaving Dec. 24 for Kirby to spend Christmas with Sarah's relatives.

Bud and Mary Agnew of Odessa were recent visitors of Hazel McCollum.

Walter and Rilla Richburg will be hosting a Christmas dinner party for family members Saturday night.

Charles and Elizabeth Chamberlain are expecting their son Richard and wife Patsy and daughter Tammy from Pheonix, Ariz., to spend the Christmas holidays.

Vernon and Artie Jagers recently returned from a two-weeks visit with family in Gadsden, Ala. The scenery was very colorful this time of year, they reported, also many storms and lots of rain. Vernon and Artie spent last week in Abilene visiting the E.F. Agnews.

Berna Lea Chick reported that her daughter and son-in-law, Jerry and Paula Hubble, are the proud parents of a 9 pound baby girl, born Dec. 13. The young lady has been named Jerrilea Ann Hubble. Congratulations to the new parents.

Stella Hill submits our recipe for this week:

Old-Fashioned Bread Pudding
3 baked biscuits (crumbled)
2 cups milk
4 eggs well beaten
1 cup sugar
1/4 c. melted oleo
1 tsp. vanilla
Nutmeg, optional

Mix all together and bake at 350 for one hour or until set.

Marjorie West

Rising Star Nursing Center

Darlene Harris
Activity Director

MONDAY Pauline Hill, Ethel Moore and Estelle Bolding exercised in the dining area while Artie Fleming did exercises in her bed.

Monday evening the big bingo winners were Estelle Bolding and Maggie Christian with three games each, Vera Forbes and Ethel Moore won two games each, and the one game winners were Earl Fussell, Pauline Hill and Martha Irby.

TUESDAY most of the residents mailed their Christmas cards today.

Tuesday evening only one domino game was in progress; Opal Hill and Estelle Bolding were partners against Mamie Wells and Pauline Hill.

WEDNESDAY We had a very special treat today, the May High School students visited the center singing Christmas carols and passing out fruit to all the residents. We enjoyed them so very much and we wish to express our heartfelt thanks to these wonderful young people. Dorothy Reynolds and Ruby McGowan also came and sang.

THURSDAY Today I had reality orientation for the bedfast residents, emphasizing the date, month and hour to them.

FRIDAY Today we had a good exercise class. Participating were Estelle Bolding, Pauline Hill, Vera Forbes and Eula Mae Wileman. We had a good time.

Mrs. Odom came over in the evening and went to each room and read the Bible to the residents who wished it.

Birthday

DECEMBER 25

Ina Butler
Carol Roy
A.H. Thurman

DECEMBER 26

Teddy Michael
Danny Daniels
U.B. Allen

DECEMBER 27

Doug Fisher
Martha Jay Childress
Bobby Burns

DECEMBER 28

Billy Bush
Cory Atwood
Eva West
Cliff Hall, Jr.

DECEMBER 29

Jamie Butler
S.C. Cotton
Jim Fisher
Mary Ann Underwood
Carolyn Martin
Ivy Allen

DECEMBER 30

Kenneth Michael
Chip McCarver

DECEMBER 31

Cynthia Thornhill
Mrs. Clifford Hale
Kenneth Smith
William Clarke
Kate Fletcher
Dora Barr
Lane Wells
Nick Nichols
Oretha Morris
Wilda Bennett

Pioneer News

By Mabel Halsell

Continuing our studies of the teaching of Him, whose birthday we celebrate next Sunday, the fourth Beatitude.

Blessed are the Meek

The meek are those who quietly submit themselves to God; to His word; to His direction and is gentle to all people. Titus 3:2. Those who can bear provocation without being influenced by it; one who remains silent or can give a soft answer and in their patience, keep possession of their own souls; who had rather forgive than seek revenge..they are blessed because they have a most comfortable undisturbed enjoyment of themselves and their God; fit to live and fit to die..The Meek are teachable.

The reward-they are blessed (happy) they shall inherit the earth. Ps. 37:11; one of the few temporal blessings in the New Testament..a promise of life that now is..Meekness has a real tendency to promote health, wealth, comfort and safety. Briefly, all the blessings of heaven above, and earth beneath, are the portion of the Meek.

Moses was meek Nu. 12:3; the Lord lifted up the meek, Ps. 147:6, Jesus was meek Mat. 11:29. Read also Ps. 25:8; Isa. 11:4 and Mat. 21:5.

The news from Mrs. Grace Hierholzer was appreciated. She reports the singing at their home Friday was attended by thirteen people. All who came had a very enjoyable time, singing and visiting. Grace also reported she had heard from Annie Hill who is living with her daughter, Mrs. Myrum Guyette, in Amarillo. Annie is well. Rev. Hierholzer reported that his beautiful turnip green patch is now covered with snow, he thinks they will survive. Their recent visitors were Yuna Burkett and Mrs. Wanda Clark of Burkett. Mr. and Mrs. George Parrish of Cross Plains and Mr. John Miller.

Mrs. Ethel Brown's visitors were Mrs. Lois Garrett, Helen Tillotson, Gladys Sessums and Mrs. Exal McMillon, who brought a gift of fruit. Mrs. Brown was very appreciative of them "remembering her" as well as the gift.

Velma Brown made a trip to Brownwood to have work done on her pick up. She visited Agnes Brown while there.

Mr. Rube Griffith was buried in the Pioneer Cemetery on Sunday. Mr. Griffith was a long time resident of Pioneer community.

Eddie and Gail Flippin; Tye and Tamara;

had surgery at the West Texas Medical Center in Abilene. He is recovering normally.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mack Taff went to Brady Monday. They visited with his father, who is hospitalized there. Richard, Shelly and Amber visited her father in Grants, N.M. recently. Mack Taff, Jr. and Mrs. Mack Taff shopped in Abilene Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fleming appreciated the early morning visit

of Vince Meiron and Spec Conner on Monday. Little Jolene Fleming's third birthday was celebrated with a supper at her parents home Friday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fleming and P.C. and Edythe Carr.

Visitors with Alma and Jossie Morris were Laquita Rankins and children, Mrs. Rankins daughter, Mary, the Pioneer Baptist preacher's wife and a group of children from the church, who sang

Christmas carols. Other visitors were David Turner of Eastland, Melba Cathy and Sammy, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Bennett and children and Mrs. Sylvia Brown and Wesley.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Thursday,
December 22, 1983

Wondrous World of Gifts

Last Minute

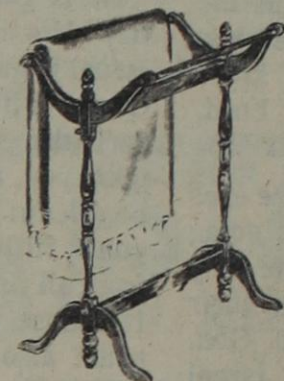
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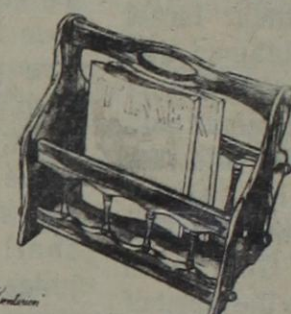
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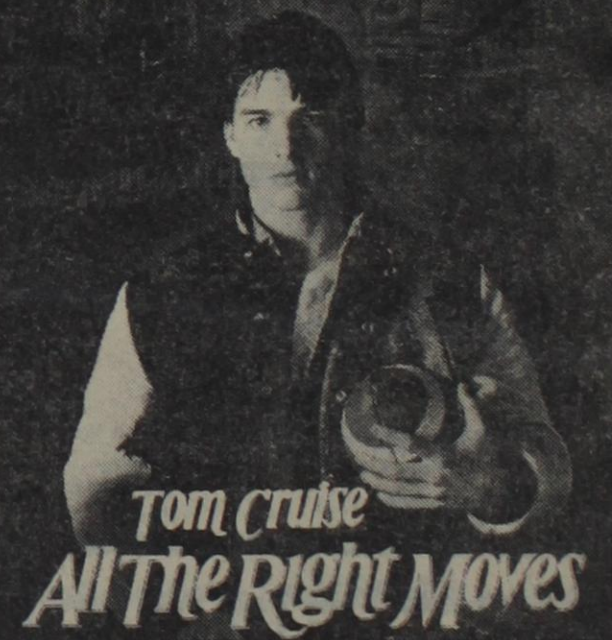
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Commentary

by Myrtle Owen

Keep your eyes on Israel: each day brings further development regarding the impending war between Russia and Israel. As thee is going to be a great shaking in Israel (Ezekiel 38:19) and God is going to destroy Gog and his allies: and I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; that I will rain upon him, and his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire and brimstone. Thus I will magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord. (Ezekiel 38:22-23).

After this war the eyes of the Jews are going to be opened and they are going to turn their hearts back to God. The nation of Israel has not been restored because their spiritual eyes have been blinded: what then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; for the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear) unto this day. (Romans 11:7-8) The temple of the God of their fathers is destroyed..they cannot worship on the Holy site of the temple of the mount..so they come to the wailing wall to pray for the coming of the Messiah. Let us pray that the spiritual eyes of the Jewa will be able to see that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, has already come and that as they acknowledge Him, He will restore them as His chosen people. God sent spiritual blindness upon Israel for a reason. In His love and mercy He provided a way that both Jew and Gentile would be

reconciled to Him. Thiss spiritual blindness is going to be upon Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles: for I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. (Romans 11:25) The major turning point in the restoration of Israel is going to come when God removes the spiritual blindness following the war between Russia and Israel.

He is going to sanctify His Name and Israel is going to know God: Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgements, and do them. (Ezeiel 36:25-27) Prior to this turning point for Israel there is going to be a time of repentance..a time of intercession: Let the priests, the ministes of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? Then will the Lord be jealous of His land, and pity His people (Joel 2:17-18).



Obituaries

Margaret Wallace

Margaret Wallace Big Spring-Margaret Ann Wallace, 63, of Big Spring, a retired cook, died Tuesday morning at her home after a sudden illness. Services were at 4 p.m. Thursday at Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Born Feb. 23, 1920, in Uvalde, she moved to Big Spring 20 years ago from Snyder. She worked at the Fina Truck Stop as a cook until retiring five years ago. She was a Baptist.

A son, D.J. Mooney, and a daughter, Lela Ann Comstock, preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons, Wayne Mooney of Breckenridge, Jerry Mintz of Fort Stockton and Randy Mintz of Durant, Okla.; two daughters, Joyce Hendricks of Hobbs, N.M., and Lynn Cornett of Rising Star; two sisters; a brother; 22 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Lanham Burkhauler

Leanham Burkhauler Rising Star-Lanham Burkhauler, 71, of Rising Star, died at 7:35 a.m. Sunday at Eastland Memorial Hospital. Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Higginbotham Funeral Home.

The Rev. R.D. Williams, chaplain of Girling Health Care in Brownwood, officiated, assisted by Gregg Knight, Church of Christ minister of Rising Star. Burial was at Rising Star Cemetery.

Born Nov. 30, 1912, in Rising Star, he married Earline Whitlock Nov. 18, 1936, in Rising Star. He retired from Exxon in 1961, was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 1256 in McCamey and the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Harris, in 1969 and a brother, Arlin.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Jean Tension of Odessa and Pat Nall of Rising Star; a brother, Ural of Lake Leon; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren

Security Social News

The annual earnings base--the maximum amount of annual earnings that counts for Social Security--will increase to \$37,800 for 1984, up from \$35,700 the 1983 base. Glyn Hammons Social Security district manager in Abilene said recently.

The increase is based on the change of average earnings levels from 1982 to 1983.

The effective Social Security tax rate for employees will be the same in 1984 as it was for 1983, 6.7 percent. This is true although the tax rate for employers will be 7.0 percent, Hammons said. The

reason is that 1983 legislation which raised the tax rates gave employees a .3 percent credit, given when the tax is deducted from earnings.

The end result is that a person who has the same earnings in 1984 as in 1983 will pay the same Social Security tax.

Other Social Security figures will increase in 1984 also. The annual exempt amount used in the annual earnings test will increase to \$6,960 for people 65-70 and to \$5,160 for people under 65 all of 1984. The 1983 figures are \$6,600 and \$4,920.

The earnings test is the

Lifting Up Jesus



Gregg Knight

Just a short note this week to wish you and your's a happy and joyful holiday season. I also would like to say thanks for all the comments that have been made concerning this religious column each week. My goal is to draw our minds to the spiritual by learning something from the Bible. We do hope that each week will lift you

up and encourage you. With all the preparing and planning of this season, do not leave out Christ. It bothers me what men do in His name and birth.

The highways will not be safe because many will have too much to drink. Why drink at all? We are told that whatever we do in word or deed to do it in the name of Jesus Christ! (Colossians 3:17) How can one losing complete control of his self be anything that would glorify Christ? It doesn't do but one thing--it shows how selfish a person can be! Stay sober this season for a change if you are in the drinking habit!

Thanks!

measure used by Social Security to determine whether a person will receive benefits during the year. A person whose annual earnings do not exceed the annual exempt amount will receive all benefits for the year.

A person whose earnings exceed the annual exempt amount will have \$1 benefits withheld for each \$2 of earnings over the exempt amount.

The amount of annual earnings required for a person to earn one quarter of coverage, the measure of

Social Security work credit, will increase to \$390 in 1984, up from the 1983 figure of \$370. A person will earn four quarters of coverage, the maximum possible, if his or her annual earnings amount to \$1,560 or more.

More information about Social Security taxes and benefits can be obtained at the Abilene, Social Security office, located at 412 S. Pioneer. The telephone number is 698-1360.

The Social Security representatives schedule for January, February and March for this area has been

announced as follows: Cisco - Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. Jan. 11 and 25; Feb. 8 and 22, and March 14 and 28. Eastland - Courthouse Basement, Tuesday, 10 a.m. Jan. 3 and 17, Feb. 7 and 21, and March 6 and 20.

Gorman - Senior Citizen Center, Monday 1 p.m. Jan. 23, Feb. 27, and March 26.

Ranger - Joseph Building on Main Street, Wednesday, 10 a.m. Jan. 11 and 25, Feb. 8 and 22, March 14 and 28.

Rising Star - City Hall, Monday, 10 a.m., Jan. 23, Feb. 27, and March 26.

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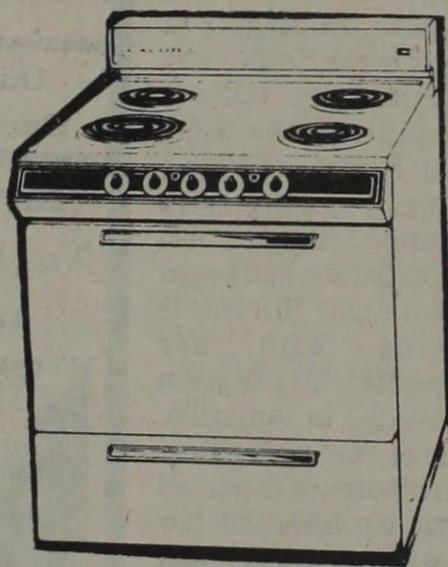
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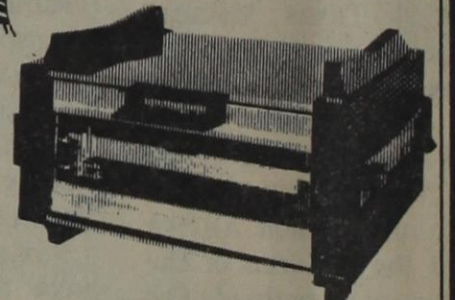
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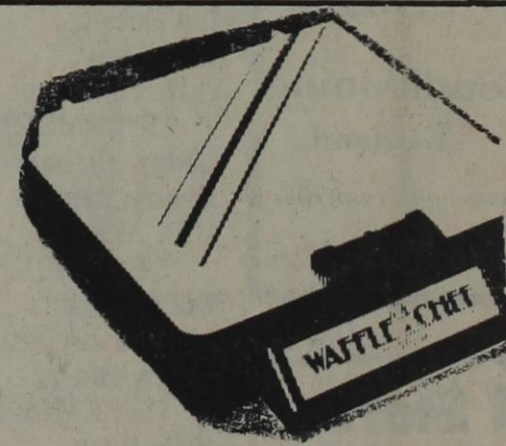
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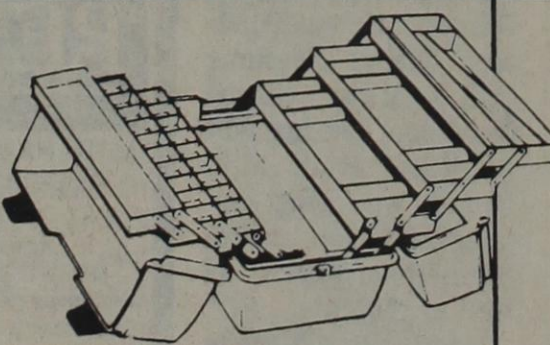
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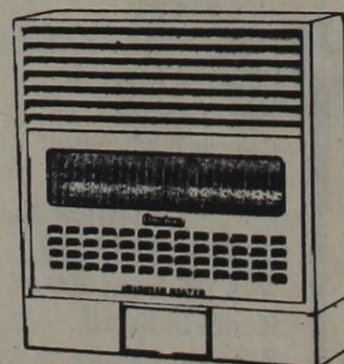
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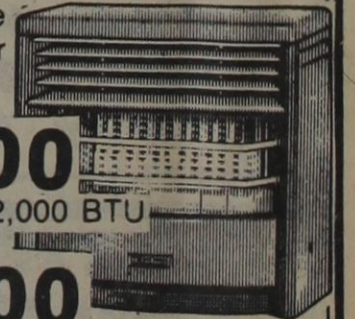
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Drilling Bits

RAW Energy Corp. of Weatherford has finalized the No. 1 Hittson in the Palo Pinto Regular Field one mile east of Metcalf Gap. It pumped 13 barrels of oil daily on open choke.

Location is in a 339-acre lease in the T&PRR Survey. The well was drilled to 4,060-ft. bottomed and was plugged back to 1,529. It will produce from a set of perforated interval 1,196 to 1,202 feet.

Del-Mar Petroleum of Breckenridge has filed first production figures on a new wildcat gas well. The No. 1-A Anderson indicated ability to flow 1,433,000 CF gas per day on a 7/32 choke. It was rated at 3,311,000 CF on absolute open flow.

The operator has 416 acres leased, with drillsite in Stephens County's T&PRR Survey, seven miles east-northeast of Breckenridge.

The well will produce from an interval 4,071 to 4,078 feet into the wellbore. Total drilling depth was 4,562 feet.

At a location three miles south of Caddo, Tudor Hydrocarbons Inc. of Abilene has finalized a new wildcat oil producer in Stephens County.

The well is designated as the No. 1 Morales, flowing oil at the rate of 70 barrels per day on a 14/64 choke. The well also showed potential for 200,000 CF casinghead gas per day.

Location is in a 160-acre lease in the T&PRR Survey. Bottomed at 4,200 feet, the well will produce from perforations 2,234 to 2,242 feet into the hole.

A 4,400-ft. wildcat well is planned by McHallen Oil Co. of Breckenridge at a drillsite five miles southeast of Breckenridge, Stephens County. The location is in a 145-acre lease in the TE&L Survey. Well's designation is the No. 4 C.M. Caldwell.

At a location nine miles east of Moran, Quantum Oil Inc. of Dallas has finalized a wildcat gas well in Stephens County.

The well is designated as

the No. 1 C.J. O'Conner, flowing gas at the rate of 287,000 CF gas per day on a 1/8 choke. The absolute open flow rating came in at 4,800,000 CFD.

Location is in a 320-acre lease in the T&PRR Survey. Bottomed at 3,403 feet, the well will produce from perforations 2,096 to 2,098 feet into the hole.

Leonard Brothers Operating Co. of Ft. Worth have filed for permit to drill two wells in Stephens County's T&PRR Survey.

The No. 1A Spurlen-Bulgerin, a 4,300-ft. wildcat well, is located in a 320-acre lease three miles northwest of Leary.

The No. 2 A Fambro "D", a 3,956-ft. developmental well, is located in a 71-acre lease 11 miles southeast of Breckenridge in the McBride Field.

A 2,800-ft. Eastland County wildcat is scheduled for spudding 10 miles northwest of Rising Star with Logan Energy Co. of Borger as the operator. The explorer well will be known as the No. 1-A Schaefer. It is in a 409-acre lease in the Moses Allen Survey A-1.

Pumping 30 barrels of oil and 60,000 CF gas per day on open choke, a new producer has been completed in Eastland County's Fair Field 10 miles south of Ranger.

Brown Operating Co. of Eastland is the operator.

Located in an 80-acre unit in the McLennan School Land Survey A-368, the well bottomed at 3,370 feet. It will produce from a set of perforations in the Lower Marble Falls Formation, 3,232 to 3,250 feet into the wellbore.

A pair of 2,000-ft. developmental wells are scheduled in the Eastland Regular Field by Nimrod Operating Co. of Cisco. The wells will be known as the No. 1 Safari and No. 11 Safari "A." They are located in a 40-acre units in the H&TCRR Survey Se. 124 Blk. 3, about one mile northeast of Scranton.

R.L. Robertson Operating Co. of Eastland is preparing to drill a 4,200-ft. developmental well in Eastland County's Ellenburger Field. It will be known as the No. 1 Moylan, with drillsite in a 132-acre lease in the H&TCRR Survey A-58, about two miles north of Eastland.

First production figures for a new producer in the Ranger Field have been posted by Ridge Oil Co. of Breckenridge.

Ridge's No. 2 Conway pumped six barrels of oil daily on an open choke. It bottomed at 3,850 feet and will produce from a set of perforations in the Black Lime West Formation, 3,450 to 3,466 feet into the hole.

The operation is in a 131-acre lease in the J.B. Conway Survey A-1040, five miles northwest of Ranger.

Operating out of Rising Star, T-Square Petroleum Inc. has filed for permit to drill an Eastland County wildcat one mile southeast of Pioneer community. With total depth projected to 800 feet, the well is in a 79-acre lease in the ETRR Survey A-1894. It will be designated as the No. 1 Vanamber.

Snow Oil Co. of Fort Worth has finalized a marginally successful gas well in Eastland County's Snow Field five miles southeast of Eastland.

Designated as the No. 3 Van Zandt East, it flowed 77,000 CF gas daily on a 1-in. choke. It was given a 78,000-CFD rating on open flow.

Snow took the hole to 1,562-ft. bottom and perforated the Strawn Formation for production 996 to 1,002 feet into the hole. The operation is in a 182-acre lease in the C. Messer Survey A-372.

The No. 1 Bar-H-Ranch is scheduled for spudding in the JMJ Field, Eastland County, eight miles northeast of Cisco. Richey and Co. of Fort Worth will be the operator. It will be a 4,200-ft. test aimed at pay in the Marble Falls Formation. It will be spudded in a 40-acre unit in the H&TCRR Survey Sec. 69, Blk 4.

Showing capacity to yield 54 barrels of oil per day, pumping on open choke, the No. 8 G.A. Dunn Jr. has been completed in Eastland County's Waldrop Field two miles northwest of Rising Star.

Dean Production Corp. of Abilene is the operator.

The well went to a 1,150-ft. bottomhole and will produce from a perforated interval in the Strawn Formation, 1,093 to 1,116 feet into the hole. It is in a 60-acre lease ETRR Survey Sec. 26, Blk. 2.

Ark Resources Inc. of Fort Worth has staked location the No. 1 Owen, a projected 3,600-ft. developmental try in Eastland County's Tyler-Breeding Field. The well is scheduled for spudding in a 200-acre lease in the Samuel Farney Survey A-132, seven miles northwest of Rising Star.

EASTLAND

Niki Brown and Noni Hull have bought and are operating Wanda's Flower Shop on West Main Street. It will be known as Niki and Noni's Flower and Gift Shop. The new owners invite the public to call on them for flowers and gifts. They pledge their support to the Chamber of Commerce, especially in its banquet decorating, which Wanda Hull has done for years.

Carole's Wonderland, a modern day-care center offering personalized attention, has opened on West Commerce Street. The owner is Carole Ann Webb. Miss. Webb states that she will offer young mothers safe, educational care for their children.

The Eastland County 4-H's are selling the first edition of "Texas 4-H Recipes". These are favorite recipes of the Texas 4-H members, given in honor of the organization's 75th birthday. The cookbook has 141 pages and sells for \$6.50. Copies can be purchased at the County Extension office (Pho. 629-2222) which is located in the basement of the county courthouse.

The Eastland County Unit of the American Cancer Society has organized and elected officers. They are: Ann Justice, President, Skip Campbell, Vice President, Maria Duncan, Secretary, and Sharene Richardson, Treasurer. The next meeting of the local unit will be at 6:30 on Jan. 9 at the Eastland Bank. Everyone is invited to come and be a member of the Board.

CISCO

The Cisco Chamber of Commerce will be having an Open House on Friday Dec. 23 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to drop by and enjoy refreshments.

The Corinth Baptist Church, located midway between Cisco and Eastland, will have one service on Christmas Sunday. It will be a worship service, with preaching starting at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 10:30 on Christmas morning.

Registration for the Spring semester at Cisco Junior College Campus will be held in the Student Union Building from 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 16 and Tuesday, Jan. 17. Night registration is scheduled for one night only, Jan. 16, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Classes will begin Jan. 18. For more information, call Cisco (817) 442-2567.

RANGER

The Ranger Volunteer Fire Department is collecting food, money and toys to provide a Christmas for needy children. All donations will be appreciated. These can be made at Ranger Auto Parts store or at the Ranger Fire Department. The Fire Department wishes all a Merry Christmas, and thanks the public for helping to make a brighter Christmas for those in need.

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In Ranger, a beautiful stucco, 3 bedroom, 1 bath home, detached garage, storage buildings. \$35,000

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Reasonably priced lots in the exclusive Oakhollow addition: \$5,000 to \$5,500. New homes, custom built. Call for appointment.

A 2 bedroom, 1 bath home, formal dining area, CH/CA, carpeted, nice modern cabinets with dishwasher. \$35,000

Owner transferred, leaving behind a pretty 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath brick home in exclusive area. Less than one year old and like new. Custom drapes, fireplace, and many other extras. \$61,500

In Ranger, a nice 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick home with carpet, drapes, CH/CA, fenced backyard, storage building. \$40,000

A very attractive 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath brick home with approx. 2200 sq. ft., two living areas, each with fireplace, breakfast area, ceiling fans, built-ins, CH/CA, large corner lot. \$82,500

Comfortable 3 bedroom, frame home on extra large lot just outside Eastland city limits. Well insulated, fireplace with heat-o-later, storm windows, all new plumbing and wiring. \$55,000

Good location near Eastland schools, 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath brick home. Sunken den, Ben Franklin fireplace, carpet, custom drapes, built-ins, CH/CA. Equity and assume loan balance at 11%, or new loan. \$57,500

Two-story, 4 bedroom, 3 bath frame home, carpet, CH/CA, pretty yard and priced to sell at \$48,000

1/2 acre lots, located near Eastland Lake, approx. 2 1/2 miles from town. Owner will finance at 12% with \$1,500 down. \$5,500

In Olden, 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath brick home on one acre, carport, CH/CA, fruit trees, \$52,500

3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath, brick home with approx. 1725 sq. ft. in Oakhollow area, separate living and den, custom drapes and other extras. \$75,000

Decorators Delight; A beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath Brick home, custome ash paneling, ceiling fans, plant room, new 3-track storm windows, six (6) car carport, and more. Must see to believe. \$125,000

3 bedroom, 1 bath frame home, new paint, new plumbing in bath, and wiring is good. May consider owner financing. \$19,950

3 bedroom, 1 bath on large lot, greenhouse, detached garage and storage. \$40,000.

Small Acreage With Homes

Very pretty place, a large 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home on approx. 10 acres. Located south of Cisco. 2 irrigation wells, good fences, big shop and barn. \$130,000

Outside Cisco, approx. 17 acres with very nice 3 bedroom, bath and a half, double wide mobile home. Large carport, big front deck. One water well and two tanks. 1/4 minerals. Owner financing available at 10%

In Carbon, 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath, rock home on 4 acres, shop, barn, fruit trees. \$31,500

In Carbon, 3 acres with a 2 bedroom, 1 bath frame home. Small barn and pen. Pecan and fruit trees, some coastal. \$13,000

5.3 acres near Lake Leon with a 2 bedroom mobile home (14x70). Carpeted, CH/CA, house type windows, special siding, storage building and city water. \$35,000

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10 acres northwest of Cisco with city water and mobile home hook-up. Assumable loan of \$12,000

Nice 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath stone and brick home on 4.38 acres. Carpeted, CH/CA, fireplace, bookshelves, screened porch, and many other extras in this 2150 sq. ft. home. \$83,000

Morton Valley, approx. 4.9 acres with a 2 bedroom, 1 bath frame home. 2 car detached garage, 3 storage buildings, water well, stock tank, and butane tank. City water to house. \$28,000

Farms And Ranches

131 acres southwest of Cisco with 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath frame home, cultivation and timber, 4 water wells, barns, some minerals. Owner financing available. \$160,000

40 acres off 2526 out of Carbon, nearly all in love grass, some minerals, \$900 per acre.

40 acres located south of Cisco on 183, native pasture with scattered pecan trees, one well and tank, fenced (3) sides. \$42,000

Near Eastland and Lake Leon, 49.6 wooded acres with six tanks and spring, on FM 2214, good place to hunt and fish, assumable loan. \$55,000

Near Lake Leon, a 20 acre tract of land. Some cultivation and good hunting area. \$30,000

320 acres located between Carbon and Gorman. Some cultivation but mostly wooded. Good fences and hunting, some minerals included. \$500 per acre. Owner financed at 9%

5 acres near Eastland. I-20 frontage. \$5,000 per acre. Terms can be arranged.

160 acres in Union Center area with large new beautiful 3 bedroom brick home, coastal, game, and good fences. \$180,000

248 acres located on old Abilene Hwy. west of Cisco, mostly cleared with some wooded acreage, good fences, 1/2 minerals with leasing rights.

100 acres between Lake Leon and Desdemona, all in cultivation and coastal. Good 5 wire fence and cross fence, shallow water. Owner finance at 9%. 800 per acre.

640 acres approx. 17 miles northwest of Breckenridge with 2 bedroom, 1 bath frame house, 175 acres cultivation with remainder in pasture. Some minerals with leasing rights. \$583 per acre.

160 acres off Hwy. 183 eight miles south of Cisco, 100 acres cultivation, remainder trees. \$600 per acre.

116 acres east of Cross Plains with large brick home, 90 acres cultivation, several out buildings, stock tank, (4) water wells. \$186,000

106 acres east of Cross Plains, 90 acres cultivation, barn, corrals, stock tank and water well. \$72,000

120 acres south of Cisco on 206 and 569, 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath brick home, hay barn, corrals, storage buildings, 2 irrigation wells and pipe, 11 pecan trees, 1/2 minerals, \$115,500

Cisco Homes

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3 bedroom, brick home with CH/CA, new carpet, fenced yard, fruit trees and garage. Assumable loan.

Nice 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 brick home in good neighborhood. Has CH/CA, built-ins, fireplace, fenced yard, double garage and other extras.

Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath frame home. New carpet, large rooms. Nice trees and shrubbery. Owner financing at 10%

4 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath 2 story stone home on 2 big lots; privacy fence around swimming pool. Also has small efficiency rental unit. Reduced to \$27,000

Large 2-story with 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, den, separate dining and breakfast rooms, located on 2 big corner lots. Also has nice roomy apartment attached. Beautiful landscape yard with lots of trees.

A new 4 bedroom, 2 bath home on .46 acre lot, CH/CA, large carport and storage room, with fireplace and storm windows.

2 bedroom, 1 bath home on 2 lots. \$9500.00. Could be residential or commercial.

A nice 3 bedroom, 1 bath home, CH/CA, carpet, large rooms, also has a small apartment and storage building. Situated on 2 lots. Assumable loan, large 4 bedroom, 3 bath brick home, carpet, drapes, CH/CA, fenced backyard, double carport with storage. \$65,000.

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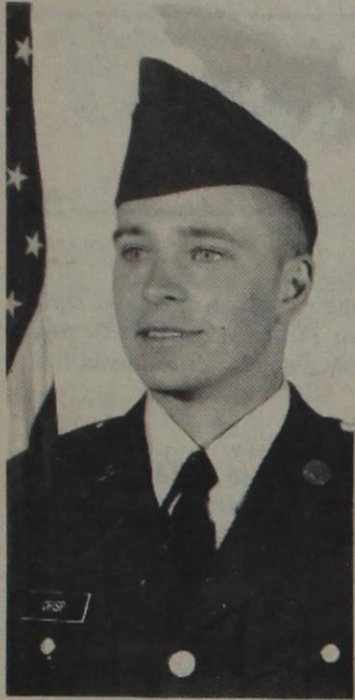
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with his grandparents, Elgie and Maxine Crisp of Rising Star.

At the end of his leave he will be flown to St. Louis and to San Francisco. There Joe will be given his shots prior to being flown to Korea where he will be stationed for the next year.

While in Korea he will be trained in computer science and will attend college, majoring in computer science.

Joe hopes he will be stationed in Hawaii for his two remaining years in the service following his year in Korea.

His parents and grandparents are very proud of the 20-year-old young man and they expect him to become very successful in the future.

Grandson Of Locals Will Go To Korea

Joe Wayne Crisp, son of Joe Frank and Linda Jay Crisp of Abilene, has just returned from Ft. Benning, Ga., where he received basic training and advanced training in the Army Infantry program.

On leave until Dec. 26, Joe has been catching up on his fishing



Despite Higher Prices Peanut Farmers Suffer

Texas peanut growers are enjoying a good price for their crop this year, but for many farming small acreages, the outlook is dim because of the quota system.

"Many peanut farming operations are no longer economical because of small quotas allotted by the government," points out Johnny Feagan, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. (The quota system was instituted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture years ago to encourage more stable peanut production.) "Thus we'll likely see fewer and fewer peanut farmers in the years ahead and a greater concentration of production," Feagan notes.

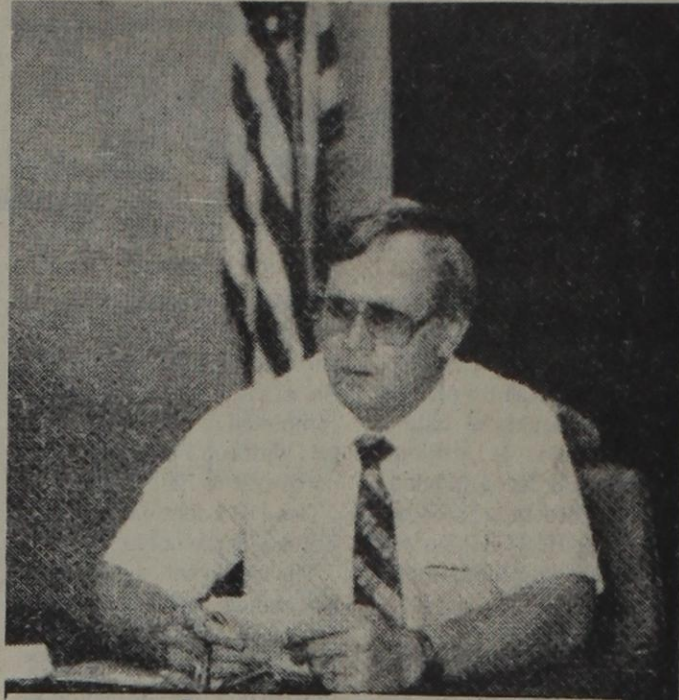
Tight supplies of peanuts due to a good demand have boosted prices to growers the past several years, the economist points out. While the price for quota peanuts has been good—\$550 per ton the past several years—the price for additional peanuts (those grown outside the

quota or allotment) has also been excellent.

Most farmers have been getting \$400 to \$450 per ton for additional peanuts this year, considerably above the \$185 per ton support level—the price farmers could sell them to the government if the market price dropped. However, this support price will not normally cover the cost of production, so once demand declines and prices drop, small farming operations will be hard-pressed to continue to grow peanuts, contends Feagan.

Peanut use in the United States is up sharply this year compared to 1982, notes the economist, but will likely be down in 1984. Food use of peanuts is up 14 percent for 1983 compared to last year and use of salted peanuts is up more than 30 percent.

U.S. peanut production this year should total about 2.9 billion pounds compared to 3.4 billion in 1982. Harvested acres are up about 10 percent in southeastern states and down some 6 percent in the Southwest, including Texas, Feagan says.



Roy Johnson Sec./Treas. State Farm Bureau Directors

Roy Johnson, farmer and rancher of Desdemona, has been re-elected as a State Director of the Farm Bureau, and appointed as Secretary-Treasurer of the State Board of Directors.

The election and appointment came during the recent State Farm Bureau Convention in Houston, which was attended by ten voting delegates from Eastland County.

Among the County delegates were Roy and his wife, Charlotte Johnson. Policies directing the organization, and recommendations on national policies were approved.

tend this meeting while we have someone with Mr. Jennings's expertise to explain the new laws.

Unemployment Tax Law Changes Seminar Is Dec. 27

The Texas Employment Commission, in cooperation with the Job Service Employer Committee of the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce, will conduct a seminar on the recent Unemployment Tax Law changes.

The meeting will be Tuesday, December 27, 1983, at 2:00 p.m. in the Howard Payne Newman Building, Room 136. The Chief of Tax, John Jennings of Austin, will conduct the meeting.

There were a number of changes made to the unemployment tax rate during

two sessions of the Texas Legislature during the year. This will be a great opportunity for the area employers to get a breast of the changes.

Fred Jackson, Brownwood TEC Office Manager, encourages all area residents who work with these tax rates during the year to at-

Eastland County 4-Hers Win In District 8 Food Show

Saturday, December 10th seven Eastland County 4-H'ers participated in the District 8 4-H Food Show. The food show was held in Stephenville at the Stephenville High School.

Eastland representatives were both blue and red ribbon winners. Each 4-H'er was questioned by judges for 3 minutes about nutrition and then each dish was sampled for taste and texture.



Eastland County (right) Stacey Slampa, representatives were: LaTonya Caraway, (picture of 3 left to Barbara Majors.



(picture of 4 Natalie Stevens, Melissa Bailey, Missy Little and Kyle Sargent. Congratulations to each of these 4-H'ers for a job well done.

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