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Don Underwood Seeks Re-election As Sheriff



Sheriff Don Underwood has announced that he has filed for re-election as Eastland County Sheriff.

Don has been involved in law enforcement for the last 21 year.

He is a native of Eastland County, having lived in the Gorman, Carbon, and Eastland areas, and graduated from Carbon High School in 1959.

Don is 46 years old. Don

and his wife Dolores live in Eastland at this time.

They have three sons, Lyndall and Connie and their sons, Jady and Jody, live in Eastland where Lyndall is Chief of Police.

Greg and Dawn live in Clifton where Greg is employed by Texas New Mexico Power and Light.

Daryl lives in Stephenville where he is employed by Erath County Sheriff's Office.

Don has experience as a Texas Highway Patrolman, Juvenile Officer, Detective, and has 10 year combined experience as Sheriff of Eastland and Nolan Counties.

Don fees his experience as sheriff of both counties and his training in criminal investigation, drug enforcement, and civil process more that qualify him as a candidate for re-election in the March 8th Democratic Primary.

Don will issue formal statement at a later date.

County Commissioners Meeting

Eastland County Commissioners held a regular meeting on Monday, December 14, with a number of topics for consideration. All four Commissioners attended, with County Judge Scott Bailey presiding.

During the meeting the Commissioners approved a request from Seismograph Service Corporation to do seismic exploration on county roads in a route across the county.

Boyd Sexton, who

represented the Corporation, explained that the company was contracted to Cornell University out of New York state. The University had a government grant to do seismographic work all across the U.S. According to Sexton, "We will look as deep into the earth as we can - look 40,000 to 80,000 ft. down, past the crust into a fluid area."

He said that this is not done by drilling into the earth, but by means of

trucks carrying machinery that vibrates hydraulically. Cornell is compiling such information in conjunction with the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M, Baylor and Rice University.

Once compiled, the information would be public knowledge, and available to any individuals or firms that would pay the \$5 to \$7 fee for reproduction of the data, Sexton reported.

He also said there would be only one line through Eastland County, at a south to north location not yet determined. Work on this would begin next April or May and there would be press releases to inform the public where and when. School children or others would be welcome to come out and watch the process, Sexton said.

He also told of another project indirectly tied in with this, although not being done by his company. Data from the Seismograph Service Corp. work will be used to determine the location of several deep holes put down in the earth in 1988-89. These will be somewhere in West Virginia, Illinois and Texas, and bring quite a bit of interest to the places chosen.

In other business during the morning, the Commissioners heard from Billy Bacon of Pct. 4 that only 8 prisoners were currently in jail. Bacon said that Honeywell was supposed to come back and finish up the Inter-com system, and then this system and the ing fine.

Some of the commissioners mentioned, however, that when they made an inspection of the jail last week they found some other things they were not pleased with. They planned to visit the jail again today.

In other matters, the Commissioners approved a request by Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Jerry Mathews to begin advertising to fill the position of J.P. Court Clerk. This position became vacant recently when Barbara Mitchell resigned.

Also approved was a resolution requesting that the portion of Hwy. 2921 in Gorman be limited to an 80 ft. right-of-way. This road is 595 ft. long inside the city limits.

A Holiday schedule for 1988 was approved. Fifteen Holidays are listed for the year, including three election days. There will be two Presidential primaries early in the year, and the Presidential election on November 8, 1988.

Ray Pruitt, County Auditor, reported to the Commissioners that Workman's Compensation

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Ambulance Fund Donations

Since our last publication, the Volunteer Ambulance Service has received memorials for Ed Duensing, C.R. Tyler, R.C. Bowden and Billy Joe McKinnerney.

Donations have been made by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allen, C.B. Nichols, Herman Ogden, C.W. Allerhelgen, Anna Duensing, Joyce Baker, James and Winnie Armstrong, Mrs. A.L.

Buchanan, Colonial Oaks

Nusing Home, Gorman Independent School District, May WMA Baptist Church, Shorty and Teresa Lewis, Barbara Childers, W.O. McCoy, Horace Witt, Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Erwin, Oleta Seale, Jack and Ieta Agnew, Henry and Inez Robertson, Irene Mayfield, Bob Shults, Elgie and Maxine Crisp, O.R. Shults, Bobby and Inez Elliott, William Morris, Essie Green, M.C. Green, Duby and Edna Jones, Norine Boggs, George Warfield, Lee and Wanda Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Cole White, Glen Shults, Georgia Hennessey, Inez Hutton, and Dorcas Sunday School Class.

All donations and memorials are appreciated. The ambulance service is volunteer and operates on donations.

Let's keep the service available.

County Peanut Production

The following report will be updated periodically as additional producers report their production:

TOTAL PLANTED ACRES—26,965.2
PLANTED ACRES REPORTING—4,778.8
POUNDS HARVESTED—6,627,832
AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE—1,386.9

Commodities

Central Texas Opportunities Inc. will distribute USDA Commodities at Rising Star from 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 29 at the Senior Citizens Center.

Items available will be butter, cheese, corn meal, dry milk and milled rice. All eligible persons will receive emergency food assistance without regard to race, sex, political beliefs, age, national origin, or handi-cap. Shut-ins are encouraged to designate an authorized representative to pick up for them. Commodities will be distributed on a first come/first serve basis.

Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated to help with this much-needed program.

NOTICE

PAPER OFFICE OPEN WED.

The Rising Star newspaper office will be open Wednesday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. both Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 to help subscribers with renewals.

Art Class Projects, 'God's Eyes' and Paper Cutting



Cathy Smoot, left, and Cody Wilson are working on the current project, paper cutting.

Holiday Closings

CHRISTMAS	Dates Closed
Barr's Bar-B-Q	24 thru 28
Buddy's Plumbing	24, 25, 26
Butler Texaco	25
Chambers Grocery	25
Chuckwagon Cafe	24, 25, 26, 27
City of Rising Star	25
Connie's Beauty Salon	24, 25, 26
Cooper's Texaco	25
D&T Building Supply	24, 25
Dad's Doo-Dads, Repair	25
Family Food Store	25
Farm Bureau, J. Shults	24, 25
First State Bank	25
Higginbotham's	25, 26
Hubbard Gift, Gallery	25, 26
Jake's Shop	24, 25
Jenkins Insurance	24, 25
Joy Pecan Shoppe	25
Kizer Insurance	noon 24, 25
Kountry Kitchen	24, 25
Main St. Auto	25
Medley Motor	25
Palace Drug Store	25
Pioneer Co-op	noon 24, 25, 26
Rising Star Clinic	25
R.S. Farm, Ranch Sup.	noon 24, 25
Star Plaza Rest.	at 2 on 24, 25
The Rising Star	24, 25
Texaco Warehouse	at 10 on 24, 25
WTU	24, 25
Winfrey Feed	24, 25, 26
OPEN Dec. 25: Quickway and Quik Stop	

This year at Rising Star High School, Art is offered as an elective class. Mrs. Blanch Byrd is the instructor.

The students have been very industrious this year. One of their major projects has been "God's Eyes." This is an old Indian craft. The most popular designs that the students learned were the Sunbean and the Mesa. Many of the students are going to give these as Christmas gifts this year.

Currently the students are working on German paper cutting. It may sound easy but just ask a student and they will tell you otherwise! The results are beautiful!

Mrs. Byrd just completed as Art course herself at Howard Payne University. She loved every minute of it.

The students and teachers of Rising Star are very proud of our Art class. This is the first time Art has been offered in many years.

The students in the Art class enjoy every minute of it. They also love Mrs. Byrd as their teacher. We hope that Art will continue to be offered at Rising Star.

Danetta Bible

Rising Star Nursing Center will be open for visitors all through the holidays.

Most Subscriptions to This Newspaper Expire January 1

Most subscriptions to THE RISING STAR expire January 1, 1988. Subscribers are urged to renew their subscriptions soon, so that they will not miss any issues

of the newspaper. The first line on mailing labels gives the expiration.

Subscription rates are slightly lower than the rate which became effective on January 1, 1987 because the state sales tax has been removed from the sale of newspapers.

The Rising Star newspaper office will be open Wednesday, December 23, and Wednesday, December 30, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for the convenience of our subscribers during renewal time.

Subscribers who get their mail in Rising Star, Eastland County and within a 30 mile radius of Rising Star may renew for \$8 for one year.

Those who live in other Texas counties may renew for \$12 and those who live out of state may renew for \$18 for a year's subscription.

**Alone?
Eat Christmas
Dinner With Us**

Don't eat Christmas Dinner alone or let today's economy keep you from enjoying Christmas. Come have dinner with us at the school cafeteria, on December 25 at 11 a.m.

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Charles Stenholm Seeks Re-Election



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES STENHOLM

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm (D-Stamford) announced today he has filed for re-election to the United States House of Representatives.

Stenholm is seeking his sixth term as the representative of the 17th Congressional District, composed of 35 counties in West Texas and parts of North Texas. On Monday, December 21st, Stenholm received official notice that his application for the 1988 election had been received in Austin.

First elected in 1978, Stenholm has served on the House Agriculture Committee, the Veterans Affairs Committee and the Small Business Committee during his first nine years in office. He is currently chairman of the Subcommittee on Dairy, Livestock, and Poultry.

"I look forward to continuing the challenge of representing the 17th Congressional District," Cong. Congressman Stenholm said. "I have learned much during my time in Washington. Through my experience and growing seniority, I feel I will have a greater opportunity to represent and respond to the needs of this area."

"Cindy and I are grateful for the support we have had while in office," he said. "Our work would not be possible if it were not for the help and encouragement we have had from so many dear friends. We want to say again and again 'thank you'."

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses will be at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's in Strawn and at 9:00 p.m. at St. Rita's in Ranger.

Christmas Day Masses will be at 8:30 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier in Eastland, and at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Rosary in Cisco.

The public is welcome to come and give thanks and praise to God for the greatest of all Christmas Gifts: JESUS CHRIST!!!

BRAG CORNER



ANTHONY SHAWN MURDOCK, age 6 mo

Parents are Phillip and Judy Murdock of Rising Star
Maternal Grandparents are Johnny and Bernice Williams of Rising Star
Paternal grandparents are Luke Murdock of Pioneer and Carol La Ponite of Okinawa, Japan

Senior Center News

Our salad supper and Christmas party was a huge success. The house was filled to overflowing and everyone had fun opening a package wondering who brought it. The packages were numbered and each one drew a number. Also, our Christmas dinner Thursday was delicious. Six women brought large pans of chicken and dressing, none decided which was best.

Cliffogene Witt and Estelene Frankenberg had Nell Barnes from Dallas and Mrs. Howard Barnes from Fort Worth visit them Thursday.

Vernon and Artie Jagers went shopping in Brownwood Tuesday and then enjoyed eating out.

Marion and Marjorie West visited their children in Clyde Wednesday. Marjorie and Juanita went on to Abilene to do some more Christmas shopping.

Dell and Alvie Bible went to Abilene to their doctor. Both got a good report.

Martha Ward and Betty Raybon made a trip to Brownwood Thursday to the doctor. Martha spent Sunday with her daughter, Linda Bates, in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ward visited her sister and nieces in Arlington this weekend.

Betty Raybon's mother

Snova Walker, is very ill in ICU at Hendricks Hospital. She suffered a stroke Tuesday night. We hope she will get better soon. She is in room 3722.

Hazel McCollum is now in the nursing home here in Rising Star. We miss her very much. She, Artie Jagers, Evelyn Chick and Dell Bible take our blood pressure once a month.

Deward and Willie Leah Maynard spent Friday night with their daughter, Sara Nettles and family.

Johnnie and Reba Mooney are going to Lubbock Tuesday to spend the holidays.

Margie Earp's daughter-in-law, Nancy, and grandson, Anthony Earp, of Hurst stopped to see her on their way to Abilene Monday.

Martha went with her son, Rickey Carouth, to Cisco Sunday night to see the Christmas Cantata.

Edith Bostick and daughter attended her grandson's wedding in Snyder Saturday evening.

Susan Bostick left Monday morning for Australia where she will spend Christmas. She plans to stay a month.

Robert Bostick came home Tuesday from Algeria to spend a few days.

Hope everyone has a good Christmas and a happy New Year.

Rising Star Nursing Center

Vickie Majors

MONDAY: Bingo players were Rada King, Snova Walker, Vera Forbes, Pauline Hill, Martha Irby, Mary Crisp, Annie Selman, Joe Fox, Maggie Christian, Robbie Henderson and Buster Rixford called.

TUESDAY: Olive Odom and group were here for Bible study. The residents attending were Martha Irby, Pauline Hill, Rada King, Grace Goss, Robbie Henderson, Myrtle Killion, Annie Selman and Idell Collins.

WEDNESDAY: Our bingo players were Maggie Christian, Joe Fox, Mary Crisp, Annie Selman, Martha Irby, Vera Forbes, Pauline Hill, Lena Scott, Rada King, Lila Jarrett, Robbie Henderson and Buster Rixford.

THURSDAY: We had a few to play dominoes and forty-two.

FRIDAY: We played bingo. Our players were Rada King, Grace Goss, Lena Scott, Vera Forbes,

Activity Director

Pauline Hill, Martha Irby, Jewell Harrell, Annie Selman, Joe Fox, Maggie Christian and Buster Rixford.

At our residents' Christmas party, Santa Claus paid us a visit and everyone seem to enjoy themselves.

I would like to thank all of the churches for giving presents to our residents and also thanks to everyone for bringing cookies and chips and dips. Our thanks to Rev. Dale Jackson and group for singing and thanks to Elizabeth Robertson, Bertie Mae White and Winnie Anderson for bringing cookies.

Snova Walker had several visitors on Tuesday including Jane Carter from Eastland and Mrs. Hudson from Bangs.

Martha Irby's visitors over the weekend were Mary Neal from Dallas and Laverne Barnes from Fort Worth.

Obituaries

Audrey Whiteside

COMANCHE - Services for Audry Emma Whiteside, 86, of Comanche were at 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 18, in the Comanche Funeral Home with Tommy Jonsson officiating. Burial was in Sipe Springs Cemetery. She died at 6:55 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, at her home.

She was born in Comanche on August 7, 1901. A homemaker, she was a member of the Church of Christ and the Order of the Eastern Star in Sipe Springs. Survivors include one brother, Jim Whiteside of Cross Plains; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Emmett Whiteside, who died in 1983, and Jack Whiteside, who died in 1985.

Gladys Ward

Services for Gladys Ward, 66, of Brownwood were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Davis-Morris Funeral Home with the Rev. R.J. Elkins officiating. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery. She died at 3:50 p.m. Sunday at Brownwood Regional Hospital.

Born in Breckenridge Dec. 21, 1921, she moved from McAdoo to Brownwood ten years ago. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include eight daughters, Nelda Smith of Alvord, Betty Cunningham, Judy McClellan and Dorothy Irwin, all of Brownwood, Mary Robertson of Amarillo,

Wanda McKinley of May, Ruth Dickerson of Odessa, and Debbie Kelley of Cross Plains; two sons, Tom J. Beard of Brownwood and David Beard of Collinsville; two sisters, Catherine Thomas of Fort Worth and Ozella Egger of Hubbard; 17 grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Michial Ratliff

SAN ANTONIO - Services for Michial Micah Ratliff, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michial Ratliff of San Antonio, formerly of Brownwood, were at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Eagle Nest Fellowship Church in San Antonio. Burial was in San Antonio.

The boy, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Simmons of Brownwood, died as a result of a accidental gunshot wound while hunting Saturday morning at Pearsall with his brother and father.

He was born Nov. 22, 1979 and lived in Brownwood several years before moving to San Antonio.

Other survivors include a brother, Grayson, of the home; two sisters, Katy and Cassia, both of the home; his paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pancake of Pioneer and Mike Ratliff of Nenlo, Ga.

Smell Gas? Call City Hall 643-4261

Call 643-3001 EMERGENCY NO.

BRAG CORNER



LAINE MINNICK, age 4

Parents: Royce & Linda Minnick, Fort Worth
Grandparents: Gene & Reba Lyon, Rising Star
Niece of Charlie & Jane Minnick, Lubbock

Sipe Springs News

Our community was saddened by the death of Audrey Whiteside of Comanche, formerly a long time resident of here. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Buster Whiteside. Services were at Comanche with burial in Sipe Springs Cemetery Friday.

Mr. Squab Weaver underwent surgery at the Hendricks Hospital in Abilene Wednesday. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Edward Anderson had

the misfortune of getting a foot broken at work last week. We hope him a speedy recovery.

The Christmas tree and party was at the Community Center Friday night and enjoyed by all. A good crowd attended. Santa had gifts for all.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stokes of Brownwood and Mrs. Ruby Boswell of Whitney and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Boswell of Arlington visited the N.L. Leonards Friday.

Pioneer Patchwork

Irma Miller

FGillbert Williams of Cross Plains donated some wood to the Pioneer Clubhouse for our wool heater. Jean Fore and Lottie Sooter hauled it to the clubhouse. The clubhouse has been partially renovated. "And we are proud of it," says Jewel Foster, speaking for all of us.

The Christmas program at the Pioneer Baptist Church was very enjoyable. Frankie Smith reports, with real good singing by the Youth Choir Sunday night. She also reported that Mrs. Lillian Parson is still in intensive care.

Pioneer game night enjoyed a good crowd with three 84 tables and one domino table. All are invited every other Thursday night. Jean Fore's visitors over the weekend were Grasson

and Myrtle Harlowe from Arlington and Vi Harlowe of Marble Falls.

Irma and John Miller went to Cisco to meet Irma's sister, Vernelle Goins of Springtown, Monday. Irma has found a new hobby pursuit lately in reading of Eerdman's Handbook to the History of Christianity, an absorbing work which was printed in 1977, which has been around her house for quite a few years.

Some phones in the community have not been answered the past two weeks. If you have news, it will be appreciated if you will call Irma at 725-7696. When you read this, it will be Christmas Eve, so we wish you a merry Christmas and happy holidays.

Social Security Schedule

From the Department of Health and Human Services, Social Security Administration, 142 S. Pioneer, Abilene, Texas 79605.

CISCO: Senior Citizens Center, Wednesday, 1 p.m. - January 6, January 20.

EASTLAND: Courthouse Basement, Tuesday, 10 a.m. - January 5, January 19.

DANGER: Joseph Paffding (Main St.), Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - January 6, January 20.

You can handle almost all Social Security business by telephone.

General Information: To report change of address, work activities, etc. - (915) 699-1360

SSI Information: (915) 699-1240

Medicare Claim Already Filed - (800) 442-2620

Sign up for Medicare now - before your 65th birthday!

In Service

Airman Danny E. Barnett, son of Gene and Johnnie M. Barnett of Rural Route 1, Gorman, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force personnel specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Graduates of the course learned how to prepare personnel reports and records, and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 1986 graduate of James E. Taylor High School, Katy, Texas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER 27
Doug fisher
Martha Jay Childress
Bobby Burns
Irene Starkey

DECEMBER 28
Billy Bush
Cory Atwood
Eva West
Cliff Hall, Jr.

DECEMBER 29
Jamie Butler
S.C. Cotten
Jim Fisher
Mary Ann Underwood
Carolyn Martin
Ivy Allen
Kenneth Michael
Chip McCarver

DECEMBER 30
Cynthia Thornhill
Mrs. Clifford Hale
Kenneth Smith
William Clarke
Kate Fletcher
Dana Barr

DECEMBER 31
Lane Wells

Nick Nichols
Oretha Morris
Wilda (Erwin) Bennett
JANUARY 1
Carver Huddleston
Mrs. J.N. Childers
Joanie Hubbard
Della Hickman
Lezlea D. Hull
Tara Lynn Donham
JANUARY 2
Brianna Cooksey

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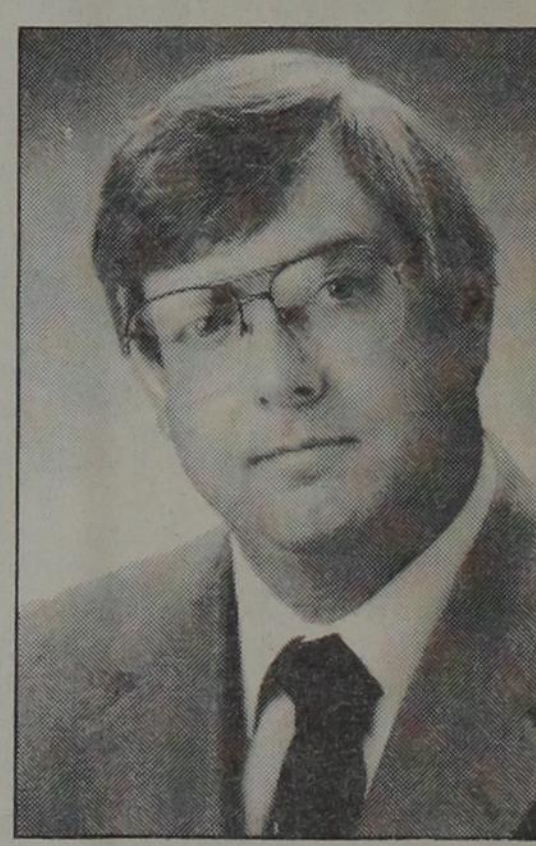
MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Gene and Reba
Lyon

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Guest Slot

SCOUTS REPORT that a special banana pudding served at the Courthouse Christmas Party at noon Monday was an absolute hit. You might want to ask Judge Jim Wright for the recipe.

DROPPING BY for a visit Monday was Charles E. McDonald, the Bangs attorney who has filed as a candidate to the State School Board from this district, which encompasses 49 counties and runs all the way to the Red River.

A TELEPHONER Monday was Ray Swindel of 904 S. Ross St., Mexia, a veteran newsman, who was editor of the Ranger Times in 1957 and '58. He's putting together a book about his experiences and if you'd like to talk to him about the era, you can reach him at (817)562-7766.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, "tis the season" of the sweepstakes and chances are your mailbox is as jammed as ours with

"bulk rate" mailings from various and sundry, seeking subscriptions first, and offering prizes secondly. We've already been through a half dozen "fortunes" from Reader's Digest, and been advised that Publishers Clearing House is just around the corner. A faithful reader brings us a new one and wonders if we've seen it. No, because we're not much into Harlequin Reader Service, but find the sweepstakes entry typical with a dozen spots to scrap off, keys to match, and all the rest of the complications to qualify yourself; including having to read the whole letter to see if you've done it right. You're out of interest before you finish.

AND AS YOU make last-minute preparations for your holiday season, the following might be a chuckle or two: "MY MOTHER COULDN'T DO IT."

Early this year, sixteen senior teacher education students from Concordia

Lutheran College, under the direction of Concordia Vice President, Fred Bleeke, surveyed 1,500 high schools in search of the MOST CREATIVE EXCUSES given by students for tardiness, absence and missed homework.

Secondary teachers and attendance officers in each school were asked to reply to a brief questionnaire. Three-hundred replies were received during the survey period. The empirical data collected served to prove that high schools students are still very creative and their excuses will change to meet the available situations.

Consider the following, deemed by professional Texas teachers to be THE MOST CREATIVE EXCUSES.

"Someone super-glued my car tires to the ground," claimed one student.

A note brought to class by another student read, "Mary was out of school for a reason I cannot mention in this note. But she was not playing hooky." The note was signed "...my Mother"...

Using inescapable logic, a student said, "I would have been on time but the bell rang." Another just asked "Have you ever tried to find toilet tissue in this school?"

The modern age has brought new excuses. "I had jet lag," said one. "My water bed leaked and I spent two hours mopping up water," said another. By far the most used of the new excuses was "My garage door opener broke and I couldn't get my car out of the garage." Students have strange illnesses, report the teachers.

One boy claimed "morning sickness" and another had an "uncontrollable stomach." A girl said she was absent because she had "hot contacts", her teacher was uncertain if it was a medical or a business-related excuse.

In a case of betrayal by an inanimate object, homework can disappear because "my locker ate it." Also the favorite, "My truck drove itself into a pothole and couldn't get itself out," asserted a student.

"My cat snatched my car keys and ran under the couch and I couldn't make it come out," said a student. He had to spend the entire day coaxing the cat out.

Three students were so completely honest that their explanations warranted mention by their teachers:

For being tardy: "Total irresponsibility on my part."

For being absent: "Just Lucky"

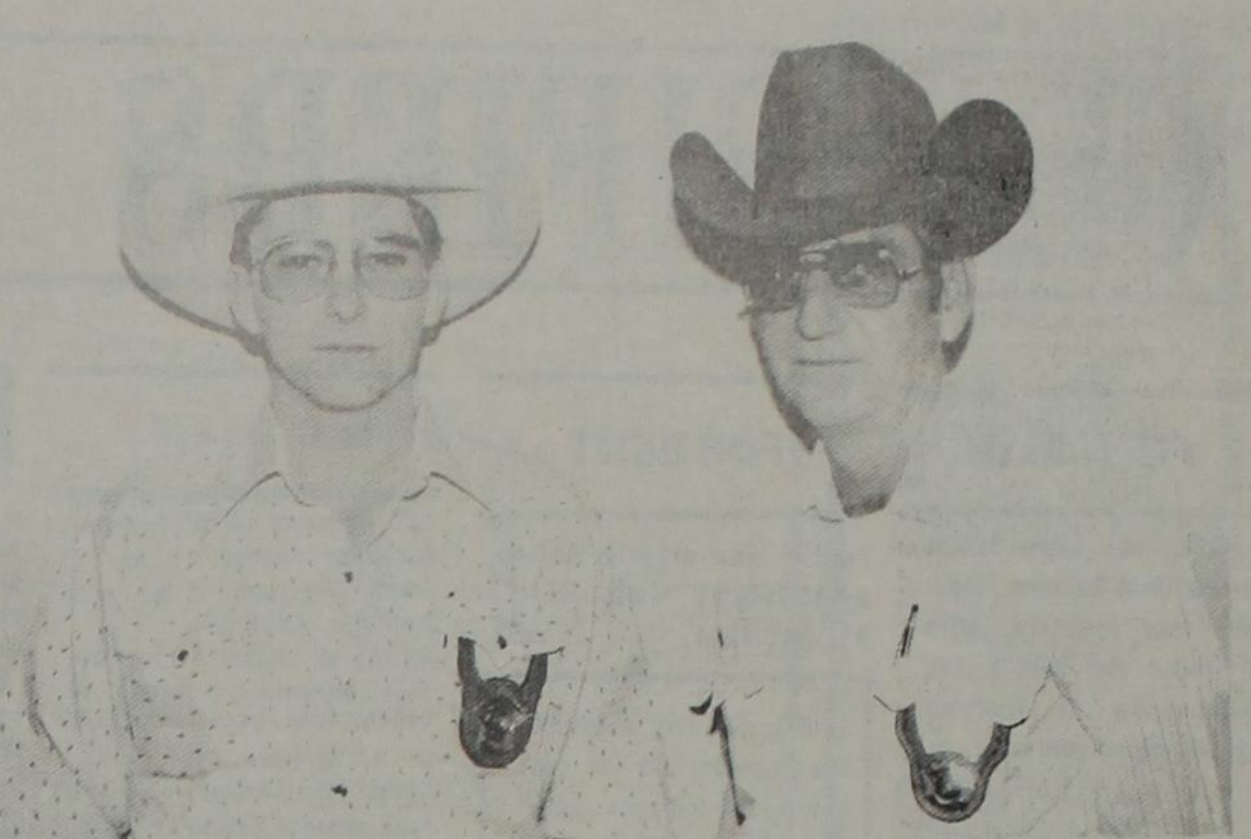
For missed homework: "My mother couldn't do it." "We've learned in education classes that a sense of humor is necessary for teachers," says Donna Menzel, a Concordia student teacher who helped compile the test results. She went on to add "It's been fun ... and educational ... to be forewarned about the kinds of excuses we will be getting."

Bowling Report

Tuesday Night Ladies League

- December 15, 1987
- Greer's Department Store 84-36; Pins 41,612
 - Lone Cedar Pro Shop 76-44; Pins 42,057
 - First State Bank 76-44; Pins 41,421
 - E.C.B.C. 72-48; Pins 40,663
 - Cisco Radiator 70-50; Pins 41,393
 - Breckenridge Affiliated 68-52; Pins 40,875
 - Elder Welding 64-56; Pins 41,122
 - La Mancha Lake Ranch 60-60; Pins 41,003
 - Yellow Mound 50-70; Pins 40,710
 - Ranger Hospital 36-84; Pins 39,823
 - The Gusher 24-96; Pins 39,208

- High Game Individual**
- Reba Moore 216
 - Sara Peel 209
 - Cathy Doyle 202
- Team**
- First State Bank 1034
 - First State Bank 1027
 - Cisco Radiator 1016
- High Series Individual**
- Sara Peel 566
 - Jennie Ewing 546
 - Reba Moore 536
- Team**
- First State Bank 3039
 - Cisco Radiator 2870
 - Lone Cedar Pro Shop 2841
- Splits Converted:**
- Beverly Thomas 4-7-10
Susan Arbuckle 5-10
Joann Terry 2-5-7
Juanita Grisham 4-5-7



New Deputy Sheriff Russell (Skeet) Wilbanks is welcomed to the Dept. by Sheriff Don Underwood. "Mr. Wilbanks did a fine job as a city patrolman for the City of Eastland and we are proud to have him with the Sheriff's Dept. now," says Sheriff Underwood. To work in Patrol and criminal investigation for the county, Mr. Wilbanks is married to County Extension Agent Crystal Wilbanks and also has an Agribusiness degree from Tarleton State University. His father also was in law enforcement.

CAPITOL UPDATE

by Jim Parker



Several weeks ago I discussed the status of SB 595, a bill that passed last session which would have included agricultural vehicles under the definition of "commercial" vehicle and HB 908 which would have set minimum liability insurance levels for these vehicles at \$500,000. At that time I had received many calls and visits from farmers and ranchers who were, to put it very mildly, concerned about these new requirements. I had hoped that my discussion would have eased some minds; however, apparently, there are many folks who are just now becoming aware of the new laws. For them and as an update, I thought I would review the situation as it stands now.

having farmers and ranchers comply with rules that the Commissioners are trying to change, they plan to consider the proposals for emergency adoption in the next week or ten days. Should the proposals pass as expected, they will go into effect immediately on an emergency basis, thus absolving farmers and ranchers of the need to comply with the laws as passed by the Legislature. There should be a "collective sigh of relief" from all of us who are farmers or ranchers and who then will not be required to meet the same insurance standard as that of true commercial haulers.

If there are questions remaining for any of you on this topic, don't hesitate to contact me; but, the Railroad Commission, at least on this issue at this time, is on top of the situation. That's more than can be said for many government agencies.

The Railroad Commission, in an effort to address the many complaints and concerns of farmers and ranchers, published two proposals in the Texas Register relating to these bills. One proposal would exempt agricultural vehicles carrying equipment, supplies or livestock to or from the owner's farm or ranch from the "commercial" vehicle definition. The other proposal would reduce the minimum amount of required insurance for vehicles having three axles or less or weighing under 26,000 pounds from \$500,000 to that amount required by the Safety-Responsibility Act. (Again, I want to commend the Railroad Commission for their quick action to remedy a terrible situation.)

In the normal course of action following publication of proposed new rules, there is a 30 day period for public comment. For the entire process to run its course, the new rules could not be finally adopted until the last of January or the first of February.

WORD of GOD

Parable of Jesus
And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth. But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches, so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it. And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it. But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

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The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3065 feet to 3074 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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"WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE"

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ABILENE--Teenagers have long confounded adults. Their music, dress, dating habits, politics, and their attitudes towards their parents, for instance, always seem so different than those of teens before them. In their consternation, adults inevitably deliver that age-old lecture to teenagers that begins, "When I was your age". But are today's teenagers really any different?

WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, a multi-faceted documentary, looks at the possibility that today's teenagers are not that different from the ones who managed to grow up before them. Hosted by "Growing Pains" Alan Thicke, **WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE** compares the experiences of American teenagers in the '80's, '60's, and '40's. The special airing, Wednesday, December 23 at 7 p.m., part of KTAB-TV's year-long **FOR KIDS' SAKE** campaign, focuses particularly on the areas of dating, parents, and patriotism.

To gain perspective on topics covered in **WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE**, producer Richard Saiz asked writers Bob Greene and Fran Lebowitz, who were

teenagers in the '60's, and George Plimpton and Maya Angelou, who grew up in the '40's, to share stories of their teenage years.

In comedy vignettes, **WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE** features the age-old conflicts between parents and teens over privacy, allowances, telephones, dates, curfews, and messy rooms. Even though they naturally disagree on these topics, teens still listen to their parents. In fact, 83% of today's teens say they communicate with one or both parents about most things.

While teens' attitudes towards their parents haven't changed much over the years, factors impacting family life have. Dr. Myron Harris, co-author of "The Private Life of the American Teenager" says in **WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE**, "The extended families are much less vigorous and much more spread out today than they were in the past. Rather than having the stability of grandparents and parents and youngsters all living within the general area or having that kind of support, kids are off on their own a great deal."

The experiences of American teenagers in the '80's, '60's, and '40's are as different as the events and trends that impacted their lives. But as host Thicke quotes in **WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE**, "The more things change, the more they remain the same."

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Dear Santa:
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Dear Santa Claus:
I am seven years old and in the second grade. I am not asking much this Christmas. Please bring me a little purse and a doll and a little quilt for my doll. And lots of fruits and candies.
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Area News Briefs

EASTLAND
Eastland Constable Bill Hunter has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election in the primary next spring. He is retiring due to health reasons, Hunter said. The Constable especially asked that his friends and supporters be thanked for their support over the years. Mr. Hunter has been elected to the office five times, which could possibly be a record for this county and state. He has served in the position for more than 18 years, and will complete his present term ending Dec. 31, 1988. He will always be remembered as a dedicated law enforcement officer.

The New Year's Eve Holiday Showcase at the Majestic is shaping up as a very special event. Virginia Russell, Gary Ford and Ellen Kennedy

are in charge of this spectacular, which is sponsored by the Eastland Fine Arts Association. The event will begin at 7 p.m., and will last about 2-and-one-half hours. It will include musical numbers and a variety of other acts. Plan to come out for a safe, sane evening in a warm and comfortable spot.

The Eastland ISD Board indicated at a recent meeting that the Maverick Stadium continues to be the first choice for the site of High School graduation. In case of bad weather, the location will be moved indoors, preferably at the Majestic Theatre. The third choice for the graduation is the Eastland High School Auditorium.

The Eastland ISD Board has approved guidelines for the Gifted and Talented program to be im-

plemented in the Eastland School.

CISCO
Cisco Junior College is making preparations to begin its 1988 Spring Semester. Registration for this Semester at the Cisco campus will be held in the Harrell Fine Arts Bldg. from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12. Night registration is also on Tuesday night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All students who have not conferred with their advisors should do so prior to registration. (Cisco campus only) For more information call Cisco at 442-2567.

Cisco Goodfellows are making final preparations to furnish food baskets and toys to 75 families who have turned in their applications. The Cisco Goodfellows volunteers are working hard to help

these less fortunate people, and still accepting donations to make this possible. Total donations to date have been \$4,140.

BAIRD
Callahan County Commissioners have asked that a study be done by the 9-1-1 Commission on the cost and effectibility of this emergency service for the county. Abilene Fire Chief Knapp, who informed the Commissioners about the program, said he would get back with the Commissioners when this has been completed. Under the 9-1-1 plan all phone subscribers in the county would pay a small surcharge, not to exceed .50 cents per month, until which time the projected cost amount would be accumulated. The cost would be somewhere near \$75,000.

A certificate of appreciation has been presented to Shirley Emmons, American Cancer Society Crusade Chairman for Baird. The presentation was made by Aubrey Loper, County Crusade Chairman. The certificate reads: "In grateful recogni-

tion of leadership and outstanding services to the Texas Cancer Control program while serving as Crusade Chairman of the City of Baird." Loper said that the American Cancer Society is very grateful to loyal workers like Mrs. Emmons.

The Sheriff's Posse will be holding a New Year's dance on Dec. 31st at the Baird Activity Center. The dance will begin at 8 p.m. and last until midnight. There will be a charge of \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. A county-western band called "Bareback" will play for listening enjoyment.

RANGER
Paul Olinger, Elementary School Principal, announced his resignation at a School Board meeting on Dec. 17. Olinger has served the Ranger schools for four years. The Board voted to accept his resignation, with regrets, and hired Glynn Wilson to take the position of Elementary Principal. Mr. Olinger was presented with a plaque of appreciation from the Board.

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Lights From The Christian World

By Josephine Cleveland

According to accepted chronology, Jesus Christ was born one thousand, nine-hundred and eighty-seven years ago. The angel had appeared to Mary, a virgin, and said, "Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call his name, Jesus - the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called, the Son of God" (Luke 1:28, 31, 35).

December 25, the day the world has designated "Christmas," we observe the birthday of this Child. Although the manager where Christ was born is often depicted by famous painters with a white-lined crib and angels hovering above it, there is no evidence of this. His place of birth was probably a dugout in a hillside, a place where beasts of burden were sheltered - dirty and unkept. Records tell us that during this time thousands were traveling to Jerusalem and "there was no room for them in the inn."

Even as the millions who deny Christ today, the priests, Pharisees, workers, and the wealthy never dreamed that they could have had the greatest privilege on earth - that of offering the King of Kings, their quarters. Instead, they laughed, and proudly raised their heads as they saw these despised Galileans finding shelter in a filthy dugout.

People in all walks of life are refusing to welcome the Christ. Our classrooms in America and in other countries are preparing our children for life without

reverence to Christ Jesus and faith in His Word.

Our literature is filled with pages of indecency and profanity, but not one word of the message that Christ came to earth to bring us Salvation - freedom for our sin and peace in our heart and mind.

There is no room for mercy as many are being tortured to satisfy the whims of others. Billions are being spent on fact-finding missions without results or betterments while others are starving and sleeping on the street without any place to lay their heads. Others see only the sparkling lights of the cities, hear only the gayly played music of bands,

board airplanes to fly to exotic places, and make merry at the banquet tables of the world.

Be not overwhelmed! This Christ of Christmas can bring peace to you even as he said. He can wipe away your tears. You can know the Christ of Christmas even as those few who heard his message long ago. Turn to him and find a joy that comes only by knowing him as your personal Savior. There are yet millions today who would die for him. Open your eyes to his truth and receive his understanding. Join with those who sing this season, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

Commodity Recertification

It is that time of year when Central Texas Opportunities, Inc., which sponsors the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program, must recertify the clients who participate in this much-needed program.

The Texas Department of Human Services' guidelines state that to receive USDA commodities, households must apply once a year in the contracted service area where they live.

Peggy Roberts, Eastland County Center Director, and CTO staff will be in the following locations during the month of January, 1988 to assist clients in filling out their applications.

Cisco - Senior Citizen Center, Jan. 14, 1988 - 8:30 -

4:00.
Rising Star - Senior Citizens Center, Jan. 5, 1988 - 9:00 - 2:00.
Eastland - Senior Citizens Center, Jan. 12, 1988 - 9:00 - 4:00.
Gorman - Senior Citizens Center, Jan. 13, 1988 - 1:00 - 4:00.
Ranger - Senior Citizens Center, Jan. 7, 1988 - 9:00 - 4:00.
Carbon - Downtown, Jan. 6, 1988 - 9:00 - 11:00.
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Teens, Alcohol And Rural Roads Don't Mix

Holiday party-time often means a long drive for rural Texas teenagers - a drive that can end in tragedy.

"Rural youth are just as subject to pressures to drink as teenagers in urban areas," says Dr. Mary Ann Heussner, a health education specialist. "The relatively lower use of seatbelts in rural counties and the temptation to drive at excessive speeds on open country roads can create a fatal mix."

In 1986, 42% of all rural fatal accidents involved driving while intoxicated (DWI), while 35% of all statewide accidents involved DWI, according to the Texas A&M University

Agricultural Extension Service specialist.

She encourages teenagers to give their parents a worry-free holiday season by:

- Staying free of alcohol or other drugs.
- Using a seatbelt and urging friends to do the same.

Riding with only those drivers and friends who have not been drinking.

"Parents also have to remember that their children learn about safety belts and alcohol use by the

example of parents and other adults," Heussner remarks.

She cautions parents who sponsor drinking parties for young people to be aware that they have both ethical and legal responsibilities for the health and safety for their minor guests.

During 1988, the Texas Extension Homemakers Association (TEHA), a 21,000-member Extension volunteer organization, will be promoting "Project Celebration" for teenagers in rural counties.

The program involves organizing community support for an all-night activity after homecoming, prom, graduation and other major school events as an alternative to parties where alcohol is available to minors.

If you are interested in supporting such an effort in your community, Heussner suggests contacting your county Extension office for further information.

WORD of GOD

That We May Be Able to Minister:

And such trust have we through Christ to Godward:

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

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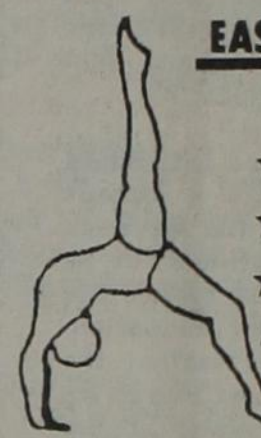
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Quiet neighborhood, roomy 3 BR, 1 3/4 baths, formal DR, breakfast nook, double garage plus workshop.

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Dear Santa

Editor's note: The following letters to Santa were published in the December 8 and 15, 1982 editions of THE RISING STAR RECORD.

Dear Santa: I am going to be a good little boy. Please bring me a little train and truck. Also a toy lion and dog. I want a tool chest, too; and candy and nuts.

With love, Charles Harrison Ballew P.S. Please bring my little sister, Bunny, some rubber toys, too.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good little girl this year. I want a doll and a set of dishes, and a little red car and a big rubber ball. And I want some fireworks and some fruits, candy and nuts, and don't forget mother and daddy.

Your truly, Cozette Parker

Dear Santa: I will write you a few lines today to let you know what I want. I want a football and a sweater and some candy and an apple and an orange. My name is Robb Steddum. I am eight years old. That will be all this Christmas. Thank you.

Robb Steddum

Dear Santa: I am a little girl in the second grade. I try to be good and study hard. My name has been on the honor roll for the past two months. Now, Santa, please do not forget me on Christmas night. I want you to bring me a big doll, a trunk full of clothes for her and a piano and lots of good things to eat.

Your little friend, Sybil Proctor

Dear Santa Claus: How are you? Fine I hope. I want a pair of boots, a cowboy suit, a scabbard and belt, and some fire crackers and caps.

Your friend, Melvin Wood

Dear Santa Claus: I want a pair of boots, a cowboy suit, a scabbard and a rope. Also some

firecrackers and some caps. Your friend, Marvin Wood

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good little girl this year and would like for you to bring me a doll, skates, raincoat and story book. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls and don't forget the fruit and candy.

Your friend, Betty Allan Irvin

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl eight years old and in the second grade. I want a baby doll and a tricycle and some nuts and candy. That is all this Christmas.

Your friend, Eula Reece Carroll

Dear Santa: I am a little girl seven years old. I want a fur coat, a

story book, a purse, a set of dishes, and I want you to go see all the poor children.

Your little friend, Mary Lois Elliot

Dear Santa: I am four years old and I have been good and helped mother. So please bring me a doll, a bath robe and house shoes, dishes and a stove, some candy, nuts and fruit. Santa, don't forget a nice juicy bone for my Spot. And don't forget Daddy Jones, Aunt Kate, Grandpa and Grandma Shults.

Your little girl, Virginia Lee Shults

Dear Santa: We are twin boys nearly seven years old. We go to school and love our teacher. We have been on the honor roll every month. Now here are a few things we want: Football, drum, cowboy

suits, fireworks, candy. You don't think this will be too much, do you? We will thank you for anything you bring.

Roy and Ray Butler

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good little girl and I want you to please bring me a big doll and a trunkful of clothes, a little red truck, a tennis racket and ball, fruits, nuts and candy.

Your little friend, Wilma Jean Butler

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 4 years old and I want you to bring me a dolly that has clothes and a pair of skates, a set of little china dishes, beads and bracelet and a doll laundry set. I have a little brother this Christmas and please bring him lots of things. We want candy and oranges and nuts and remember every little boy and girls this year.

Your friend, Sara Alice Cox

I am 9 years old but I sure want you to come see me this year and all other children, too. I'd like a manicuring et, bracelet, a good story book and a book satchel. Bring my little sister and brother a bunch of things to play with.

Your friend, Florene Cox

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 3 years old. I have tried to be a good girl and I want you to bring me a sleepy doll, and some dishes, a trunk and a story book, some candy, fruit and nuts. Yours truly, Angel Carline Irby

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 5 years old, and have been a very good boy. And please, bring me a

tool chest, a drum, a horn, a story book and some fire works. Candy, fruit and nuts. Thank you.

Yours truly, Bobbie James Irby

Dear Santa Claus: I would like a train and a toy bugle, also an air gun if you think I'm not too small. We found the package you have already left - but they said, "Do not open until

Christmas." So please don't forget to put them on our tree. We can hardly wait for you to open them. I hope to see you this Christmas. Billy Scott Conkling Continued

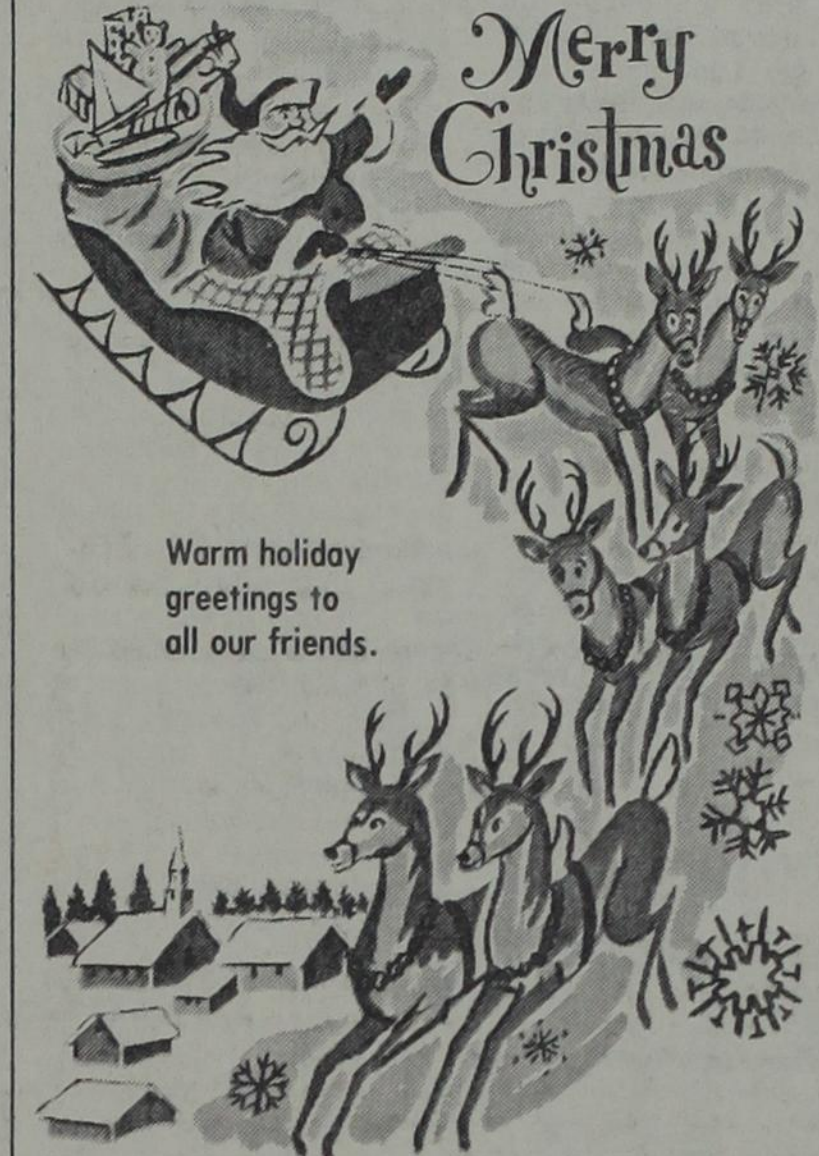


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Calendar

Dec. 24-Jan. 3 Christmas Holidays
Tuesday, Jan. 5 High School basketball vs. Rochelle here 6:30
Friday, Jan. 8 High School basketball vs. Carbon there 6:30, 1st district game

Basketball

LADY CATS
The Lady Cats ended the 1987 part of their season with a win over Sidney Monday, Dec. 21, with a score of 50 to 29. This win gave the Ladies something to smile about after the hard week of play last week.

Tuesday, Dec. 15, the Ladies played DeLeon in a futile effort that ended with DeLeon on top with a score of 55 to 37.

Next the Ladies traveled to Santa Anna to participate in their last tournament of the year. The Ladies first faced Lohn and defeated them 47 to 32. Playing in the round-robin tourney, the Ladies found themselves facing Santa Anna Friday night. Despite the good efforts put forth, the Ladies fell short as the Mounties won 39 to 33. Saturday found the Ladies losing to Blanket 55 to 51.

Despite their losses, the Ladies are still looking forward to District. The Ladies go back to the gym Monday, Dec. 28, for practice. Their next game will be Jan. 5 in Rising Star as the Ladies host Rochelle. We need your support!

Thank you,
Jackie Harris

SPORTS REPORT

A fast recap of the Rising Star Wildcat basketball scores include last Tuesday's score against DeLeon. The Cats came up short, 65 to 34.

At the tournament held in Santa Anna, The Cats came up a little short again. The Cats played Lohn for their opening game of the tournament but they lost with a score of 64 to 85. On Friday, the Cats played Santa Anna but unfortunately lost there also. At the end of the tournament, the Cats played Blanket and lost 51 to 62. Monday, Dec. 21, the Cats played Sidney and they won 54 to 36. All these losses last week are giving the Cats room for improvement before district.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Band Notes

Were you at the high school gym Sunday? If you were not, you missed some great Christmas entertainment.

The fourth graders played "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "Jingle Bells" on their recorders. Participating were Kristi Beam, Ray Burcham, Kirby Bush, Tianay Chambers, Amy Collins, Dedria Emert, Melody Fisher, Robin Griffin, Jason Headrick, Robert Hollis, Kristy Hubbard, Samantha Kerr, Michael Perales, Don Rutledge and Gary Stone.

The fifth and sixth grade band played "Boogie Beat," "Manitoba March" and "Jingle Bells." Members include Donovan Ayers, Misty Bailey, Dusty Bilbrey, Quinton Cook, Andy Fox, David Grissom, Gwen Hollis, Lisa Hunter, Heath Hutchinson, Shane Kerr, Trudi Owen, Chris Schwab, Olivia West, Jimmy Ayers, David Bronson, Christi Bush, David

Fisher, Christy Hughes, Wid Keeling, Gary Robertson, Scott Rutledge, Susan Stone, Mary Weise, Inga Williams and Heather Wright.

The High School Band performed "Christmas in Other Lands," "Greensleeves," "Ring Christmas Bells" and "La Bamba."

High School Band members participating were Clarissia Atwood, Brian Bailey, Reil Barron, Roanen Barron, Danetta Bible, Vickie Cox, Michelle Ferbrache, Brandon Geye, Stacy Green, Wendy Green, Meredith Hamblen, LaQuita Hendricks, Larry Hollis, Pam Hollis, Betty Jo Jones, Jo Beth Landers, Jo Linney, Stephanie Long, Shawn Morrow, Renee O'Connor, Lupe Paxon, Patty Pvon, Maxine Perales, Juanita Ramirez, Staci Schlittler, Duane Schwab, Kim Schwab, Tami Vandivere, Becky Walker, Amy West, David White, Gherda Williams, Stacey Wright, Scotty Wilson, Jomy Clark, Joy Green and Misti Green.

Stephanie Goes to Chicago

Excitement was running high for 68 Texas 4-Hers as they boarded the plane at DFW with destination Chicago O Hare and finally Chicago Hilton and Towers for the 65th Annual National 4-H Congress, each 4-Her's ultimate goal.

Delegates winning the trip qualified by winning top honor with their record

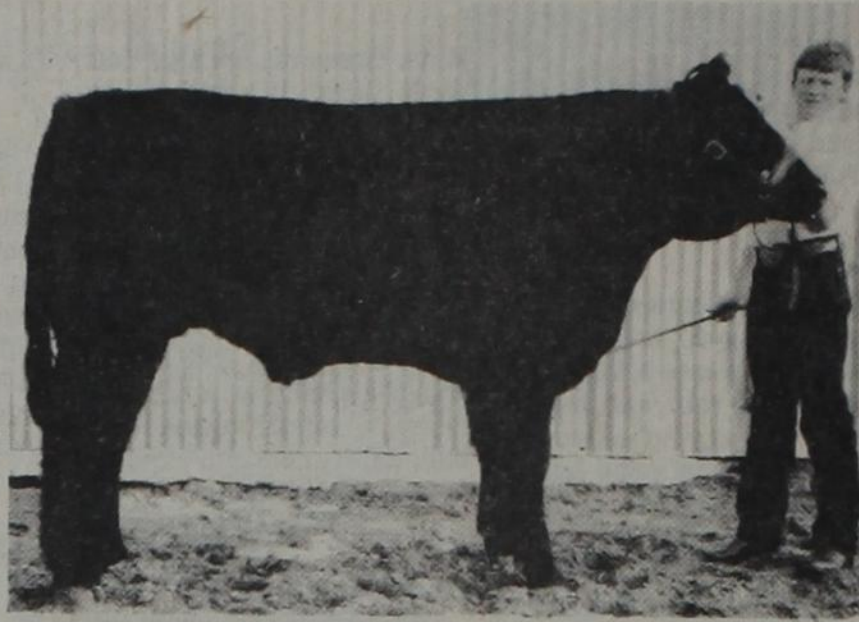
books which were turned in this past summer. Projects ranged from Achievement and Entomology to Santa Fe and Wood Science. Each project donor sponsored a banquet and the trip for 4-Hers in their project.

Various tours were offered through the week. The Hull House, Shed Aquarium, Stock Exchange, Sears Tower, Field Museum of Science and History, Chicago Police Headquarters and the Botanic Gardens were just a few.

The favorite speaker of the week had to have been Mr. Tom Sullivan, the author of the book "If You Could See What I Hear" which was later made into a movie. He has also appeared on "Highway to Heaven" about a month ago. Tom showed how to cope with handicaps and how to make the best of our lives. Tom Sullivan has been blind since birth.

Throughout the week we learned how to better our lives through work shop and rap sessions. Special and everlasting friendships were made. Each of our lives were deeply affected by our new friends, the workshops, and our donors. I would like to thank the Southern Pacific Santa Fe Railway Company for sponsoring my trip and banquet, all the people who helped me with my 4-H work and most of all, my family. We had a wonderful time.

Stephanie



BRANDON GEYE, Brown County 4-Her, showed the Reserve Champion Steer at the District 8 4-H Prospect Show held in Glen Rose on December 12.

Letter To Editor

Since reading in the Rising Star about wanting to tear down our old church at Long Branch, I have had quiet awhile to think about it. The more I think about it, the more I wonder, "Why?" Why tear down something that has meant so much to so many people? Most of these people are old people, from the 20's and up. Some of us are for away, it is true, but I never go back to Texas that I do not go to visit Long Branch Church and the cemetery, just to go home. To stop and remember the good times and the sad times and what this place means to me as I am sure it does to many others. It was where we went to Sunday school, to singings, to church, to camp meetings, to weddings, and yes, to funerals of our loved ones. Many of us went to school at Long Branch.

To some people I am sure this means nothing, only to tear down all the old

buildings. For what?? Wouldn't it be nice if these people who want to tear down the old church would think about it this way, "Why don't we keep this building? Why not make it a Heritage House, where it could stand proudly and say for itself, I have served my community well?"

It really grieves me when I think about them tearing it down.

I just pray that the Lord will say, "This house will keep and I will bless it in my name."

This may not mean a thing to most of you who read this letter, but at least I have expressed my own feelings. I am sure there are many who feel as I do, but may not take the time to let others know how they feel.

Once again I say, I love our old Long Branch Church. Let it Stand!

Thank you, Sincerely
Mrs. Dora (Gage) Farley

Party Given Ethel Moore



A birthday party was given in honor of Mrs. Howard (Ethel) Moore on Dec. 12 at the home of

Aubrey and LaJean Lawrence. The hostesses were her daughters, Martha Medley, Pat Shackelford, Shirley Slack and LaJean Lawrence.

Those attending were Roy Thornton, Alton and Cora Lee Thornton, Buelah and Grice Glisson, Fannie and Roland Long, Jerry, Pat, Angela and Richard Shackelford from Abilene; Clarence and Betty Thornton from San Angelo; Bob, Carol, Sherry and Kristi Williams from Cleburne; Glen and Vera Bowman from Joshua; Martha and Bob Medley, Stephanie and Carrie, Stanley, Derenda and Rebecca Walker, Teresa Lawrence and Hollis and Vicki Waddle from Brownwood; Janetta and Landry Holmes from Johnson City and Aubrey, LaJean and Howard from Rising Star.

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County Commissioners

Insurance will be raised 25 percent for the county, beginning in 1988.

During the morning the Commissioners granted a request by Sun Oil Co. to cross County Rd. 481 about eight miles south of Ranger with a pipeline.

They also granted Union Texas (Sneed Construction) permission to make a number of pipeline crossings. In Pct. 3 the Company will cross Rds. 294, 286 and 285. In Pct. 4 crossings will be made on Rds. 184, 280 and 282.

When the meeting ended the Commissioners and other guests went to the Texas Electric Reddy Room to enjoy the traditional

"Commissioners Luncheon" hosted by the County Extension Service. The good food and festive surroundings were enjoyed by all.

Later the Commissioners and news media visited jail. They found the building as clean as could be reasonably expected - but also noted evidence of a lot of past vandalism and attempted defacing and destruction of the building. Stains were on some of the walls, prisoners had gouged holes between cement blocks on some of the inside walls, and steel tables and fixtures had been scratched and damaged in every place possible.

Dear Penny,

My best friend follows me everywhere and constantly imitates everything that I do or say. Lately it has been getting worse and is beginning to annoy me. I'm afraid if I tell her, she will get mad and we will get into a huge fight. What should I do?
Annoyed

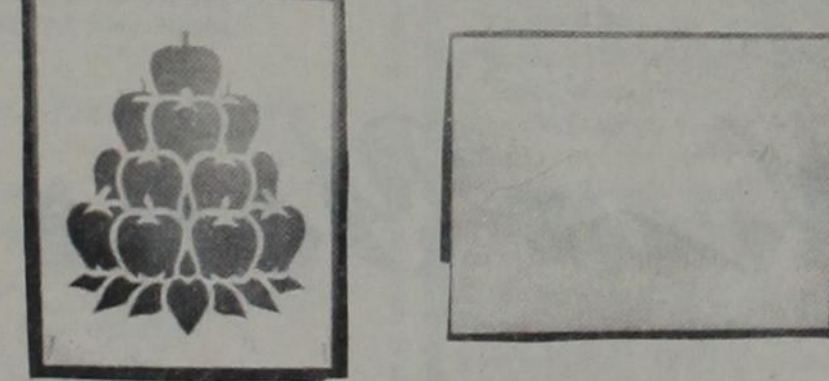
Dear Annoyed,
Before you blow your top, talk to your friend. Tell her that lately she has been too close for comfort and that you need more room to breathe. Each of you need time to yourselves to develop separate interests and friendships.

Art Class Projects



THESE STUDENTS in the Rising Star High School art class taught by Mrs. Blanche Byrd are working on paper cuttings. The project holds the interest of the students so well that the appearance of a photographer was not allowed to impede their progress. Some of the finished cuttings are on display.

The students are, from left, Charles Luncford, Shane Ashley and Gene Stone.



Holiday Greetings
May you find all the joy you're looking for this special season. Warm wishes for all our good friends.
Jo, Janna & Lou
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Thanks to EMS

The following letter was sent to Rising Star Emergency Medical Service.

December 19, 1987
On behalf of Mrs. Crownover, we want to thank you for the concern and wonderful care you showed for her after the car accident on November 21.

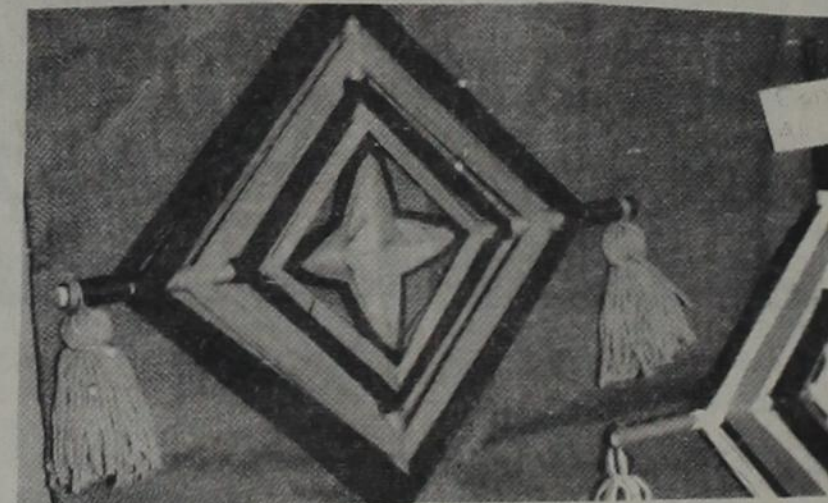
She stayed in the hospital for nine days and has been in the nursing home here for three weeks, due to some minor fractures. She will be coming to our home before Christmas and should be

back at her home before too long.

Our mother, who was driving the car, suffered two broken legs and a broken arm so she will be released from the hospital before Christmas.

Thank you again for your exceptional service. It meant so much to Mrs. Crownover to have "home town" people caring for her.

On behalf of the family,
Kathy Decker
4101 Congress Ave.
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OJO DE DIOS (eye of God) is the name given by the Pueblo and Mexican Indians to this art work, hand crafted by the art class at Rising Star High School. Mrs. Blanche Byrd is the instructor.

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