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JEST SOME THOUGHTS —

Well, Santa Claus failed us. After printing all the letters to the dear old gentleman recently, each night we dreamed of Johnny Lightning sets, Susy Homemaker equipment. Hot Wheels race cars and Dancerina dolls, among other things. But when we arose on Christmas morning, we didn't find a one of these items.

Goes to show you all dreams don't come true.

Instead of visions of sugar plums dancing in our head, we had visions of race cars, dolls and other toys.

Our little grandson may not know much about Santa Claus, but he sure learned how to open presents—his and everybody else's.

Christmas has come and gone, which is hard to believe. We blink our eyes just once too often.

And now we face the dawning of a brand New Year.

The joys of another birthday, oh me. Another twelve months of payments, another 52 issues of the Plainsman. Sounds just like house cleaning. Regardless of how much you do, it all has to be done over again.

And how about the weather this week. The snow was a little late, but it sure got here. Our feet have been cold since Sunday.

It just seemed to us that we didn't have any Christmas vacation, with the holiday coming at the close of the week and school starting right back again. Makes it hard when you have company the children don't want to leave, and adverse weather hits.

Of course, we don't fish and can never get off on Easter, but our personal opinion is that we need that extra week for Christmas and only the Good Friday weekend for Easter.

It would also suit us better to close school during weather like we are having this week and take the days off the upcoming long Easter holiday. Then school wouldn't have to run longer in the Spring, and children wouldn't run so much risk of pneumonia.

The way many are coughing, they may have to stay home and recuperate on the sure to come balmy days.

As one resident remarked to us on Monday, when the Department of Public Safety was urging emergency travel only, what should pass his house but a school bus.

If it doesn't snow, you sure can't have that delectable dish known as snow ice cream. Or, of course, snow men and snow ball fights, snow drifts and that fleecy white stuff getting down in the tops of your shoes.

It's so much fun to slosh around in wet shoes with freezing feet; coming out of the cold weather into a warm building and having your glasses fog over; and being chilled to the marrow of your bones even while wrapped in a supposed to be warm coat.

Boy, a few years of living sure takes the fun out of these long forgotten pleasures.

And so, we slide off the page.

NOTICE —

Dishes left at the home of T. J. Redman, Jr. and at the church may be picked up at the Ropes Food Store.

RAYMOND DENNIS ANNOUNCES for RE-ELECTION



RAYMOND O. DENNIS

Raymond O. Dennis, County Clerk of Hockley County wishes to announce his candidacy for re-election to that office subject to action of the democratic primaries. Mr. Dennis states that a formal statement will be made on his candidacy at a later date.

HOBBY CLUB MEETS (Delayed)

The Ropes Hobby Club met December 10 in the home of Mrs. A. M. Armstrong with nine members and one visitor present.

A Christmas luncheon was enjoyed by all. The Christmas program was presented by Mrs. Von Ayers, followed by Christmas carols, and exchanging of gifts.

Those attending were Mrs. Jack Ayers, Mrs. Bill Odom, Mrs. E. E. Nix, Glenna Dean Nix, Mrs. K. P. Shannon, Mrs. Ronnie McNabb, Mrs. J. C. Armstrong, Mrs. J. N. Willis, the visitor, Mrs. Jewel Robinson, Hockley County Home Demonstration Agent, and the hostess.

The next meeting will be January 7 in the home of Mrs. Bobbie Arwine. Everybody is invited to attend.

ROPS SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

The menu for the Ropes School Cafeteria for the week of January 5th through 9th is as follows:

Monday — Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat muffins, hot rolls and butter, and milk.

Tuesday — Fried chicken, football potatoes, cheese wedge, buttered broccoli, peach-riced pudding, hot roll, butter and milk.

Wednesday — Fish sticks with catsup, baked potatoes, buttered corn, fruit cobbler, hot rolls, butter and milk.

Thursday — Burritos, green peas, tossed salad, Jello with whipped topping, cornbread and milk.

Friday — Sloppy Joe's, pinto beans, buttered spinach, cookies and milk.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MAKES RUN

We failed to state last week that the Ropes Volunteer Fire Department was called on Monday to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Timmons about three miles north of Ropes.

As we understand it, the central heating unit would not cut off, and the house became over heated. It was reported there was no fire damage, but they did have some smoke damage.

REPORTED IMPROVED

Chris Pollet, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pollet of Fort Worth, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Ream, has now returned to the Ream home after spending several days in Reese Air Force Base Hospital.

VISITING GRANDPARENTS

Timmy, Alan, Jamie and Richard Berry of Lubbock are here this week visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berry. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Berry.

NOW AT HOME

Mrs. Emma Taliferro is now at home after spending several days in a Lubbock hospital.



As the clock strikes New Year, may we add a note of thanks to our many friends for their much appreciated kindness.

A New Year-A New Decade

As you read the paper this week, a New Year will have begun. What it will hold for each and everyone is anybody's guess.

The past is for sure — the future a constant mystery.

A hope for added joy and pleasure—a hidden dread of any forthcoming sorrows.

No year is uneventful. Each holds great joy, and sorrow, for the human soul.

We look back over the past years and vision a set of steps — one step for each year. They are beginning to be quite long. We may stumble over a few, but they are still there, making up each one's personal life history.

Life is like anything a person participates in — whatever is deposited, is gained. To sit back and watch the world roll round without an active interest, is to grow stale. Each must show an interest and take an active part — or soon be forgotten even while remaining in existence.

Not only are we beginning a New Year, but a New Decade. Some decades are more memorable than others. A quick thought brings to mind the Roaring 20's and the Great Depression of the 30's; the '40's brought World War II and the time of the Atom bomb.

The '60's brought hippies, dope and marches of protest and integration; and the landing of man on the moon.

A look into the 70's right off hand appears to be inflation, and a great upheaval in Government politics.

Each tomorrow should be taken a day at a time — and lived as though it were the last. How much joy could be obtained from each passing moment.

Soon the minutes are hours — then days, weeks, months, years and decades. With good intentions we face each new year — how many are unfulfilled. To apply oneself wholeheartedly to the task of living, of helping one's acquaintances — of squeezing all the good possible out of time.

A fleeting moment — a kind word, or a harsh one? A good word, or a degrading one? A boost upward, or a shove downward? A split second decision each day can build — or tear down one's self, neighbors, community, county, state or country.

To strive to be — or do — what is impossible soon becomes possible with concentrated effort.

Time is our constant opponent, or advantage. It cannot be stopped — or even held back for a little while. It marches on with the sureness of a bullet discharged — of a comet hurtling through the skies.

It should not be our desire to stop time, or even to vie for it — but only to make the most of what is granted us as human beings.

When you shall depart this life, all you can take with you is the good you have accomplished through each New Year you are privileged to behold.

The Plainsman family sincerely wishes a most happy and prosperous New Year to all our readers.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION MADE EASY

AUSTIN — Texas drivers will find registering their motor vehicles for 1970 easier than ever before, thanks to a new registration system devised by the Texas Highway Department.

The Department expects more than seven million vehicles to be registered during the year and there will be several new wrinkles.

First, license plates will have a new color scheme — light blue on a reflective white background.

Second, for the first time, motor vehicle registration renewal applications will be mailed to every vehicle owner in Texas during January. The registration period begins February 1.

The renewal application will arrive in the mail in a slender envelope marked, "Important — This is Your License Plate Renewal Application."

The application itself has instructions printed on it. It is a three part form which should not be torn apart.

When the registration period begins, the vehicle owner need only take the application — and the fee — to the county tax office. Or he can order his plates by mail.

With the application, he will no longer need to present his certificate of title of the last year's registration receipt.

If he decides to go to the county tax office or a substation, he will find shorter waiting lines. With the application, the clerk will need only to receive the fee, affix to the application a sticker showing the registration number and other data and hand over the 1970 plates.

Some vehicle owners may find it even more convenient to go through the registration process by mail.

Although owners can register their vehicles in person until April 1, there is a March 1 cutoff date for mail registration. This allows 30 days for delivery before 1970 plates must be displayed on vehicles.

If the vehicle owner wants his plates mailed to him, he should send his registration application to his county tax collector, with the registration fee plus \$1, which is the statutory charge for handling and postage.

If the address on the renewal application is incorrect, the vehicle owner should print his correct residence address on all three parts of the application.

The new registration renewal system is the product of an extensive computerization of the Highway Department's motor vehicle registration records.

Initiation of the new system means Texas now has one of the most efficient systems in the nation for filing and registering motor vehicle registrations. Motorist convenience will be one of the greatest dividends of the new system.

COUNTY LAW OFFICER RETIRES

A Hockley County law enforcement officer announced recently he will retire after 22 years of service in Andrews, Wink and Levelland.

He is Mark Benton, who has served as Deputy Sheriff for the past five years and part of that time as Chief Deputy.

Benton has also served five years in Wink and 12 years in Andrews serving with the police and Sheriffs office, respectively.

Benton announced his retirement will be effective January 1, 1970.

He and his wife, Laura, plan to move back to Andrews where they own their home.

Benton, at age 70 stated, "I am not ready for a rocking chair. I will probably find something to do in Andrews."

He and his wife have two children A. T. of Houston and Mrs. Betty Joyce Freeman of Portland, Oregon.

SEAGRAVES BEATS ROPES

Seagraves — Robin Taylor dropped in 21 points and Eddie Knight added 13 more as Seagraves ripped Ropesville, 30-53, here Tuesday, December 23.

Ricky Braden led all scorers with 22 points for Ropes. Seagraves won the B game, 64-36.

THE NEW YEAR

- Don McWhorter

What will be brought in with the New Year? Will the war in Viet Nam end? Will we have good or foul weather? Will we have a good or bad crop year? Will mankind learn better how to get along with one another or will he continue on the route of the last year and those years past?

The New Year will bring to man just about what he wishes it to bring. Psychologist has said that man is determined largely by his environment. Others have made the opposite statement that man makes his own way in life.

We can't pretend to know all about the workings of the mind of man nor can we predict what man will do for himself in the future. We can only hope to look at the past and hope for a better future. We are short by some very little of the destruction of mankind in our century. We have enough weapons, both nuclear and conventional, to destroy mankind and all living matter on earth.

We are facing a near crisis in the pollution of our air and water. We are at a great deciding point as to what to do about the population problem. The earth is slowly being eaten up by man. The food supply is not adequate to feed all of the people in our own country much less all over the world. The birth-death rate balance is far out of proportion because of the medical advances of the past century.

We have only 30 years until the next century will begin. When it comes what will man be doing about these same problems we are facing today? Will they be eliminated or will they still be a problem to face?

What we do in the year 1970 can very well determine what our children and grandchildren will be doing in the year 2000. Think of our problems and do what you can to make this a New Year without the problems of the old year.

"Don't be a litter bug!", "Limit your family through family planning.", "Think Conservation", and "Drive defensively", are all very apt slogans of the 1960's, let's keep them in the 1970's and truly do some thing to make this a New Year.

The Observer and the Observed

by Dave K. Powers

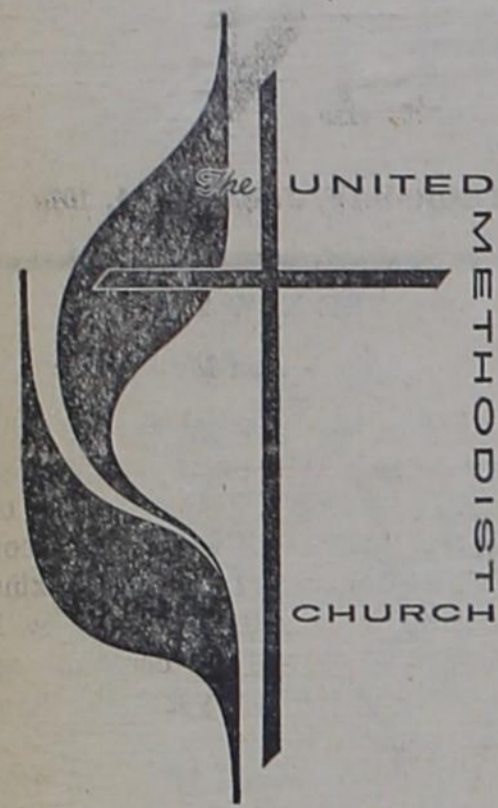
NEW YEAR'S is always a nostalgic time. There are many memories to be sifted and weighed. Some will be remembered better than others. But both the good and the bad are with us. They are all there, 265 days of them, soon ready to be filed under "1969—Memories Past." So we look to a new year as a new opportunity.

One important evaluation of this past year came from the National Commission on the Causes And Prevention of Violence. They warned that American cities are on their way to becoming armed camps, places of terror and fortresses. The commission said this could come true soon unless the nation takes massive action to build "the great, open, humane city-society of which we are capable." The commission went on to describe the possible division if the preventative measures are not taken: "the well-to-do will live in privately guarded compounds... residents will travel in armored vehicles... radical groups will possess tremendous armories of weapons."

The second important evaluation came from TIME Magazine. In their announcement of the annual award "Man of the Year," they again by-passed an individual and gave the award for 1969 to the "Middle American" — the ones who sent President Nixon to the White House, the men to the moon. These middle Americans were described as the ones who "stood in line to see the Rockettes and not the stage nudity 'Oh! Calcutta!'"

The Old Testament admonition to "remove not the ancient landmarks" (Deuteronomy 19:14) and "stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths where is the good way and walk therein." (Jeremiah 6:16) is still true.

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Meadow Methodist Men To Be Guests

The Meadow Methodist men have been invited as guests of the Ropes Methodist Men at their regular breakfast meeting January 28th. Plan now to attend and show our friends of Meadow a real welcome.

Mrs. Smithee Improving

Mrs. J. N. Smithee is recovering at home from a broken bone in her foot sustained when she lost her balance and fell recently.

Harvest Festival

The United Methodist Church will have its harvest festival dinner on January 14th at 7 p.m. The purpose of the dinner is to prepare for the Lord's Acre Program which is to pay for our educational building.

The program will feature a presentation of the Lord's Acre Program by our committee and a program by Dr. Duane Bruce of "What Happens to Methodist Benevolences."

The dinner will be a covered dish affair and everyone is asked to bring a dish and join at the church for fellowship and commitment.

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HOLIDAY VISITORS

Christmas Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whitehead included Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Whitehead, Tracy and Teresa from Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cox, Lynn, Mike and Debbie and Edgar Whitehead of Plains, and Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Whitehead and Jeff, Maurice Whitehead, Bettrel, Donna and Mike, all of Ropes.

VISITING HERE

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin and family are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin. They have just returned from a tour of duty in Africa, and will now be stationed in Denver, Colorado.

IN ROPES CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn D. Patmas and girls of Lovington, New Mexico visited here during Christmas in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Loveless, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Patman.

IN LUBBOCK CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berry and Flora Martin visited Christmas Day in Lubbock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Martin and family.

IN WHITEBORO CHRISTMAS

Vollie Hough spent the Christmas holidays in Whitesboro visiting with his brothers.

IN SAN SABA

Mrs. W. E. Pierce spent the holiday in San Saba visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gage. Mr. Gage is reported to be ill.

VISITS GRANDFATHER

Harold Holt, who is home on leave from the service visited Christmas with his grandfather, Tom Wall.

AT HOME CHRISTMAS

Miss Georgana Snider, who attends Sam Houston State University at Huntsville visited with her parents Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Crate Snider.

VISITING HERE

Lavern and Karen Odum of San Antonio are here this week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Kimberlin and family.

CHRISTMAS GUESTS

Guests for Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walling were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Abbott of Lubbock.

IN GRAPELAND CHRISTMAS

Marshall and Mrs. O'Neal Fox visited in Grape Land Christmas in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Kleckley.

IN LUBBOCK

Mrs. W. E. Walling is in Lubbock this week staying with her sister, Mrs. Bob Abbott.



ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Wade of Lubbock were called to Roundrock on Christmas night where his mother, Mrs. J. H. Wade, had been killed in a car accident. His brother, Clarence, was seriously injured.

IN ODESSA

Mrs. Ada Kimberlin is in Odessa where she is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Webster, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Watson, and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Kimberlin.

VISIT PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. James Pierce, Randy and Becky visited Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Sullivan.

IN TULIA CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mayfield and family spent Christmas in Tulia in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thurman.

IN SPUR CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Tyree Martin and boys visited in Spur Christmas with her parents.

HOLIDAY GUESTS

Guests over the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Kimberlin and family were Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Wade and Bertie Brown of Lubbock, and Sgt. 1c and Mrs. Doyle Odum and boys of Germany.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs were in Aztec, New Mexico Monday on the sad mission of attending funeral services for his sister-in-law, Mrs. Linnie Hobbs.

IN POST SUNDAY

Inez Price and Gert Brown were in Post Sunday where they visited with Gert's relatives.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

The Hobbs family gathered at the Party House in Brownfield on Christmas Day to celebrate the holiday.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Hobbs and family of Ropes; Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Hobbs and family of Seagraves; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dorsett and boys and Lillian Gryder and two boys of Brownfield.

HOLIDAY GUESTS

Guests over the Christmas holidays in the home of Mrs. Irene Morris were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitfield and Barbara, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Whitfield of Lubbock. Mrs. Lela Shanklin and boys, Troy, Roy and Stanley of Bossier City, Louisiana, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas, Artie and Irene, Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Whitehead and Jeff, and Steve Wright of Ropes.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank everyone for the cards, visits, and especially the prayers offered in my behalf while I was in the hospital. Also the Fire Department for the lovely poinsettia. May God bless you all.
Emma Taliferro

GO DEER HUNTING

Merlin Hobbs and Darwin Hobbs of Seagraves went deer hunting at Junction over the holidays.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mrs. Tom Peterson acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

CHRISTMAS GUESTS

Guests for Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ward were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sims, Alisa and Steven, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ward, Julie and Gill, all of Ropes, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Ayers and family of Wolforth.

VISITS IN TATUM

Marguerite Morris spent the Christmas holidays in Tatum, New Mexico visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Creamer and family.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Miss Carolyn White who is a student at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview was home over the holidays visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Travis White and boys.

CHRISTMAS EVE GUESTS

Christmas Eve guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Price were Mr. and Mrs. Jehue Price and Mr. and Mrs. Connie Vernon and Conrad, all of Dallas, Loyd Jordan of Ft. Collins, Colorado, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jordan of Meadow.

IN ROPES TUESDAY

County Clerk Raymond Dennis will make the announcement that he will again be a candidate for the office he now holds.

VISIT IN SHALLOATER

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas, Artie and Irene, Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Whitehead and Jeff and Steve Wright visited Christmas afternoon in Shallowater in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Thomas.

WEEKEND GUESTS

Guests this past weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dorsett and boys and Lillian Gryder and boys of Brownfield, and Mrs. Merlin Hobbs and family of Ropes.

VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Leverett and grandson, Leslie Leverett of Fort Worth visited Saturday night in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Price.

MINOR DAMAGE

Levelland Officer A. J. Fowler investigated a three car accident on December 18 in the High School parking lot next to Aevmue E and 11th Street, Levelland.

A 1962 Pontiac, driven by Karen Sue Draper, in the process of parking, hit both autos in the adjoining parking spaces, a 1964 Ford owned by H. D. Gregory and a 1969 Ford owned by D. C. Peason Jr. of Ropesville.

Damage to the autos were listed as \$50 to the Draper car, \$35 to the Pearson auto and no damage to the Gregory vehicle.

Karen Sue Draper was issued a ticket for improper parking.

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Edwards - Bradshaw Vows Are Exchanged

Miss Jo Ann Edwards and Terry Gene Bradshaw were married at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 29 in the First Baptist Church of Sundown with the Rev. Sam Sowder of Floyd, New Mexico, the bride's uncle, officiating the double ring vows.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Edwards of Sundown. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradshaw of Ropesville are parents of the bridegroom.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride was attired in a floor-length white satin gown with square neckline and empire waist.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Judy Edwards, maid of honor; and Miss Donna Winfrey, as bridesmaid. They wore street-length dresses of red velvet with square necklines and empire waists.

Randy Carter of Lubbock was best man. Groomsman was Russell Arp of Ropesville. Robert Edwards of Sundown and Wes Bradshaw of Ropesville seated guests.

Mrs. Tommy Abbott, pianist, accompanied Miss Sharon Turner and Robert Edwards, soloists.

The couple greeted guests at a reception following the ceremony. They traveled to Santa Fe, New Mexico on their wedding trip, and will be at home at 1894 38th Street in Lubbock.

The bride attended Sundown High School. Bradshaw is a graduate of Ropes High School, and a student at Texas Tech.

Services Held For Mrs. Lottie Peterson

Last rites were conducted for Mrs. Tom (Lottie) Peterson at 2:00 p.m. Saturday from the Ropesville Church of Christ. Rix Funeral Home of Lubbock was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Peterson, 73, passed away Christmas Day at 5:00 p.m. in the Brownfield Hospital after a short illness. She was a long time resident of the Ropesville area.

She is survived by one son, Tommy Peterson of Plains; one daughter, Mrs. T. J. (Jo) Redman, Jr. of Ropesville; a brother, M. M. Collins of Ropesville; a sister, Mrs. A. W. Jobe of Lubbock; and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Emil Ray Farmer, Wallace A. Jobe, Dean Witt, Myles L. Collins, Jim Collins and Ruben Lawson.

The Plainsman, along with the Ropes community extend deepest sympathy to the family in this time of sorrow.

Adverse Weather

Winter, which has been predicted by some as one of the worst expected for this area in some time, finally fell over most of Texas this past weekend, with mother nature dumping 6 to 7 inches of snow over the South Plains area.

Gift receivers had only two days to exchange those hundreds of items that were too small or too large before traffic was put at nearly a standstill here.

Wreckers reported only a few cars stuck, saying most were managing somehow to force their automobiles from the white blanket of snow.

Wrecks in Hockley County numbered many over the period, but no serious injuries were listed.

Some residents replaced automobiles with snowmobiles, wrapping faces from the bone-chilling weather.

Scores of visitors to the area for the holiday were stranded, unable to make their way home because of the storm.

The icebox chill of the season bitterest cold wave sent the mercury skidding to five degrees in some areas and it was 7 degrees in this area.

A clearing trend began developing early Tuesday in the Panhandle and in West Texas, giving hope that the ice which made county roads and interstate highways alike impassable would soon melt.

While the sun shone bright in West Texas, a weather report said sleet and snow moved in on North Central Texas.

At least 50 towns throughout West Texas were without electricity or telephone lines at one time or another Monday, but by early Tuesday most of the trouble had been cleared.

Winds whipped up drifts in some areas as high as 20 inches. Drifts in this area were as high as 3 feet in some spots, but the weather man reported only about 5 to 6 inches of snow fell since Sunday.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Charlotte Morris

Word was received late Christmas night of the death of Mrs. W. T. (Charlotte) Morris of Lone Wolf, Okla. She was the sister-in-law of Mrs. Troy Morris, and the aunt of Marguerite Morris and Mrs. B. J. Thomas, and Mrs. J. C. Whitfield of Lubbock.

Mrs. Morris, 78, had been in poor health for several months and passed away suddenly at her home in Lone Wolf. Services were conducted Saturday, Dec. 27 from the First Baptist Church there. Interment was in Lone Wolf Cemetery.

She and her husband published the Lone Wolf News from 1927 until their retirement in 1963.

Survivors include her husband, W. T.; one son, Victor Morris of Borger; two daughters, Mrs. Marion Dunn of Lone Wolf and Pauline of New Hampshire; two brothers and two sisters; and ten grandchildren.

Among those attending the services were Mrs. Troy Morris, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitfield and Barbara of Lubbock.

We pause to say farewell to our Aunt Charlotte. She was a good newspaper woman, dedicating her life in this capacity. We would also say that she was "quite a woman" in other aspects of her busy life.

She will be greatly missed, but we realize that she is in a much better place than we now occupy. Her worldly problems have ended, and an eternal life of peace and well being has been granted.

Her memory will linger in the hearts of those who knew and loved her, and so another member of the Morris clan has been committed to the hands of the Almighty, who in His infinite wisdom, chooses his flock from this earthly sphere.

ROPES INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT JAN. 8, 9, 10

January 8, Thursday

4:30 Sundown vs Meadow - Girls
5:50 Boys
7:10 Cooper vs Ropes - Girls
8:30 Boys

January 9, Friday

4:30 Meadow vs Cooper - Girls
5:50 Boys
7:10 Sundown vs Ropes - Girls
8:30 Boys

January 10, Saturday

4:30 Sundown vs Cooper - Girls
5:50 Boys
7:10 Meadow vs Ropes - Girls
8:30 Boys

COUNTY RESIDENTS URGED TO REGISTER FOR 1970 ELECTIONS

Hockley County residents are urged to register to vote at the County Tax Assessor-Collector Office before the deadline January 31, 1970. Several important elections are scheduled next year including the General Election November 3.

All persons who are interested in entering a race are required to do so no later than 6 p.m. February 2. The filing time was formerly at midnight.

A countywide election will be held during the First Primary, May 2 and run-off June 6.

Terms of county officials who will expire next year will include District Clerk, Ruby Beebe Williams; Treasurer, Inetha Cooke; County Clerk, Raymond Dennis; County Judge, Hulon Moreland; and County Superintendent, Davis Pounds.

All four Justice of the Peace terms will be up for election including M. L. Roberts, Precinct 1, Ropesville.

ROPES NIPS SUNDOWN IN DISTRICT 9-B TILT

Ropes ran its 9-B record to 3-0 Tuesday night in edging Sundown, 62-60. Sundown is 1-2 in district.

Ricky Bevers scored 20, Ricky Braden 17 and Larry Parchman 16 for the winners. Dennis Johnson led Sundown with 22 points, followed by Eddie Eberhart with 18 and Robert Edwards with 10. Ropes won the B-team contest, 50-27.

Sundown girls won 60-41, as Linda Hutson scored 26 points. Shirleen Butler canned 16 for Ropes. Sundown girls won the B-team game, 38-24.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following political announcements are made subject to the Democratic Primaries:

County Clerk
RAYMOND O. DENNIS
(re-election)

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

It was reported this week that Mrs. Phil Nobels was involved in a one car accident north of Brownfield Monday. It was thought she lost control of the car on the icy pavement. No serious injuries were reported.

HOMER ON LEAVE

Lonnie Exum is home on leave this week from the U. S. Navy. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Exum, and many friends in the community.

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1969-70 SCHEDULE FOR ROPES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

January 1 — New Year's Day
March 6 — District Teachers Meeting.
March 27-April 6 — Easter holidays.
May 21 — Final exams.
May 21 — Junior High Graduation at 8:00 p.m.
May 22 — School dismissed.
May 22 — High School graduation at 8:00 p.m.

FOOTBALL SEASON AT ASTRODOME

Houston's Astrodome will be the site of 21 football games during the 1969 football season — the most football activity ever slated for the Astrodome.

The Houston Oilers will play 11 times, including four pre-season games, the University of Houston will play five games, negro college games will total three, and then the two post season games will be the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl game on New Year's Eve and the AFL All-Star game on January 17.

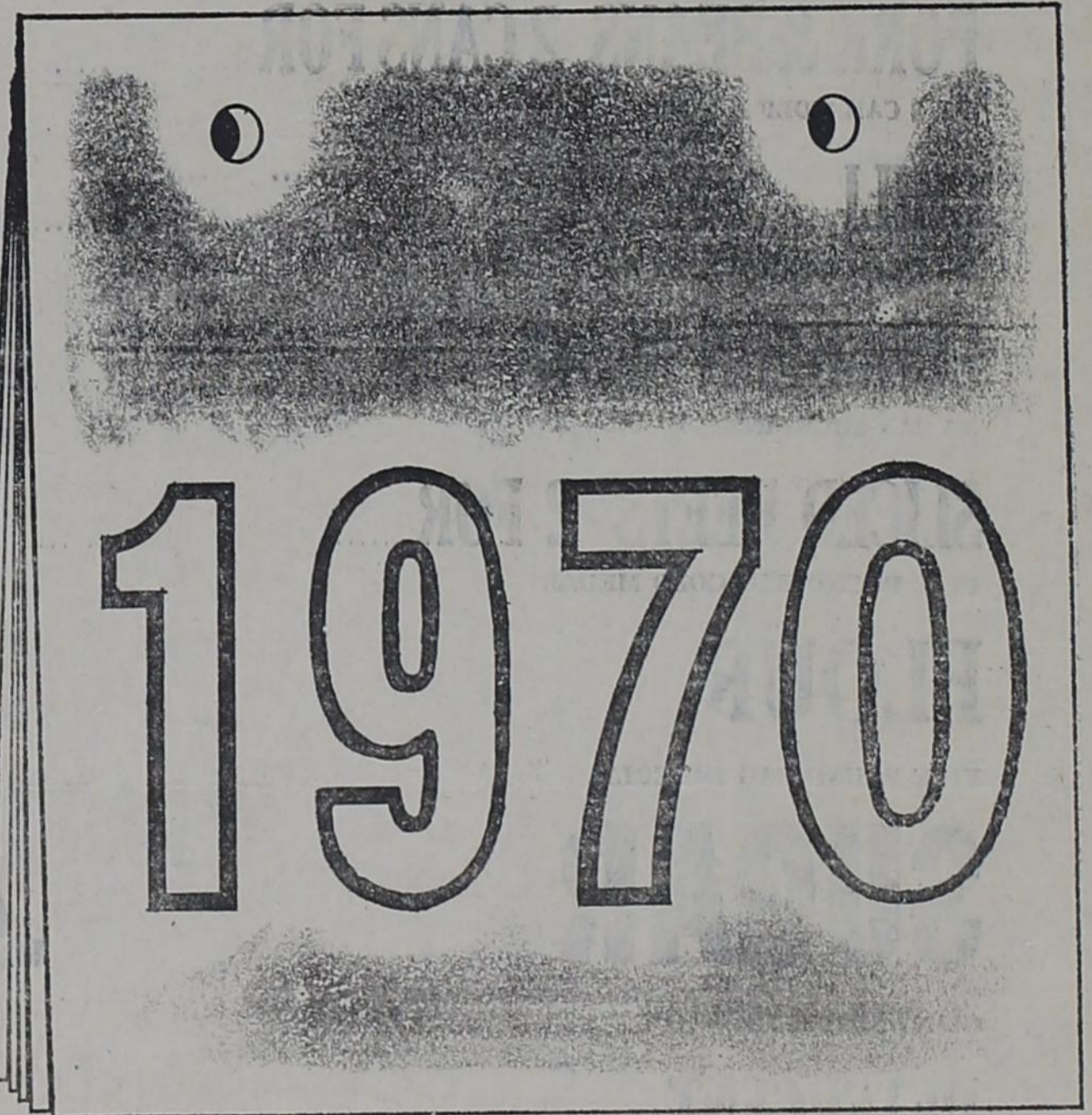
Jan. 17; 2:00 p.m. - American Football League All-Star Game.

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Here's a royal welcome to the New Year, with greetings to our friends and thanks for all your cooperation in the past. May the months ahead bring you much happiness.

As the New Year arrives...



... we welcome the opportunity to extend cordial best wishes to our friends and customers. It is our pleasure to serve you throughout the year. The true wish of all of us here is that you and yours may have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

General Telephone

Specials for Friday & Saturday

PLUS S & H GREEN STAMPS

<small>EIGHTEEN OUNCES PETER PAN</small>	
PEANUT BUTTER .....	.69
<small>22 OUNCES SHURFINE DILL, DILL CHIP OR SOUR</small>	
PICKLES .....	.39
<small>280 COUNT FACIAL</small>	
KLEENEX TISSUE .....	.45
<small>26 OUNCES HI VI 20</small>	
DOG FOOD 2 FOR .....	.29
<small>SIX OUNCES SHURFINE INSTANT</small>	
COFFEE .....	.89
<small>TWO POUND CAN PIONEER</small>	
BISCUIT MIX .....	.59
<small>FOURTEEN OUNCES MINUTE</small>	
RICE .....	.49
<small>FOUR POUND BAG BIG CHIEF</small>	
PINTO BEANS .....	.49
<small>303 CAN EARLY HARVEST SHURFINE</small>	
PEAS, 2 CANS FOR .....	.43
<small>NO. 2 CAN VAN CAMP</small>	
PORK & BEANS, 2 CANS FOR .....	.29
<small>NO. 2 CAN WOLF BRAND</small>	
CHILI .....	.69
<small>12 OUNCE CAN WILSONS RIF</small>	
LUNCHEON MEAT .....	.65
<small>303 CAN SHURFINE</small>	
SLICED BEETS 2 FOR .....	.29
<small>FIVE POUND BAG GOLD MEDAL</small>	
FLOUR .....	.49
<small>FIVE POUND BAG IMPERIAL</small>	
SUGAR49
<small>GIANT SIZE TIDE</small>	
DETERGENT73
<small>BAB-O</small>	
CLEANSER17
<small>HOME LAUNDRY</small>	
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BOLOGNA59
<small>POUND</small>	
HAMBURGER MEAT39
<small>POUND CHUCK</small>	
ROAST49
<small>EIGHT OUNCES SHURFRESH SLICED</small>	
CHEESE45
<small>TWO POUND BOX SHURFRESH</small>	
CHEESE SPREAD98

Garden Fresh Vegetables

<small>POUND RUSSETT</small>	
POTATOES .....	.10
<small>POUND DELICIOUS</small>	
APPLES .....	.19
<small>CELLO BAG</small>	
Carrots, 2 for .....	.25

Quick Convenient FROZEN FOODS

<small>HALF GALLON</small>	
Mellorine .....	.39
<small>TEN OUNCES SHURFINE</small>	
STRAWBERRIES .....	.25
<small>MEADS</small>	
DINNER ROLLS .....	.25

Wednesday Is Double Stamp Day

THE ROPES FOOD STORE