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Merry Christmas

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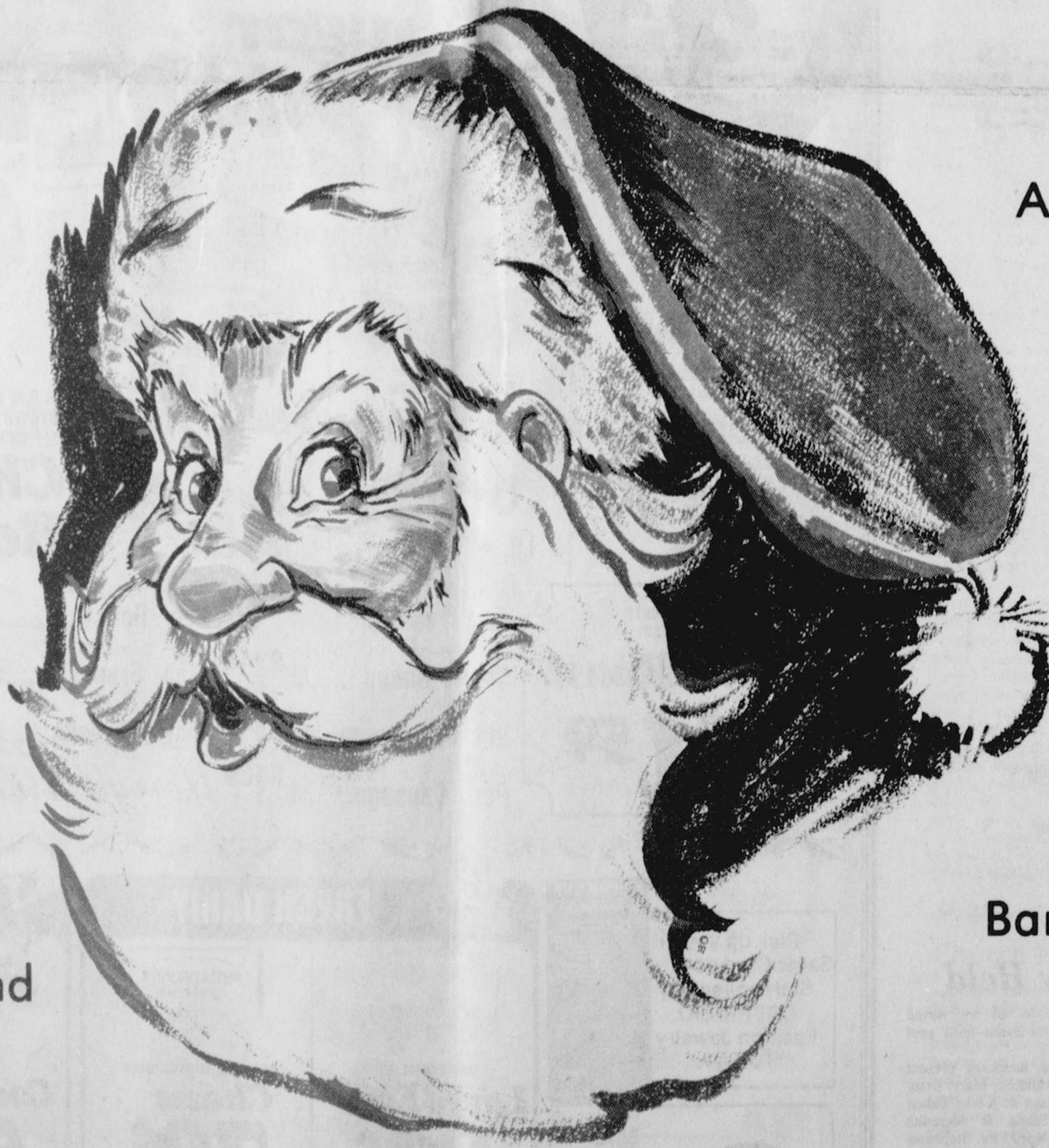
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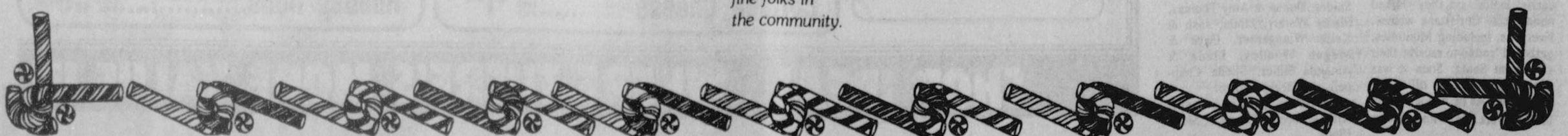
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We wish full blessings of this greatest holiday to the fine folks in the community.



# Season's Greetings

## OPERATION - CHRISTMAS GREETINGS - 1980

We wish all our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Instead of sending cards this year we have donated to the Hospital Auxiliary Fund for the Hansford County Hospital

- Gwenford Lackey
- Evelyn Guthrie
- Dora L. Womble
- Floyd & Allene Close
- Gertrude B. Archer
- John & Wanda Brown
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- Viola B. Graves
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- Margaret Shedeck
- J.B. & Ila Mae Buchanan
- Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Sparks
- Wesley & Magda Garnett
- Woodville & Verna Jarvis
- Grace & Raymond Kirk
- Mr. & Mrs. Freeman Barkley
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- Mr. & Mrs. P.A. Lyon Jr.
- Mr. & Mrs. W.B. Seitz
- Alton & Peggy Ellsworth
- Everett & Blanche Greene
- Mr. & Mrs. Junior Lusby & Becky
- Bernice V. Brown
- Billy, Joan & Ashley Brown
- Mrs. R.E. Lee
- John & Sammie Bishop
- Ed & Betty Freeman
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Potts
- Mrs. Fred Hoskins
- Faye Lynch
- Eddie & Ellen Babbs
- Merrel & Grace Johnson
- Phil & Marguerite Jenkins
- Knox Pipkin
- Preston & Edith Smith
- Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Bratton
- Don & Gwen Smith
- Deacon & Willie Clement
- Owen & Babe Pendergraft
- Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Jenkins
- Maudine Patterson
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hunter
- Mr. & Mrs. Ed Garner
- Mr. & Mrs. Juan Avila
- Mrs. W.B. Barnes
- Bob & Ruth Crawford
- Mr. & Mrs. L.J. Kelp
- Pearl Pierce
- Garland and Virginia Head
- Newell & Dickie Allen
- Pope & Margaret Gibner
- J.D. & Rubyjo Wilbanks
- Edith L. Womble
- Mabel Edwards
- Bill & Lemmie Russell
- Dick & Frances Kilgore
- Marvin & Ruth Ann Jones
- Gene & Frances Cudd
- Mr. & Mrs. Jack Oakes
- Deta Blodgett
- Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Gibner
- Dr. R.L. Kleeberger
- Mrs. Walter Wilmeth
- Juanita Logan
- Agnes Windom
- Raymond & Virginia Sparks
- Mac & Jo McLaughlin
- E.J. & Joe Copeland
- Don & Lorene Kunselman
- Lloyd & Dorothy Buzzard
- Bob & Marva Hohertz & family
- Gus & Clementine Renner
- Bruce & Freda Sheets
- The Sammy Don Jones Family
- Roy & Carrie Russell
- Helen Dry
- Emma Lou & Roy Collins
- Mrs. F.B. Schubert
- Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bynum
- The Dennis Nelson Family

## Christmas Party Held

Sleigh Bells Ring! Are you listening? As Santa and his Reindeer approached Servitors party at the B & B Building, Thursday, December 11, you could hear his jolly Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas! And the chitter-chatter of the excited children was heard all about the room as they waited patiently inside. Finally, Santa landed his sleigh atop the building and found his way inside. As Santa rested after his long journey he was surrounded by 26 eager children. Santa visited with all the children and gave them their candy canes as they talked about their Christmas wishes. Everyone, including Mommies, gathered 'round to receive their gifts from Santa. Soon it was time for Santa to be off to the North Pole. As he needed to get back to work. So, with a Merry

Christmas to all we waved good-bye to Santa-until next year!

Servitors members present and their children: Mary, Brandon, Malissa & Kevin Baker; Debbie, Salina & Meredith Benton & April Fite, Stephanie & Janna Brock, Michele & Misha Davis, Candi, Braden & Devin Delozier, Denise Donnell, Cheryl Gibson, Pattie, Logan, Cliff & Bryce Hudson; Laura & Leah Mackie, Alicia Davis, Eva Mae & Annette Reger, Cindy, Brandi & Schane Schneider, Holly Simpson, Kay & La Shera Snider, Donna & Amy Thomas, Sheila Watley, Linda, Josh & Keith Winegarner, Gaye & Megan Woolley, Linda & Amanda Hiller, Sheila Chappell, and Becky Brown.

Servitors guests present: Kitty & Jocelyn Edwards, Santa Claus.

## Flower Club Has Christmas Party

The Dahlia Flower Club met Monday, December 15, 1980 in the B & B Hospitality Room for the annual Christmas party and gift exchange. A short business meeting was held, led by President Louise Archer.

First Place winner for the year in the arrangement division was **Martha Batton** and First Place in the specimen

division was **Sammie Bishop**. Louise Archer, the retiring President, was presented with a beautiful Christmas arrangement from the club. She, in turn, presented lovely and useful ceramic pencil holders to members.

Gifts were exchanged, Holiday refreshments were served by the Social Committee Deta

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One specific item Marvin is trying to set in motion is that the USDA start an educational program to America, giving positive facts concerning our food prices. America still has to spend only about 16% of her income for food as opposed to much higher percentages in other countries. The farmers want to keep it this way just as bad as any other consumer does. We are all consumers too. We need to dispel the Myth that higher prices for commodities is inflationary. We need to correct the gross inequities in the marketplace.

Come and see the trouble that Bilko Baggins (Chris Christy) must endure and conquer for the guest of the dwarves in "The Hobbit". If you want real family entertainment on a Saturday night or on a Sunday afternoon; then come on out to the Spearman High School Auditorium and see "The Hobbit" on Saturday, December 20, at 8:00 p.m. or/and Sunday, December 21, at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$2.00 advanced and \$2.50 at the door. "Why on two separate days, you ask. Well, there are lots of folks that enjoy family entertainment and just might want to go to see "The Hobbit" the other day-if they go see "The Hobbit" on Saturday evening (8 p.m.) and

really liked it then they will go Sunday afternoon (3 p.m.) I've seen lots of folks enjoy a real good movie and go back the next night to see it again. Like a professor of mine said once, "You have to see a film twice to get the real meaning out of it." Maybe that's why lots of folks see lots of movies and plays two times each. The tickets can be bought by any drama student or by calling the high school (659-2584) for reservations.

See ya'll there! Don't forget-"The Hobbit" will be performed on Saturday, December 20, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 21, at 3 p.m. and the tickets are \$2.00 advanced and \$2.50 at the door.

## Bowling News

<b>HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME</b>	
Mary Williams	214
<b>HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES</b>	
Colleen Yeary	545
<b>HIGH TEAM GAME</b>	
Smith Rentals	786
<b>HIGH TEAM SERIES</b>	
Giles Const.	2178
<b>STANDINGS</b>	
Frank Oil Company	38-18
Big A Spreader	35 1/2-20 1/2
Smith Rentals	33-23
Bull Rogers	32-24
Daley's	30 1/2-25 1/2
Deis Grill	30-26
Ranger Bowl	29-27
Faussett & Sons Conoco	28-28
Barclay Child Care	28-28
Anthony Electric	26 1/2-29 1/2
Kirby	25-31
Geles Lease Service	25-31
Giles Const.	22 1/2-33 1/2
Otis Engineering	9-47

You are cordially invited to attend a

Bridal Shower honoring

Jolinda Lee

bride-elect

of

Charlie Marshall

on Monday, Dec. 22, 1980

from 7-8:30 p.m.

in the First Baptist Church

123 S. Bernice

Spearman, Tex.

HOSTESSES:

Sally Desimone

Bernice Brown

Barbara Kenney

Juanita Kemper

6-2tc

Betty Jo Vernon

Byrnie Calloway

Marie Weckesser

Virginia Fowler

Nell Benton

Be sure and register for the big "drawing" in Spearman thru Christmas eve! Ask your merchants for tickets!

**IDEAL**  
FOOD STORES

PRICES EFFECTIVE THRU DEC. 24, 1980. QUANTITY RIGHTS RESERVED. NO SALES TO DEALERS.

MON. - SAT.  
8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

SUNDAY  
10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**EAGLE BRAND Milk**  
14-OZ. CAN  
**82¢**  
LIMIT 3

**Brown Sugar**  
2-LB. BAG  
**\$1.18**  
LIMIT 2

**Gold Medal**  
5-LB. BAG  
**84¢**  
LIMIT 1

**Brown & Serve**  
12-OZ. PKG.  
**31¢**  
LIMIT 3

**Cane Sugar**  
5-LB. BAG  
**\$2.44**  
LIMIT 1 WITH \$10.00 PURCHASE

**Gelatin**  
3-OZ. BOX  
**26¢**

**Beans**  
16-OZ. CAN  
**35¢**

**Crema**  
7-OZ. JAR  
**45¢**

**HOLIDAY**

**Chuck Roast**  
LB.  
**\$1.79**

**Rib Roast**  
LB.  
**\$2.39**

**7-Bone Roast**  
LB.  
**\$1.49**

**Chuck Roast....**  
LB.  
**\$1.09**  
BLADE CUT

**Pork Roast**  
LB.  
**\$1.59**

**Arm Roast**  
1-LB. BONE CUTS  
**\$1.79**

**Loin Roast**  
1-LB.  
**\$1.89**

**Cheese Spread**  
14-OZ. CTN.  
**\$1.99**

**Sliced Bacon**  
1-LB. PKG.  
**\$1.49**

**Sliced Bologna**  
12-OZ. PKG.  
**\$1.29**

**Biggie Franks**  
1-LB. PKG.  
**\$1.49**

**Merry Christmas**

Pick up your Saver Card now Start collecting CAPRICCIO Fashion Jewelry TODAY:

**ONLY 99¢** PER CAPRICCIO STAMP WITH EACH \$3.00 PURCHASE

SAVE UP TO 50% FROM REGULAR RETAIL PRICES SEE IN STORE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

**Large Eggs**  
DOZ.  
**82¢**  
LIMIT 2

**Cheese**  
8-OZ. BOX  
**70¢**  
LIMIT 2

**Whipping Cream**  
16-OZ. TWIN CUP  
**39¢**  
LIMIT 2

**Soft Margarine**  
16-OZ. BOX  
**62¢**

**Cottage Cheese**  
24-OZ. BCTR  
**\$1.08**

**FROZEN FOODS**

**Cool Whip**  
8-OZ. TUB  
**56¢**  
LIMIT 2

**Orange Juice**  
12-OZ. CAN  
**58¢**  
LIMIT 3

**Pecan Pie** ..... **\$2.99**

**Pie Shells** ..... **63¢**

**Rhodes Rolls** ..... **58¢**

**SHOP IDEAL... WHERE THERE'S MORE VALUE IN**

**Peggy's Pointers**

Retired women pay taxes on more of their income than men in many cases, because of a tax formula based on women's longer life expectancy, but that may change as the Internal Revenue Service studies the issue.

Treasury Department officials have suggested the IRS amend this regulation, so the IRS is holding hearings on the subject.

Currently, IRS regulations use a formula called the "exclusion ratio" to determine what portion of retirement-annuities income is tax exempt.

This exclusion ratio is arrived at by dividing the amount of a person's investment in the retirement fund by the total return expected to be received for the rest of the person's life.

Traditional sex-segregated insurance tables provide the average life expectancy figure for the IRS to use in computing the tax exemption -- and these tables show a longer life span for women than for men.

Traditionally a woman's life expectancy has been longer than a man's, so her exclusion

ratio is smaller -- and that means more of her income is taxed.

Suggested amendments would require tables that do not differentiate by sex.

Here's an example of the current system:

A man and a woman each contribute an equal amount to an annuity fund -- say \$10,000 -- with each to receive \$1,000 each year after retirement.

The tables say the man is expected to live 12 years and the woman 15.

Based on the tables in use, the IRS would compute each person's exclusion ratio this way: AMOUNT INVESTED divided by the ANNUAL ALLOWANCE times LIFE EXPECTANCY.

So, for the man, it would be \$10,000 divided by \$1,000 times 12. This equals 5/6. That is his exclusion ratio -- 5/6 of his annuity would be tax exempt.

For the woman, it would be \$10,000 divided by \$1,000 times 15. This equals 2/3.

So only 2/3 of the woman's annuity would be tax exempt.

In other words, the man will pay taxes on only one-sixth of his income, while the woman would pay taxes on one-third of hers.

**Servitors Club Met**

Servitors met Thursday, December 11, 1980 at 7:00. President Michele Davis called the meeting to order. Treasurer reported bills paid and balance. January 8th will be a meeting in Amarillo on reporting. Discussion was held on the Christmas decorations on Main Street. A motion was made by Debbie Benton to donate \$25.00 for the X-mas decorations. Motion was seconded and passed.

Discussion was held for Meals on Wheels which we will take care of for January. Gaye Woolley is in charge of this service. Everyone is reminded that reports will be due on February 1st.

One guest present--Kitty Edwards.

Hostesses were--Debbie Benton, Cindy Schneider, Sheila Chappell, and Candi Delozier.

**Golden Spread Center News**

Golden Spread Center is located at 14 S. Haney and is the hub of activity for people who are fifty-five years of age or older. On Monday afternoon, December 22, there will be table games from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and also on Tuesday, December 23, at 6:30 p.m.

The Center which normally is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. will be closed December 24-28 and wishes to the whole community a Merry Christmas and the best of family festivities. If there is anyone who will be alone for Christmas and you know about it, will you please call the Golden Spread Center (659-3521) and let them know and someone will either take them in a Christmas dinner or will invite them to have Christmas dinner with their family.

**Engagement Announced**



Mr. and Mrs. Leroy McCalman of Spearman are announcing the engagement of their daughter Stacey Dawn DeWitt to Billy Dave Hand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Creamer of Harrah, Oklahoma., and Mr. Dave Hand Jr., of Spearman.

The Couple plan a February 14, 1981 wedding in the First Baptist Church in Spearman. Stacey is a Senior at Spearman High School and Billy Dave is employed at H & H Water Well Service in Spearman.

You are cordially invited to attend a  
bridal shower honoring  
Kindra Ivey  
bride-elect of  
Wayne Davis  
Saturday, December 20, 1980  
from 2 to 4 p.m.  
in the home of Ron Cook  
714 Gibner Dr.  
HOSTESSES  
Linda Venneman  
Sharon Reed  
Lois Shieldknight  
Hazel Shieldknight  
5s-3tp  
Ann Flowers  
Pat Sutterfield  
Brenda Shieldknight  
Loretta Cook



The human body burns alcohol at the rate of about one-half ounce an hour.

**Crisco Shortening \$1.89** (3-LB. CAN) LIMIT 1

**Folger's Coffee \$2.23** (1-LB. CAN) LIMIT 1

**Bath Tissue 88¢** (4-ROLL PKG.) LIMIT 2

**Chocolate Chips \$1.56** (12-OZ. PKG.) LIMIT 2

**Tender Young Turkeys 75¢** (ANY SIZE) LB.

**Whole Hams \$1.98** (LB.)

**Canned Ham \$6.98** (3-LB. CAN) 5-LB. CAN \$10.98

**Hindquarters Roast 49¢** (3-5 LB. AVG. LB.)

**Apples 89¢** (4-LB. BAG)

**Oranges \$1.39** (5-LB. BAG)

**Tangerines 39¢** (JUICY SWEET)

**Walnuts 89¢** (NEW CROP, IN SHELL)

**Celery 45¢** (LARGE CRISP)

**Onions 39¢** (U.S. NO. 1, YELLOW)

**Corn 33¢** (DEL MONTE GOLDEN)

**Pineapple 51¢** (DEL MONTE)

**Peaches 69¢** (DEL MONTE)

**Sweet Peas 38¢** (DEL MONTE)

**Stores will close 6:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE AND BE CLOSED ALL DAY CHRISTMAS DAY.**

**Crisco ALL VEGETABLE**

**Folger's ALL GRINDS**

**HERSHEY'S SEMI-SWEET, MILK, OR MINI**

**GREETINGS**

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**Hansford County Town & Country Library News Club Met**

The current scene at the Hansford County Library is:

Preschool storyhour for 3 and 4 year old children on Tuesday mornings from 10:15 - 11:00. Come join the train for films, books, games and fun activities.

New books on a variety of subjects such as plumbing, electrical wiring, redecorating, making gifts, miscarriage, learning-disabilities, and what to expect from the Soviets during the 1980's.

Best sellers. If they're out when you're in, put your name on our reserve list and we'll get you together. Some of our newest best sellers are: *Merv, Mr. Griffin's autobiography; Little Gloria...Happy at Last*, about poor little rich girl, Gloria Vanderbilt; and *Origin*, Irving Stone's novel about Darwin.

A new section, small but nifty, holds paperback books for young adults (or old adults, or not-quite adults!). Some titles are: *Ghosts I Have Been, Tex, Zambanger, I Am the Cheese*, and *The Cat Ate My Gymnast*. There are many new children's books at the library, picture books through Judy Blume's novels.

Several framed art reproductions are adorning the library's walls, and we'd rather they were hanging on yours! These paintings can be checked out for two-month periods and are great for filling that empty wall space in home or office.

We also have films, cassette tapes, and records (Christmas records too).

Artist of the Month *Georgia Holt's* beautiful art work is always a pleasure to behold--especially around Christmas time. She is currently displaying watercolors, tole painting and china painting at the library.

Books, films, magazines, programs, records, etc., etc.. Check out your library! And while you're checking, enjoy one of the prettiest Christmas trees in town. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!**

**Presbyterian Church News**

Sunday, December 21, is the fourth Sunday in Advent.

There is a Sunday Church School class for everyone every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. This Sunday there will be a birthday party for Jesus.

"Grace and Peace" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the service for the public worship of God at 11:00 a.m. The Jim Evans family will be lighting the Advent candles.

Our beautiful, traditional candlelight carol and communion service will be held on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church is a warm, friendly church and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas with the Lord Jesus Christ at the center of your family Christmas celebrations.

The Town and Country Club met December 16 at the home of Dixie Smith. A luncheon was enjoyed by all before the meeting.

President Lynna Renner called the meeting to order. Devotional was given by Penny Ralston. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Roll call was answered.

Gifts were exchanged. The Secret Sisters were revealed and re-drawn for the new year.

Lynna Renner installed the new officers which were:  
PRESIDENT--Penny Ralston;  
VICE-PRESIDENT--Cheryl Blankenship; SECRETARY--Carolyn Close; TREASURER--Judy Hergert--who was absent;  
COUNCIL DELEGATE--Delinda McLaughlin; PARLIMEN-TARIAN--Lynna Renner.

Members present were Joan Brown & Ashley, Stephanie Brock, Cheryl Blankenship, Carolyn Close, Linda Close, Kay Crocker & Tracy, Cindy Holton, Janie Kunselman, Delinda McLaughlin, Lisa Pipkin, Cora Queener & Loren, Penny Ralston, Lynna Renner, Dixie Smith. Guests were Norma Jean Mackey, Peggy Winegarner, Jeanie Martin & Elizabeth.

**School Menus**

**LUNCH MENU**

- MONDAY, DECEMBER 22
- Burritos
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Buttered Corn
- Cole Slaw
- Cinnamon Rolls
- Bread-Opt.
- Milk

- HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE
- Corndog-Mustard

- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23
- BBQ on a Bun
- French Fries-Catsup
- Green Peas
- Sliced Peaches
- Cookies
- Milk

HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA NOT OPEN!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Joy and peace to all the world.









**Letters to Santa**

Dear Santa,  
Have I been good? If I have will you bring me a Knit Magic Machine, Trampoline, Come to my dream, Camera, Frosty snow cone maker.  
Thank you Santa, Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Cacy McGill

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good. Will you come to my home please. I have been a good girl. I want a baby crissy her hair grows and grows, baby soft sound and giggles, coos, fusses, and baby treasure chests, baby chew Suzy, chew food, feeding jar, special food spoon, and the chair to go with the baby. Thank you Santa.  
Love  
Shanda

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I want a doll, and a fitted travel tote set, Tessie talk, color 'N Curl, Candi sewing machine, Miss piggy puppet, Doll House, Sunny Burch Chalk board, rabbit coat and purse.  
Love,  
Jami

Dear Santa,  
I hope I have been good! I want a sunny bunch baby doll, Your baby with Layette, a super tean skipper, Farrah fashion head, a buity secrets barbie, Baby soft baby doll, and a camra, Doctor Drill and fill, And stop thief.  
Love,  
Cindy Riggs

Dear Santa,  
I want a sunny Bunch doll, Barbie Dream house, a fashion doll, a T.V., Roller skates, a doll stroller, pom-poms, doctor drill and fill, Baby treasure chest, I want baby round the clock, a new horse, and cloths.  
Santa, I will be nice.  
Love,  
Haley Lair

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl. I want a doll, a diaperbag, barbie dream house, a bike, a watch, Jeans, tape, coat, lifegame, Sunny Bunch, purse, rabbit coat, knit machine, skates, desk set and a barbie pool.  
Thank you, Santa.  
Love,  
Pamela Ring

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good. I want a space Helment and Boxing Gloves and skip rope set and operation and a scat cat Long Ronger, Twin pod cloud a play car and a Space Glaxy and a t-z-z-zers  
Love,  
Temp Sheppard

Dear Santa,  
I won a truck at the show last year. I am so happy that I won a big can and a truck and a gum too at the bingo last year.  
Love,  
Ruben

Dear Santa,  
Wrapstyle Robes Follow Me parth 'Tie NFC Radio controll fire bird 3 digital derby hit 'N missile electric pinbull machine Empire Strike Back  
love,  
Brad Blankenship

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a go cart that is dark blue with sparkles I want my go cart to look like a dragster with a neat dragster motor. I also want a choper bicycle that is black with orange flames, One other thing I want I want a Mr. crusher.  
Love,  
Chris Volden

Dear Santa,  
I have ben a Good boy. I would like a snow speeder, and a foot ball, and a tune-tune, and Like shywalker and a Christmas record, and a watch, and a cub scout belt.  
Love,  
David Black

**8th Lynx Advance in Tourney**

Would the Gruver 8th grade Greyhounds beat the 8th grade Spearman Lynx? Well, they--the Hounds--tried harder than hard, but the Lynx weren't gonna let the Hounds have two wins over the two teams from Spearman that attended their tournament.

This game between the 8th grade Lynx and Hounds was another one of those "championship" games. This was the closest any team fought and who knows the game could have gone into overtime. The game was a 2 point or sometimes tied kind of game. The 8th grade Lynx had been losing by a hair--Popeye's hair--so everybody could see how close they came to winning, but would lose! The Lynx would not be denied this time. They fought and fought, because they knew what was at stake here--getting to go to the Finals and win the 1st Place Trophy at this tournament. Ross Donahue and the rest of his teammates went up the court and Ross attempted a shot and made it making the score 30-28. Time ran out for the Gruver 8th grade Hounds and they bowed and said--You win again, Spearman!! Right on--how sweet it is!! At press time I didn't know which team the Lynx would play, but I did know that the Lynx will play at 7:45 p.m. today--Friday--December 19. Try and cheer the boys on to victory. If the boys win they get to go to the semifinals and then that will determine which team will be #1, and #2 and in the semifinals of the 3rd Place Trophy, that will determine #3 and #4 of the tournament!! This, of course, is the last game for the 8th grade Lynx before the Holidays. They want to end the year with a 1st or 2nd even 3rd Place Trophy.



ANOTHER HAPPINESS HUNDRED! -- Friday Wise, left, is still holding it but that Holiday Hundred Dollars goes to the wide smile beside her. Pete Wall, a telephone company employee, was a winner in the daily promotion program that has brought good fortune to a number of folk this Holiday Season.

**Insurance Corner**

**ACCOUNTANTS' LIABILITY**

One of the most interesting aspects of liability insurance is the broad areas within which coverage is available. Professional liability, for example, includes occupation or professions where insurance protection is vital. Just as surgeons can get malpractice insurance, so to can professionals in other fields obtain protection. Their tools are pens, pencils, ledgers, adding machines, and calculators. We're talking about accountants.

The accountants' liability policy can cover either an individual or a firm. In the case of a company, the work of my employee, partner, or officer is insured. However, fraudulent, dishonest, or criminal actions are not covered. The policy concerns any kind of error, neglect, or omission regarding accounting and/or auditing. It offers protection if a mistake is made resulting in a suit or claim for alleged loss.

While individuals and firms doing varied accounting work could benefit from this insurance, it could be extremely important in tax determination because of complexity of tax laws and forms.

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# Lynx 'Whip' Bobcats 85-52

Now it was up to the Lynx to defeat the Sunray Bobcats and the Spearman High School Basketball teams would have their 2nd annual "Sweep". What is a "sweep" do you ask? Well, a "sweep" is like Spearman has 4 teams that play the same night! Well, if the 4 Spearman teams win then they have what folks call a "sweep" meaning that Spearman won 4 out of 4 games and shut-out the school that they played against--this time being Sunray. The Sunray Bobcats were not gonna let Spearman be happy with a "sweep". No sir, the Sunray Varsity Bobcat boys wanted at least to be Spearman 3 wins and Sunray 1 win. They didn't know that the Lynx were "greedy"--manner of speaking. The Sunray Bobcats started off real fast. One thing that everybody understood was that the Sunray Bobcats didn't want their school to lose 4 out of 4 games against Spearman and if they could help it they were gonna beat the Lynx--they started off fast enough that everybody figured they would get their goal accomplished. And at the end of the 1st quarter the Lynx were behind 14-7--by 7 points. I believe, the Sunray Bobcats knew that they had gotten "smeared"--literally speaking--by the Lynx in their first meeting and if they (Sunray Bobcats) started off fast and got a big lead on the Lynx, that they (Sunray Bobcats) would win. Not on their life!! The Lynx did their own version of the "St. Helen eruption"! They exploded with steals, shots from 30 to 40 feet, and freethrows--the one thing that the Lynx had been having trouble with during the early part of the basketball season. The Lynx wanted to get a "sweep" over Sunray that if they had to shoot from the ceiling they would!! After the 2nd quarter buzzer sounded to

It looked like Steve Shields and Jimmy Ladd had been the "work-horses" in the 1st half. They seemed to be dueling as to who could get the most points. Steve Shields got 15 points and Jimmy Ladd wasn't gonna let Steve out-of-his-sight, because Jimmy had 12 points. Monte George had 3 points and Buddy Pool had 4 points to end the scoring of the Lynx. The Lynx just had an "explosive" 2nd quarter and who knows, the next two quarters could be just as explosive for the Lynx or maybe even for the Sunray Bobcats. The Sunray Bobcats came out after intermission, shooting and making the shots like bees coming out of their hive that has been tampered with. Well, the Lynx put up 14 more points than did the Bobcats--Lynx 29 points and Bobcats 15 points--making the score at the end of the 3rd quarter Lynx, 65 - Bobcats, 35. Coach Morris put in all his Lynx and everyone contributed to the big victory they got over the Sunray Bobcats Tuesday night. The final score was 85-52. The Spearman High School Basketball teams had gotten their 2nd "sweep" over a school this season. The final stats showed Steve Shields winning the duel by getting 23 points and named as the highest scorer of the game. Jimmy Ladd had 16 points, Wayne Meek and Kyle Brack--fouled out with 14 seconds left--both had 8 points. Monte George had 9 points, Buddy Pool and Mike Blanton had 6 points a piece. Carey Bodey and Steven Tindell had 2 points each and Jamie Bulls had 1 point to end the scoring for the Lynx. By the way, this is the first time the Lynx have gone up to 85 points!! The Lynx will meet the Canadian Wildcats Friday, December 19, which will be at Canadian and then on Monday

beat the Hounds and end the year--1980--on a happy note. After the Lynx come back from the Christmas Holidays, they will meet up with the Phillips Blackhawks on Friday, January 2, at Phillips. The Lynx now have a record of 5-7 for the season so far!!

## JV Lynx Beat Bobcats

The Jr. Varsity Lynx played against the Jr. Varsity Bobcats Tuesday, December 16, at Lynx Varsity Gym. The JV Lynx wanted to see if they could "bounce-back" after their loss against the Stratford JV Elks. Well, by golly, they did. They tore the Sunray Jr. Varsity Bobcats apart. The Jr. Varsity Lynx had a 4-1 record going into the game with the Bobcats. Of course, that was their regular season record. Their Tournament play record was 1-2--making their record altogether a 5-3 Win/Loss record so far this season. The Jr. Varsity Bobcats wanted to put a Win on their side of the board, since Spearman already had 1 win on their side of the board, I suppose the Bobcats thought the Lynx would want to share the wins for the night. The Lynx had another thought for the Bobcats--No way, Jose!! When the final buzzer rang to end the game, the Bobcats found out that this would be a long night for their town--Sunray. The final score was 47-20. The Jr. Varsity Lynx won by 27 big points!! The season record for the JV Lynx is 6-3. The Jr. Varsity Lynx will travel to Canadian Friday, December 19, to play the Jr. Varsity Wildcats. The game should begin about 5:30 p.m. Then on Monday, December 22, the Lynx will travel "over the hill to see" the Gruver JV Greyhounds. This game is also suppose to start at 5:30 p.m. The game will be a great game and will be the last game of this year--1980--and want to end the year with a real good record--8-3!! The Jr. Varsity

# Lynxettes Defeat The Bobcats

The Lynxettes were about to meet up with the girls' team that beat them the first time these two teams met!! The team--Sunray Bobcats. The Lynxettes were not gonna get beat in their own home court. No sir, they were gonna fight and try to up their record from a 7-5 to an 8-5 record for the basketball season so far. This looked like, if the Lynxettes could beat the Bobcats, that this might be the second sweep over a team by Spearman. The first was against the Stinnett teams. The Lynx had smeared the Sunray Bobcats last time and, surely, they could do it again; the only misfortune would be if the Lynxettes could not defeat the Sunray Bobcat girls!! Nancy Wilson, Mary Ann Martin, Kenda Burke, Margaret Reed--the ones that scored in the first half--were not gonna let their 2nd of the year sweep go done the drain!! Boy, the Lynxettes came out shooting and making points that the Bobcats were so shocked that at the end of the 1st quarter the Lynxettes had a 19-10 lead. The sweep looked possible at this point!! When the 2nd quarter started, it looked like the

Lynxettes were remembering the game between them and the Elkettes. I'll refresh everybody's memories. The Lynxettes had a very comfortable lead and then something happened in the 2nd half and all of a sudden the Elkettes started coming back and about won the game but the Lynxettes managed to get 4 points in that quarter to "salvage" their win. Well, this seemed to be a re-run of what had happened against the Elkettes--but this time it was the Sunray Bobcats that were roaring back against the Lynxettes and it was in the 2nd quarter not the 4th quarter. The Lynxettes managed to score 7 points to the 11 that the Bobcats got. The Lynxettes still had the lead but by a very small margin--26-24. The Lynxettes had really polished up on their freethrows, because believe-you-me, that was the only thing that kept the Lynxettes alive and ahead in the first half.

The 3rd quarter started, and the Lynxettes just couldn't get themselves going, but on the other hand, the Bobcats could not get stopped. Again the freethrows kept the Lynxettes in the game. Now the Lynxettes managed to get 7 points in the 3rd quarter, but the Sunray Bobcats outscored them again

by getting 11 points and taking the lead into the 4th and final quarter. The score after 3 quarters of play was--the Bobcats - 35; and the Lynxettes - 33! The Lynxettes knew that the freethrows had kept them in the game, and they also knew that 1 pointers do not win games but 1 and 2 points together would win this game and keep the "sweep" alive. The Lynxettes came out shooting from the field as well as from the freethrow line. Making 3 point plays or by more than that. At the end of the 4th quarter, the Lynxettes outscored the Sunray Bobcats 11-5 and won the game 44-40. Now for sure Spearman would have the sweep over the Sunray school. The Lynxettes now have a record of 8-5 and will go down to Canadian to meet the Canadian Lady Wildcats. The game will begin at 7:00 p.m., unless the Jr. Varsity games go into overtime!! Then the Lynxettes will travel to Gruver to meet up with the Gruver Lady Greyhounds for the final fight of the 1980 season. Hopefully the Lynxettes will have a 10-5 record for the new year. The game between the Gruver Lady Hounds will be December 22.

throws. It seemed that the Lynxettes would get smeared but, don't count the 8th grade Lynxettes out of a game when there is still another quarter or another second left. The Lady Lynx came firing back in the final quarter and almost pulled it off, but there wasn't enough time left for them to keep going. The Lynxettes got 9 points in the final quarter!! The final score was 32-18. The Lynxettes advanced to play against the Stratford 8th grade Elkettes Friday, December 19, at 4:00 p.m. Ya'll try and be there, I mean, the 8th grade Lynxettes are the future "State Champion Varsity Lynxettes", so lets go out to Gruver and help those girls to victory over the Elkettes. This tournament is the last game for the 8th grade Lynxettes before the Christmas and New Years' Holidays. Let's see if they can win 3rd Place and be happy during the Holidays!!

## Ex-Students Scholarships Awarded

Three Clarendon College students have been awarded Ex-Students Association Scholarships for the 1980 Fall Semester. The recipients are: Debra Cabler, Memphis; Debbie Eller, Spearman; and Justin Lemons, Clarendon. The students were selected by the Clarendon College Ex-Student Association Scholarship Committee. The committee members are Claudine Todd, Florence Baker, Mary Hazel Van Zandt, and Edgar Mongole, Chairman. Dr. Bob E. Riley, Dean of Instruction at the college stated that "to be selected for an Ex-Students Scholarship is an honor and I am sure that Debra, Debbie, and Justin will use the money to continue their education." Riley went on to say "that the Scholarship money comes from donations and memorials to the Scholarship fund. Clarendon College has many Ex-students since the college was founded in 1828 and these scholarships, are the way our ex's show their concern for our present students."

## JV Lynxettes 8-1 for Year 8th Lynxettes

The Sunray Bobcats Jr. Varsity girls came to town to play the Jr. Varsity Lynxettes. The Bobcats tried to beat the Lynxettes and spoil their hopes of having a perfect record for the year in the regular season excluding the Tournaments!! Did the Jr. Varsity Sunray Bobcats put a "mark" on the Jr. Varsity Lynxettes perfect record? No siree!! The Jr. Varsity Lynxettes have a 5-0 record in the regular season and a 2-1 record in Tournament play, making their record to a 7-1 record for the year. The Lynxettes have a 3rd Place Trophy from the Gruver J. Varsity Tournament that was

have done that successfully 5 of their 5 games played meaning that the Jr. Varsity Lynxettes have a 5-0 regular season Win/Loss Record!! The Bobcats didn't want to be victimized by the Lynx "claw", but as they had done before they did. The Jr. Varsity Lynxettes won the game by the score of 40 - 27, winning by 13 big points!! The Jr. Varsity Lynxettes now have an 8-1 record for the year!! Their next game will be at Canadian Friday, December 19, which will begin at 4:00 p.m. The Lynxettes will try to keep their record in the Win section for the whole year. The game should be a "dandy", so if ya'll can make it, then get ready for the "game of the year" for the Jr. Varsity Lynxettes!! The last game of the year--1980--will be against the Gruver Lady Jr.

Varsity Greyhounds. The game will be played on December 22 (a Monday) and should begin at 4:00 p.m. The Jr. Varsity Lynxettes and the Jr. Varsity Greyhounds usually play as if they are playing in the finals of a tournament. So if anyone can make it, go on down to Gruver Monday night and see these girls in action. The Lynxettes want 1980 to be a real good year for them and would like to end the year with a 10-1 record and after the Holidays, they would like to start 1981 with their 10-1 record and keep adding to the Winning side of the records instead of the losing side!!

The 8th grade Lynxettes played against the Gruver Lady Hounds 8th grade team in the tournament that the Gruver 8th graders were hosting. The teams that participated were Stratford, Fritch, Spearman and of course Gruver. Would the Lynxettes prove to everyone that they too could beat the Gruver Lady Hounds? They tried, but the Hounds came out on top. The game started out as a very "un-contact"--not too many fouls. The 8th grade Lady Lynx wanted to taste a victory over the Lady Hounds, but the ways things looked, the Lady Lynx would not be able to taste this victory over the 8th Lady Hounds. The Lynxettes' 3rd quarter was scoreless and the Lady Hounds made points by making most of their free-

The details of the 8th grade Lynx action at the Gruver Tournament for 8th grade teams is on page 7 Column 3

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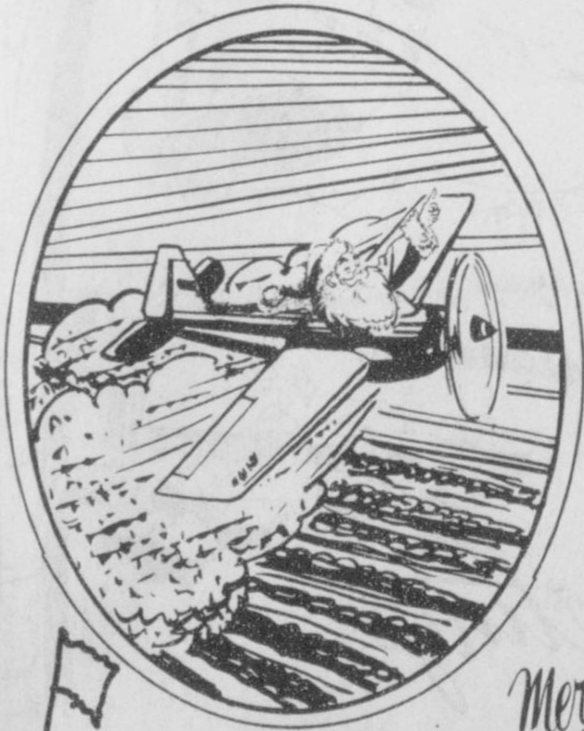
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# Phone Company Gets 'Back Door' Increase

The city administration at city hall and Mayor Ralph Blodgett personally, have been inundated with calls regarding what callers are terming a "pass-through" charge on their telephone bills.

Mayor Blodgett contacted the General Telephone district manager and she confirmed both in telephone conversation and by follow-up letter that, as of Oct. 1, 1980, the Texas Public Utilities Commission had granted General Telephone the right to pass on franchise costs to telephone customers.

To set the background: Public utilities and other services supplied to a municipality in return for rate charges must pay that municipality a franchise fee for the privilege of supplying and collecting. A franchise is the right to be sole servitor for a

certain period specified in the franchise agreement between servitor and municipality.

General Telephone was granted a 25-year franchise. This is the last year of it. In return for that franchise, the city of Spearman is paid a fee amounting to two (2) percent of the receipts from telephone customers for local service. Toll (long distance) service is not subject to franchise fee charges.

According to City Manager Jim Murray, General Telephone has, in the past, paid this two percent out of operating costs.

As of Oct. 1 this year, YOU-if you are a telephone subscriber-are paying a part of that two percent added on to your telephone bill.

According to the telephone company district manager's letter to Mayor Blodgett this

TPUC permission extends to such items as street rentals, gross receipts, franchises taxes and any other similar charges that may be imposed by the municipality.

There are three very sharp "hooks" in this provision: First, you, the telephone customer, are paying for the telephone company's privilege of operating within the city of Spearman and making a profit. Secondly, there is within this proviso, the potential for charging YOU on your phone bill for any damage (otherwise uncovered) to telephone poles or other telephone company property and finally...

By dent of establishing a precedent, it paves the way for other utilities to seek the same privilege from the state utilities panel and further burden the consumer who is already overloaded by rising costs that utility and other public service companies have passed on.

The plaint on the part of these corporations is that increasing costs have hit them, too and they must add these charges and show a profit or they will not be able to provide any goods and-or services.

Nowhere in all this cumulus of costs is any consideration of the fact that many consumers have not had income increases. Further, senior citizens, retirees and others living on small, absolutely fixed incomes are already in dire straits.

The irony of the situation, according to public response to

the higher costs, this unforeseen raise in telephone bills comes at a time when telephone service is still at absolutely minimal quality: at a time when the company is, actually, fighting for its life in the state of Texas.

The conclusion of most customers who have expressed themselves loudly is that the telephone company, denied a raise in rates, went through the "back door" to get more money out of Spearman subscribers.

A further conclusion is that they left that back door open for

similar additional costs to the people of Spearman on the part of other franchise holders.

According to city leaders, there is one recourse open to telephone subscribers. If telephone service has not been upgraded as the utilities commission charged the telephone company to do by a deadline or lose their entire Texas franchise, let it be known service is still lousy.

The telephone company, according to City Manager Murray, maintains it is improving

local service, basing the claim on fewer complaints and service calls. This is rather spurious proof remembering that one of the biggest complaints lodged against the company when discussions over service first began was failure to LOG customer service calls when they came in.

So, customers feel going to the utilities commission with the number of calls-or lack of a number of calls-for service by the telephone company could be "loading the dice."

## Sheriff Says Injuries Minor In Mishaps

The Hansford County Sheriff's Department has reported three auto accidents in the county thus far during the holiday season but, fortunately, according to Sheriff R.L. McFarlin, there were no serious injuries.

A Temple, Okla., man, Michael Lee Hooper and three of his four passengers were slightly injured in an accident on SH 15 just outside of Gruver city limits. His vehicle went into a broadside skid while he was attempting a left turn. The unit

rolled over one and three-quarter times.

The driver and his three injured passengers were taken to Hansford Hospital in a Gruver ambulance. They were treated and released.

There was also a one-car roll on FM 1261 involving Robert Fields of Amarillo. There were no injuries in this mishap.

There was a two-car mishap on SH 15 three and a quarter miles north of Spearman during the heavy snowfall period. A car driven by Molly Epps of Phillips, struck the right rear of a Texas

Department flatbed truck being operated as a snow plow.

In other activity, the Sheriff's Department had one man indicted by the grand jury and one man's probation revoked.

Another, James D. Wyrick of Perryton, free on \$1,500 for

alleged felony theft by check, failed to appear as ordered. His bond was raised to \$10,000. He was lodged in Ochiltree County jail and returned to Spearman by sheriff's officers.

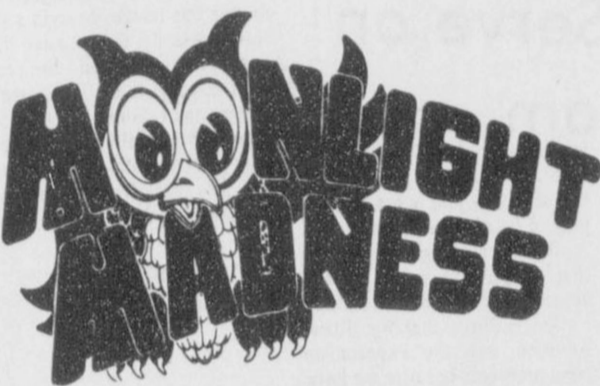
James Smith was indicted for hindering a secured creditor.

The matter involved a two-ton truck financed with First State Bank. The vehicle was recovered in Savannah, Mo.

Convicted of theft of services, Roy Lawling had his probation revoked and must serve one year in county jail.

Sheriff McFarlin noted that his department seemed to have set a record of sorts. They had the "Hall and Jones" duo in Hansford County jail without being sued. Michael Clyde Jones was returned to Huntsville by sheriff's deputies

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## District Clerk, Sheriff Praised

The Hansford County Sheriff's Department and the District Clerk here and her staff received glowing praise in the form of a letter from "visiting" District Judge Guy Hazlett.

Judge Hazlett was here presiding at the jail escape trial of Michael Clyde Jones moved to Hansford County on a change of venue.

Hazlett thanked the district clerk for work of a very high caliber and, at times, "beyond the call of duty." He noted that his home bailiwick of Hutchinson County had spoiled him with certain little extras and the district clerk's office here was one of the very few he had found outside of Hutchinson that provided that type of thoughtful service.

His praise was equally expressive and sincere for the members of the sheriff's department.

In displaying the letter, Sheriff R.L. McFarlin said he felt it laid to rest the rumors of a "feud" between he and Hazlett following the differences over handcuffing the prisoner leading to declaration of a mistrial.

"It was simply a matter of a difference of opinion," McFarlin said. "The judge acted as he is supposed to -- in fairness to the prisoner at the bar. I was acting in the best interests of the safety of the people who have charged me with that job. There were no strong feelings carried over by either the judge or myself."

Many such rumors get started because laymen -- particularly those who have never attended a court session before -- cannot understand how two attorneys can seemingly be at one another's throats in court, then have lunch together in an atmosphere of amiability. It is believed this is one of the features that makes our adversary system of justice so great. --But sometimes misunderstood.

**JIM SHIRLEY IS NEW PRESIDENT OF AMBASSADORS!**

The Ambassadors of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce met, Thursday December 18, 1980 at the Cupboard for a noon meeting. J.L. Brock, President welcomed Dick Elbert as a new member of the Ambassadors.

Officers for 1981 were elected. They are: Jim Shirley, President, Kent Guthrie, Vice President, Lenis Simpson, Treasurer.

These officers will begin their term January 1, 1981. The purpose of the Ambassadors is goodwill. The represent Spearman at the area banquets, welcome new businesses, deliver membership plaques and community relatives.

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## Christmas Is Busy Time

Christmas is a busy time in the churches of Spearman. Many activities have been planned commemorating the birth of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. There have been special activities all through the Advent season which includes the four Sundays before Christmas. Advent is a Latin word meaning "to come." It is a time of getting ready, of preparing ourselves for the coming of the Christ. Many of the churches in Spearman have had an Advent wreath and have had families in the church lighting candles in the Advent wreath at worship services.

Youth at Union Church will have a Christmas banquet on Saturday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. in their activity building.

Union Church will have their youth and children's Christmas

program on Sunday, December 21, at 6:30 p.m. A bag of Christmas candy will be given to every person who attends.

Assembly of God Youth will present a Christmas pageant on Sunday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Junior High United Methodist Youth will have their Christmas party on Sunday, December 20.

A Candlelight Christmas Service will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church is planning a Christmas program on Sunday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. There will be the singing of Christmas carols, special music, stories, poems, testimonies, and people telling about their favorite Christmases in the

past.

First Christian Church will have their Christmas program on Sunday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. with fellowship following the service.

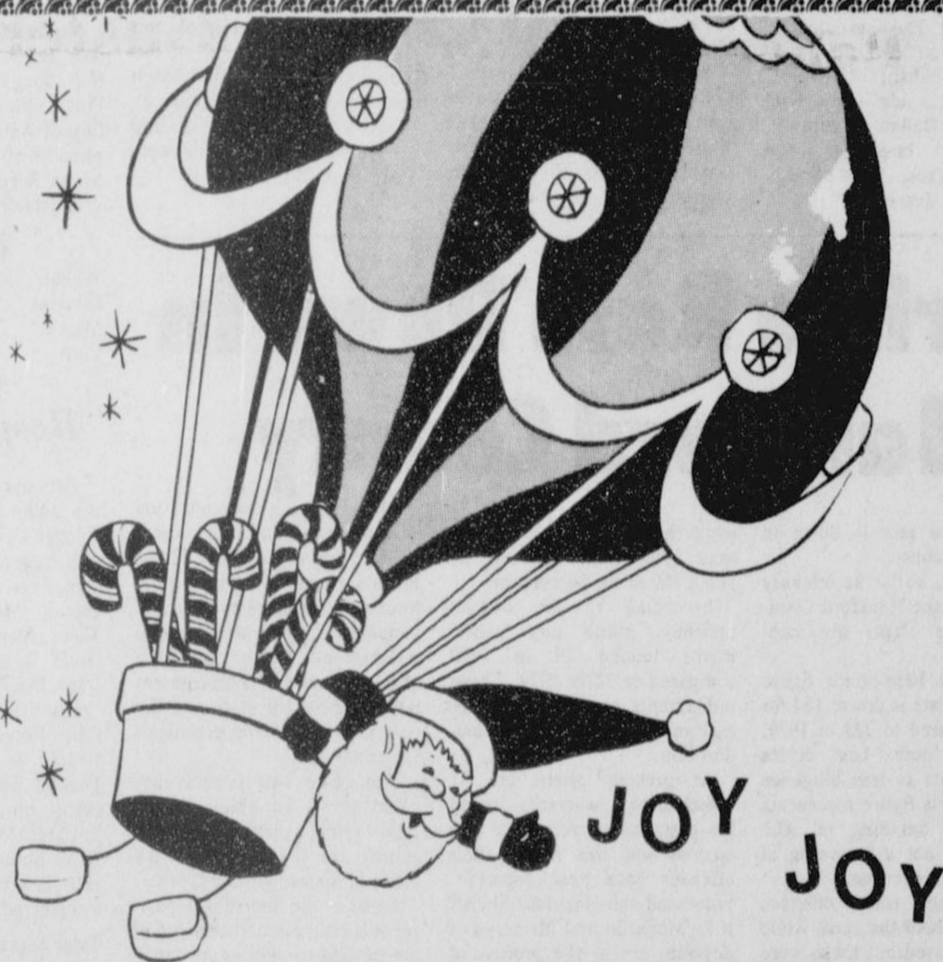
Church of the Brethren in Waka will have a Christmas program on Sunday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m. that will feature the children's choir and a puppet show led by Charley Horne from Nebraska, who will supply the puppets and use the children of the Waka church in operating the puppets.

First Presbyterian Church will have a candlelight carol and communion service on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church will have a come and go communion on Christmas Eve from 7:00 until midnight.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church will have Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 24, at 8:00 p.m. Midnight Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church in Perryton will be at midnight on Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 24. The Mass of Dawn will be observed on Christmas Day Thursday, December 25, at 8:00 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spearman and Christmas Day Mass, Thursday, December 25, will be at 10:15 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Perryton.

All the churches in Spearman will be distributing Christmas baskets to needy families just before Christmas.



We are holding our annual Christmas open house, Wednesday, December 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We would like for you to come in and visit and have refreshments.

We hope Santa has your number and that all good things of Christmas come your way.

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Kerri Holt, Hansford County; Stacy Duggan, Hartley County; Melanie Morehead, Hemphill County, and Leah Kalka, Moore County.



Jon Garnett placed in the top four of the Senior Snacks & Beverages division in the District 4-H Food Show.

## Top Cooks Named

Knowledge of nutrition and skills in planning and preparation won four youths top honors at the Panhandle District 4-H food show here Saturday, Dec. 13. The four advance to the State competition next June in College Station.

The top winners are Lisa Harris of Sherman County, main dish; Jane Holoway of Moore County, side dish; Janet Brewer of Moore County, snacks and beverages, and Donna Peters of Moore County, breads and desserts.

Four other winners took second place honors and the right to serve as alternates should the first place winners not be able to compete at the state contest. The alternates are Tonya Savage of Deaf Smith County, main dish; Glenna West, Deaf Smith, side dish; Kim Clements, Dallam County, snacks and beverages, and Becky Hughes, Deaf Smith, breads and desserts.

Junior division contestants received ribbons but will not compete beyond the district level. The top four contestants in each junior category were: Main dish--Kerry Holt, Hansford; Stacy Duggan, Hartley; Melanie Morehead, Hemphill, and Leah Kalka, Moore.

Side dish--Leslie Conkwright, Deaf Smith; Jennifer Eagle, Lipscomb; Cassie Starkey, Moore, and Doug Pittman, Sherman. Snacks and beverages--Tanya Wharton, Dallam; Minday Rowton, Deaf Smith; Sarah Miller, Gray, and Amy Diedrichsen, Moore. Bread and desserts--Jamie Joe Mitchell, Dallam; Karen Friemel, Deaf Smith; Stacy Saunders, Lipscomb, and Lora Beth Brazell, Moore.

Four-H's from Hansford County and their awards were: Karen Kenney, Blue ribbon, Will Jarvis - Red ribbon and Jon Garnett - Red Ribbon. Jon placed in the top four of his

division.

In the junior division: Anne Marie Jarvis - Blue ribbon, Jane Wirsdorfer - Blue ribbon and J Garnett - Blue ribbon.

The annual event is a critical test of the 4-H members' knowledge of nutrition and culinary skills, said Mrs. Sue Farris, district director for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Four-H is a youth program of Extension.

A total of 135 boys and girls from 20 Panhandle counties competed in the senior and junior divisions of this year's show, held at Bonham Junior High School.

Plaques for senior division winners were donated by Morrison Milling Co. of Denton and presented by Bill Henry of the company. Ribbons for each contestant were donated by Pioneer Natural Gas Co. and presented by newly elected State Rep. Bill Sarpaluis.

### L.D. Staggs Services Held

L.D. Staggs, 60, died Wednesday in Amarillo.

Services will be at 11 a.m. tomorrow--Saturday--in First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Russell Pogue, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mr. Staggs was born in Estelline, and moved to Spearman 21 years ago. He was a veteran of World War II.

He married Pauline Meathenia in 1938 in Sayre, Okla.

Survivors include his wife, a son, Gary Staggs of Belfield, N.D.; four sisters, Uline Scott of Fort Collins, Colo., Sally Darling of Amarillo, Imogene Stephenson of Wellington, Colo, and Minta Reed of Anton; and two grandchildren.

MARKETS	
Wheat	\$3.99
Soybean	\$6.16
Milo	\$5.72
Corn	\$3.57

### Hospital News

Patients in Hansford Hospital are Juliet Boyd, Etta McLain, George Grugs, Mara Gruver & son, Eugene Deree, Hana Johnson, Faye Lynch, Caroline Mc Cloud, Melba Jackson, Roy Jones, Alan Brolley, Grace Lyon, Onita Bynum, Clide Longley, Dave McGill of Gruver.

Dismissed were R.L. Easley, Edith Roper, June Day, Renee Neagle & son, Alice Lackey, Thelma Riley, Debbie Hendrickson, Jim Fowler, Laton Guthrie, Stela Martinez & daughter, Dan Shrader, Pete Owens, and Lawrence Wilbanks was transferred.

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. Please bring these things:  
Some snowskis, a sled, and a drive command. Remember Christy, Mike, Casey. Santa thank you for every thing. I am in Mrs. Ellisons room. I love you, Santa!  
Steven Foster

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. Please bring me these things:  
A baby doll, a book, and baby doll bed. Santa, thank you for everything. I like school in Gruver. I am in Mrs. Ellisons room. I think you can find my house. I love you, Santa!  
Susanna Salazar

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. Please bring me a skate board, a kite, a doll buggy, and anything else you like. Santa, thank you for every thing. I am in Mrs. Ellison's room this year. I love you, Santa!  
Tera Boyd

Dear Santa,  
Mrs. Haight says I have been a good boy. Please bring me a front end loader truck, a criss cross crash and tonka pickup. I Love You, Santa!  
Ryan Mathews

## Meek Chosen to Serve on Transition Team

Marvin Meek of Plainview, the National Chairman of American Agriculture Movement is again in Washington D.C. This time he was asked by President-elect Ronald Reagan's Transition Committee to serve on the transition team. He departed Amarillo on Saturday to attend a meeting in Memphis Tennessee, where he was to speak at a cotton conference. He will be in Washington for two weeks. His specific job is to brief the new Secretary of Agriculture concerning the problems in agriculture.

American Agriculture Movement began working with Congressmen, and on all levels of politics, to try to turn the Nation's economy around, and now we are on the ground floor of the policy formation of the new administration.

Meek believes that the Com-

mittee is sincere in wanting his input. He told the spokesman that if it was just a grandstand play to be able to say they had fulfilled campaign promises, that he would not serve. He was assured that the new Administration believes that we, Rural America, are the experts on farm problems because we have been surviving under farm programs that have worsened steadily through three adminis-

trations. We will be a part in the dis-assembly of the problems that have accumulated. The Transition Committee has assured us that they want to put profitability back in agriculture.

Meek will have a file of specific problems individual people have with the USDA. This will be part of what he will present to the new secretary. Some of the men being considered for Secretary are very knowledgeable concerning agriculture, and Marvin is very hopeful that the one selected will be one we can work with. He said we all know the problems can't be solved immediately, but he expects to see giant steps taken in the right direction.

Meek said that President-elect Reagan really believes that 90 to 100 million people in America depend on Agriculture, and he is sincere in trying to turn the economy around.

In Washington, Marvin will work closely with the Transition Team and will continue to work with the new Secretary of Agriculture. All his duties are not assigned at this time, but he will present papers and be given the opportunity to challenge other ideas he does not agree with. Too many advisors in the past have had only theory, but Meek has the experience, as well as lots of rural people backing him

When asked by the press if all farmers were behind him, Marvin stated that not all agreed with what AAM has done to bring this about, but all agreed with what we believe. AAM has many silent supporters who are not about to get involved, but watch every move amde and agree with us. When asked if we are trying to change our image, Marvin said not necessarily, but we have the attention focused on the problem now, so there is no need for demonstrations. If the need arises, there will probably be more Tractorcades, etc. There will be one tractor in the Inaugural Parade.

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## Crime Rate Down In Hansford County

The crime rate is down in Hansford County.

--At least, so far as offenses handled by the Hansford County Sheriff's Dept. are concerned.

First, the bare-bones figure of total arrests is down: 184 for 1980 compared to 223 in 1979. (Important note: Least critics interpret this as less diligence this year, this figure represents an official handling of ALL complaints--not a lessening of activity against crime.)

Of course, some offenses remained about the same while a few increased but these were not in the areas of major crimes. The most frequent complaint to the Sheriff's Department--bad checks--are down...only 99 in 1980 compared to 157 in 1979... a reduction of about 42 percent.

Drug offenses--possession of marijuana--were cut 60 percent

while thefts amounting to more than \$200 were reduced by about the same percentage.

According to the district attorney, grand jury indictments totaled 29 in 1980 compared to 32 in 1979. These indictments represented every case meriting grand jury consideration.

At present, there are 31 outstanding warrants--issued for persons not yet taken into custody--and this means their offenses have been reported, processed and Hansford Sheriff R.L. McFarlin and his corps of deputies are in the process of acting on those warrants as fugitives are located.

This is not to paint a crime-free picture. There are three things that make that improbable for 1980 despite the reduction in number of major offenses.

One of these is that collection of crimes that--like taxes--seem to be with us forever. These include forgery, driving while intoxicated, burglary, fraud, violation of probation, criminal mischief--all of the nuisance offenses that law enforcement people across the state and the nation despair of ever eradicating completely.

The other two factors that could prove variables in the total crime picture for the county are the tallies for the cities of Spearman and Gruver.

So far as the Sheriff's Department is concerned, the record of arrests and recoveries on worthless checks are in line with the number of offenses; rape as a major crime has been eradicated for a year in the county.

It could be noted that this does not preclude anything new. County crime reduction annually has been a fact since 1973.

### Board of Trustees Met

The board of trustees of the Spearman Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, December 8, 1980 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school building with the following persons present:

**Members and officers:** Kent Guthrie, president; Jim Davis, vice president; Mike Garnett, member; Charles Shieldknight, member; and Tommie White, member

**School Officials:** James Cunningham, Orville Latham, Terry Schneider, Dwayne Mitchell

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Tommie White and seconded by Charles Shieldknight that minutes of previous meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**Restitution of Bills:** Motion was made by Mike Garnett and seconded by Tommie White that bills and accounts numbers \$35584 thru 35738, as recorded on pages 133 thru 138. Volume five, Minutes of Accounts Al-

lowed, be allowed and paid. Motion carried.

**Contract with ACR:** Motion was made by Jim Davis and seconded by Mike Garnett that the contract with ACR Energy Concepts, Inc., Austin, Texas for consulting services to prepare the bidding documents for energy conservation retrofit projects complying with the U.S. Dept. of Energy and State of Texas guidelines be accepted. Motion carried.

**Funds transferred:** Motion was made by Tommie White and seconded by Charles Shieldknight to transfer \$34,900 from local maintenance to interest and sinking fund for bond payments. Motio carried.

**Resignation:** Motion was made by Tommie White and seconded by Mike Garnett that the resignation of Herb Hager be accepted. Motion carried.

**Textbook Committee:** Motion was made by Jim Davis and

seconded by Charles Shieldknight that the following be appointed to the 1980-81 textbook committee:

**ELEMENTARY READERS:** Mrs. Tom May, Mrs. Deborah Mayhew, Mrs. Lynett Campbell, Mr. Verlan Winegarner, and Mrs. Wynell Hager.

5th reading, Mrs. Ellen Graham

6th reading, Mrs. Sheila Watley

7th reading, Mrs. Margie Alford

8th science, Mr. Edwin Pearcy

Psychology, Mr. Eddy Clemmons

Sociology, Mr. Eddy Clemmons

V.I.E. Drafting trades, Mr. Herman Boone

V.I.E. Graphic Arts Trades, Mr. Herman Boone

V.I.E. Electrical Trades, Mr. Herman Boone

Business Management and ownership, Mrs. Wanda Jones

Business Communications, Mrs. Wanda Jones

Business Law, Mrs. Wanda Jones

Mr. James Cunningham

## THIS CHRISTMAS, GET A HOLD ON LIFE... WEAR YOUR SEATBELT!



Let the spirit of Christmas be fully shared by one and all.

Willie Wirehand

When a traffic accident occurs, there are TWO collisions. The initial crash and the second collision happens when the driver and passengers strike something inside their car or truck. Wearing your seatbelts can prevent the second and most deadly collision. The Troopers of the Department of Public Safety ask you to wear your seatbelt this Christmas and always.

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