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Kernal Gene Baker, a P.E.
(retired)

Started coasting on the Christmas edition and coasted right on through the New Year's edition before realizing I did not write an "adieu" column.

Thirty years - to the young, eternity; to the old a short message of time. How does one count time?

Thirty graduating classes - Over fifteen hundred weeks of births, marriages, obituaries, parties and all of the other news items that make a small newspaper... the opportunity to share the joys, sorrows, and problems of our whole community... taking a stand on issues that affect the lives of our citizens and community... being able to assist the young whenever they called with their various projects. All in all it has been a wonderful thirty years and Theresa and I feel indebted for all the community has done for us. Somehow it seems that only a few weeks, or months at the most, when I moved to Gorman and became the proud owner of The Gorman Progress.

Now I have handed the key to a young man (young to me) who has helped to make the Progress the successful business it is today. The going was a bit rough at times but no matter how bad business got Joe was always around to lend a helping hand. Actually he has been operating the Progress for a long time but I didn't let him know it... and it is good to have his son, Lonnie Eugene, now assisting his Dad.

Estelle Craddock joined the Progress force in January, 1961 and Joe and I both appreciate the way she has handled all of the front office business and also found time to assist us in the back shop.

This could go on for hours, but since we are running late with the Progress again this week, thanks for everything and A Happy New Year!

Cause of the late editions the past two weeks is due to trying to change management and also the way the holidays hit. Maybe by next week Joe will be back on schedule. I will still be around occasionally to assist him if he needs me.

Golf, anyone?

CHERYL HUTSON IN BAYLOR HOSPITAL
Cheryl Hutson has entered Baylor Hospital in Dallas for treatment and awaiting of kidney transplant.

Those who wish to send cards and letters may do so by addressing them to Cheryl Hutson, Room 2004, Baylor Hospital, 3500 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75246.



ATTEND STATE FARM BUREAU CONVENTION — Eastland County Farm Bureau was represented by 11 delegates at the Texas Farm Bureau's 40th annual convention on Dec. 2-5 in Abilene. Pictured at the registration table are, first row from left: Mrs. Jack Cozart, Mrs. K. F. Kirk, Mrs. Tommy McKissack, Jr., Pat Maynard and Ann Justice. Second row from left are: Jack Cozart, K. F. Kirk, Tommy McKissack, Jr., Ray Norris and C. M. Guthery.

DOYLE CONDRA NEW DIRECTOR FB DISTRICT 7

Voting delegates at the recent Texas Farm Bureau convention in Abilene elected a new director to represent District 7 on the TFB board.

He is Doyle Condra of Talpa in Runnels County, who replaces B. J. Gist of Abilene, Taylor County. Gist did not seek re-election to the post.

Condra has been a Farm Bureau member for about 11 years and has served eight years on the board of directors of the Runnels County FB including service in all capacities.

He was a member of the Texas Farm Bureau's Expanded Program Committee in 1970 which made studies leading to the adoption of the Expanded Program by voting delegates of the state organization in a special session in March, 1971.

Condra is a native of Runnels County and graduated from Ballinger High School. He served in the Infantry during World War II in the European Theater including Belgium and Germany. He spent some time in the occupation army after the war.

Following his release from service, he returned to farming and ranching in Runnels County where he has remained. He produces cattle, sheep and small grain.

Condra has been a member of the Rotary Club at Ballinger 11 years and has served as president, vice president, and secretary. He is in his third year as dist. chairman of Boy Scouts of America, Tri-Rivers District, Concho Valley Council. He is ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church, U. S., at Ballinger.

Condra is married to the former Ella Marie Witter of Ballinger, and they have a son and daughter. Gary, 29, is president of Southwest Agri-Management Services in San Angelo, and Barbara, 26, lives in San Angelo. They have four grandchildren.

District 7 embraces 18 counties in the "Big Country" area of West Texas. They include Brown, Callahan, Shackelford, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Jones, Kimble, Llano, McCulloch, Mason, Mills, Palo Pinto, Runnels, San Saba, Stephens, and Taylor.

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THANKS TO FIRE DEPTS.

We wish to thank the Gorman and De Leon Fire Departments for fighting the grass fire at our home Sunday afternoon which destroyed our storage building. Without your help our home would have burned. For your efforts and work we are most grateful.

We also thank everyone who had a part in extinguishing the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Cates

—GP—
Mr. and Mrs. Carl True of Houston were Christmas holiday visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Foy True.

THE GORDON SPOT

By Dolores Marie Gordon
County Agricultural Agent

A new change in the brucellosis control program will be noticed by livestock producers soon. Jerry Morris of the Texas Animal Health Commission tells us that the change will take place at the local livestock auctions January 15.

When a producer takes his cattle to the auction they must be tested for brucellosis if they are being sold to go into someone's herd. If he sells them for slaughter they will not have to be tested. Only cattle over two years of age and pregnant heifers under two years of age must be tested. If a seller does not want his cattle tested they must be sold for slaughter or sold to an approved quarantined feedlot.

The cattle that are brucellosis reactors must be sold for slaughter. The herd they come from is then quarantined. Two consecutive negative herd tests are required for release of a quarantine. The first test must be conducted not less than 30 days after the removal of the last reactor and the second not less than 90 days following the first negative test.

A seller may have his veterinarian do the testing or he may choose to have a regularly employed representative of the Texas Animal Health Commission do the testing at the auction market.

There are a lot of other details concerning this law that I do not have space to give here. The entire proclamation is posted in the courthouse and other places. We will also be glad to discuss the new rules and regulations with anyone.

The 1974 Beef Cattle Short Course will be among five major sections to be combined in the first Texas Animal Agriculture Conference, January 21-23 at Texas A&M University. The conference will be held in the new J. Earl Rudder Conference Center.

Joint general sessions will be held, then participants will go to separate short courses in Beef Cattle, Dairy Production, Horses, Swine, and Pastures and Forages.

The Beef Cattle Short Course with Dr. Dennis Herd as chairman, will use a multi-theme approach covering topics in animal breeding, reproduction, nutrition and animal health.

The Pasture Short Course will focus on profits available when forage is utilized by efficient, high-producing cattle. A panel will discuss using pastures for grazing steers to slaughter weights. The economic value of forage nutrients for all classes of livestock will be discussed by forage scientists. A special feature will be the economics of new hay handling equipment.

The Animal Agriculture Conference, along with the Beef and Forage Short Courses and other sessions, is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. If you would like more information on the conference call or come by the Extension office.

Everyone knows that agriculture is big business in Texas! But just how big is it? Now is a good time to take a brief look at the bigness of Texas agriculture.

First of all, agriculture in all its phases—agribusiness—adds more than \$10 billion to the Texas economy each year. Agribusiness provides employment for about 30 percent of the state's labor force.

Of the state's 168 million acres of land area, 142 million are devoted to agriculture.

Realized gross farm income in 1972 totaled \$4.7 billion, up 13 percent from 1971. However farm production expenses tot-

Vehicle Regis'trtn Applications To Be In Mail Soon

AUSTIN — Owners of some 8.4 million motor vehicles in Texas will have some important mail coming their way early in January.

Registration renewal application will be put in the mail shortly after the holiday season by the Motor Vehicle Division of the Texas Highway Department.

The same quick and easy method made possible by modern computer technology will be in effect this year as it has been in the last few years. Vehicle owners can save time that used to be spent waiting in long lines at county tax offices throughout the state by ordering their 1974 license plates by mail.

All that must be done is to send the entire three-part application by mail to the county tax assessor collector in the owner's home county, enclosing the registration fee plus \$1 for each vehicle to cover handling and mailing.

There are three things to remember:

1. Leave the three-part form intact. Don't separate the three parts.
2. Mail it to the county tax office in your home county. (Mailing it to the Highway Dept. will only delay getting your 1974 license plates).
3. Be sure to include the registration fee, plus \$1 for each vehicle for postage and handling.

You may apply for license plates by mail after January 1. However, county tax offices won't mail plates until after February 1. Owners should allot at least 30 days from the time they apply for the license plates to be returned.

In-person registrations will begin at county tax offices and, in some counties, at substations on February 1. Even though the automated registration application procedures have speeded up the process, waiting lines will grow progressively longer as the April 1 deadline approaches.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Heathington and Joni of Knoxville, Tenn. and Laneta Rodgers of Fort Worth visited last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Rodgers.

aled \$3.8 billion, almost 23 percent higher than in 1971. This left realized net income 19 percent below that of 1971, but a boost in farm inventories brought total net farm income up 28 percent over that in 1971.

Texas is the third leading state in total agricultural cash receipts behind California and Iowa. However, it leads the country in producing cotton, grain sorghum and rice and is the top cattle producer. Texas also leads in the production of sheep and wool, goats and mohair.

The state is also a leader in other enterprises:

- Fourth in agricultural exports, leading in cotton and rice exports and second in hides, tallow and meat products.
- Second in peanut production.
- Third in vegetable production, leading in cabbage, watermelon and spinach and second in onions, carrots and cantaloupes.
- Second in grapefruit production and third in oranges.
- First in native pecans and third in total production.
- Third in the number of honey bee colonies.
- Among the top 10 dairy states.
- First in horse numbers.
- A leading state in poultry and eggs.
- A leading state in fish farming.

These are just a few of the things that Texas is noted for on the agricultural scene. Agriculture continues to grow and to become more diversified, and it must do so to meet the ever-increasing demands for high quality food and fiber products.

STATE REP. JOE HANNA TO SEEK RE-ELECTION

Joe C. Hanna, state representative for the 54th District, announced today that he will be a candidate for that seat again in 1974.

Hanna is chairman of the House Rural Energy Crisis Committee, and represented Texas at a national conference on the energy crisis situation. He is also serving as chairman of the State Vocational-Education Committee. He represented Texas at the Conference of National Legislators, and is also a member of the transportation and natural resources committees of the House.

Democratic primary elections will be held in May, with the general election in November. State representatives must run for that office every two years.

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LOCAL NEWS

Christmas holiday visitors with Mrs. Gladys Lucke were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cooper and family of Karnes City, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lucke and family of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Maxwell of Crane and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Baze of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Cargile of Brownfield visited Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Watson.

Jim and Lena Fonville and daughters spent the Christmas holidays in Greenville, Miss. with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hutchison, also with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Burney, and brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Hutchison and family and Mr. and Mrs. Rups Hutchison and family.

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mauney were their children, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Mauney of Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Koen of Abilene and their son, Randy of SMU, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack Mauney, Cathy and Larry of Houston.



Local Scout Membership Growing

Governor Dolph Briscoe announced that the drive to recruit 50,000 new Boy Scouts in Texas has been reached and exceeded. The Governor said "I am very pleased that the goal was not only reached, but that it was reached several weeks before the deadline." The Governor stated "I'm told by the Boy Scout Office in Dallas that almost 60,000 boys have become scouts since mid-September."

The Governor was referring to a drive he launched on September 14 to recruit 50,000 new Boy Scouts in Texas by December 31, 1973. The program is called the Governor's Roundup for Scouting in Texas. During the Governor's Roundup, which ended Dec. 31, every Cub pack, every

GORMAN STOCK SHOW SLATED JANUARY 18-19

The annual Gorman Livestock Show will be held January 18 and 19th. Place of the show has not been determined.

Mr. Dwayne Brown, Gorman Ag teacher, urges all those who plan to enter animals to file with him as soon as possible. Entry fee is \$1.00 per animal and only one animal per person is allowed for steers and heifers.

The show is open to 4-H Club members as well as FFA students. All animals will be brought to the show barn on the 18th and will be shown and judged on the 19th.

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LETHA HICKEY LAID TO REST DEC. 30 IN ARK.

Mrs. Letha Margaret Hickey, 58 of Grapevine, Ark., died December 27, 1973 in the University Medical Center in Grapevine.

She was a native of Springhill, La., and the daughter of the late William Henderson and Florence Parr McCoy. She married William Hickey at Sheridan, Ark. in 1945. She was a Methodist.

Survivors are three brothers, Jimmy McCoy of Simi Valley, Calif., Vernon of Calif. and Alvin of North Little Rock, Ark.; four sisters, Mrs. James Kelly, North Little Rock, Mrs. Ruth Henry, Grapevine, Mrs. Irene O'Brien, Dallas, and Mrs. Loretta Tangruma, Redlands Beach, Calif.

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. December 30, 1973 in Pine Bluff Arkansas Funeral Home with Rev. Arthur Ray Yarbrough of Stephenville officiating. Burial was in Gum Branch Cemetery in Searcy, Ark.

Pallbearers were Roy Pace, James Kelly, Ervin Masey, Frank Dent, Nethern Wallace, of Pine Bluff, Ark., and W. C. Browning of Gorman.

DISTRICT CAGE GAMES SET AT CARBON TONITE

The Gorman cage teams will begin District basketball play on Thursday, January 8 when they travel to Carbon.

The first game will begin at 6:30 p. m.

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Eastland County Due Explorations

Lone Star Producing Co. will drill a proposed 4,100-foot wildcat three miles south of Dothan in Eastland County. It is No. 1 J. E. Gardner, located on a 960 acre lease.

Drill site is 660 feet from the north and 2,000 feet from the east lines of Section 130, Block 3, H&TC Survey.

Mann Rankin of Midland No. 1 John S. Lewis, et al was staked three miles south of Nimrod in the Nimrod (Caddo) Field.

Having a proposed depth of 2,800 feet, it spots 660 feet from the south and west lines of Section 97, Block 3, H&TC Survey.

The lease is composed of 520 acres.

BSG Co. of Dallas filed applications to plug back two projects 2 1/2 miles west of Ranger.

No. 3 Nash will be plugged back to 3,325 feet. Located on a 1,373 acre lease, it spots 1,120 feet from the north and 226 feet from the east lines of W. H. Ahrenbeck & Brothers Survey, A-6.

The venture was formerly Bihartz Operating Co., No. 3 T. J. Nash, completed from an open hole at 3,594 to 3,656 feet.

No. 4 E. H. Layne will be plugged back to 3,340 feet. It is on a 218 acre lease, spotting 745 feet from the north and 330 feet from the west lines of Mark Haley Survey, A-3.

The well was originally completed as Bihartz No. 3 E. H. Layne from perforations at 3,620 to 3,838 feet. Old total depth was 3,939 feet.

Grass Fires on Sunday Plague area

The Gorman area was plagued with numerous grass fires Sunday that destroyed several storage buildings and garages.

A grass fire around 2 p. m. Sunday that started on the highway near the Fred Rogers home, spread to the adjoining Groomer place, destroying a storage building. The fire also spread to the M. V. Cates place, destroying several out-buildings.

The Gorman Fire Department was handicapped by the lack of members of the fire department being in town to assist with the extensive area of the fire. The Carbon and De Leon Fire Departments were called to assist in case the fire spread to other areas.

Grass fires also occurred at High Point on the Old Carbon highway west of Gorman and at the Ted Snider place in the Kokomo area on Sunday afternoon around 4:30 p. m.

The fire department was called out again at 1:00 a. m. Monday to put out a tree fire at the Groomer home and a false alarm was given at 3:00 a. m.

Vardie Huff, Gorman Fire Chief, was kept on the go Sunday and he warns everyone to be extra careful in burning trash or dropping lighted cigarettes as the grass is so dry now it only takes a spark to set off a big grass fire. He also warns farmers to be extra careful with the electric fences, to keep the area around the fence clean and free of grass and weeds as this is the reason for many of the farm grass fires.

Huff also issued a warning to persons following the fire truck. This caused quite a problem Sunday as so many people came to watch the fires that it hampered the trucks from returning to the water tower for refilling the trucks, as most of the grass fires were away from fire plugs. Parking and blocking the right-of-way of the fire truck is subject to a fine and the department will call the highway patrolmen if people continue to disobey the rules.

The best way we can help the firemen do an efficient job is to stay out of their way. They have a difficult time as it is, and the public is asked to cooperate and park out of the way if you do go to the fire.

—GP—

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Band Boosters Club will meet Monday, January 7 at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend.

The Gorman Volunteer Fire Department will meet Monday, January 7th.

—GP—

Mr. and Mrs. Shafer Rodgers of Dallas visited during the Christmas holidays with his father, Mr. and Mrs. Don Rodgers.

Weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crawley were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pharris, Robby Leea and Larna of Hamlin, Mrs. Beverly Tindall of Dallas and granddaughter, Cindy Tindall of Carrollton. Also her sister, Mrs. Bessie Jennings of Mineral Wells, who has moved to Gorman. She resides in Brandon Place.

Visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Simmons and Vicki were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Simmons, Laneta and Jimmy and Jerry of Andrews, Mrs. Carol Jean Simmons of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Collins and Jane of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brown of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Duke, and Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Moore of Odessa.

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FOR SALE - Well located, three bedroom home on 70'x90' lot. (build-in Frigidaire refrigerator, oven and cook top included). Also 65'x90' lot, located three blocks from downtown. Contact Speedy Clark, Box 636, Phone 734-5429, Gorman.

WANT TO BUY - Good, leafy peanut hay. Phone 817-968-2607. 9-20fnc

FOR SALE - Christmas, Birthday and All Occasion Cards. See Ronald Bennett after school hours or call 734-5868. 4-12-13p

REAL ESTATE - 197.6 A. with good home, 60 peanuts, pecan orchard, good pasture - 50 A., 30 Coastal, good tank and fences. \$16,500. We need your listings. Cogburn Realty, 893-6666, De Leon. 12-6fnc

FOR SALE - 1971, 70x14 ft. three bedroom, two bath, mobile home. Freddie Gilmore, 734-5320. 11-22-fnc

FOR SALE - 1964 3/4 ton 4 wheel drive Chev. pickup in excellent condition. See or call Roger George, Phone 893-2106. 12-6fnc

ROOMS FOR RENT by week or month. Dub Ramsey. 734-5716. 12-6fnc

GARAGE SALE - Friday & Saturday, Dec. 14-15 at the home of Mrs. Speck Greer, Carbon, Texas. Across from Baptist Church. Tables, chairs, lamps, clothing, pictures and odds and ends. 1-12-13c

FOR SALE - Raw vegetable juice; Used Singer portable sewing machine; Norge gas range. Mrs. Heck, Phone 734-5523. 1-12-13c

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FOR SALE - 5 room house. Call 734-5730. 4-1-3

FOR SALE - Day At A Glance Books, 1974. Progress office.

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FOR SALE - Old piano. Mrs. Gerald Scitern. Phone 734-5720. 11-22fnc

WANTED - Your Real Estate Listings. Don E. Rodgers 734-5807. For Sale: 135 men's suits and other used clothing in proportion, priced to sell. Located next door to Blair Grocery Bldg. 734-5807. 12-13fnc

FOR SALE - New full size set Bed Springs \$10. Inquire at Apt. 437, Love Acres. Clara Haile. 2-1-3-c

NOTICE - Anyone caught dumping trash on our property will be prosecuted. W. F. and Anna Belle Duske. 4-1-1

FOR SALE - Two bedroom house, on south side of town, wall to wall carpet on living and master bedroom, large kitchen, tile floor, washer and dryer cont. Also washer and dryer for sale. On three lots 150x100. Young pecan and fruit trees, good garden spot. W. E. Williams, 734-5862 or after 4 p. m. 734-5851. 1-3fnc

FOR SALE - 8x45 foot 2 bedroom mobile home. Route 1, Gorman. Mrs. Mildred Livingston, 734-2063. 2-1-10c

HELP WANTED - Schooled Licensed Vocational Nurse. Apply at Lawndale Home For Senior Citizens. Phone 734-2202. 2-1-10c

WANTED - Used two row implements for Ford Tractor with 3 point hook-up. R. Dunn 734-5381. 12-21fnc

FOR SALE - Whirlpool frost-free Refrigerator, 4 years old. White. Used Automatic Kenmore Washing Machine, good condition, avocado. Call Mrs. Mattie Faglie, 734-2143 or Mrs. H. C. Whitlock, 734-5424. 1-3p

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Thoughts

From The Living Bible
All the people are to come together before the Lord, saddened by their sin; and they shall offer sacrifices by fire to the Lord. Don't do any work that day, for it is a special day for making atonement before the Lord your God. Anyone who does not spend the day in repentance and sorrow for sin shall be excommunicated from his people. And I will put to death anyone who does any kind of work that day. This is a law of Israel from generation to generation. For this is a Sabbath of solemn rest, and in it you shall humble your souls.

Leviticus 23:27-32
Religious Heritage of America

Thoughts

From The Living Bible
"Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone! The Savior - yes, the Messiah, the Lord - has been born tonight in Bethlehem! How will you recognize him? You will find a baby wrapped in a blanket, lying in a manger!" Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others - the armies of heaven - praising God: "Glory to God in the highest heaven," they sang, "and peace on earth for all those pleasing him."

Luke 2:11-14

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LAST CALL FOR \$S DUE IN JANUARY FROM NEW SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY

To paraphrase a typing exercise, "Now is the time for all needy aged, blind, and disabled to come to SSA about SSI," says Bob Tuley, Social Security's district manager in Abilene.

SSA above means Social Security Administration, and SSI means the Supplemental Security Income program that goes into effect 1/1/74 as a successor to state welfare programs across the country known as old-age assistance, aid to the needy blind, and aid to permanently and totally disabled. The phrase, "Now is the time," means that any as yet unfiled claims for SSI payments need to be completed in the next week or ten days if on-time payment is

expected. Anyone who got a check from the Texas State Department of Public Welfare on Dec. 1, 1973, can feel sure that a federal check will be sent to arrive January 2, 1974. So, "Now is the time" for them to sit easy and wait for the mail.

For readers who may have missed earlier items about SSI, Tuley repeats these very general guidelines of eligibility, with an earnest request that anyone in doubt about eligibility should find out for sure by talking with a social security representative in Abilene or in any of the 21 area towns regularly visited on the schedule posted in all post offices:

1. Current income of less than \$150 (\$215 for an eligible couple) from company pensions, social security, railroad retirement, teacher retirement, interest, dividends etc.

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LEON VALLEY MIGRANT PROJECT TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR VOCATIONAL CLASSES

Ranger Junior College will be offering both academic and vocational classes locally in January. The academic courses include English 102, English 101 (both 1st and 2nd semesters of freshman English) Freshman Math, and Spanish. Three hours credit will be given those that complete these courses. The cost of these courses will be approximately \$30.00 plus books. They will last 16 weeks, starting January 15 and ending May 11 with one week off for a semester break.

Vocational courses includes beginning typing and welding. These will not offer credit and will last 14 weeks, starting January 15. The cost of the typing course will be approximately \$15.00 and the welding will be \$25.00 for the courses.

The Migrant Clinic will have applications available after January 1st. Registration and organization nights are set up as following:

Tuesday, January 15 - typing and Spanish.
Wednesday, January 16 - English 101 and 102.



Peanut Butter Adds Flavor And Goodness to Milk Shakes

There's no question about it, chocolate is America's favorite milk shake flavor. It is anybody's guess what comes second. Vanilla, strawberry, coffee? Favorite or not, here's one that deserves more recognition. It's a peanut butter milk shake.

To make a peanut butter milk shake, put 1 1/4 cups milk and 1/2 cup Skippy creamy peanut butter into an electric blender container. Blend on high speed until smooth. Add 1 pint vanilla ice cream and blend to desired consistency. Makes 3 (8 oz.) servings.

Delicious yes, but nutritious, too. One serving supplies more than a quarter of the protein needed daily by a child and just about a quarter of that needed by an adult. The protein is from the peanut butter and the milk. In addition to the protein, the milk shake is an excellent source of calcium, phosphorus, riboflavin and niacin. The whole milk and ice cream also make it a good source of vitamin A. To reduce the saturated fat, cholesterol and calories, substitute skim milk for the whole milk and ice milk for the ice cream.

For the refuse-to-switch chocolate milk shake fans, substitute chocolate ice cream for the vanilla ice cream, or add 1/2 cup Bosco chocolate flavored syrup.

With either the vanilla peanut butter milk shake, or the chocolate, consider the addition of banana. Add 1 sliced banana.

If you don't have a blender, make the milk shake with an electric mixer. In the case of the banana shake, mash the banana first. Or mix the milk and peanut butter in a shaker and pour over chunks of ice cream.

Thursday, January 17 - Math and Welding

This is for organization only - the teacher and class can decide the times and hours together. All these classes will meet at 7:00 p. m. in the De Leon High School Auditorium. More information can be obtained from the Leon Valley Migrant Health Project at 893-5895.

This information comes from Jerry A. Bush, assistant project director

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By HATTIE TATE

"Happy New Year!"

By the time this goes into print the old man with a long beard and sythe in his hand and a worn out look on his face caused from all the trials of 1973 will be gone. But look at the other corner. There is a very young man, all fresh and new, ready to take over the tasks that lies ahead. "Good Luck" little man. We hope you get things straightened out. We will just wait and see.

Our community seemed to be very quiet during Christ-

mas. It was a very dry Christmas time, no rain, snow, and not very cold. Many homes were crowded with people and tables groaned from the good food they were laden with. It would be impossible to reach out and gather up all the visitors. Our "Fur Piece" visitors were Sam and Lois Sparks from Anchorage, Alaska. They with Felix and Cora Sparks, spent Christmas in Big Spring with their son and grandson and two great-granddaughters, Captain and Mrs. Jimmie Sparks.

Major and Mrs. Stanley Powers and daughters from Colorado Springs, Colo. came to be with the rest of the Powers Tribe.

Kate Bowles house was over run with her children and their children

Nannie Guthery had lots of empty dishes at her house after the "crew" finished dinner.

Ed Bradshaw and family were here visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Buchan, and R. D. and Clyde Wright of De Leon. Ed is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

Iris June Townsend and son Clifton of Baton Rouge, La., Phi Inad Ethel Reid and son, Mike, of Alvin, and Eddie Williamson of Wichita Falls spent the holidays visiting Myrtle Reid and other relatives.

Ruby Martin and Harold Cottle of Gorman and De Leon were united in marriage Friday night at the First Baptist Church of Desdemona.

Benton Echols, Neta Gee and Myrtle Reid took a breather from the Christmas rush and had dinner in Stephenville Friday evening and did some shopping on the side.

Its nice to have a big house and plenty of yard space when 20 people come to spend Sunday before Christmas. What a feast of turkey, ham and all the trimmings. This all happened at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murrah Foote. All relatives of Mrs. Foote. Mrs. Foote has been in Abilene since Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Helen Cozby, who underwent surgery on Wednesday.

Several from our community are on the sick list: Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hammons in Stephenville Hospital; Mrs. Anse Brown in Dublin; Mrs. Fred Watkins in De Leon; Jerry McKillip enters West Texas Clinic in Abilene Monday, and others that I've not heard from.

A good report from the churches today was rather good. Lets keep the attendance up through this coming year

Visitors with C. E. and Gusie Ragland over the weekend were Durwood, Mackie, Tim and Tom, Vickie Partain. Bob is still confined after having a heart attack several weeks ago.

Mr and Mrs. Dennis Varner and sons of Midland visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Zollie Koonce. Dennis is the son of Jessie Varner of Eastland and the late Chess Varner.

We bid "Bye" to the year 1973. May the New Year be a good year for us all.

We hope to be around until '75."

NEWS

Mrs. Alvin Laaster of Koko, Kay Ann Craddock of Plann and Estelle Craddock of Gorman visited from Friday to Sunday in Sundown with Mr. and Mrs. Snooks Craddock and Mr and Mrs. Joe Craddock and families. Estelle and Kay and Mrs. Snooks Craddock visited Saturday in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Lee O'Neal and with Mrs. Grace Nix of Longview, who was spending the Christmas holidays with her sister.

They also visited the J. G. Thornhills and in Levelland with Mr. and Mrs. Bubba McDaniels and Clint.

Holiday visitors with Mrs. Ruby Bennett were her children and grandchildren, M. and Mrs. L. A. Bennett of Eastland, Bill Bennett and Debra of Weatherford, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett and family of Cleburne, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett and family of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Bennett of Odessa, and Mr and Mrs. Ernest Bennett of Stephenville.

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