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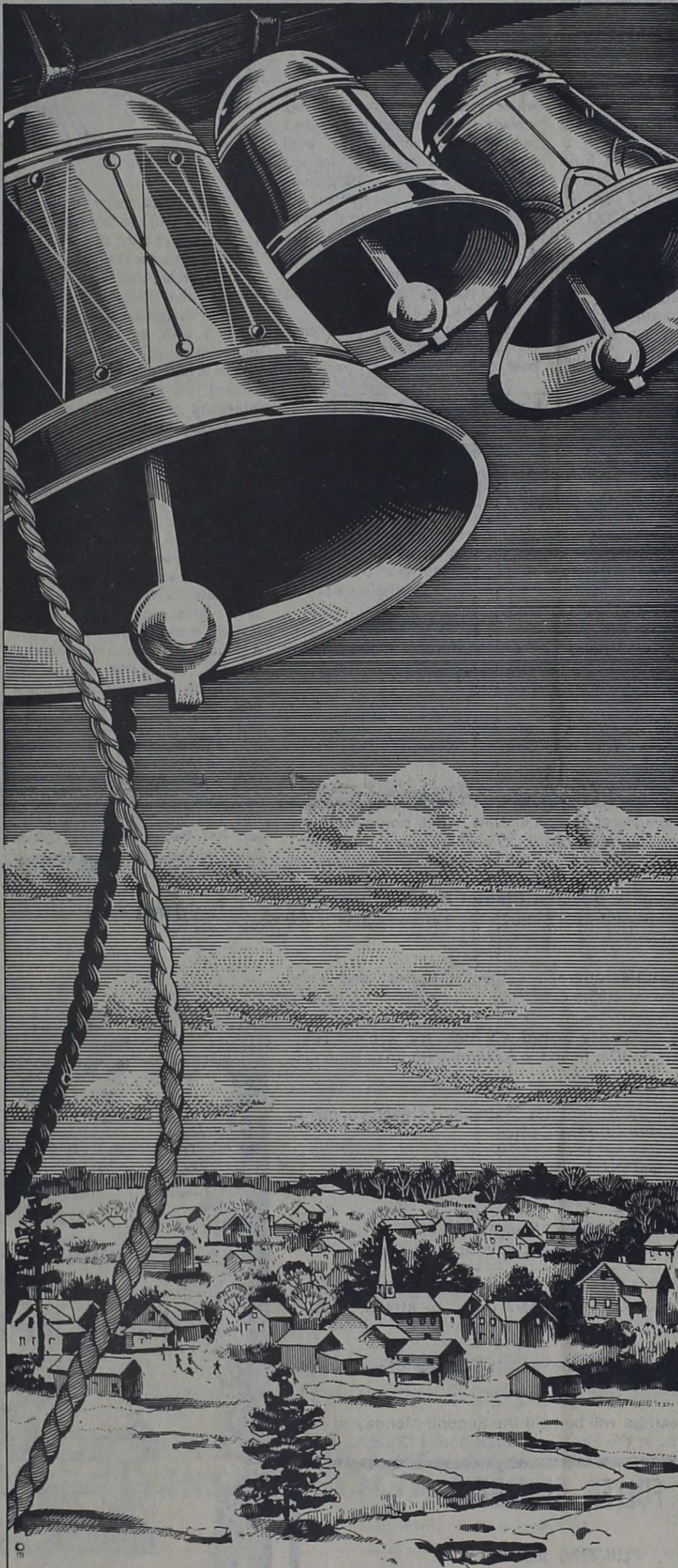
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Gorman, Eastland County, Texas 76454

NUMBER FORTY-SIX

DECEMBER 27, 1984

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

The De Leon Swingers will hold a dance at the City Hall, Saturday, December 29th from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Music by Jr. Trice, Jack Boen, Dale Cox and Buddy Weeks. Everybody Welcome.

AREA GOSPEL SINGING — There will be an Area Wide Singing at the Gorman Church of Christ Building, December 31st, from 8:00 p.m. til 12:30 a.m. Everyone is invited. Come help us praise the Lord with Song.

Aerobics Class at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 4:30 p.m. Free Admission. Everyone cordially invited to attend.

Re-certification for people who are eligible to receive surplus commodities for 1985 will be held January 2nd from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

South Eastland County Hospital District Tax Office has recently moved back to Blackwell Hospital. New office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. til noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

South Eastland County Hospital District Board of Directors will have its Regular Monthly meeting on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Blackwell Hospital.

Gorman City Commissioners will meet the First and Third Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. at the City Hall.

Gorman Housing Authority Board will meet the Second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of High Rise Apartments.

Crimestoppers will meet the First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

A Musical will be held the Second Friday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

Woman's Auxiliary of Blackwell Hospital meet First Tuesday of every month at the Senior Citizens Center at 2:00 p.m.

Gorman Lodge 716 AF&AM stated meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

Gorman Chapter 443 O.E.S. meets First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Monthly 4-H Meetings will be held the Second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

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MORNING WORSHIP 10:45 a.m.
EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY LADIES CLASS 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY EVENING 7:00 a.m.

GORMAN TEAMS DEFEAT CARBON IN FIRST DISTRICT GAME

In game action the Gorman Pantheretts defeated the Carbon Girls by a score of 55 to 34.

Scoring for Gorman was Little with 11 points, Burns with 8 points, Campbell with 10 points, Osborne, Slampa, Dixon, Landa and Brown with 2 points each, Cordell with 6 points and Silva with 10 points.

Scoring for Carbon was Betts with 4 points, Files with 11 points, Norris with 7 points, Rich with 6 points, McDaniel with 1 points, Rich with 1

love and that the upcoming new year will see only the best of things coming your way.



While most all of us in this country are enjoying all the fine food during the holidays, I think that we should say a prayer to the Good Lord that all of the starving people in the world could be fed. Thousands are dying each day while most of us in the good ole U. S. of A. are well fed. I don't think that the Lord meant for his people to have to go hungry when he created this world. We should all hope and pray that the time will come when all people of the earth will be properly fed and that peace will abound across the entire world like He pictured it to be in the creation.

Sure hope everyone likes the added touch of color that we had in the Christmas edition, and that we also have in this issue. We had several great comments on the color in last weeks paper, so we just decided to put color in this one also. We are holding the line on the advertising and subscription rates at this time despite the increase that is coming from the postal service. Maybe the increase won't be so great that will have to increase prices. We hope to hold the line this year if we can. If the inflation rate is so great, why does things continue to go up and up? But who knows, maybe things will be great in the new year ahead. At least we can hope so.

And remember to smile - - because God Loves You!

SINGING AT NEW HOPE BAPTIST NEW YEAR'S EVE

There will be singing at the New Hope Baptist Church on New Year's Eve.

Singing will start at 8:00 p.m. with a break at 10:00 p.m. for refreshments.

Everyone is cordially invited to come sing out the old year and sing in the new with us.

points, Hamilton with 4 points.

In Cage action Gorman Panthers defeated the Carbon Boys by a close score of 55 to 52.

Scoring with Gorman was Hunter with 26 points, Gressett with 15 points, Gibbs with 6 points, Brinegar with 3 points, Harrison with 3 points, Snider with 2 points.

Scoring for Carbon was Morgan with 15 points, Bledsoe with 9 points, Redfern with 6 points, Hays with 6 points, Mortimer with 10 points, Bon with 6 points.

Duggan Family Christmas Party

The Nick and Lorean Duggan family had their Christmas get together the weekend of Dec. 15 and 16. Those present were Edward and Mike Duggan of Garland, Ronald and Jennifer Phillips and daughter Allison, McKenzie and Taylor of Garland, Steve and Janice Parker and son Andy of Garland, Jamey and Johnnie McGibray of Lewisville, Billy and Jan Harrington and daughter Andrea of Arlington, Stella Rider and granddaughters Nikki Foster and Jackie Rider of Austin, Nickie Duggan of Waxahachie, Darren Duggan of Waxahachie, Russell and Harriet Duggan of Stephenville, Joe and Brenda Lowe and son James of Stephenville, Wayne and Mary Vincent of Brownwood, Virgil Overstreet of Abernathy, Delbert Overstreet of Eldorado, Murtrice Rodgers of Gorman, Clint Foster of Gorman, Lynn and Scythia Alldredge of Gorman, and A.B. and Dee Smithy of Gorman.

There was plenty of ham, brisket, turkey and dressing and all the trimmings and a great time was had by all present.

Mary Ann Prewitt of Fort Worth and her mother and father Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kelly of Murphy, North Carolina visited with Muriel Prewitt on Monday.

To all our customers go our hopes for peace and happiness in the New Year. Thanks for the kindness you've shown us.
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A Fire Fund has been started at First National Bank for Linda Webb. All money donations can be left at the Bank. All donations of clothes and furniture can be left at the home of Mrs. L.F. Cunningham in Gorman.

Seba Aden Williams Laid To Rest Thursday

Seba Aden Williams, 83 of Eastland, died at 3:20 A.M. Tuesday at the Eastland Memorial Hospital. Services will be at 2:00 P.M. Thursday at the United Pentecostal church, with Rev. H.F. Wilkins

officiating, assisted by Rev. Fred Waldrop and Rev. G. W. Hamilton. Burial will be in the Eastland Cemetery, directed by Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland.

Born October 1, 1901 in Corsicana, Texas, he was reared in San Saba, moving to Tennessee, and Arkansas, before moving to Eastland County in 1930. He married Elsie V. White on May 10,

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ASCS NEWS FOR DIST. 7

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM - An initial sign up for ACP cost sharing will be held December 26 through January 10. The county ASC Committee has determined that establishing permanent vegetative cover to be of high priority at this time.

Approvals will be made based on the need and priority of the practice. Any practice that is started prior to approval by the County Committee will not be eligible for cost sharing. **LONG TERM AGREEMENT SIGN-UP** - Requests for cost share under the Long Term Agreement Program (LTA) will be accepted December 26th through January 10th.

The LTA concept of solving conservation problems is to concentrate on a particular area with a contract for conservation work to be done over a 3 to 5 year period.

COUNTY ASC COMMITTEE - Delegates to the county convention elected Cecil Self to a 3 year term on the County ASC Committee. C. W. Richter was elected to a 1 year term. Wesley Warren was elected first alternate and W. D. Bailey was elected second alternate. Cecil Self will serve as Chairperson, Ronnie

1934 in Gorman. He worked for Eastland High School, and he was a member of the United Pentecostal Church in Eastland. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elsie, in 1981.

Survivors include: a son, Seba Alonzo Williams of Mansfield; a daughter, Vivian Osborn of Eastland; two brothers, Ronnie of Seguin, and U.V. of Eastland; two sisters, Mrs. Faye Smith of Hardy, Arkansas, and Mrs. Elmore of Eastland; five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, six sisters and one granddaughter.

goutas. IT IS NECESSARY that we have all peanut marketing cards returned SOON in order to make our report which is due in early January. Please assist us in this matter by returning your marketing card soon, states David W. Martin, County Executive Director. -GP-

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett, Lonnie and Jennifer Bennett spent Christmas Eve in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stevens in Eastland. All enjoyed a heavy snack supper and some enjoyed the hot tub after the meal.

Happy New Year!



As the prospect of another New Year arrives, let us renew our faith in the power of freedom for all men living together on this planet. Our best wishes to you and yours.

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Countywide 4-H Christmas Party Enjoyed By All

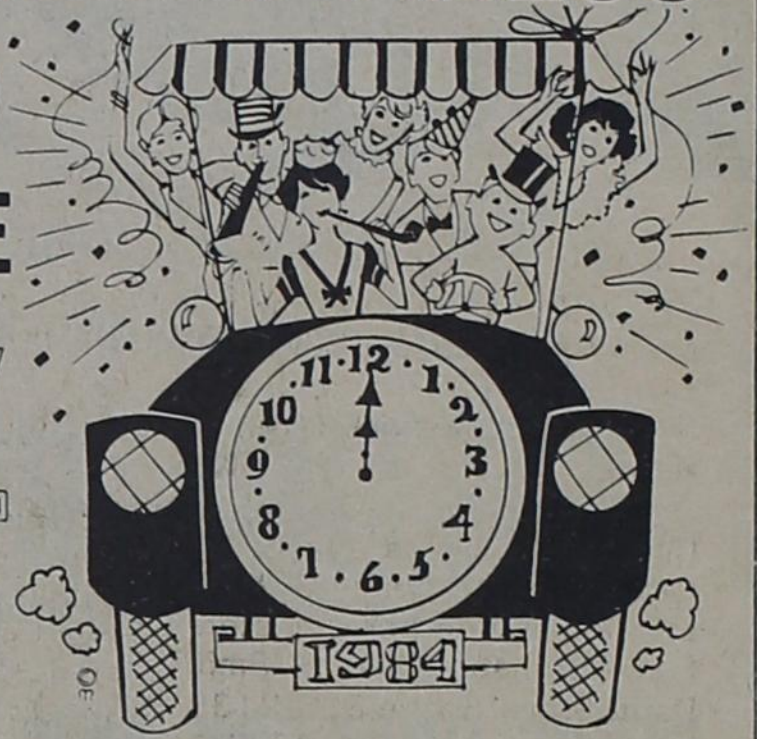
Fifty were in attendance at the County 4-H Christmas Party. The party was sponsored by the Eastland County 4-H Adult Leaders Association.

The night began with a contest of decorating the best tree. The team that won, ate first and so forth.

The night progressed with dancing and folk games. Name that Christmas Carol was played and 4-H'ers closed the evening with singing.

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James and Joetta Schuman visited on Christmas Day with Joe and Maxine Bennett after spending Christmas Eve in Ireland and Hamilton, Texas.

PSYCHOLOGY



Party planning can be hectic, so don't make it hard on

yourself, psychologists advise. Pre-plan as much as possible. Invite guests to "bring their own." Keep recipes simple—the kind that are quick to make and can be stored in the refrigerator till just before company arrives. A pitcher of iced tea, for instance, is easily made from instant powder or a sweetened flavored iced tea mix and it's a favorite with most guests!

Shirley Eaves Named Vice President and Loan Officer At First National



Shirley Eaves, of Gorman, received a promotion last week to Vice President and Loan Officer at First National Bank. She was employed at First National on July 9, 1983, as Executive Secretary and promoted to Administrative Assistant and office in June, 1983.

Mrs. Eaves was reared in Gorman and is a graduate of Gorman High School. She and her husband, Bill, have one son, David of Gorman and a daughter, Paula Harris of Albany.

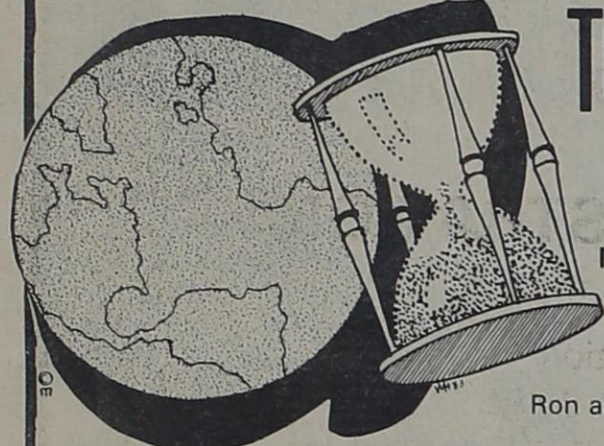
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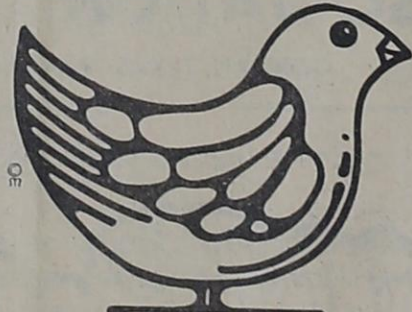
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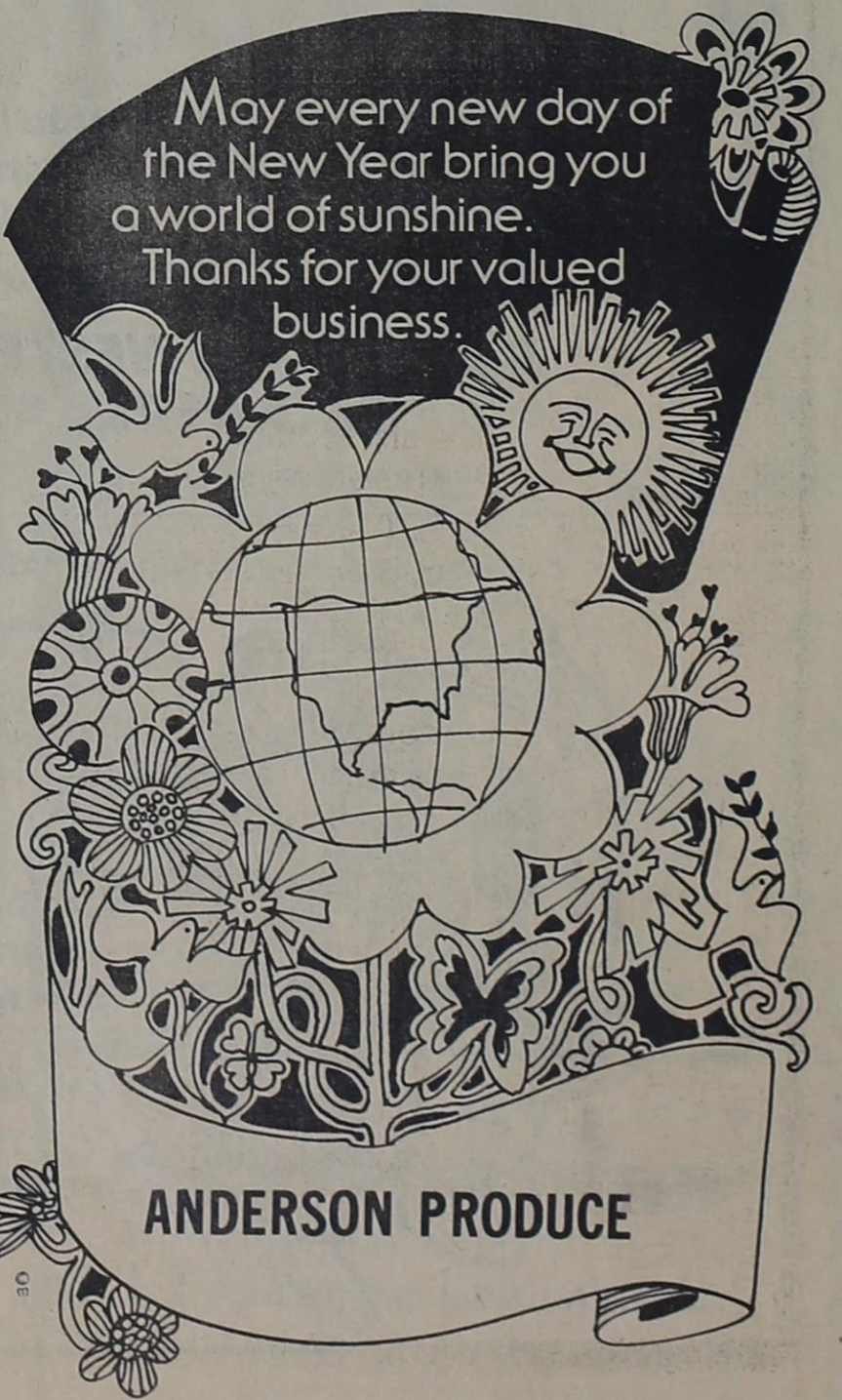
Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Bennett



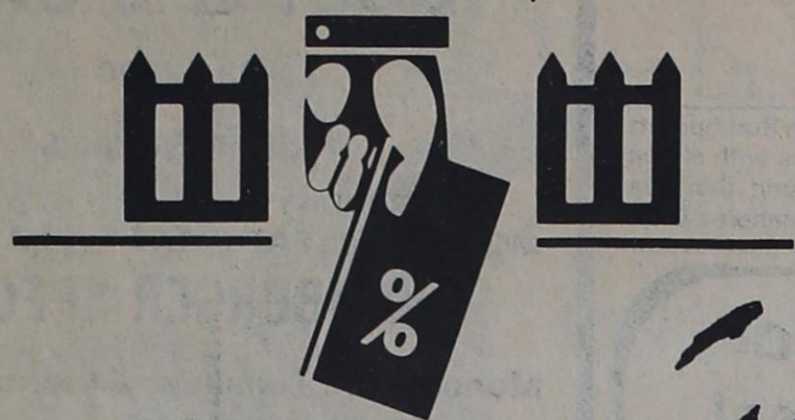
With all good wishes for the New Year, thanks, dear friends!

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Holiday Hints

You can wear your holiday spirit by placing a sprig of holly in your hair, either as a crown or perhaps tucked over one ear and fastened with a hair clip. The berries can be used to play up the color of your outfit or lipstick and add a true festive note. But even though you use holiday accents to highlight your hair, you'll still need healthy looking hair to do justice to your holiday look. Turn up the volume with softness—Agree shampoo and conditioner are formulated to provide that extra body and manageability.



An additional way to turn up the volume in your hair is to invest in jewelry for the hair—a jeweled barrette, a velvet clip or bow, feathers, a brightly colored ribbon or even decorative chopsticks! You can let the "holly-days" go to your head.

Long-Lasting Lovers

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January 11, 1985

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LOCAL GRADUATES RECEIVE DEGREES

STEPHENVILLE* TX - Degrees were awarded to a total of 198 graduates in commencement exercises held Sunday, Dec. 16 at Tarleton State University. The number included 38 Master's degrees and 160 undergraduate degrees.

J. Louis Evans, former Director of Information at TSU, was speaker for the winter commencement which was held in Wisdom Gymnasium. Evans was associated with the university in various capacities for over 20 years and served for many

years as Executive Secretary of the Tarleton Alumni Association. He retired last August.

W.C. Lancaster Vice Chancellor for Budget and Human Resources, attended the commencement bringing greetings from The Texas A&M University System. Tarleton President Dr. Barry B. Thompson and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Robert Fain conferred the degrees on the candidates.

Among the graduates were:

CARBON

James Craig Wood, BS - Agri-Business

DE LEON

Ashley Craton Emerson, BS - Criminal Justice
James Michael Gardner, BAAS - Business Administration
Christina Keith Hammonds, BBA - Business Administration
Terri Lynn Sons, BSW - Social Work
Julie Lee Andress Stokes, BBA - Business Administration

EASTLAND

Nida Ann Bennett, BS - Sociology
Sidney Dale Woods, BS - Agriculture Education

GORMAN

Carol A. Beyer Ables, BA - English

Stephen L. Keith, BS - Physical Education
Sandra Jaye Porter, BS - Biology
Rebecca Jo Swanner, BBA - Business Administration
Lonnie Charles White, BS - Physical Education
Enid Kay Williams, BA - English
Stephenville, formerly of Rt. 3 Gorman.

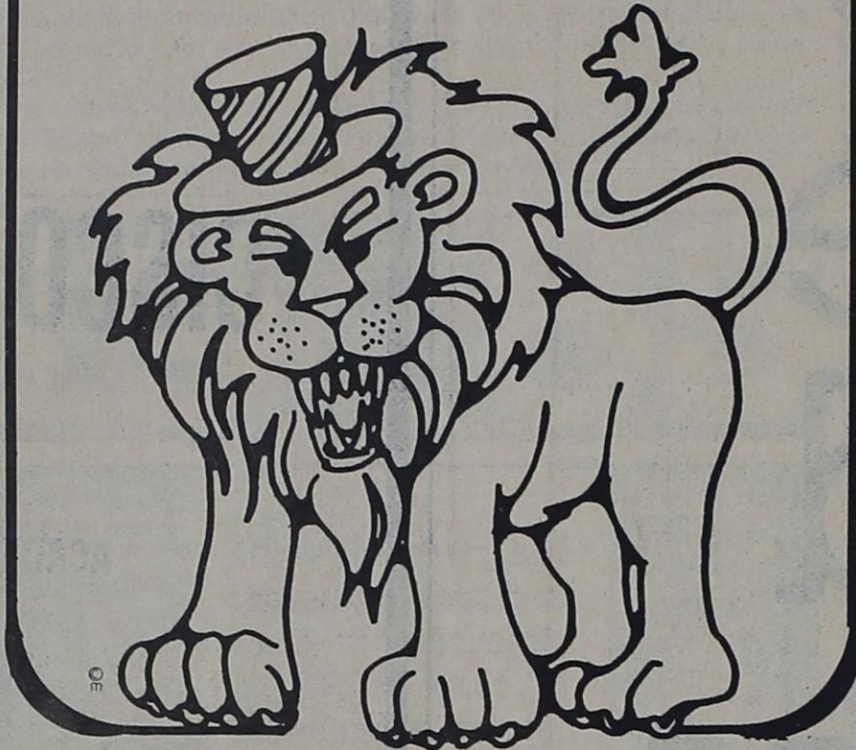
Lonnie and Jennifer Bennett of Eastland were in Burkburnett of Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stevens, Natalie and Greg, and Mr. Virgil Stevens all and some from Oklahoma City.

Let's hope this year is a roaring success!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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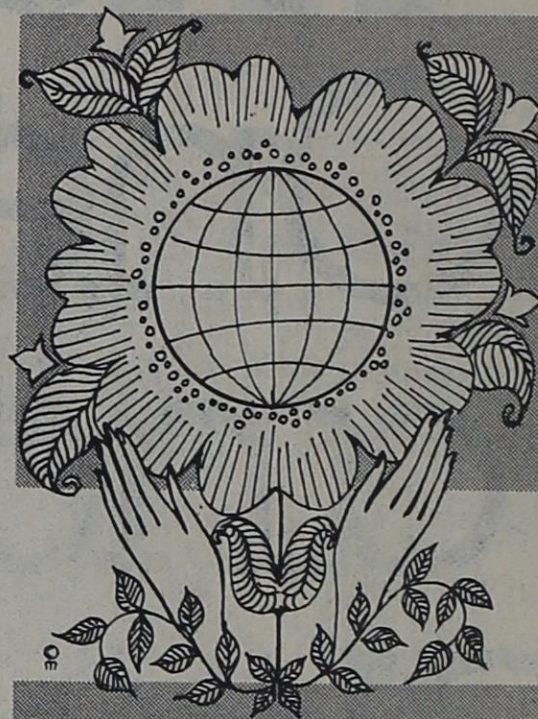
Let's build together for the future of our children and the strength of our nation.

A very prosperous New Year, all.



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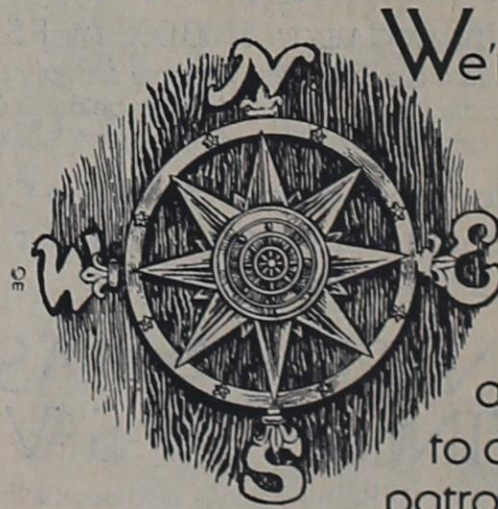
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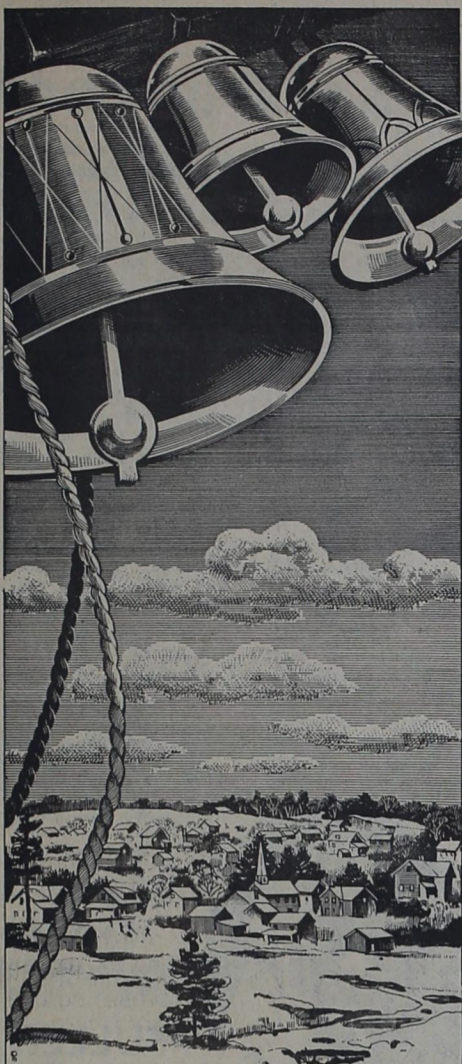
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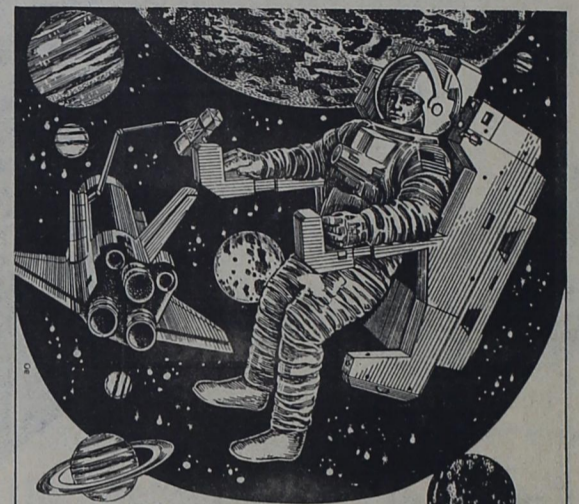
basket with cotton (for snow!) and fill with assorted wrapped goodies like gum drops, candy canes, chocolate Santas, etc.

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The Pawnee is a selection from a Mowhawk and Starking Hardy Giant cross made in 1963 at Brownwood. It takes a long time to breed and develop a new pecan variety. A bud from the resulting seedling was propagated to a large tree in

1964, and fruited in 1969. Scionwood or graft wood was distributed to cooperating growers for testing over a wide area beginning in 1978.

As a young tree, Pawnee grows very fast, often producing long unbranched limbs. The trees later branch well, fruit throughout the trees, and have strong branch angles.

Early data indicate that this variety bears early and heavy. Pawnee produced 2,700 pounds per acre in 1983

in El Paso. One big advantage of Pawnee is that it matures very early, about September 15-30 in Eastland County. This early nut maturity possibly will contribute to the regular bearing potential of this variety, by allowing more time for replenishment of tree carbohydrate reserves in the period between nut maturity and tree dormancy.

Pawnee should have good scab resistance in this area. It has shown no or slight

scab when Western Schley was severely infected. It has fair resistance to downy spot, being more resistant than Wichita, Mohawk, or Choctaw, but it is less resistant than Cheyenne.

Pawnee sheds pollen early, as does Cheyenne, Western and Desirable. It should be a good pollinator to plant with Wichita, Choctaw, Shoshoni, Tejas and other late pollen shedding varieties.

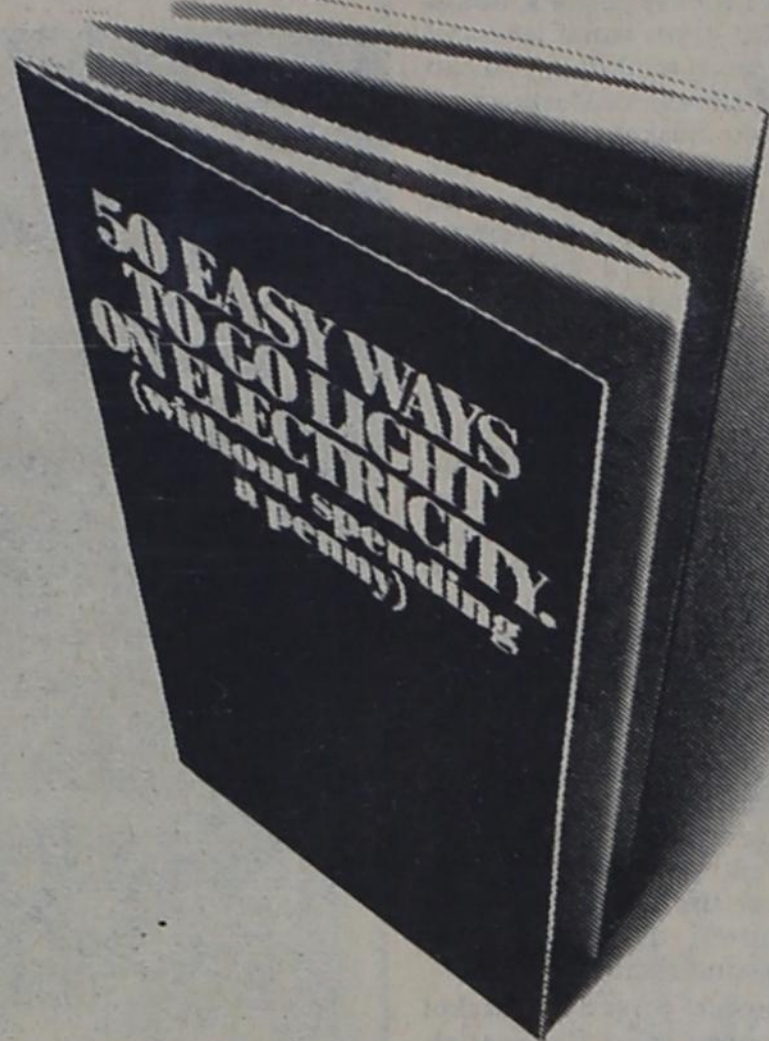
Nut quality in general is excellent, and in-shell appearance and size are good. Kernel percentage is higher than most varieties, 50 to 50% kernel and kernel color is very good. Nuts of this variety have consistently been rated very high for suitability for the Thanksgiving and Christmas trade by industry personnel in Texas and Georgia.

Budwood and graftwood will be supplied only to nurserymen and state universities and experiment stations in 1985. Growers may purchase graftwood or budded nursery trees from nurseries in 1986 and thereafter. A list of nurseries

that will have this new variety will be available later.

Pawnee is the 16th variety released by the fifty-three-year-old Brownwood pecan breeding program.

Other varieties developed by the research station are Barton (released in 1953) Comanche (1955), Choctaw and Wichita (1959), Apache and Sioux (1961), Mohawk (1965), Caddo and Shawnee (1968), Cheyenne (1970), Cherokee (1971), Chickasaw and Shoshoni (1972), Tejas (1973), and Kiowa (1976). Wichita is currently the most popular pecan variety in the world, as far as number of trees being propagated. Also, Cheyenne is recommended for planting in more states by agricultural extension personnel than any other variety. Choctaw, Kiowa, Shoshoni, Sioux, Tejas, and some others are also very popular with growers.



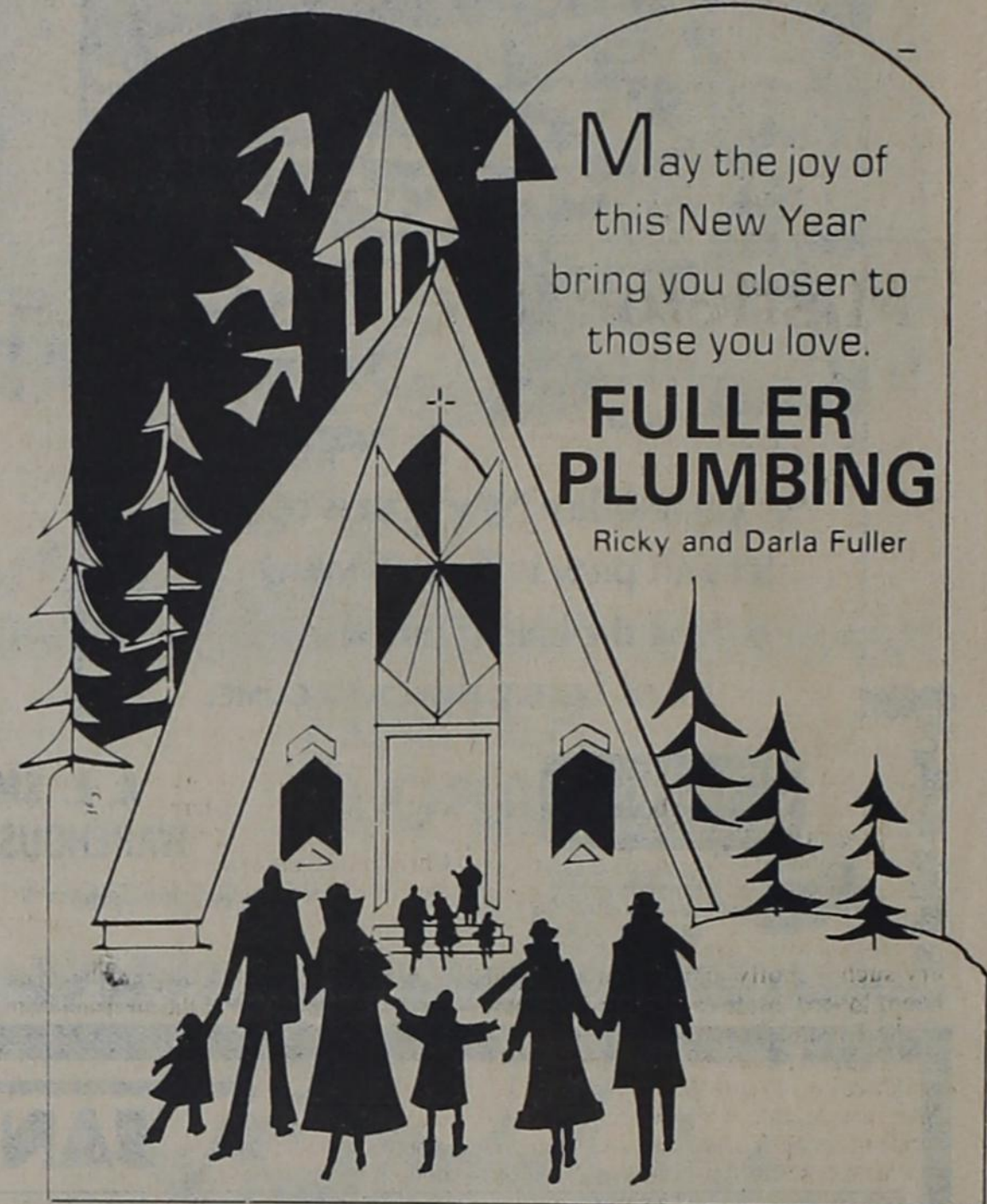
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The spirit of Christmas fills hearts and homes with joy

Yuletide messages of love, reverence, hope, reflected in customs from around the world

The music of carols fills the air, ringing in the brisk December afternoon. The sun, setting early, touches innumerable shaggy evergreens and buildings decked for Christmas with its pinkening rays, endowing them with a misty, almost mystical appearance. It's Christmas eve, and stores are bustling with last-minute shoppers, searching yet for the perfect present for the special people in their lives.

Back at home, a sense of merriment prevails as fireplaces are hung with garlands of greenery, and Christmas trees adorned with a variety of dazzling ornaments — family heirlooms, glistening metallic balls, candy canes stripped of their plastic wrappings.

Upstairs, in a secret place, mom and dad play Santa Claus, and put the final wrappings on the presents. Later, after the children are asleep, they will file silently downstairs, arms overflowing with brightly decorated packages and a multitude of items meant to fill the row of stockings hanging from the mantel.

These are the elements of the contemporary American Christmas, a time of merriment for all and more crucially a time of joy, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Some people believe that the true importance of the holiday is disguised by the glitter and the plenty of its manifestations. Most, however, see the many ways of celebrating Christmas as an outpouring of good will and fellowship, an occasion to enjoy and, even more important, to give pleasure — to friends, to family, and especially to people unknown: the needy who benefit from Christmastime generosity, the lonely who can enjoy Christmas too, thanks to the thoughtfulness of people they have never met.

Virtually every country on the globe has a different way of celebrating this important holiday, and all of them — merry or serene — are reflections of its joyfulness.

In Italy, the *presepio*, or *creche*, is the focus of much care and love, as elaborate manger scenes are constructed by eager hands. Everything is put in place on Christmas eve — the manger itself, the animals, the angels, the shepherds, Joseph and Mary. But, it is not till Christmas morning that the tiny figure of the infant Jesus is placed lovingly in the crib, traditionally by the mother of the house.

In Germany, the country that gave the world the Christmas tree, the tree is the natural center of activity. The mother of the

house is responsible for trimming it, and absolute secrecy prevails till she has completed her task.

For weeks prior to Christmas, she has been baking a vast assortment of cookies in decorative shapes — some are used as ornaments for the tree; more are eaten by the happy household.

In Poland, the Star of Bethlehem shines its rays over the Christmas festivities, a sign of the end of the Advent fast and the beginning of Christmas feasting. A Star Man and Star Boys pay each household a visit after supper has ended. Garbed in elaborate costumes, they orchestrate the Christmas eve activities, with the Star Man quizzing the children on the catechism, and giving them small gifts as reward for good performance, while the Star Boys regale the household with carols.

In Mexico, the poinsettias add brilliance to the Christmas festivities; its bright red and green leaves contribute to Mexicans' sense of it as the "flower of the holy night." Besides the poinsettia, the other uniquely Mexican contribution to Christmas celebrations is the *pinata*, a hollow vessel shaped like an animal or person, often fantastical, which is filled with a multitude of toys and candy. The children of the house are each blindfolded in turn, and given a stick with which to break the *pinata*. When one of them succeeds, they all share the favors that come tumbling out of it.

In Syria, a quieter tradition of Christmas celebrations prevails. The youngest son of each household reads out loud the story of the Nativity from the Bible, surrounded by his family, who sit quiet and attentive in a courtyard lit by a myriad of flickering candles. The gates of each home are locked — a sobering reminder of past years when religious persecution resulted in all worship being conducted in secrecy.

While the child reads from the Gospel, the father of the family lights a pile of wood which has been readied. The blaze is watched closely, for tradition states that the way in which it burns will reflect the family's fortune in the new year. While waiting for the fire to burn itself out, the family sings psalms; when it is burned to embers, a wish is made, and each member of the family leaps over the fire's smouldering remains. A very different way of celebrating the Christmas holiday, indeed.

It remains a fact that, the world over, the Christmas spirit makes itself felt in a multitude of ways. And, every one, as it should be, is an expression of joy.

"All is calm, all is bright"



A WHITE CHRISTMAS, as interpreted by the great 19th century illustrator, Randolph Caldecott, in one of his illustrations for the Washington Irving classic, *Old Christmas*. Courtesy of Sleepy Hollow Restorations.

Mistletoe lore, traditions

Kissing beneath the mistletoe — a charming custom that virtually all of us have indulged in at one time or another.

As the Christmas season rolls around, fellows vie to hang the sprig of mistletoe from doorways, somewhat hidden from view, only to surprise an unsuspecting young lady with a kiss when she steps through the door and under the mistletoe.

Like many other Christmas traditions observed in this country, kissing under the mistletoe would seem to have originated in England. Numerous variations of the custom existed there.

One instructed young men to pluck a berry from the mistletoe bough each time they kissed a young lady. When all the berries were gone, the kissing was over.

In many parts of England, the Kissing Bunch was popular. This was an extremely elaborate arrangement of greenery such as holly and ivy on a pair of hoops looped inside each other. Also part of the Kissing Bunch were colored ribbons, apples, oranges and paper roses, and three dolls, representing Jesus Christ, Mary and Joseph, which were hung from inside the hoops or, on occasion, arranged in a manger scene. From the bottom of the Kissing Bunch depended a sprig of mistletoe.

The Kissing Bunch would be hung in the center of a room, and all who passed under it would earn the right to seize a kiss.

A related custom is practiced in Austria and the Alpine region on New Year's Eve. There, the local inn is decked out in greenery, and the main room decorated with a pine wreath hanging from the roof beams.

In one corner of the room, a masked man lurks. He is known as "Sylvester," appears old and hideous, and wears a wreath of mistletoe. Whenever a young man or woman passes under the pine wreath, it is Sylvester's privilege to leap out and plant a rough kiss on the individual's cheek. However, his reign is short-lived for at midnight he is chased away — a grotesque figure of the year which is now gone.

Why all this fuss about mistletoe? What legends, hid in the mists of time, have impressed upon this parasitic evergreen which lives upon non-evergreens, and particularly the oak, an importance of this sort?

Many pre-Christian cultures have revered the mistletoe. It was probably Sir James Frazer's "golden bough," a central

metaphor in classical mythology.

In Norse mythology, too, it is of central importance, for it was with an arrow made from mistletoe that the Scandinavian hero Balder was killed.

His mother, the goddess Frigga, cried passionately and, so the legend says, every one of her tears became the mistletoe's white berries.

In order to console Frigga for her son's death, the other Norse gods decreed that mistletoe should no longer be an independent plant, but become a parasite and, instead of being the cause of woe, should bring about good will — thus was born the custom of kissing underneath it.

The Druids, the Celtic priests of pre-Christian Britain, revered the holy mistletoe, which grew entwined on their sacred oak, and which they believed to contain the soul of the living oak tree.

According to Druidic legend, the mistletoe, which grew out of the air itself, clung to the oak tree for support.

At the New Year, the Druids engaged in an elaborate ceremony which centered on the mistletoe. One Druid, garbed in white, would climb an oak tree and cut down a bough of mistletoe with a golden sickle.

Below the tree, to catch the mistletoe as it fell, was a white cloth, for the Druids believed that the mistletoe must never touch the ground lest it be sullied. Once this part of the ceremony was complete, two white bulls would be sacrificed, and prayers were intoned.

The Druids believed that the mistletoe had great curative powers, and called it the "all-healer." Applied to barren animals, it would make them bear young, and it was efficacious against poisons, epilepsy, consumption and the like. It was generally hung above doorways or over the fireplace.

Christian legend has it that the mistletoe, originally a free-standing tree, was the wood used for the Cross. However, because of the evil purpose it served it suffered the fate of becoming a parasite, never again to live independently but always to live on another plant.

Another related legend states the mistletoe, after being used for the Cross, shrank to its lowly, shriveled state — a fit punishment for the use to which it was put.

However, it is its role as a tool of evil for the eventual attainment of good that gives mistletoe its place in myth and legend, and reinforces its importance in the celebration of Christmas.

How much do you know about the Twelve Days of Christmas?

The Twelve Days of Christmas are familiar to most people, chiefly as the *raison d'etre* of a fabulous giftfest comprising such unlikely presents as swans, geese, leaping lads, dancing ladies and the immortal partridge in its pear tree, star of innumerable Christmas cards.

Everyone, of course, knows Christmas Day itself (which, depending on which calendar you are using, is either the first of the Twelve Days or just prior to them), as well as Epiphany, January 6, the Twelfth Day (according to some systems of counting, the 13th), which signifies the close of the Christmas season. But how many people can recite the Holy Days which fall between the two?

The concept of the Twelve Days probably originated as a Teutonic, pre-Christian holdover, which was seized upon by the Church as a convenient link between Christmas and Epiphany, and only a few of the days are traditionally celebrated.

These are St. Stephen's Day (December 26), St. John's Day (December 27) and Holy Innocents Day, also known as Childermas (December 28).

St. Stephen's Day honors the first martyr of the Christian church, who died a gruesome death by stoning in 33 A.D.

Because St. Stephen is the patron saint of horses, the date was considered propitious for such activities as sweating and bleeding horses.

In Sweden, where the holiday was most extensively observed, it was traditional for peasants to travel — sometimes a great distance — to neighboring farms to care for each other's horses on St. Stephen's Day.

Also in Sweden, St. Stephen's Day was customarily celebrated with horse racing, presumably a throwback to pagan purification rituals which were centered around horseback riding and races.

St. John's Day is associated chiefly with the tradition of drinking wine which has been blessed, and which was believed to render the imbiber safe from the effects of poison throughout the coming year.

This custom commemorates a cup of poisoned wine which St. John the Apostle drank when challenged by a pagan priestess to do so as a test of God's power. Miraculously, St. John drank the wine without ill effects, having first made the sign of the cross over it.

Variations on the theme in regions of Europe have believers drinking consecrated wine to protect them from a wide assortment of ills; not only poison, but

lightning, ill health, a poor harvest and spoiled wine.

This has caused speculation among scholars that the drinking — sometimes to excess! — of wine on St. John's Day arose as a holdover from a pagan wine sacrifice.

At any rate, wine drinking on December 27th was so widespread that certain 17th century German scholars wittily suggested that *Weihnacht* — the German name for Christmas — might well be changed to *Weihnacht*, wine night.

Childermas, the last in this triad of holy days, marks Herod's massacre of the innocents, by which means he hoped to kill the infant Jesus.

It is, according to tradition, a particularly unlucky date. No one, if he could help it, would begin something on that day. King Edward IV of England went so far as to postpone his coronation, originally scheduled for Holy Innocents Day, and King Louis XI of France categorically refused to transact business on that date.

Leaving matters of state aside, housewives in Cornwall in Southern England refused to scrub their abodes on Childermas, and their counterparts in Northamptonshire eschewed doing the wash.

Tracing the spicy history of mincemeat, a favorite Yuletide dessert, from the Middle Ages through today

Merry-making often takes place around a table. Hence, for each holiday, there is an assortment of traditional dishes without which the occasion would not be complete.

Christmas dinner is simply not Christmas dinner without a roast goose or turkey as a main dish, and without mince pie for dessert.

In fact, so central is mince pie to the celebration of Christmas that it is considered bad luck to turn down a portion of mincemeat during Christmas dinner — a year's worth of misfortune, to be precise.

On the other hand, mincemeat lovers will be glad to learn that, for every day during the Twelve Days of Christmas in which they partake of mincemeat at a different home, they will enjoy a month of happiness in the coming year.

The tradition of serving mincemeat at Christmas is centuries old. Since the Middle Ages, when the Crusaders brought back to England the first fragrant spices out of the east, British cooks have been

preparing mincemeat pies — originally called "shrid pies" — and, somewhat later, "shredded pies" — to commemorate the Christmas holiday.

The use of spices had a two-fold importance. Primarily, the spices acted as a preservative, increasing the staying power of the meat which was the most important ingredient in mincemeat. The spices also had a symbolic importance, as they represented the gifts which the three Magi brought to the infant Christ.

This symbolism was enhanced by the shape in which the pie was baked. A rectangular form, called a "coffin," was used — a visual metaphor for Christ's cradle, according to some experts; for his sepulchre, according to others. Oftentimes, this metaphor was extended by decorating the top of the mince pie with an image of the Holy Infant.

The form and symbolism of the mince pie contributed to its popularity during the centuries before the Puritan regime in England; however, once the Puritans took

control of the British government, they outlawed mince pie. For, strict in their rules and expectations, they saw mince pie as it was baked and served, as "an abomination, idolatry, superstition and popish observance."

In order to get around the ban on this Christmas favorite, British bakers resulted to subterfuge; they rechristened them Christmas pies, and changed their shape to round — which it has remained.

As "Christmas pie," the mince pie played an important role in a small episode of British history, which was commemorated in a familiar nursery rhyme, "Little Jack Horner."

During the reign of Henry VIII, the monarch who confiscated church lands on any pretext he could devise, one prelate decided to buy him off with the gift of 12 deeds to various valuable estates in his control which he baked inside a mince pie for secrecy's sake.

This pie was given to the churchman's servant, Thomas Horner, to deliver to the king. Horner, apprised of what the pie contained, opened it up and extracted one valuable deed for himself before delivering the pie with the remaining deeds to the monarch, thus giving an anonymous rhymer a lively subject for doggerel which ran as follows:

"Little Jack Horner sat in a corner eating his Christmas pie; he put in his thumb and pulled out a plum, and said, 'What a good boy am I!'"

Today, in England, Jack Horner Pie is a popular Christmas gift. It is not a food-stuff, however, but a package in the shape of a pie which contains an assortment of small presents.

Mince pie is, of course, still popular in England, though its ingredients have changed markedly over the centuries. In the 17th century, one recipe for mincemeat called for lamb, suet, currants, raisins, sugar, coriander seed, allspice, cloves, black pepper and salt.

By the 19th century the recipe had been considerably elaborated. For instance, one Victorian "receipt" book called for mincemeat to be made with the following ingredients: beef suet, apples, currants, raisins, sugar, citron, candied lemon and orange peel, roast beef, nutmeg, salt, ginger, coriander seed, allspice, cloves, lemon juice, brandy and sweet wine. (The liquors, one assumes, took over some of the preservative function of the spices.)

Eliza Acton, one of the grand dames of 19th century cooking, included a recipe in her cookbook for Mince Pie Royal which, instead of being covered by a top crust, were crowned instead by a great puff of meringue, baked till golden.

In Victorian times, the mincemeat filling itself was usually made weeks or even months in advance and, lacking refrigera-

tion, was preserved by being packaged in small jars which were tightly covered by a paper soaked in brandy or other spirit.

Today, unfortunately, there has been a further change in the preparation of mincemeat, and the ingredient often lacking is the one for which it was named — the meat, itself.

If you'd like to try mincemeat the way it was made in Queen Victoria's day, the following recipe, adapted from Eliza Acton's original by Lorna Sass for her unique volume, *Christmas Feasts from History* (Irena Chalmers Cookbooks, Inc.) is a good place to start.

Included from Sass' volume is the recipe for Superlative Mincemeat and the one for Mince Pies Royal.

For, each custom or tradition remembered enriches immeasurably our understanding, and deepens our appreciation of the heritage which has made us what we are.

MINCE PIES ROYAL

Makes 12 3 1/2-inch tartlets

- 1 pound Superlative Mincemeat (see preceding recipe)
- 10 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- Grated rind of 2 lemons
- 1/4 cup clarified butter
- 8 egg yolks
- 3 egg whites

FOR THE SHORT CRUST:

- 2 tablespoons sugar
- Scant 2 cups flour
- 1 1/2 sticks (6 ounces) chilled butter, cut into bits
- 2 tablespoons ice water

In a bowl, combine Superlative Mincemeat with 6 tablespoons of sugar, the lemon juice, lemon rind, clarified butter and egg yolks. Blend well and set aside.

To prepare the crust, combine the flour with the sugar in a bowl or in a food processor. Cut the butter into the flour until the mixture resembles oatmeal. Rapidly blend the ice water into the flour and knead briefly.

Lightly grease 12 tartlet shells. On a lightly floured board, roll out the dough until it is about 1/4 inch thick. (You may fold the dough a few times, envelope fashion, as for puff pastry, but this instruction in the original recipe does not seem worth the effort.) Cut out circles and press them into the tartlet shells, making sure to patch up any holes.

Spoon some mincemeat into each shell and bake for 20 minutes. When the filling is set, beat the egg whites with the remaining 4 tablespoons of sugar until stiff. Spread this meringue over each tartlet and bake for 25 minutes longer. Remove the tartlets from the oven and cool them on a rack for about 10 minutes. To remove them from the tins, run a knife along the edges and gently pry them out.

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Manage Soil To Boost Moisture

COLLEGE STATION - With this year's drought still fresh on their minds, Texas farmers can take steps in managing their crop land to better deal with dry weather should it occur again next year.

"The time to prepare for a drought is well before it hits," points out Dr. Ed Colburn, agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. "This means managing the soil properly prior to the next crop year to improve its water storage capacity."

Practicing conservation tillage can go a long way in conserving rainfall that occurs during the fall winter month, Colburn points out. This means leaving part of the previous crop's residue - at least 30% - on the soil surface and then planting the next crop into that soil-residue mix.

"Conservation tillage helps to improve soil moisture conditions by increasing water infiltration and slowing evaporation from the soil," says Colburn. "It also reduces soil compaction, runoff and erosion and increases a soil's water storage capacity. That extra inch or two of stored moisture could help carry a crop through a dry spell."

Colburn advises farmers to choose a tillage operation that will leave a considerable amount of crop residue on the soil surface. While listing and

moldboard plowing reduce crop residue by as much as 90%, disking reduces residues by about 50% and chiseling and subsoiling reduce residue only 20 to 25%.

"Crop residue on the soil surface will intercept rainfall, thus reducing soil dispersion and surface sealing and increasing water infiltration and storage," Colburn explains. "That's why residue management is so important, particularly during fallow periods, mainly the fall and winter seasons, when rainfall may be significant."

Conservation tillage requires increased management, adds the agronomist, including a good knowledge of the effectiveness of various herbicides in each weed control situation.

Where soil compaction is a problem, Colburn advises farmers to use deep tillage operations, particularly chiseling, to improve the situation. Again, such an operation in the fall can help the soil store up moisture from winter and early spring rains.

Furrow diking is another practice that inables farmers to make more efficient use of rainfall as well as irrigation water. Furrow diking involves a tillage practice in which mounds of soil are mechanically placed at intervals across the furrow, thus forming small basins, the agronomist explains. These basins trap and hold rainfall so that the moisture can infiltrate the soil rather than being lost as runoff.

"Furrow diking can be and espec-

4-H CLOTHING PROJECT

January begins the 4-H Clothing Project. Last year we had over a 90% increase in participation in the project. We hope to again reach this percentage and more. Jan. 5, 1985 will be a countywide Clothing Training for 4-H youth and adults.

The program will be conducted at the Texas Electric Reddy Room, 9:30-12:00 Noon. There will be four sections featuring: Allene Smith speaking on Cosmetics; Darla Cagle on Color Selection; Sherry Arther will demonstrate hair styles and accessories; Laura Cox will present modeling.

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ially valuable practice in areas where rainfall comes in short, heavy spurts," says Colburn.

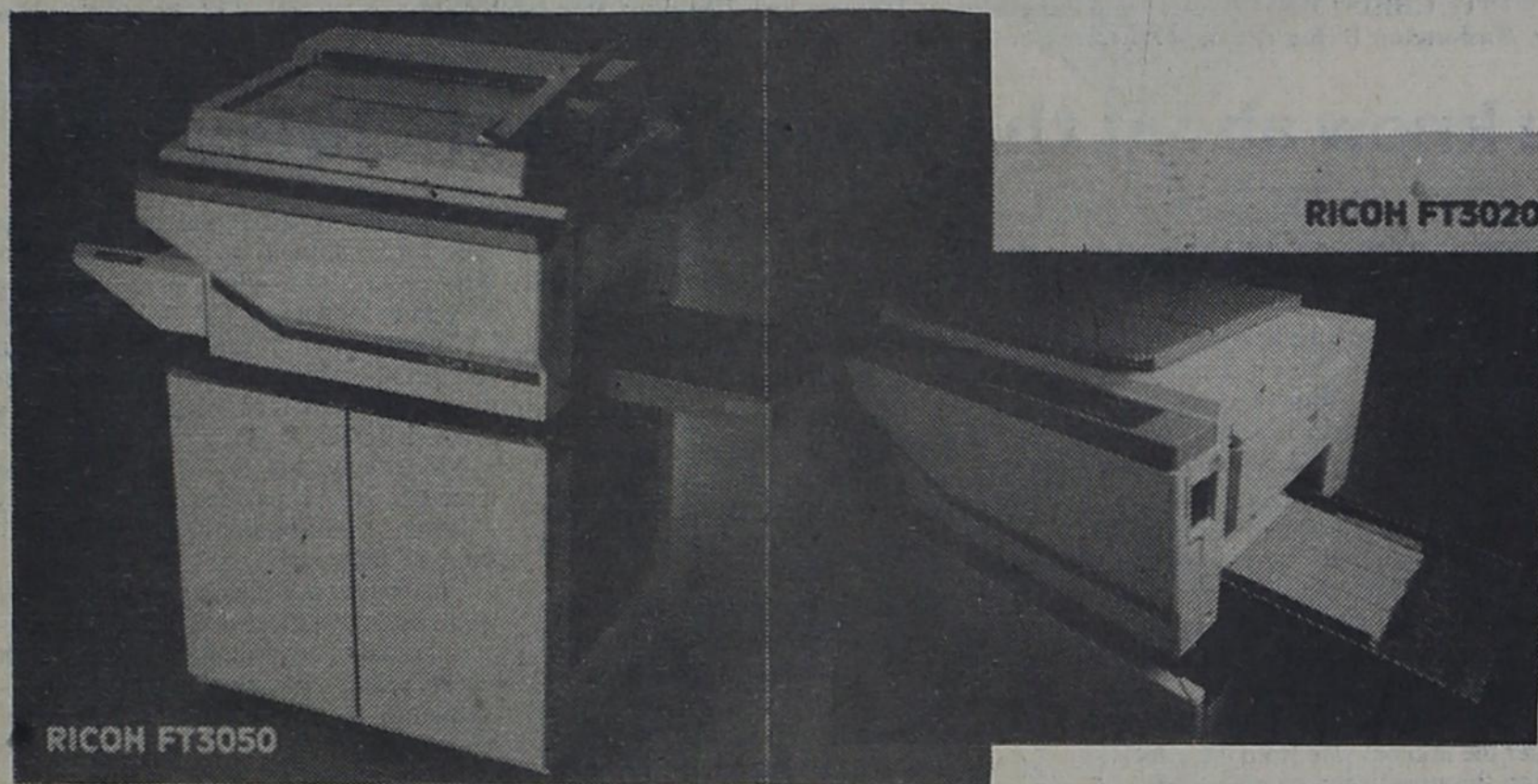
He points out that furrow diking more than doubled dryland grain sorghum yields in test at the USDA Southwestern Great Plains Research Center at Bushland and at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Vernon-Chillicothe.

So, as farmers contemplate next year's crops and the vagaries of weather, they need to do their part in overcoming dry conditions by practicing soil management techniques that can improve water storage, notes Colburn. That extra bit of moisture in the soil could make a big difference in crop production next summer.

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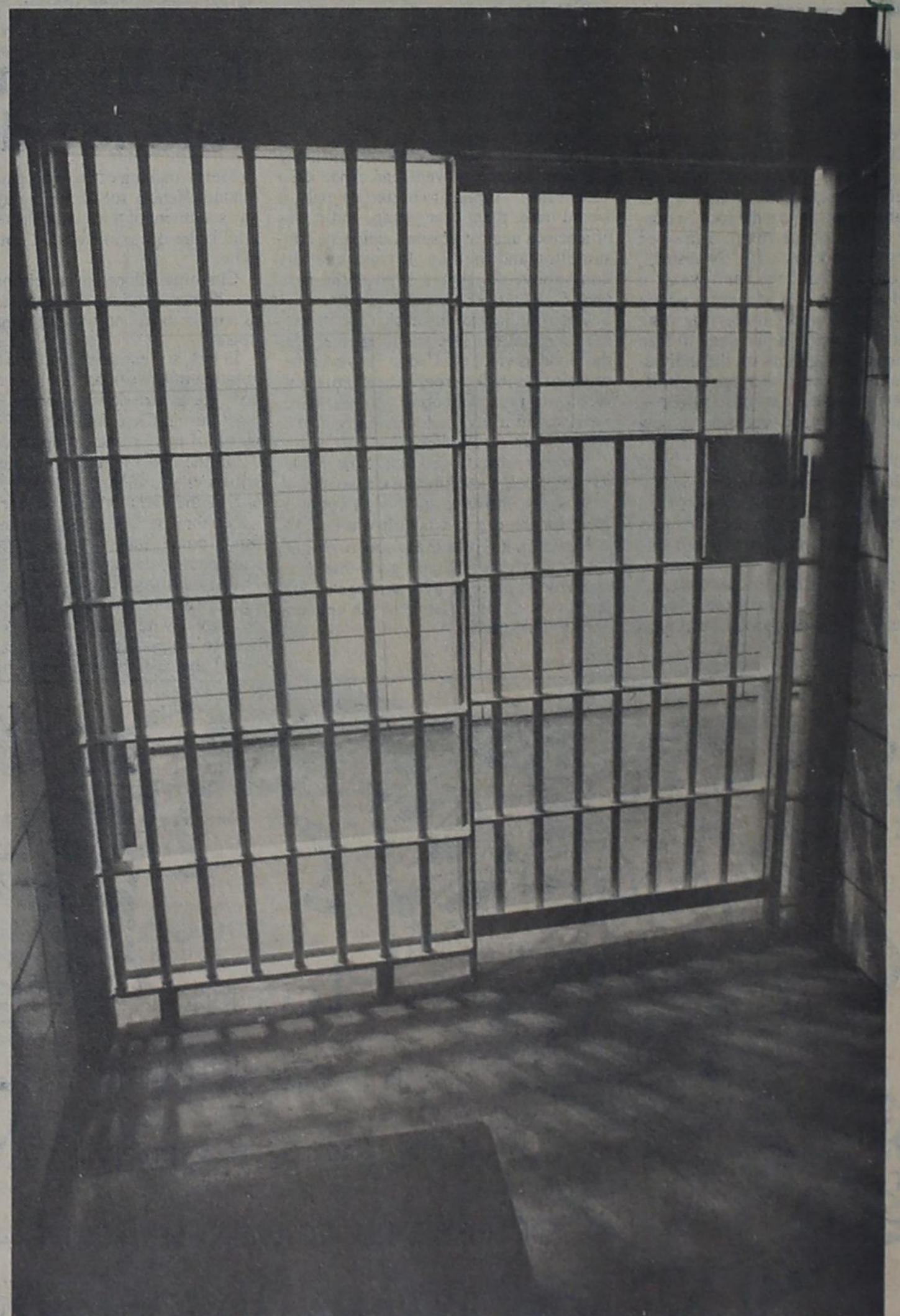
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