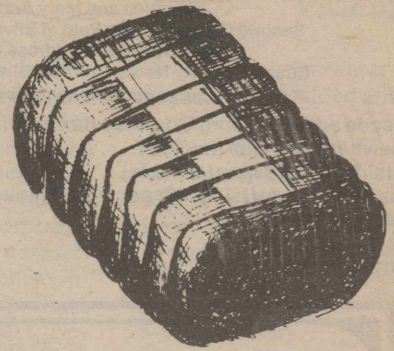
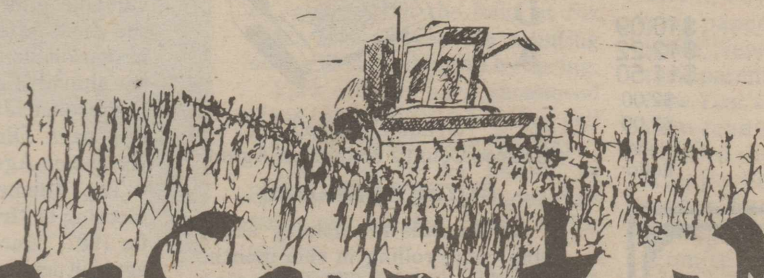


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All Around
The Town



BY MARY ANN SARCHET

Our hearts are filled with gratitude to you for the outpouring of love and sympathy during the illness and following the death of our mother. You sustained us with your friendship and assistance, the food you prepared for us, your cards, phone calls, memorials, flowers and other thoughtful acts.

There's no way we can repay you, but we promise to spend the rest of our lives returning these favors to others through community service.

Our family spent Christmas in the home of Ken, Jonann, Brandon, Jordan and Molly in Lubbock. We were joined there by my brother's family from Tulia on Christmas Eve.

Senior Citizen Center Hostesses for January

Mon., Jan. 5--Neva Garvin
Thurs., Jan. 8--Lucy McDaniel
Fri., Jan. 9--Myrt Edwards
Mon., Jan. 12--Ruby Gilkeyson
Thurs., Jan. 15--Marie Boling
Fri., Jan. 16--Luncheon
Mon., Jan. 19--Pauline Chitty
Thurs., Jan. 22--Grace Vaughan
Fri., Jan. 23--Lorene Voyles
Mon., Jan. 26--Easter Ivory
Thurs., Jan. 29--Pauline Benefield
Fri., Jan. 30--Nannie Bomar

Senior Citizens to Have Birthday Party

The regular monthly birthday party for Silverton Senior Citizens will be held at the Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 6.

The December birthday people will be hosts for the January party.

Name Omitted From Christmas Greeting Page Last Week

The name of Ruby Gilkeyson was received too late for inclusion on the L. O. A. Junior Study Club's Christmas Greeting Page in last week's paper.

Mrs. Gilkeyson also donated to the fund for the repair of street signs in Silverton.

New ASCS Office Hours To Begin January 6

Due to the continuing heavy workload, the Briscoe County ASCS office will be closed until 12:00 noon each Tuesday and Thursday, beginning January 6, 1987.

This is to be done on a trial basis in hope that some of the backlog of work can be completed in a more timely manner.

Telephones will be in use; however, you are asked not to call during the hours the office is closed unless you feel this is absolutely necessary.

The office personnel realizes this is not the best time of the year to start closing for two one-half days. Producers are bringing cotton, grain sorghum, warehouse receipts, requesting

loans, some are requesting cotton loan deficiency payments and the ongoing 1987 farm program sign-up is in progress.

Judging from the cooperation the office has received from Briscoe County producers in the past, the office personnel knows they can count on those who will be affected to understand the need to be closed two one-half days each week.

F. W. Woolworth opened his first store in Utica, New York on February 22, 1879, based on the principle of selling "nothing over 5 cents." The public did not take to the idea, and he moved to Pennsylvania.

1986 Rainfall Far Exceeds Normal

Rainfall which fell on Silverton during 1986 far exceeded the annual normal figure of 20.50 inches. Only three-quarters of an inch of moisture was received in December, but this brought the 1986 total to 31.45 inches.

January	.00
February	1.08
March	.30
April	1.60
May	3.45
June	6.57
July	.16
August	7.35
September	2.79
October	5.10
November	2.30
December	.75
Total	31.45

Sales Tax Rate Increases January 1

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Tuesday reminded Texans not to forget the increase in the sales tax rate that begins New Year's Day—January 1, 1987.

"Only the rate has changed. In every case, what is and what is not taxable under current sales tax law remains the same when the new law goes into effect January 1," reminded Bullock.

A special session of the Texas Legislature raised the state's sales tax rate one and one-eighth percent to deal with a shortfall of tax revenue caused by the collapse of oil prices.

The state sales tax rate goes from 4.125 to 5.25 percent.

Comptroller Bullock said that in many areas of Texas the state rate and local sales taxes, including transit and city sales taxes will put the combined rate to as much as 7.25 percent. In making accounting changes to collect the new tax rate, businesses should have adjusted cash registers and alerted and trained their personnel to collect sales tax at the new local rate.

The new law also raised the motor fuels tax five cents—from ten cents to fifteen cents a gallon.

"My office has contacted taxpayers and sent new rate cards and updated information on these state tax changes," Bullock said.

Texans with questions may call the Comptroller's office toll-free line at 1-800-252-5555.

Mrs. Fogerson Receives Her Masters Degree

Lynda Fogerson received the master of education degree in agricultural education in commencement ceremonies in G. Rollie White Coliseum at Texas A&M University December 12.

Commencement speaker was Dr. Barry Thompson, President of Tarleton State University. Diplomas were presented by Dr. Frank Vandiver, President of Texas A&M University.

Attending the graduation were her husband, Stan Fogerson, and daughter, Kristy, a freshman student at Texas A&M.

Obra Watson underwent cataract surgery on his right eye on Thursday, December 18, as an outpatient at Lubbock General Hospital. A complication arose on Friday, December 19, and he was admitted to the hospital as a patient and remained there until Sunday.



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OBITUARIES

DALLAS CULWELL

Funeral services for Dallas Culwell, 75, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 26, at the Vigo Park United Methodist Church with the Rev. Duane Knowlton, pastor, and the Rev. Charles Kiker, Baptist minister from Colorado City, Colorado, officiating.

Burial was in the Wayside Cemetery by Wallace Funeral

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Mr. Culwell died at 1:25 a.m. Tuesday, December 23, at Central Plains Regional Hospital in Plainview.

He was born August 18, 1912 in Jones County and moved to Swisher County in 1925. He married Ida Lois Moore in 1932. She died in 1959. He married Betty Lou Smith November 18, 1960 in Halfway. He was a farmer and rancher, and was a member of the Vigo Park United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; five daughters, Betty Mote of Trinidad, Colorado, Patricia Kiker of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Faye Berry, Colene Williamson and Denise Nolen, all of Tulia; three sons, Theron Culwell of St. Francis, Kansas, Terry Culwell of Tulia and Craig Culwell of Dumas; one sister, Mila Ramsey of Amarillo; two brothers, John Culwell and Dayle Culwell, both of Vigo Park; 23 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

LINE S FROM Y N D A



Lynda Fogerson
Briscoe County Extension Agent

BUYER'S REMORSE

As the bills for holiday shopping come rolling in this month, many customers will be feeling "buyer's remorse" — depression that follows overspending.

For some of us, overspending may be an occasional problem, but for others it can become compulsive. Compulsive spenders usually have a sense of being out of control and may hide their purchases out of embarrassment.

Impulse buying, or buying that is not a part of an overall plan, affects nearly everyone at one time or another. Have you gone to the grocery store for milk and bread and come home with two bags of groceries, magazines and other merchandise?

Impulse buying is not automatically "bad", but it does add up. It can mean that important items cannot be purchased because the money has already been spent.

The sales at this time of the year may contribute to both compulsive and impulsive buying. Some of us enjoy shopping and others "can't pass up a good bargain".

If your New Year's resolutions involve improving your family financial management, examining spending habits can be a good place to start.

I have a 10-part lesson series on Mastering Money Management as well as other publications on financial management which are available from my office at no cost. Call 823-2343.

Next week: More on "Buyer's Remorse."

The word "canopy" comes from the Greek word "konops" meaning "gnat." The story goes the fishermen of ancient Egypt would sleep undisturbed by gnats by sleeping under canopies of fishing nets.



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Irrigation Conference Looks at Local Needs

Briscoe County producers who irrigate their fields can gain valuable information on making the most effective use of their irrigation dollars if they attend the annual High Plains Irrigation Conference, January 8, in Amarillo, says Dirk Aaron, County Extension Agent.

The theme for this year's meeting is "Irrigation Strategies for 1987," Aaron said. Leon New, agricultural engineer and irrigation specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, is conference coordinator.

New said the program will stress ways producers can determine irrigation levels which will give them the best payoff in optimum crop yield. It will look at particular needs of High Plains counties.

The program will be at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West, Amarillo. Registration will open at 8:30 a.m.

In addition to presentations by Extension specialists, private crop consultants and research scientists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, a panel of growers will relate their experiences in irrigating their crops, Aaron said. Panelists this year will be Jay Spearman of Pampa, George Sides of Dimmitt, Wayne Lidster of Dalhart and Joe Helms of Quitaque. Exhibitors will display the latest irrigation equipment and supplies.

More information about the conference is available from the County Extension Office. The

Extension Service is an arm of the Texas A&M University System.

Toll-Free Number In January Bills

General Telephone customers with questions about charges shown on the AT&T-Communications portion of their General Telephone monthly statements will call a new toll-free number effective with their January bills.

Jerry West, Memphis operations manager for General Telephone, said the new AT&T number will be shown beginning in January at the top of the page(s) listing AT&T long-distance calls and services billed by General Telephone.

He added that customers with questions about calls or services shown on the General Telephone portion of their bills will continue to call the General Telephone number shown on the statement.

"The only change for customers will be that they call the AT&T number when they have questions concerning AT&T services," West said.

GTE personnel will be available to answer customer questions about non-AT&T long-distance charges appearing on the GTE bill.

General Telephone will continue to provide customer billing and collection services for AT&T's customers under a recently announced five-year agreement between GTE telephone operating companies and AT&T. The only change will be that AT&T will answer customer questions about AT&T long-distance calls and services.

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Looking Back

through the files of the
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December 30, 1976—Brown family has Christmas reunion . . . Named to Dean's Honor Roll at West Texas State University was Mark Hutsell . . . A camper belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Flute Hutsell burned to the ground Christmas Eve at Greenbelt Lake . . . Lem Weaver taken to Swisher Memorial Hospital by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service Wednesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dudley to be honored on fiftieth anniversary .

December 17, 1936—Mrs. J. W. Smylie, pioneer mother, passes away . . . Carl Crow, formerly connected with the Silverton Gin Company and well known here, assumed active management of the Phillips 66 Service Station south of the Silverton Hotel Monday of this week . . . Highway 86 Association to try again for paving . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a football, a baseball and a bat. I want a cowboy suit and a bicycle. I want a pair of spurs. Yours truly, Buck D. Hardin . . . Dear Santa, Will you please bring me a rubber doll and a big buggy and some firecrackers and please don't forget the nuts and candy and toy telephone and some doll clothes and please bring the poor children some gifts. I hope you a merry Christmas. With love, Merlene Yates . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a lamp and bicycle and tool chest. Bring Albert some fine chickens. Bring me a twenty-two target. With love, E. H. McGavock . . . Raymond Bomar is moving his wrecking yard to Highway 86 . . .

December 24, 1936—Aurelia Sanders entertained with a one o'clock luncheon and bridge last Thursday. Those present were Misses Gwendolyn Cloyd, Josephine Daniel, Carolyn Schott and Elva Wright; Mmes. Boots Bryant and Woodrow Wilson . . . Two Silverton boys made the second All-District team last week. Datis Martin made a second string halfback and Odis Gregg was given a tackle post. Elmo Walling received honorable mention . . . Chas. McEwin, owner and manager of the Silverton Grocery and Market, has announced that he will move his place of business north of Dr. Bundy's office in the Frank Havran building, which now houses the Neese Laundry . . . Katherine Norrid is employed at the Bomar Drug Store during Christmas . . . Miss Gaynelle Douglas is working at the Whiteside Store during the Christmas rush . . . Mrs. Albert Dickenson entertained the young people of her Sunday School class with a Christmas party and taffy pull at her home Sunday afternoon . . . Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a gun and a cowboy suit. Edwin Norris . . . Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl eight years old. Please bring me a doll, a doll buggy and some dishes. I want some fruit, candy and nuts. Don't forget my little sister. With love, Erma Lee May

December 31, 1936—Haylake

4-H Club officers are Helen Brooks, president; Delma Dean Self, vice president; Eunice Vardell, secretary-treasurer; Alice Vaughn, reporter . . . Miss Lillus Ruth Ledbetter and Mr. Irving McJimsey were united in marriage December 23 by Rev. H. L. Burnam . . . Miss Ila Steele Patterson became the bride of Mr. Jack Grundy Sunday, December 27 . . . Tom Dunn is still nursing a few minor cuts and bruises received in a truck wreck last Tuesday evening . . . Mr. and Mrs. Chester Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Strickland and Mavis Strickland spent Christmas at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Strickland . . .

Miss Weta Haley spent Christmas at her home in Clarendon . . . Miss Lizzie Gregg spent Christmas Day in Quitaque . . . Dell McKinney was the lucky boy and got the fine electric train at the Silverton Drug Store Christmas Eve . . . Manley Wood drew the piano that was given by the Garden Club . . . Cadet Homer (Junior) Sanders will leave the fore part of next week for Roswell, New Mexico where he is attending Military Institute . . .

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO . . .

January 1—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Strange, Mr. and Mrs. Billie McDaniel

January 3—Mr. and Mrs. John Crowell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

January 1—Dwight Rampley, Jackie Mercer
January 3—Rene Rampley, Mitzi Hutsell, Sylvia Ramirez
January 4—Valeria Weaver, Wendell Reed, Wynter Smith
January 5—Jack Sutton, Amy Ramsey, Glenda May

The "Mercure Galant," published in 1672, was the first general interest magazine. It was concerned principally with gossip.



Before throwing away jam and jelly containers, fill with hot water and shake. Use the sweetened water when making gelatin desserts.

The most popular form of the card game bridge was thought up by the yachtsman and railroad financier Harold Stirling Vanderbilt on a cruise [probably on the bridge] from Los Angeles to Havana in the mid-1920s.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS!

New Rate . . . Starting January 1, 1987

The Texas sales tax rate goes to 5.25 percent on January 1, 1987. Local sales taxes remain the same and are additional. What's taxed and what isn't taxed remains the same. The new tax rate card for Silverton appears below. It is for you to clip and save.

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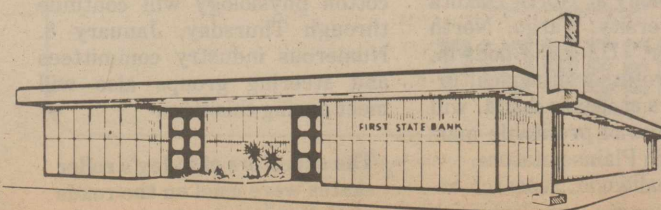
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Amount	Tax	Amount	Tax
\$30.00	\$1.88	\$70.00	\$4.38
\$40.00	\$2.50	\$80.00	\$5.00
\$50.00	\$3.13	\$90.00	\$5.63
\$60.00	\$3.75	\$100.00	\$6.25

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Tax on \$80.00
Tax on \$ 5.95
TOTAL TAX \$5.00
\$3.75
\$5.37

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Vegetable Conference To Emphasize Marketing

"Knowledge for a Future in Vegetables" is the theme of the 1987 West Texas Vegetable Conference in Hereford January 20. More than two dozen speakers will focus attention on key issues facing the vegetable grower during a full day of workshops and discussions.

The conference will be held at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Avenue C at Park Avenue. It begins at 8:30 a.m., notes Dr. Roland E. Roberts, vegetable specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and program coordinator.

In addition to heavy emphasis on marketing options and marketing outlook for many vegetables in the morning session, concurrent potato and onion sessions in the afternoon also will stress marketing. In these sessions, specialists in each crop will work with growers to master the basics of culture and marketing.

A special feature has been added to the conference this year, Roberts noted. While growers are busy in the technical sessions, others in their families can enjoy a full day program entitled "From Fields of the Panhandle Plains."

Coordinated by Beverly K. Harder, Deaf Smith County Extension Agent for home economics, it will include a look at old and new fashions, craft creations, gourmet cooking with vegetables, and tips on exercise and diet.

The educational and agribusiness exhibits at the conference will offer growers and their families a rich opportunity to see the latest information on new varieties, insect and disease controls, bruise prevention in potato handling, and management tools for the vegetable grower, Roberts said.

In one of the featured presentations, Dr. David Bender, assistant professor with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Lubbock, will tell of research which shows new opportunities for High Plains Growers. Also, Dr. Bob Davis, professor of agricultural economics, and graduate student Don Smith, both of Texas Tech University, will discuss market windows for promising area vegetable crops.

Progress on a proposed federal marketing order for High Plains potatoes will be reported by Bill Weeks, executive vice president of the Texas Citrus and Vegetable Growers Association, Harlingen, and Jim Wendland, officer in charge of the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service field office in McAllen.

Features of the onion workshop include information on diseases by Dr. Harold Kaufman, Extension plant pathologist, Lubbock, and a report by Roberts on new varieties for the area which are harvested to hit a market window bullseye.

Among the presentations in the potato workshop will be an update on diseases, by Dr. Gary Secor, associate professor of plant pathology at North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota. Dr. H. L. Goodwin, assistant professor of agricultural economics at Texas A&M, will report studies of profitable markets for High Plains potatoes.

Doug Smallwood, research associate in potato genetics with the Experiment Station, will

show the newest high performing varieties and discuss their merits. The economics of storing West Texas potatoes will be reviewed by Davis and Tech graduate student Norma Bojorquez.

"What better way for growers to start the new year right than to broaden their knowledge on key issues that impact their vegetable enterprise and the High Plains vegetable industry?" Roberts asked.

Beltwide Cotton Conference Features Two Special Sessions

Two special sessions for producers will open the 1987 Beltwide Cotton Conferences in Dallas on January 5, reports Dr. James R. Supak, cotton agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The annual conferences, being held at Loews Anatole Hotel, 2201 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, open registration January 4.

At 8:00 a.m. Monday, January 5, two concurrent sessions are scheduled which have special significance to growers on the South and Rolling Plains, Supak said. Each continues until noon.

The first will examine the latest information on production systems for short-season cotton. The other will look at cotton quality improvement. During the latter session, Dr. John Gannaway, associate professor and cotton breeder with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Lubbock, will discuss genetic and agronomic aspects of cottons produced on the Texas High Plains.

At 1:00 p.m. January 5, Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will open the first general session of the Beltwide Cotton Production Conference, which will continue through Tuesday, January 6.

Supak will present a paper on seed quality considerations in establishing a stand. Also among those presenting papers at the meeting will be Dr. Carl G. Anderson, Extension economist and cotton marketing specialist, Texas A&M University, College Station, a year's experience for cotton under the 1985 farm legislation.

Dr. Ray E. Frisbie, professor of entomology and coordinator of cotton research for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station, will discuss grower concerns about development of resistance to insecticides. Dr. Don Ethridge, professor of agricultural economics at Texas Tech University, will discuss market pricing based on fiber properties.

Gannaway will examine the impact of irrigation frequency upon fiber quality and spinning performance.

Related conferences on insect research and control, cotton improvement, economics and marketing, ginning, engineering, diseases, contamination, fiber bioscience, weed science and cotton physiology will continue through Thursday, January 8. Numerous industry committees and steering groups also will meet during this time.

The ancestors of today's roller skates were used on the roads of Holland as far back as the 18th century.

P.A.S.S. Christmas Party Held In Nance Home

The Prayer and Share Sisters and their husbands were guests of J. D. and Lois Nance for the annual Christmas party.

Bible games were played, and songs were pantomimed. Following the singing of Christmas carols, fun gifts were exchanged.

Refreshments of Wassail Punch and Christmas goodies were served as the group gathered around a large table spread with a red cloth. The centerpiece was a Memory Christmas Tree.

Enjoying the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. John Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cantwell and the hosts.

New Arrival

Paul and Susie Brannon of Amarillo are parents of a son, Deiter Paul, born Thursday, December 18, at 7:41 p.m. He weighed eight pounds, one and three-quarters ounces, and measured 22 inches long.

Grandparents are Joe and Myrtle Billingsley of McLean and Joe and Vaughnell Brannon of Silverton.

Great-grandparents are Pearl Mercer of McLean, Seymour and Ruby Brannon, Aubrey and Mae Pearl Rowell, all of Silverton.

The word "calculate" comes from the Latin "calculi" meaning "pebbles" used by the Romans for counters in abacus-like devices: the first calculators.

Alsup's Builds New Store in Espanola

Construction is almost complete for Allsup's Store #314 in Espanola, New Mexico. The store, located at 444 Richards Street, represents an investment of almost \$450,000 on the part of Allsup's, Inc., and will create approximately seven new jobs for the residents of Espanola. The location will operate 24 hours a day, everyday.

According to Tollie Jones, Director of Construction for Allsup's, "Preparation of the site is complete and construction is near completion. If all goes as planned the store should be ready for the final inspections and opening around the first week in January."

Allsup's Convenience Stores was founded in 1956 by Lonnie D. Allsup and presently operates 286 stores serving the residents of New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. The company attributes its success to the philosophy of providing convenience, service and variety to its customers. The company's home office is located in Clovis, New Mexico.

Tibetan Taboo

An old Tibetan custom that might be well for us to revive is to have friends bring all the old year's debris to your New Year's party. It might be a book not worth reading, a bottle of liquor you want to stop drinking, an article of clothing that's immodest, etc.—or anything a person is too attached to for his/her own good. These articles then are all loaded onto a raft which is cut loose at midnight.

LOCAL REPORTS

Guests for a post-Christmas dinner Saturday, December 27, in the home of Arch and Sybil Martin were their children, Angie and Mitch Martin of Tulia, Robbie and Wayne Cartrite of Dumas, and Sue Whitfill, Cody and Leah of Hereford.

Other guests included Eudean and Virgil Crow of Silverton; Gary Crow of Texas City; and two nieces and families of Sybil and Eudean, Pat Standlee and Tara of Lindsey, Oklahoma, and Jimmie Roespondek and daughters, Amy and TaLori of Lubbock, and Jimmie's grandson, Dustin, of Tatum, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bob Watson, Keri and Lori of Coleman spent December 20-21 with his parents, the Obra Watsons.



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After the homes are visited, the trees are burned at the village square. While the huge bonfire blazes, all sing Christmas carols for the last time and join hands to sing "Auld Lang Syne" as the bells ring in the new year at midnight.

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"People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances." George Bernard Shaw

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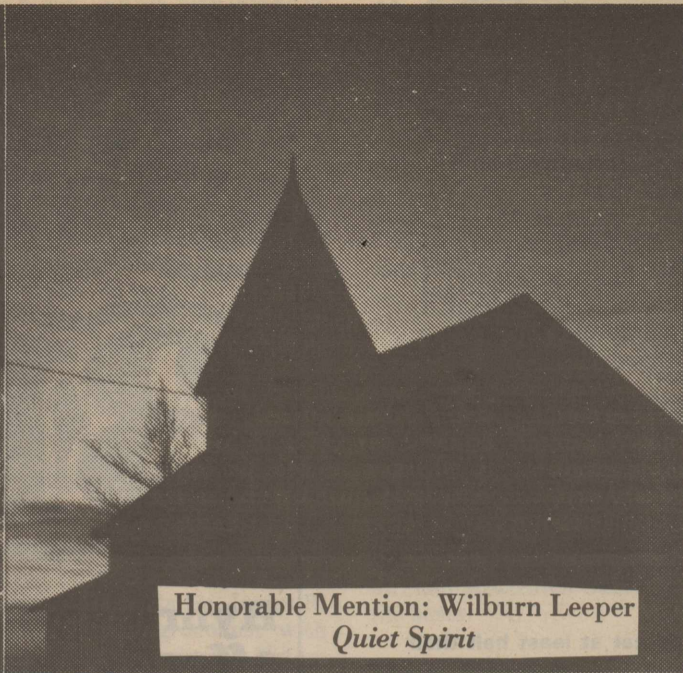
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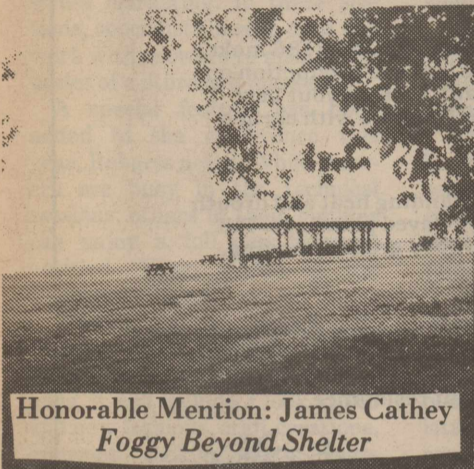
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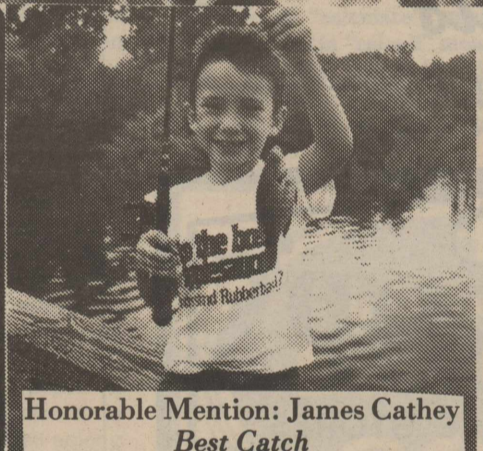
Honorable Mention: James Cathey
Foggy Beyond Shelter



Second Place: Randy Stark
Monarch Beauty



Third Place: Dale Ramsey
Summer Rain



Honorable Mention: James Cathey
Best Catch

Caprock Camera Club Announces Winners

Caprock Camera Club has announced the winners of the November photo contest. Judge was Wanda Emmons of Port Arthur, Texas.

First place went to Randy Stark's "Let It Rain." Stark also captured second place with his "Monarch Beauty."

Dale Ramsey took third place



New Year's Centerpiece

Make an igloo scene for your New Year's centerpiece.

1. Cut out cups from white egg cartons. Turn the cups upside down on a piece of cardboard. Cut out openings for doors in the igloos.

2. Sprinkle the cups and surroundings with artificial snow, or spread glue on them and cover with sugar.

3. Carve some figures from Ivory soap bars, like polar bears, a sled, a husky dog, and so on. Or cut out Eskimo pictures, glue them on stiff paper and stand them up on your scene.

with "Summer Rain."

Honorable mention went to James Cathey for "Best Catch;" Wilburn Leeper for "Quiet Spirit;" James Cathey for "Foggy

Beyond Shelter."

The point standing is now Randy Stark, 74; Elton Cantwell, 69; Kathy Frizzell, 65; James Cathey, 64; Wilburn Leeper, 63; Scott Leeper, 61; Walter W. Waylor, 58; Fred Strange, 56; Stephen Stephens, 37; Rick Minyard, 27; Dale Ramsey, 26.



New Year's Party Pointers

Weather is unpredictable on New Year's Eve, so, unless you plan to ask guests to spend the night, it would be well not to send your invitations too far afield.

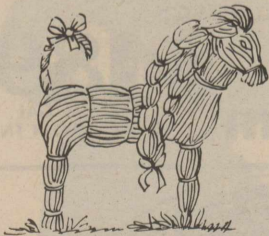
Don't start your party too early, as it must be in full swing at midnight.

If you plan to serve a meal, make this clear on your invitation

so guests do not arrive late and already stuffed.

For a buffet meal, plan food that is light and refreshing since Christmas has already brought the rich foods. Plan foods that are easy to handle, not sloppy food or thick meat slices that are difficult to cut.

Provide good, non-alcoholic drinks such as homemade punch with a touch of carbonated drink. Provide plenty of fun and good conversation and the alcoholic drinks won't even be missed.



Old Year's Scapegoats

The customary way to begin the new year was to unload all the old year's bad things onto some sort of scapegoat. All wickedness in parts of Scotland used to be transferred to a cat or dog which was driven from the house. The scapegoat by some Hungarians was the dummy, Jack Straw. Everyone who saw this effigy carried around the village thought of all their bad deeds disappearing as the figure was burned.

Interesting New Year Superstitions

In Germany, those who were anxious to try to peer into the future at New Year's, dropped molten lead into cold water and deduced shapes—a ship might mean a journey—a heart might mean a marriage. Eating black-eyed peas on New Year's was thought to bring good fortune by the Southerners of the U.S.A. The Swiss dropped some whipped cream on the floor, as they ate, to signify abundance. In Scotland, awaking to a brightly burning fire on New Year's Day meant prosperity in the coming year while a dull fire indicated trouble.

Few people now believe in these old superstitions, and the customs have generally fallen by the wayside; but nearly everyone wants to turn over a new leaf as a good start for the new year.

Strength For the New Year

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness..." 2 Corinthians 12:9.

Whipped up by the fierce hurricane winds, the staunch clipper boat, the finest of its kind operating between Liverpool and Melbourne, crashed 500 miles off course on the rocks of Hog Island.

The captain became ill and died, leaving first mate John Kenlon, only in his twenties, in command.

Most were ready to sit down and die but not John. He sent some hunting, some fishing, and others to build grass huts.

With no tools, no lumber and Australia, the nearest land 1800 miles away—it would be impossible for an ordinary raft to make headway.

John's mind was busy—there was plenty of sand, limestone and water. Iron ships could float—why couldn't a concrete one?!

For nearly a month, the men worked hard. It was a heavy, clumsy contraption, but the sails from the shipwrecked clipper were patched and hoisted.

It worked! Two-hundred miles from Australia, they were rescued by a ship!

Impossible? By all man's might it seemed so! As your ship heads for a new year, has it been blown off course by your own doings or by others? Does it seem impossible to get on the right track? Nothing is impossible with God. Each day in the new year we can be assured of His strength. The secret is to do the very best we know how and ask Him each day to show us the way. Our weakness is made strong in Him!

New Year's Gifts of Trade

Early on New Year's morning, tradesfolks in France send errand boys to their patrons with "seasons' compliments." A baker may send a brioche, a dairyman eggs, a fisherman oysters, a butcher a chicken, and so on. In return for those presents it is customary to give wine and money.

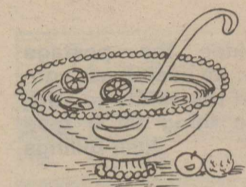
The first lion tamer on record was "Manchester Jack," a lion keeper at Wombwell's Menagerie, a traveling show in England during the early 19th century.

Ringing in the New Year

Many European countries blow trumpets to the four corners of the world at New Year's. As the stroke of twelve nears, four trumpeters climb to the dominating tower of the town, then they play a hymn like Martin Luther's, "A Mighty Fortress is our God."

Sometimes a melody is arranged so that each trumpeter sounds a single note on his horn at one time. When the first note stops, the second begins, the third note follows the second, etc., until the whole tune is played.

Bells are muffled as they are rung in the British Isles before the stroke of midnight to show their grief at the old year's passing. Then, at the stroke of twelve, the bells are unmuffled to sound out clearly as they announce a new year with promises of happiness.



New Year's Mulled Cider

- 2 small eating apples
- 1 small orange
- 50 fl. oz. cider
- 1 stick cinnamon
- 6 cloves
- 2 tsp. ground ginger
- 2 oz. soft brown sugar
- 5 fl. oz. water

Core apples and cut the skin around the center. Insert 2 cloves in each apple; bake 20 minutes in moderate oven.

Gently heat the cider, but do not boil. Heat all other ingredients except the orange in another saucepan until sugar is dissolved; simmer gently for 5 minutes. Slice the orange and place the slices as well as the apples in a punch bowl. Strain in the spiced water and pour in the heated cider.

A Movable New Year

The time of the flooding of the Nile to the Egyptians was the beginning of the new year. The New Year was celebrated in Europe at different times anywhere between Christmas and March. When the Gregorian Calendar was introduced in 1582, January became the first month of a new year.

New Year's Breaking

The noise of crockery breaking is added to the rest of the New Year's din in some Italian homes, as old household goods are thrown out to make room for new ones.

New Year Attractions

New Year's Day has become a public holiday in 125 countries. It is a day for most to recover from the excesses of the night before. Football has become a big attraction for New Year's Day in the U.S.A. For many families it is a great gathering around the dinner table.

Tucson, Arizona claims to have 3,800 hours of sunshine annually.

A small German timepiece, dating from the mid-14th century and designed to hang on the wall, is the earliest known alarm clock.



KER-SPLASH! A wall of water shoots skyward as a boat plunges from atop Splashwater Falls, the new waterfal ride coming to Six Flags Over Texas in the spring. The 20-passenger boats are carried five stories up and then plunge over the brink of a waterfall to the lake below. The ride is expected to open in May.

Wettest Ride Ever Set for Six Flags

Plunging five stories into a lake may not sound too tempting in January, but the folks at Six Flags Over Texas are counting on the idea catching on by spring.

Park officials have announced plans to introduce what they call "the wettest ride ever," in May.

The ride, to be known as Splashwater Falls, is under construction in the park's USA section.

When completed, 20-passenger boats will climb an incline five stories into the air and then float around a gentle curve before plunging over a waterfall at a 35 degree angle.

As the big boats hit the quarter-million-gallon lake below, they send up a wall of water which leaves passengers and bystanders soaked.

"We literally started the modern water ride business back in 1963 when we built the world's first log flume," said General Manager Bob Bennett. "We took the concept a step further in 1983 with the introduction of the whitewater rafting ride, Roaring Rapids. Now we have the state-of-the-art in Splashwater Falls."

Bennett said funseekers can take a "double dip" on the ride if they like. "We are building the exit ramp in such a way that it crosses over the lake just a short distance from the spot where the boat hits the water. You can exit between waves of water, or you can stop on the exit bridge and get soaked again."

Bennett said the ride's operating and safety systems will be controlled by computers.

Six Flags will begin its 1987 season March 14. Splashwater Falls is expected to carry its first passengers in early May.

Other additions to the park's entertainment lineup for the 1987 season include a major, new musical production in the Southern Palace Music Hall called "All-American Revue" and a new country music show in the Crazy Horse Saloon, "Country Express."

Six Flags' Christmas festival, Holiday In The Park, is currently underway. It continues through New Year's Eve.

Paper Promises for New Year's

For weeks before New Year's the children of Belgium save pennies to buy gaily-colored wrapping paper. On this paper they write New Year's greetings to their parents and hide them until New Year's morning; the children then read their little compositions to the assembled family. Along with their written wishes for health and happiness throughout the new year, they promise to mend their naughty ways and to act like angels during the following twelve months!

Count on a Happy New Year

As the clock strikes twelve and the bells ring out this New Year's Eve, they will no doubt sound the same as they have for many other New Year's Eves. But this year will be different—there will be completely new challenges and completely new opportunities.

One of the most important things about our country that makes it different than any other is the freedom that we enjoy. One of the challenges of this new year may be to keep from taking these freedoms for granted—to realize that they too can disappear unless we remember the way our freedoms were won and what they stand for.

Our founding fathers placed God as sovereign. They were not afraid to mention God's name many times. Now, while we feel very strong and independent, there is danger that we shall look onto ourselves and leave out God.

For happiness sakes, as we make our New Year's resolutions, let us resolve to make God first in our plans. We can count on a very happy New Year as we put God first and others next!

New Year Gift-Giving

Present-giving used to be a common practice at New Year's. The Romans gave each other presents for good luck. It was expected in England that the peasants and tenants should give small samples of their fruit or other labor to the lords of the manor. These lords in turn were expected to send a more valuable gift to the monarch.

Greek New Year's Cake—"Vasilopeta"

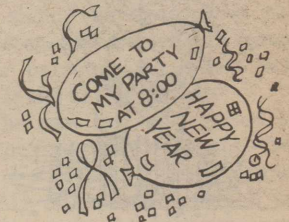
- 1 pkg. yeast
- ¼ cup lukewarm water
- ½ cup milk, scalded and cooled to lukewarm
- 2 cups milk
- ¾ cup shortening
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- ½ tsp. nutmeg
- 3 eggs, unbeaten
- 5-6 cups flour



Soften yeast in the lukewarm water and dissolve it in the ¼ cup lukewarm milk; set aside. Bring the 2 cups milk to a boil, add shortening, stir in the sugar and salt; pour into large mixing bowl. Cool until lukewarm. Stir in spices, eggs and dissolved yeast. Gradually add flour, beating dough by hand to blend until thick but not dry. Cover bowl with light towel. Let rise in warm place for 1 hour. Turn dough onto lightly floured board; knead down for moment or two.

Butter round cake pan; fill half full of dough. Put well-washed silver coin in dough for the lucky finder. Brush top with melted butter.

Let dough stand in warm place until it rises almost to top of pan. Brush surface with one egg yolk beaten with 1 tablespoon water. Sprinkle dough with chopped almonds. Bake 350° for 45 min. or until golden brown. Cool on rack. Use pastry bag and tube or spoon to decorate with frosting made by creaming 2 tablespoons butter and gradually beating in 1 cup powdered sugar. Slowly beat in few drops of vanilla and enough heavy cream to make nice spreading consistency.



Novel New Year Party Invitation

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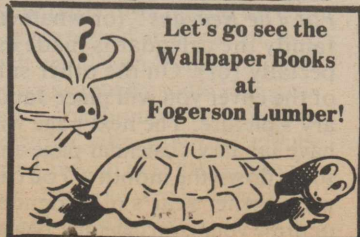
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To the Christmas carolers that came to sing Christmas songs, I say thank you. A happy New Year to every one.

Sylvia Fogerson

Strange New Year Attire

New Year's in the old Scottish Highlands used to be celebrated by the leader of a group of men dressing up in a cow's hide. As he ran around the village, the rest of his group would strike at his hide. The whole group would go around each house three times, banging on the walls and demanding to be let in. When the door was opened, the group was given refreshments and the leader gave the head of the house a piece of skin from a goat, sheep, or deer, called a "beast-stripe" which was wrapped around the tip of a stick. The stick was set on fire and each household member


breathed in the fumes as a talisman against witches and demons. This beast-stripe was called the "hogmanay" which was also the name of the pieces of oatcake the children begged from their neighbors.

Indian New Year

A custom for some North American Indian tribes on New Year's Eve is to light bonfires, then scatter the dead ashes, and with great ceremony relight their fires.

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