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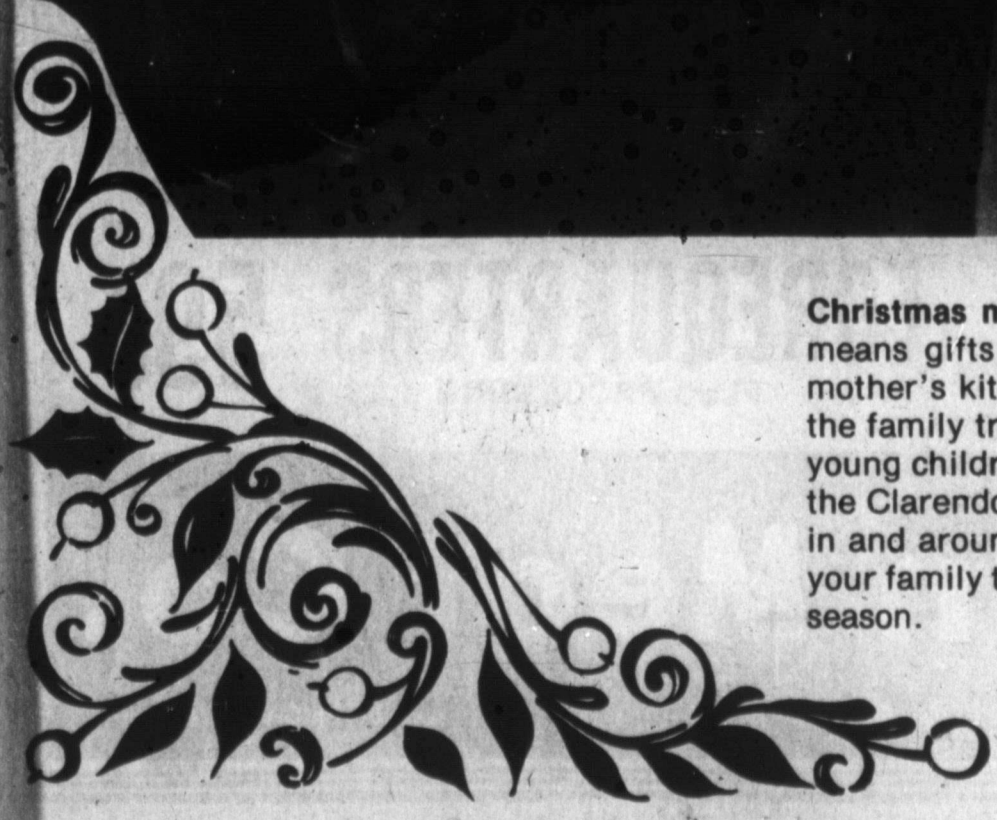
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Merry Christmas!



Christmas means different things to different ages, but one thing for certain, to children it means gifts under the tree...the sweet smell of lots of special holiday treats coming from mother's kitchen...relatives visiting together in their homes...and the loving job of decorating the family tree. Ansley Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Payne, is only one of millions of young children who take part in the annual ritual. This issue of the Donley County Leader and the Clarendon Press carries special Christmas messages from practically all the business firms in and around Clarendon. Each of the sponsors wish to take this opportunity to wish you and your family the very best Christmas possible, and to extend to each of you a very happy holiday season.



Chamberlain News

by MRS. HAWLEY HARRISON

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Elliot attended a surprise gathering in the home of Mrs. Pauline Jones honoring Mr. and Mrs. Pat Myers on their 50th wedding anniversary. Our congratulations to the happy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Talley and Benny of Lovington, New Mexico spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Elliot.

Mrs. Pauline Kooztz and Barbara Helms were in Amarillo Monday.

Mr. Gilbert Mann of Amarillo was a dinner guest of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dingler, and he visited Mr. Gordon Mann in the afternoon.

Mrs. Judy Morgan and Jason of Amarillo are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Kooztz for several days. Marcie

Helm of Lelia Lake visited Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Harrison gave Pat Harrison a fare well dinner Tuesday. Pat is returning to his home in Heyburn, Idaho. He will visit with Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Jones, Jr. and the Mike Jones and Mike Fosters in Dalhart, and his uncle Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mears in Denver. Also Mr. and Mrs. Ed Berg. We will really miss Pat.

Mrs. Ethel Dingler and Mrs. Eunice Mann visited Mrs. Clara Mae Carter Tuesday afternoon.

The Martin Baptist Church is having its Christmas program this Friday night.

Mrs. Frank Thomason came

home Thursday, but will go back to be with Mr. Thomason soon. He won't be able to be home for some time. We hope he will be able to be home soon.

Mrs. Clara Mae Carter visited Mr. and Mrs. Nuford Dill of Ashtola Wednesday.

We were so sorry to learn Mr. Olin Bain isn't doing so well. Sure hope he's better soon.

The farmers are finally winding up the grain harvest and so glad. Hope the weather continues dry so the cotton can be harvested.

Chamberlain Community will have their Christmas party Friday night, and everyone should bring his and her gifts, fruits, nuts, candies and cookies.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Holland are in Amarillo to be with his brother, Mr. Garland Holland who is seriously ill. We hope he will be better soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Olace Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hicks and children and Dennis, Loretta and Anna will have their Christmas party Saturday night.

We wish all our friends and neighbors a happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Hedley City Hall Relocates To Main

Hedley's City Hall was relocated on December 17 to a two-story building on the west side of Main Street.

The new city headquarters is being remodeled and also will house Judge M.O. Weatherly's Peace Justice office. It is located just across the alley from the original Hedley City Hall, which will be used for the volunteer fire department, according to Weatherly, who is the city secretary.

Weatherly, who has served Hedley 22 years as secretary, treasurer and tax assessor-collector, said there is a lot more room and better facilities in the new building, which Hedley Security State Bank has made available to the city for a reasonable rent.

The Hedley Lions Club was also relocated from the bank building to another remodeled building in the same block.

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Conditions Now Ideal For Mesquite Control

Heavy fall rains have provided almost ideal conditions for getting rid of mesquite by chaining, according to C. E. Fisher, bush control scientist at Lubbock.

Fisher, a 40-year veteran who heads the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station's brush control field team, said that heavy rains made it considerably easier to uproot mesquite trees and brush by the chaining method, in which two or three powerful crawler tractors are

used to pull a 400-foot chain weighing up to 36,000 pounds over the ground, destroying any dead trees or brush in its path.

"Chaining when the soil is wet helps to pull up larger trees," Fisher said. "Smaller brush plants are at least knocked down to ground level."

Best results, he said, are obtained in the late fall and winter when mesquite is dormant and brittle so that it breaks up readily.

"We have found when the soil is dry, most of the trees are broken off at ground level and are able to sprout again the following year," the scientist said.

Chains must like the anchor chains of large ships, weighing from 60 to 90 pounds per foot and from 300 to 400 feet in length, are able to cut a swath through the mesquite, knocking down everything in the path.

Costs of this method vary from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per acre, Fisher said, depending on the type of growth and terrain and whether the brush has been sprayed.

"Chaining mesquite that has not been aerially sprayed is usually more costly and ineffective," he said. "On unsprayed mesquite, more power is required to pull up large trees, while smaller ones either bend or break off at ground level, easily sprouting back again. Sprayed mesquite pulls up much easier since most of the roots are dead and are not clinging to the soil."

One of the most effective and economical methods of controlling mesquite on extensive areas of rangeland, Fisher said,

is to aerially spray with 2,4, 5-T, Tordon 225 or Banvel 2 plus 2, and then chaining the treated area one to three years later.

"The spray kills most of the small brushy plants, and the chain uproots most of the large trees."

"This combination of chemical and mechanical control yields good control at low cost, opens up vast acreages of productive rangeland and reduces the cost of gathering cattle by as much as 50 to 80 per cent," he concluded.

No Papers Thursday!

Merry Christmas!

This is a combined issue of the Sunday, Dec. 22, issue of the Donley County Leader and the Thursday, Dec. 26, issue of the Clarendon Press. There will be no newspaper the day after Christmas because the printing facilities normally used by the Clarendon Press will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

By the same token there will be a combined issue the following week. Both papers will be compiled together on Sunday, Dec. 29, also because no printing facilities will be available to print a Thursday edition during the New Year's week.

Normal printing will resume with the Sunday, Jan. 5, edition and Thursday, Jan. 9, papers.

Writers usually end up getting mad over nothing—especially when they've been expecting a big tip.

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Peace on Earth Good Will Towards Men!

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Don & Annie EXXON



Joyous Noel

At this holy time, we extend the blessings of the season to you and yours. May the peace of Christ abide within every heart.

Greenbelt Water Authority

9 SHOPPING DAYS

December 18th thru December 28th

Clifford Grocery

Hormel Little Sizzlers
Link Sausage
 12 Oz. Pkg. **89¢**

USDA GRADE "A"
Turkeys
 With Tender Timer
 All Sizes Lb. **59¢**

USDA GRADE "A"
Fryers
 [Extra Nice] Lb. **39¢**

Cudahy Chuckwagon
Bacon
 2 Lb. Pkg. **\$2.09**

Shurfresh Colby Longhorn Halfmoon
Cheese
 Vacuum Wrapped
 10 Oz. Pkg. **89¢**

WE ALSO HAVE PLENTY OF CHICKEN HENS, CORNISH GAME HENS, VARIOUS SIZES & BRANDS OF TURKEYS, CANNED HAMS AND CURED HAMS.
 ANY SPECIAL ORDERS SHOULD BE ARRANGED THIS WEEK FOR CHRISTMAS.

Folgers
COFFEE
 All Grinds With \$5.00 Or More Purchase
 Lb. **95¢**

Joan of Arc
CORN
 #303 Cans **\$1**
 Cream Style or Whole Kernal

Pure Cane
SUGAR
 10 Lb. Bag **\$5.69**

Dream Whip
DESSERT TOPPING
 3 1/2 Oz. Pkg. **49¢**

Shurfine Yellow Cling
PEACHES
 #2 1/2 Can Sliced or Halves **49¢**

Heinz Tomato
KETCHUP
 20 Oz. Bottle **59¢**

None Such
MINCE MEAT
 18 Oz. Jar **69¢**

Shurfine Early Harvest
SWEET PEAS
 3 # 303 Cans **\$1**

Idaho Red Delicious
Apples
 Lb. **25¢**

Nestea
INSTANT TEA
 3 Oz. Jar **\$1.49**

Spanish Sweet Yellow
Onions
 Lb. **10¢**

Crisco
OIL
 48 Oz. Jug **\$2.39**

Colorado White Russett
Potatoes
 10 Lb. Bag **69¢**

Staley Pancake
PANCAKE SYRUP
 Giant 36 Oz. Bottle **98¢**

Arizona Large Firm Heads
Lettuce
 Each **29¢**

Ass't Flavors
JELLO
 4 3 Oz. Boxes **69¢**

California Sunkist Navol
Oranges
 Lb. **25¢**

Gold Medal
FLOUR
 All Purpose 5 Lb. Bag **98¢**

Eagle Brand
MILK
 14 Oz. Can **49¢**

Tide
LAUNDRY DETERGENT
 King Size **\$1.79**

Clorox
LAUNDRY BLEACH
 1/2 Gallon **59¢**

Reynolds Heavy Duty
ALUMINUM FOIL
 Lb. **59¢**

Bordens' or Plains'
WHIPPING CREAM
 1/2 Pint **39¢**

Bakers
CHOCOLATE CHIPS
 12 Oz. Pkg. **69¢**

Pillsbury
BREAD MIX
 Date-Nut-Banana Box **59¢**

Gladiola
POUND CAKE MIX
 Box **69¢**

Aunt Jemima White
CORN MEAL
 5 Lb. Bag **98¢**

Bakers Angle Flake
COCONUT
 14 Oz. Pkg. **98¢**

Tyson Frozen
CHICKEN BREAST
 2 Lb. Pkg. **\$1.29**

Fisher's Raw Spanish
PEANUTS
 12 Oz. Pkg. **49¢**

Del Monte
PUMPKIN
 2 # 303 Cans **65¢**

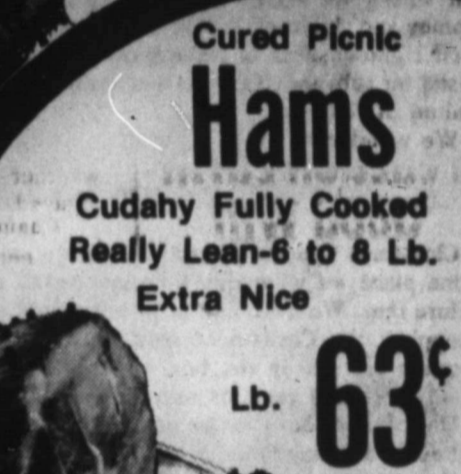
Lucky Leaf Pumpkin
PIE FILLING
 2 # 303 Cans **79¢**

Del Monte
FRUIT COCKTAIL
 2 # 303 Cans **79¢**

Swanson Chicken
BROTH
 # 300 Cans **39¢**

Ocean Spray Whole Berry
CRANBERRY SAUCE
 2 # 300 Cans **69¢**

Crisco
SHORTENING
 3 Lb. Can **\$1.98**



Nobody's Perfect But....

BY JERRY SPARKS

If you missed seeing "The Missiles of October," a three-hour presentation by ABC-TV Wednesday night, you missed the television show of the year as far as we're concerned.

Apparently, someone did a great deal of research on the 1960 Cuban crisis which put the United States on the verge of war with the Cubans and the communistic countries of the world.

We remember quite clearly what our own situation was at that time, mainly because we were 21 years old and prime draft age in the event of armed conflict.

We had contracted to buy a house from a businessman in Stamford, Texas, only a few weeks prior to the events leading up to the Cuban blockade. Part of our deal was to repaint and repair the house prior to the sale because it was required by FHA.

For several weeks, every evening after work and on weekends, we painted, laid linoleum and puttied windows. We needed only a couple of more weeks to be finished with the work. Our portable radio was tuned to the local radio station when we heard the first real news announcement of the possible invasion of Cuba.

Needless to say, we dropped what we were doing to listen to the announcement. Immediately, we knew that we stood a good possibility of being drafted into the army if we didn't volunteer first. We could see no point in proceeding with buying the house should we enter military service.

The very next day, the induction centers throughout the United States were flooded with men volunteering for all branches of the armed services. It continued this way for several weeks.

Although we didn't volunteer, we expected to receive our "greetings" letter from the local draft board at any time.

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We continued to wait for the notice for several days until the announcement was made that the Cuban crisis was over and the possibility of war on our own doorstep was greatly diminished. Those were the longest days of our lives.

Had the United States proceeded with the invasion and bombing of Cuba, there's no doubt in our mind that every physically fit person in this country would have become involved with national defense. The government didn't ask for the several hundred thousand volunteers for military service. They didn't have to. The response was immediate and overwhelming.

Somehow, we can't help but wonder what would happen if the announcement had come 14 years later than it did. Would thousands of draft dodgers flee to Canada? Would leaders in government shout to the heavens how wrong the President was in standing up to this nation's right to preserve itself? Would military personnel be condemned by court marshal for fighting a war where the enemy might be so undefinable as to include women and children? Would the courts of this land be blinded by their righteousness in dishing out their decisions and make it easier for subversive groups to operate within the confines of the United States? We wonder.

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Christmas is upon us and once more we find ourself in the same place we were this time last year...and in all the years before that. We have had little or no time to do any Christmas shopping, the Christmas cards we had all good intentions of sending are still in the box waiting to be addressed and the family tree still remains only half decorated.

One of these days, we're going to surprise even ourselves and set aside one day to really get in the spirit and get all of these things done.

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In the many trips we have had the opportunity to make recently, a great deal of our traveling has been done after nightfall, usually well after 10 p.m. The one thing we have always noticed in these late night trips is that the highways are heavily travelled by the big trucks, many times almost bumper to bumper for miles.

These 14 wheel jobs can just about pull your hat off your head if you happen to be standing beside the highway now--but just wait.

There is now legislation in Congress that will make it possible for heavier and possibly longer trucks to be legal in all 50 states. According to our Wall Street lookout, Bob Hill, the Senate has already passed a bill raising the authorized federal truck weight limit for the interstate system from 73,280 pounds up to 80,000 pounds.

A similar bill in the House doesn't mention the weight issue, but when conferees from both houses meet to compromise their differences, the delegation is expected to be in favor of the increased weight limits.

Rightfully so, there is widespread opposition to the increased weight limit because of the safety hazards. Federal safety experts find that for each truck driver killed in truck-car accidents, there are 31 others who die in the collisions. They add that a fatality is ten times more likely to occur when a truck and car collide as when two cars collide.

Personally, we can't see that the 6,720 pound difference in the weight limits is going to matter much. After all, if your car collides with a truck at its present limit, you don't stand too much chance of coming out of it alive anyway.

Our main objection to the increased weight limits will be the destructive effect the loads will have on our highways. Texas has traditionally had better roads than any other state we have travelled. One thing for sure, we don't care to see taxes increased at the gasoline pump in order to pay for long-haulers damage when they are just passing through Texas.

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A musical greeting to all our good friends and customers from

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Kathy Rogers

Janie Crump

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Christmas...What Does It Mean to Mankind

Christmas is a beautiful celebration. We celebrate new life and proclaim "peace on earth, good will to all." Our hearts are full of excitement, warmth and compassion for all. All is well on earth in the Christmas season.

However, when we peek beyond the theory of Christmas to the reality of Christmas, we find a mass of contradictions "peace on earth" is not a phrase that many can say with out a pang of heartache for the

exploitation of our selves and our children, through our obnoxious advertising schemes and boycott nonsensical gifts that no one needs.

We can turn Christmas around, bring back to what it theoretically is—the giving of self. This can be done in many. Search out the alternatives this Christmas season. The gift of self is the most important and powerful gift we can give, our time, our talents, our concern and our love is more valuable

than any piece of merchandise. Let us make Christmas a real Celebration of good will, which can only be done through our own personal effort for Christ's sake.

The article was taken from the church paper of "St John's United Methodist Church" in Corpus Christi and was written by the assistant pastor, Larry Altman. Who is a former Hedley boy and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Altman.

SEASON'S BEST

May love light your way, and friends bring a glow to your life.

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Sonoita Blue Champion of Champions

Is there anything more beautiful than an animal of fine blood, well muscled, of noble carriage and superior bearing and high of spirit?

Such an animal is Sonoita Blue, American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) Champion foaled in 1969.

Clarendon cattle rancher Mrs. W.J. Louis bought the gray stallion as a yearling from Reid Hill of Canadian who raised him, and her nephew, Bobby Boston, manages him. Frank Derrick is the manager of Mrs. Louis' cow-calf operation. On September 9, 1971, Sonoita Blue won his first championship at halter at Woodward, Okla. For the next two years, he and trainer Burl Hollár were almost constantly on the road from early spring through early fall.

Time and again, Sonoita Blue proved himself in competition in the tri-state, Texas Oklahoma-Kansas area, amazing and impressive record of 37 grand and reserve championships.

In the fall of 1971, he went on to take other grand championships at halter shows in Lockney, Canyon, Levelland, Bovina and Lubbock.

Sired by AQHA Champion Dick Sonoita, a superior halter horse and steer roping horse by top cutting horse Rancho Dick, Sonoita Blue proved worthy of his lineage in the 1972 showing season when he turned three years old and began competition in performance.

AQHA awards a point for every five horses beat in competition, and Sonoita Blue earned points in western riding, western pleasure, steer roping, reining and trail. He is listed in



Sonoita Blue, AQHA Champion owned by Mrs. W.J. Louis

the Register of Merit in western riding, western pleasure and reining.

In 1972, Sonoita Blue won grand championships at shows in Paducah, Canyon, Pampa,

White Deer, Perryton, Stratford, Woodward, Lockney and Wichita Falls in Texas and at Oklahoma City and Guymon, Okla.

He took the grand prize at Seymour, Dalhart, Canyon, White Deer, Perryton, Quanah, Dimmit, Tulia and twice at Amarillo in Texas, Chickasha and Kingfisher, Okla., and Hugoton and Meade in Kansas in 1973.

"We retired him to stud since then," trainer Hollár said, "and, in the first year, he sired 85 colts that ran to 85 per cent

gray in color."

Hollár and his wife, Carlene of Turkey, Tx., live with their two children, two-year-old Minde and Monte, five years old, 10 miles west of Clarendon, where the white board fence off to the right is headed off Highway 287. They (Carlene is secretary and bookkeeper for the operation) book mares with guaranteed results for \$500 each.

West Texas QHA high-point halter and performance stallion for 1972 and 1973 and grand champion halter stallion and

high-point all-around horse for the Panhandle QH Exhibitors Association, Sonoita Blue may be seen in "Quarter Horse Journal."

His dam was Rainbow Miss by Grey Badger II, a high-powered race horse, Hollár said. Mrs. Louis owns a yearling mare, Texas Sonoita, by Sonoita Blue and a Thoroughbred mare, in training at Keller near Fort Worth for racing.

Olin Bain has been transferred to the Northwest hospital in Amarillo. The last report, he was doing fair.

Excise Tax Savings Big

General Telephone customers paid an estimated \$1.8 million less in Federal Excise Taxes on telephone bills during 1974 because of a 1 per cent reduction in the tax. By the end of 1974, General will have collected an estimated

\$15 million under the eight per cent tax levy, which will drop another 1 per cent on January 1, 1975.

The decrease on January 1, 1975 is the third step of a 10-year reduction schedule in which there will be successive 1 per cent rate reductions on the first of each year, completely expiring in December, 1981.

The tax elimination was enacted as part of the Excise, Estate and Gift Tax Adjustment Act of 1970.

Estate and Gift Tax Adjustment Act of 1970.

New Education
This new education is really something. Now kids learn algebra in the third grade and spelling in college.

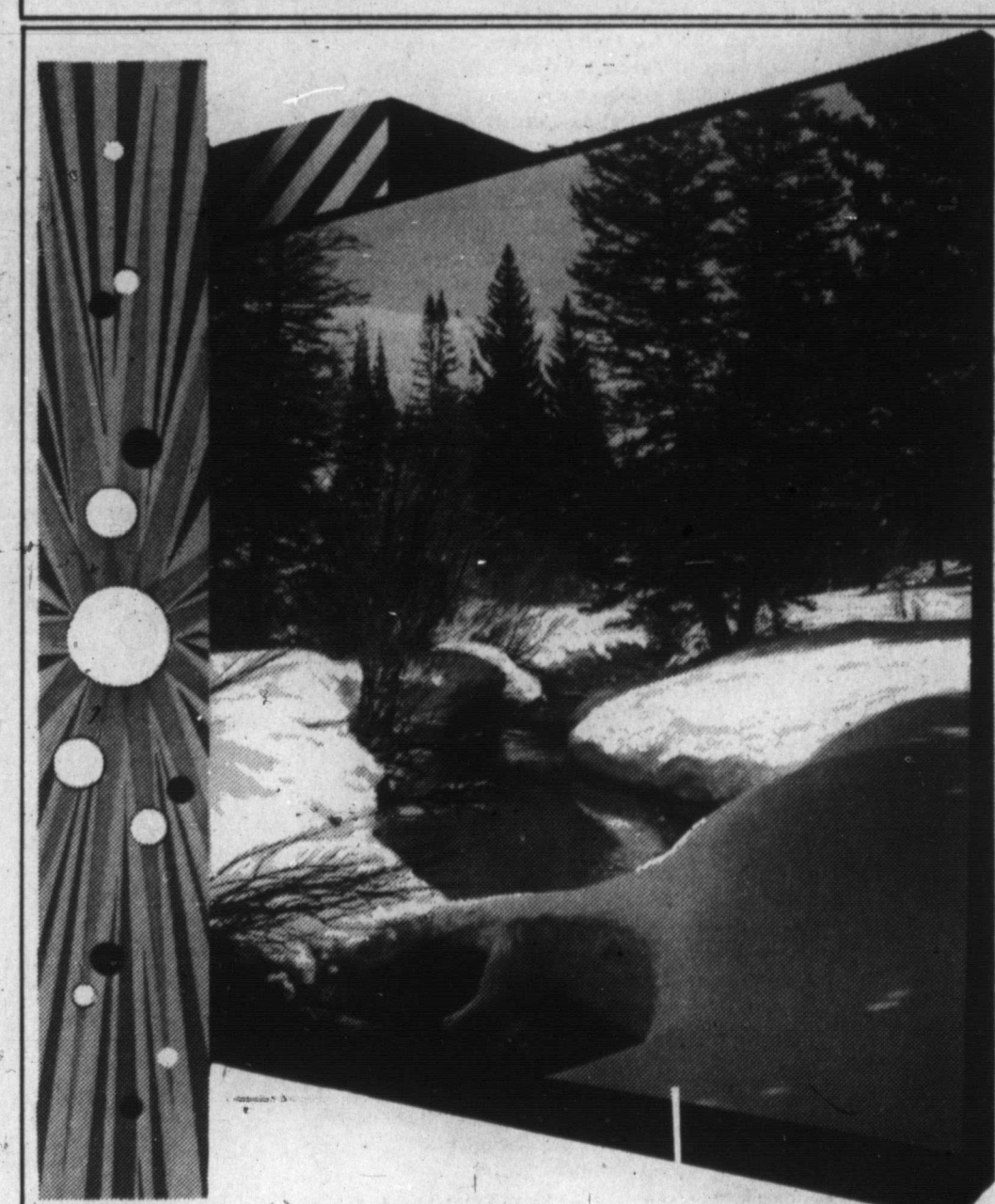
American Way
The Duke of Windsor once noted the thing that impressed him most about America was the way parents obeyed their children.



Season's Greetings

We want to wish you a very merry Christmas!

Palmer Motor Co.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

The freshness of new fallen snow awakens deep reflections of holiday sentiments. We express the hope that good will and brotherhood prevail to bring lasting peace among us. The best of the season to you and sincere thanks for your loyalty.

J & W Lumber Co.

4-H Work Being Planned Now For Coming Year

Paul Gross, district Agricultural Extension Service agent from Amarillo, met with Donley County Agent Ronald Gooch on December 19 to discuss the program and 4-H work for the year ahead.

Gooch said he has made application for Donley County to be included in a farm demonstration program presently covering Hall, Collingsworth and Wheeler counties, and Childress County has also applied.

"Tim Ditwyler, farm demonstrator, works with this program, which is a cooperative effort between the Extension Service and local farmers and ranchers," Gooch said. "He can get funds to get machinery and equipment for local farmers and ranchers."

"We're hoping Donley County can get in on this," he continued. "I think it would add a lot to the program for us to join." He said five or six experimental crops would be raised in a test in several locations.

The Extension Service has various specialists which attend meetings with local farmers and ranchers throughout the year to

answer any questions they might have. A weed control meeting is scheduled for February.

A major function of the year will be the Panhandle Economic Program (PEP) coming up in the fall. Leadership in the program alternates among the counties, and the leader this year will be Carl Jahnel of Canadian.

Donley County stock shows will be coming "fast and furious" in January, Gooch said. The county agent works with these and with the 4-H district contest qualifications and horse shows.

DID YOU KNOW?

by EMMETT O. SIMMONS, PRESIDENT AND TRUST OFFICER

These cattle terms: **FOUNDERED**—Burned up on feed or silage, etc. Hot ration will cause foundering. Foundering can be detected by the way in which animal walks, i.e., stiffly.

SHAPEY—Well-shaped animal; good general conformation and type.

TYPEY—Animal that has all of characteristics that go together to make up ideal beef animal.

WRUNG OUT—The fill put on the animal has shrunk out; there is nothing in its stomach.

DARK CUTTER—Has appearance of old, not fresh meat; usually tastes okay but will sell and grade for less.

Try wrapping some burlap around the wires of your barbed wire fence where you need to crawl through it occasionally.



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Season's Greetings

As we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, we pray that His peace will abide with all.

Donley County Elected Officials

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NINA DALE CLYDE JAMES DEPUTY P.C. MESSER GENE WHITE
BILLIE CRISTAL STEVE VINES DEPUTY JESS FINLEY



'Tis the season to be jolly... have a merry Christmas!

The Curocity Shop

33 Years of Shining, Still Going Strong

"I prefer a black boot for taking a shine and for covering scuff. I've got some dark brown ones myself, but these light colored boots are the hardest to keep looking new and shiny."

Johnny Bates, born in Clarendon on July 4, 1902, is as much a fixture of City Barber Shop, where he has been shine man for 33 years, as the ornate, paneled ceiling and the five oak-framed mirrors with pronged coat racks on the south wall.

"This used to be Frank Whitlock's shop," he said. "He barbered here 42 years before he died, and they kept me on, as I had been here so long."

Bates is most friendly and affable. A trove of anecdotes and local historical color, he calls practically everyone in Clarendon by name, and he has nothing but kind words for them all.

"I've known him, you might say, since 1929," said Haskell Phelps, barber at the shop for the past 17 years. "He shined my shoes when I was a boy in school. He's a pretty good old boy. Before work in the mornings he gets out and hauls old people around."

"They call me Charity Boy," Bates admitted when asked about this, looking down at his weathered hands, stained in the creases from bringing countless boots to a shine. He said he takes old folks, black and white, down to Adair Hospital Clinic and sometimes takes ladies from the colored community to work when they need a ride and call him. "I have a practically new Buick and a pickup truck," he said.

Bates said he thinks Clarendon is prospering well, business-wise, for a town its size, though the population has declined some over the years with the nation-wide trend toward urbanization. However, his business is suffering some from the present national recession because people now "just don't want to let go of that money."

"Clarendon had three prospering banks," he said, "before Farmers State Bank bought out the interest in the First National Bank. There's a lot of money in this town."

As a young man, Bates worked for his father, Dick Bates, whose janitorial service cared for Donley County Bank and both of the other banks in town at that time. He later worked for General Telephone for 12 years before their Clarendon office was closed.

His wife of 25 years, Lela Bell, has been retired four years after working 28 years in Pampa at Burma's ladies ready to wear as an interior window decorator.

"After driving to Pampa every Monday and back every Friday all those years," Bates said, "she just decided to stay home and be a housewife when the store was sold out."

Bates had only one child, a daughter by a previous marriage, Katherine Moore, who was a nurse at Denver General Hospital for 12 years. She died of Pneumonia at age 36 about six years ago.

Every summer, Mr. and Mrs. Bates go to Denver to visit his two sisters, Mrs. Bula Sauls and



Professional boot black for 33 years at City Barber Shop, Johnny Bates takes a shine to Troy Guy of Clarendon. Bates was born and raised in Clarendon and calls most every resident by name. He's recognized for his church and community service work.

Mrs. Howard Sloan. He said he still has an ambition to see California.

"I wouldn't want to live there, though—too many people," he explained.

He has been an avid television devotee since 1950, when he bought his first set.

"It never did quit working," he said, "but I got another one for the improved picture and then a third one for my wife for the bedrooms."

During the 1920's, Bates played baseball on the Clarendon colored team, he said. They were pretty good, and he still has an active interest in sports, especially the Cincinnati Reds in baseball. Of football, he said:

"Notre Dame has always been my team, but those Vikings, I've had my eye on them lately. Now, those Dallas Cowboys, they're kind of unpredictable, but I like to watch them."

"There was a colored boy on the Clarendon High School team this year, Kenneth King, who did pretty well and has had several scholarship offers. I knew his daddy, Walter Lee King, well. I raised him."

A charter member of the Senior Citizens Club, Bates said they meet every first Saturday

of the month for dinner and have a wonderful time. He especially enjoys the entertainment by young people which they often have. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and a charter member of his Masonic Lodge with his thirty-second degree.

Bates is a steward and his wife a stewardess and Sunday school teacher active in the work of the Henderson Chapel Methodist Church, C.M.E. They have no regular pastor, but they hold a fellowship meeting the first Sunday of every month. Rev. G. Gilbert, pastor of the St. Mark's Methodist Church, C.M.E., a congregation of about 200, preaches to the little Henderson

Chappel flock every fourth Sunday of the month. Every second Sunday, Bates visits one of the colored churches around town to participate with them, and on the third Sunday, he visits one of the white churches, rotating among them.

"All the fine young ministers there are so nice," he said. It is a fine idea, he said, to give eager, enthusiastic young preachers a chance to learn how to minister to the needs of the people.

"A young man has life ahead of him," Bates said, "but, as he begins to get older, things begin to go wrong with him and to slow him down."

"If I was going to give the

young people a little advice," he said, "just try to stay in college and become a member of a good church."

How to Ease Holiday Food Costs

Entertaining friends and relatives is always a special part of the holidays, but it can also be expensive, especially with today's higher food prices.

When planning a shopping trip to the supermarket, it's wise to keep a few guidelines in mind — not just for the holidays, but all year 'round:

- Plan menus carefully and completely in advance. For holiday guests, be sure to include party foods and beverages.

- Prepare a shopping list and try to stick to it.

- Determine how much money you have to spend and stay within your budget.

- When practical, shop around to find the best prices, but don't burn up your food saving in gasoline.

- Don't shop when you're hungry — everything will look good and you'll buy items you don't need.

Spacious, reliable cold storage is an important part of any smart shopping plan. You can save money (and time, too) by purchasing foods in quantity when the prices are favorable . . . if you have enough refrigerator space.

Old Fashioned Caroling Set Here

A community-wide, old-fashioned Christmas carolling on the courthouse lawn is scheduled for Tuesday, Christmas Eve, at 6:30.

Awards in the Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance will be presented the mid-point of the program, according to Rev. Pettigrew Hamilton of St. John Baptist Episcopal Church, a member of the alliance.

Categories for judging the Christmas decoration contest are based on (1) the entire house and front yard, (2) the entranceway or front step and (3) the front yard. A first, second and third prize trophy will be awarded in each category.

Rev. Paul Hancock, who has an excellent singing voice, will lead the public in singing Christmas songs. Kern Pigg, music director of the United Methodist Church and Clarendon College music teacher, will accompany on the electric piano.

The program will last until about 7:30, weather permitting. Rev. Hamilton and the carolling

will be shortened if it is uncomfortably cold and cancelled in case of rain. Rev. Owen McGarity has invited everyone to walk the short distance over to the Presbyterian Church after the singing on the courthouse square for refreshments such as cocoa, coffee and cookies.

Ruby Bromley was in Amarillo Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Her daughter, Mary Boadie, had surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital and is doing fine.

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Davis Body Shop

from HISTORY'S SCRAPBOOK
DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

December 27, 1945—Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States announce they will govern Korea as joint trustees for the next five years—then grant independence.

December 28, 1869—Labor Day is observed for the first time in American history.

December 29, 1845—Texas becomes the Union's 28th state.

December 30, 1936—Members of the United Automobile Workers begin a strike that is to last 44 days and involve over 100,000 workers.

December 31, 1879—Thomas Edison displays his incandescent lamp for the first time in Menlo Park, California.

January 1, 1902—Michigan defeats Stanford 49-0 in the first Rose Bowl at Pasadena, California.

January 2, 1890—Alice B. Sanger of Indianapolis is appointed by President Harrison as the first woman employed in the executive offices.

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May Your Yuletide be Joyous

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Clinton

Joy to the world

...the Lord is come! How wonderful it would be if the whole world would gather around the Infant Jesus this Christmas and seek His blessing. For then there would be peace on earth, at last. May the blessings of this Christmas season abide with you and your loved ones.

Wallace Monument

Hedley Happenings

by MRS. MABEL BRIDGES

The Ladies of the First Baptist Church of Hedley met Monday night, Dec. 16 for their annual Christmas party with about 50 present. The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated with Christmas gaiety. The program was opened with a prayer and special music was rendered by Sherri Hill, Kem Woodard, LaMoss Springer,

Mrs. Martha Hill and Mrs. Linda Payne.

The program was given by Mildred Clendenen. It was titled "The Joy of Christmas is Lost When We Hurry, Hurry, Hurry."

Poems by Sece Weatherly and a delicious salad supper were enjoyed after the exchange of gifts.

It's a good thing to be rich. And a good thing to be strong. But it's a better thing to be loved by many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mithlence of Irving spent the weekend with the Ike Rains and Myrtle Kirkpatrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jewell of Hereford visited Hedley friends Tuesday, they were returning from Dallas where Ray had special medical attention. They were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Johnson Tuesday night.

Weekend visitors in the Woodrow Clendenen house were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thompson of Hartley.

Also visiting the Woodrow Clendenen house were Mr. and Mrs. Jewett Huff of Lawton Okla. and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Owens and family of Canyon.

Mrs. Jack Starn Phillips from Hemet California is visiting Myrtle Reeves.

Mrs. Opal Mann was carried to Hall County Hospital Thursday. She is reported to be better.

Mrs. Mabel Bridges spent the weekend in Amarillo with her son, the Bill Bridges family. Monday night she attended the Travis Singers Christmas program. Her granddaughter, Karen Bridges, is one of the Travis Singers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reed have returned home from Mt. Pleasant where they attended a funeral for her brother.

We are happy to learn that Don Blanks is improving after being critically injured in a car wreck several weeks back.

Mrs. Carl Reed spent a few days in Hall County Hospital last week.

Rev. Bo Estes and family from Ft. Knox, Kentucky, spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Holland enroute to Goriotta and Roaring Springs for the Christmas holidays.

Rev. Estes was a former pastor of First Baptist Church in Hedley. Several friends called to see them.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Harmon spent Tuesday in Amarillo visiting their daughter, Sonny Stone family. Nita stayed for a longer visit.

Myrtle Reeves left Friday to spend Christmas holidays in Denver, Colorado with Mrs. Merle Cox and Don.

C.T. Van Zant from Wheeler visited his friend Ike Rains Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Omie Simmons left Saturday to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Eva Fisher and family in Texarkana.

The First Baptist Church of Hedley was hostess to the workers conference Tuesday Dec. 17. A large crowd attended from out of town.

The new office of Hedley City Hall is completed and city offices are now operating. This is a very nice place on Main Street. The old City Hall will be used for the Hedley Fire Department.

May the Star that guided the Wisemen to Bethlehem guide each of you through Christmas and the New Year.

Merry Christmas!

Social Security Office

A representative of the Amarillo Social Security office will be in Clarendon January 2, 16 and 30 from 9:45 till noon to help persons with any matters relating to Social Security, Supplementary Security Income or Medicare.

Information, service or a program for civic groups, clubs or classes can be also obtained in Amarillo at the Social Security office, 217 E. Third St., or by calling 806 376-2241.

Ashtola-Martin

by MRS. HUBERT RHOADES

Mary Talley of Hedley spent Monday night with the Horace Green's.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Porter were in Amarillo Monday and spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Clay.

Mrs. Jerry Gray and boys of Sparta, Tenn. spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Vance Gray. Rockie Tregelless from Clarendon had lunch at the Horace Green's Tuesday.

Mrs. Beth Payne and Mrs. Naomi Green made a business trip to Claude Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Doss Finley visited in Claude Thursday afternoon with the Wilson's and with Mr. and Mrs. Chet Roehr.

Dickie Bennett of Washburn had supper Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bennett.

MARTIN

Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Helton visited Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hearn.

Some of the people from the Martin Baptist Church had coffee at Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Watson Wednesday night after prayer meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Othel Elliott went to Amarillo Thursday so Othel could see the doctor for a check up. She got a good report. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Broinson and family.

Just recently Mrs. Bob Harp of Amarillo visited in Houston with her brother Wendel Hansard and a sister Barbara.

Mrs. Bob Harp and Mr. and Mrs. Curt Richards and Robert visited in Hedley with their parents Monday. They are from Amarillo.

CARD OF THANKS

We deeply appreciate the flowers, calls, prayers, food, and many acts of kindness during the passing of our Mother and Grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Ellis, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Goodman and daughters

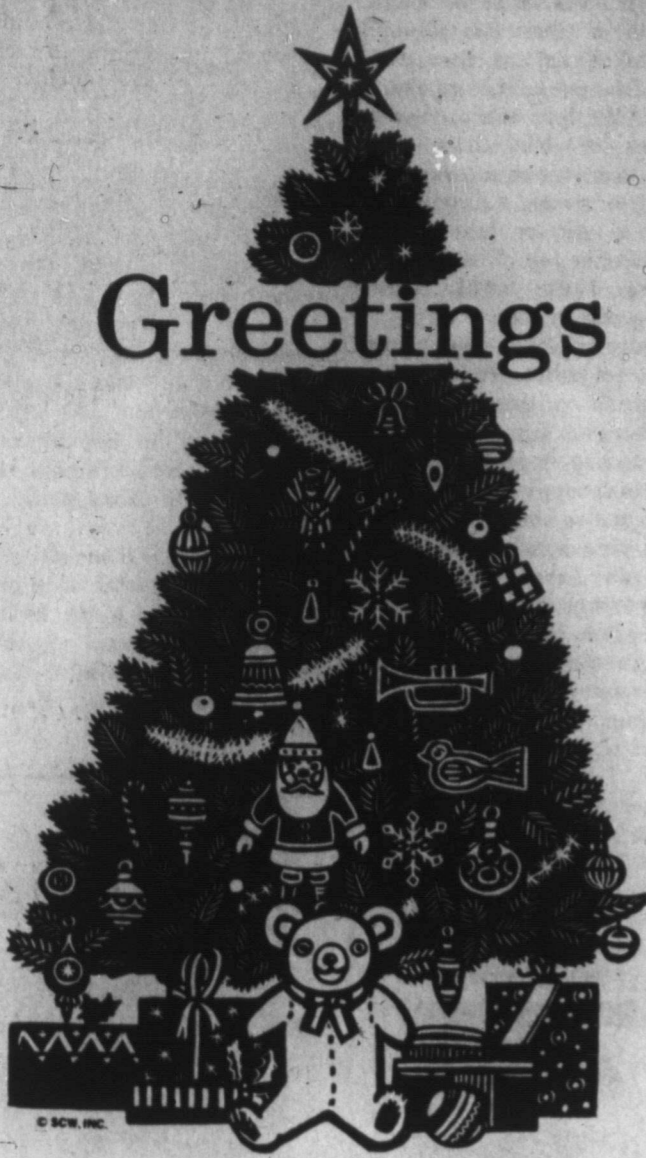
Greetings
we want to add our finishing touch to the Christmas season with fond wishes and "thanks."



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Greetings



No words express more sincerely what is in our hearts at this time of year, than "Merry Christmas to our friends!"

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To our many fine customers. May your Holiday Season be full of happy blessings and the joys of Christmas cheer.

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Christmas Blessings

"And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Let us rejoice!

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Lelia Lake News

by MRS. MARY CASTNER

Mrs. Buddy Wian and Stephenie of Amarillo spent Monday night with her mother, Mrs. Cecil Mills. Tuesday, Mrs. Mills accompanied her daughter to Carrollton to visit another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bradshaw and children.

Mrs. Lacy Noble visited in Amarillo with her daughter, Janie Sue Noble, Wednesday. Mrs. Dan Petty and boys of Dimmitt visited Wednesday until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Nelson Jr. Mrs. Petty and boys accompanied her parents to Estelline Sunday for the Nelson family Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Myers and Kathy visited Sunday with their father, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Floyd spent the weekend in Lazbuddie with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Floyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ayers visited Sunday evening in McLean with Mr. Ayer's aunt, Mrs. Boyd Meador. Mrs. Meador is in the McLean hospital very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Tyler of Amarillo visited Saturday evening with his father, Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Tyler.

Donna Altman and Sherry Johnson made a trip to Canyon Friday. Sherry was helping her sister move and get her apartment ready to move into next week.

Congratulations to David May on his marriage to Donna Altman Sunday evening. Our

best wishes go with this couple. Donna and David will make their home in Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Creech of Dallas visited Saturday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Don Altman. Mrs. Kay Damron and Ericka of Memphis were Saturday visitors.

Mrs. Lacy Noble and daughter, Janie Sue Noble of Amarillo, visited Friday until Sunday in Arlington with Mr. and Mrs. Ike Noble and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Lee Noble and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mace and Alvin Mace of Farwell visited Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Nollie Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Butler and O.D. Roberts dined at the Country Club in Amarillo Monday night with other members of the Roberts family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Woods of Childress attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Donna, and spent Sunday night with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Altman.

Mr. and Mrs. Boner Howard and Judy of Amarillo visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Floyd.

Mrs. Don Altman and Dorothy Altman visiting in Lubbock Tuesday with Mrs. Jerry Murphy, who is recovering from surgery. Dorothy received medical attention while in Lubbock.

Visitors in the O.L. Usrey home Monday and Tuesday were, Mrs. Cleo Crutchfield, Mr. and Mrs. Larence Price and Mrs. Betty Moulder.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mooring of Amarillo visited Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Edd Mooring. Mrs. Sophia Wardlow accompanied the Moorings and spent Sunday with her brother, the Edd Moorings.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Altman visited Monday in Hedley with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Altman and returned Dorothy Altman home with them.

We hope Mrs. Edd Mooring and Mrs. J.M. Bowling are feeling better soon. Both ladies are very sick with the flu.

We wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Mrs. Lowe Hosts Kil Kare Klub

Mrs. Sam Lowe hosted a luncheon and Christmas party in her home on December 19 for the Kil Kare Klub.

She served a most enjoyable feast of turkey and all the trimmings for the club members.

Mrs. Beatrice Rodgers directed the program with a Christmas theme, with all the members singing carols. Gifts were then exchanged, followed by a cake, coffee and pie service.

Members present were: Mrs. Nora Leathers, Mrs. Nollie Simmons, Mrs. Roy Bartlett, Mrs. E. W. Quattlebaum, Mrs. Major Hudson, Mrs. Beatrice Rodgers and Mrs. Eva Phelps. Mrs. Sam Lowe had one guest, Mrs. Walter Lowe.

Post Office Closes Christmas Day

The Clarendon Post Office will be closed for the holidays only on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. On all other days, there will be service as usual.

Water Requirement
Normal persons require 1 1/2 quarts of water every day. This may be obtained from the water content of fruits, vegetables, coffee, etc. — not just by drinking that much straight water daily.



The Press and Leader will offer a five-dollar reward to the child composing the most original letter to Santa and bringing it by our offices for publication.

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl all year long. I would like to thank you for the toys I got last Christmas. This year I would like a Dusty Doll and a Barbie Sweet Sixteen Doll. We will have cake and milk for you. Help yourself.

Love
Melinda Barker
Age 9

Dear Santa I am 7. I would like a doll collection, number paints and Miss America dishes. I am Kay Diahn Bell. Please breen my little sister some goodies and my Daddy and MaMa some goodies too. Box 891 Clarendon Texas.

Dear Santa I want a baby doll, doll dishes, and snow sled. Santa I will leave you a sandwiche, and Dr. Pepper. I am 4 and my big sister is writing this. I am Tanya Nicole Bell.

Dear Santa,
I want a Cathy Quic Curl and a Knit Magic and a ring with a blue birthstone and a play sewing machine.

I will leave you cookies and milk at the front door. Be sure and drink it all because I want you to.

I love you Santa Claus.
yours truly,
Janet Elizabeth Risley

Puritan Yule
Puritans and Calvinists refused to celebrate Christmas in 17th-century England. Celebrations were banned and charged with being anti-religious sentiment. People payed penalties for missing work on Christmas day. Christmas did not become a legal holiday in New England until 1856.

Bronchos Lose Close Game

In a district game with Wellington on Friday night, the Clarendon Bronchos boys team lost 68-62, while the local girls team won 36-33.

In the boys game, Wellington took the lead 18-15 in the first period and held or increased the margin at every quarter, moving to 34-30 at the half and 54-48 at the end of the third period of play.

Gary Jack was the pace setter for the Bronchos, scoring 18 points. Steve King followed with 15 big one, Kenneth King scored 14 points, Randy Coslin made 11, and Danny Monroe added another four points for the Bronchos.

The Clarendon girls team moved out front by a whopping 14-3 in the first period and then held on through the rest of the game to take the win.

Chris Craft scored 21 points for the Clarendon girls, followed by Camille Mann, with 15 points.

Help children develop the ability to come to grips with their problems—to consider the pros and cons of alternative solutions and make decisions within the limits of their ability—instead of making all decisions for them/advises Dr. Jennie Kitching, family life education specialist.

Dear Santa Claus
I would like some Walki-Takies and my little brother would like a record/telephone.

Love
Steve and David
Shaller

Church Slates Christmas Eve Services

The Episcopal Church of St. John Baptist will hold a traditional Christmas Eve service this December 24, beginning at 11:30 p.m.

This colorful Communion Service, filled with old music, has for many been the favorite service of the year. The late hour is intended to let the worshippers have the Holy Communion at about midnight, or the first thing on Christmas Day.

The town public has considered this one service they were most welcome to attend in years past, and is cordially invited again this year.

Plowin' Out the Corners

by UNCLE ZEB
MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE.....

By the time you read this you may have already had your visit from Santa Claus. But, perhaps if your paper is printed a day early you have not as yet eaten your fill of Christmas turkey. We love Christmas time and most of the things that go along with it. We love the cards we receive, especially those that have a handwritten message on them. It is always a great thrill to get a card or letter from someone that you didn't expect to write. I can hardly resist sending one in return.

We love our loved ones being with us for awhile and for the good times we have together. Even though it gets harder with each passing year to do our Christmas shopping, we want to hold on just as long as we can to buying little special things for those we love. Personally bought things seem to bring a special joy to those who receive them. Anyway, we wish we had lots of money, and could do all the things our heart gets all warmed up to do at Christmas Time.

One of our greatest thrills for a couple of weeks ahead of time is the beautiful cards and precious letters. Almost every year our very first card comes from A.H. Gilliam of Davis,

Oklahoma. We met in a trading stamp store in Amarillo some ten years ago and we still exchange cards. Not only was his card the first one this year but we thought the verse was cute:

"The grass is short, the range is dry,
Good prospects ain't a half inch high.

The cows ain't fat, this verse ain't clever
But "Merry Christmas" same as ever."

Our next card came from our preacher friend Evarett Mills from way up in Lancaster, Wisconsin. We became pen friends some fifteen years ago when he retired partially from preaching and went into the ribbon bookmark printing. He is way past eighty now and still does his beautiful printing. On this card he said he had spent 30 days in a hospital and 30 days resting at home and was still: "Weaker than the Republican party." Such a sense of humor, and what a good friend he has been to me.

May God Richly Bless These two friends, along with each of you my readers. I thank Him each week that so many of you have been with us for all these 28 Christmas Times. Best Wishes and Thank You everyone.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

...and great joy to you and yours this holiday season.

Connie's T.V.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Wishing you Christmas cheer!

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PEACE

Let us strive for lasting friendship with our fellow men, now and after Christmas.

Peanut's Drive-in

May the happiness and joy of the season touch every home, each family. We thank all our friends and neighbors for their loyal patronage.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

All wrapped up for you... our best wishes for your merriest, most prosperous Christmas of all!

Greene's

Peace On Earth

Once more the message of Christmas shines in men's hearts... "Peace on earth, good will toward men!" Our sincere hope is that this holy season may find a world at peace.

Shields Conoco

Howardwick Party Line

by SHARON MILLS

The Howardwick Lions Club had their Christmas Dinner last Saturday night. It was in the Community building and was catered by Milam's Canteen.

The ham dinner was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. George Howard was introduced as the Lions Club Queen. A sweeter queen could not have been selected. Mr. M.L. VanArsdel received a plaque for two years' outstanding service as secretary and treasurer and each member received a card certifying the club's 100% contributing to the Crippled Children's camp at Kerrville, Texas.

Other than the wives as guests at the dinner, there were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wells, Linda an Mike McCully, Stoney Howard of Amarillo, Sharon Mills and Linda Blaggs.

Christmas carols were sung by the group and Mrs. Mike McCully accompanied at the piano and Ed Pearce lead the singing. Mike McCully also played a few numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boling had as recent guests, his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cagle and son, Tres of Redondo Beach, California.

Mrs. Will Corgill has been released from the Groom Hospital where she had undergone some tests. She reports the doctor says she will live, now she will be able to finish getting ready for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Corgill's grandson, Kenneth Rodgers has been discharged from the Army. He has been stationed in Germany. Kenneth is the son of W.W. Rodgers of Amarillo. The Corgill's granddaughter, Deloris Rodgers of Wichita, Kansas will be in during Christmas. Jim and Thelma went to Amarillo Tuesday to visit John Collins while he was in the hospital there.

John Collins has been transferred back to the hospital in Memphis. Mr. Collins would like to see you out of there by Christmas. How about it!

The Ed Castners are planning a houseful during Christmas. Those who are to be there are Marilyn and Jerold McDonald of Lubbock; Rhonda and Donny and daughters, Kelly and Kacy Buchanan, of Sweetwater; Granddaughter, Becky and Donny and son Christopher Roberts of Pensacola, Florida; Raynell and Clyde Plemmons and son Hank Hobgood.

Don't you just know there will be lots of talking going on there! Eating, too!

A belated happy birthday to LaLanya. She was one year old Monday. The little miss is the daughter of Mr. an Mrs. Doil Douthit.

Judy Bland and her two children, Nugget and Bridgett were in Amarillo Monday. Grandmother, Cora Bland was with them.

John Sarich has resumed his duties as manager of the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce. He has moved his office to his home. Could it be the moving was due to the location of the golf course? Since the doctors told him to get out more, there has been more golfing done by Alton Hendricks, Joe Wells and John. Keep up the good work.

Our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. John McVickers and other members of the Wakeman family. W.A. Wakeman was the father of Lois and he passed away recently. The funeral was in Dumas last Saturday.

Some fish are still trying to win but are losing. Ronald Simyard of Groom, caught a five pounder Channel Cat on Minnows last Sunday.

Since this is the last column before Christmas, I wish all on the party line a Very Merry Christmas!

Bye 'til next time, Sharon

Friendship Quilting Club Has Party

Yvonne Belle McDaniel entertained the Friendship Quilting Club in her home December 18, with Mary Lee Noble serving as co-host for the afternoon party.

Florence Bennet greeted the club members, at the door as they arrived and gave them a number for a door prize.

Vada Morrison was the winner of the door prize. The program began with Christmas carolling by the group. Edna Dishman gave a lovely Christmas prayer, followed by the Christmas story by Louise Aten, which was an inspiration to all.

Games with gifts awarded the winners were followed by an exchange of gifts from under the lighted Christmas tree.

Refreshments of all kinds of goodies brought by the members were served from the table with a red taffeta cloth overlaid with red net draped with silver tinsel and a beautiful festive center piece. Irene Jones served at the silver service. While Edna Dishman served punch.

Members who enjoyed the holiday gala event were: Grace Ayers, Ora Aten, Louise Aten, Rachel Butler, Ruby Blackman, Edna Dishman, Floriene Bennett, Irene Jones, Vada Morrison, Leona Quattlebaum and the hostess, Yvonne Belle McDaniel and co-hostess Mary Lee Noble.

Eastern Star Meets

After the regular meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star on Thursday, December 19, the members were entertained in the Paul Hancock home. Lights outlined the exterior of the house and the evergreen trees.

Guests were welcomed by Mr and Mrs. Hancock and daughters Amy and Buffie into the beautifully decorated home. Tapers and votive candles lighted the receiving rooms hung with greenery and traditional decorations.

From the dining table with appointments of crystal and silver, guests were served punch, canopies, assorted relishes, dips and chips, sandwiches, cookies, cake squares, filled candies and nuts. Separate tables held services of eggnog and coffee.

After the refreshment hour, Christmas music was enjoyed. Mrs. Earl Alderson was at the piano and Mrs. Van Kennedy at the organ. Everyone enjoyed singing old favorites.

Those enjoying the festive occasion were: Mrs. Earl Alderson, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Bearfield, Mrs. J.R. Batson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. James O. Brandon, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Brandon, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Butler, Mrs. K.K. Day, Mrs. Johnny Grady, Mrs. Bernie Green, Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Henson, Mrs. George Huges, Mr. and Mrs. Van Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Leathers, Mrs. Nora Leathers, Mrs. Eula Merrell, Mrs. Floyd Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Heckle Stark, Mrs. Bill Weatherly and the host and hostess and their daughters.

Donley, Surrounding Area Cotton Crop Falls Far Short

With harvest and ginning operations about 40 per cent complete, local cotton is running about 15 per cent barked, said Marshall Denney, manager of Clarendon's Paymaster Gin.

Prices run from 18 cents to 32 cents per pound, with buying mostly based on fiber strength tested according to federal standards at the government classing office in Memphis, Tennessee, he said. Prices last year ranged from 55 cents to 68 cents per pound.

Federal inspectors are marking nearly all cotton that comes through some gins barked, according to Paul Gross of Amarillo, district agent for the Agricultural Extension Service.

Barky cotton brings only about 18 cents per pound, while production costs run from 35 cents to 40 cents per pound.

The condition is the result of prolonged periods of wetness and humidity during the later part of the season, according to Dr. Robert B. Metzger, formerly of Lubbock, now a cotton specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at College Station.

Cotton plants that were killed by desiccants, verticillium wilt or other diseases prior to the prolonged wet spell now have deteriorated to the point that limbs and stalks break off during stripping, he explained. Strips of bark are peeled from these broken sticks and limbs in harvesting and ginning operations.

Barky cotton is reduced by waiting for the cotton plant to

dry out, but excessive delay results in deteriorated plants, and thus bark, loss in grade and even loss in yield, he said.

Cotton farmers want to get all they can for their crops to cut their losses down as much as possible, since there are no price supports as in years past, district agent Gross said.

Some cotton farmers will collect disaster payments on crops not harvested, though these amount to less than the price brought by barky cotton, County Agent Ronald Gooch said.

Donley County dry land cotton yield is low this year, ranging from 200 or 300 pounds to a bale an acre, Gooch said.

Girlstown, U.S.A., needs your help... again. Girlstown, located at Whiteface and with campuses now at Borger and Austin, has depended on West Texas friends to help provide for unwanted girls for the past 25 years. You may not know any of

the girls, but they'll appreciate your sharing because it gives them the opportunity to find themselves and become beautiful young ladies. Send contributions to: Girlstown, U.S.A., Box 35, Whiteface, Tex. 79379.

Blessings of the seasons



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Mr. and Mrs. HUBERT RHOADES

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Steve's Automotive & Industrial

All Types of Automotive and Irrigation Service Christmas greetings to all our many friends and customers.

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May your Christmas be aglow with the love of friends and family... may it shine with the enjoyment of the good things in life! Holiday greetings from

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We wish you & yours a happy holiday season!

Donley County Abstract Co.



Sno fooling...we wish you the best!

Clarendon Auto & Supply

SCOUT

Dec. 24-Tuesday there will be no Scouts meeting, as this is Christmas Eve.

Dec. 31-Tuesday Scouts of Troop No. 33 will hold a Court of Honor at the First Christian Church, for boys working on merit badges, and the outstanding Scout who has earned the most badges will be presented.



Here's hoping Santa has something special for you in his bag of gifts! Have a very merry Christmas, friends!

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Willie Johnson's Hedley

Benjamin F. Winters, 86, died in the High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo last Monday morning December 16. He was a former Lakeview resident and well known in Hedley. Memorial services were conducted at Lakeview at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with Rev. Bill Curry officiating. Interment was in the Union Hill Cemetery at Lakeview.

Survivors include one son, Alvin Winters of Amarillo, one grandson Jimmy Winters of Florida, one granddaughter Mrs. Barbara Brice and one great granddaughter little Miss Utan Brice of Amarillo.

A family dinner was held in Hedley at noon Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Stone. Attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin

Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Randall Brice and daughter Utana of Amarillo, Jimmy Winters of Florida, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Stone of Canadian, Mrs. Myrtle Kirkpatrick and Mr. and Mrs. Stone.

City Secretary Oneil Weatherly moved into the new city building on Main Street Tuesday. The city and justice of peace offices are something to be proud of. They have carpeted floors, paneled walls, dropped ceiling with recessed lights and indirect heating.

Neices and nephews attending Mr. Winters funeral services in Lakeview Tuesday include Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Anderson of Ft. Worth, Clara Sherrill, Royal and Jerry Winters of Gainesville, Alex and Tom Richardson of Electra and Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Holman, LeRoy Baker and Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Howerton of Kermit.

Mrs. Bob Harp and Mrs. Curt Richards and son Robert of Amarillo visited the ladies parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hansard Monday.

Mrs. Mabel returned home Tuesday afternoon. She has been visiting the Billy Bridges family in Amarillo.

Mrs. Kathryn Pigg of Clarendon was a Hedley visitor Tuesday and Wednesday. She is the pastor of the Hedley United Methodist Church.

Roland Clay of Amarillo visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Owens recently.

Bryan De Stiles, age 6, passed away in Amarillo Tuesday December 17th. Funeral services were conducted at the East Amarillo Church of Christ Thursday. He was the grandson of Pete Stiles of Amarillo and the great grandson of Mrs. Ruth Stiles of Hedley.

Mrs. Bob Harp recently visited her sister Barbara and brother Windol in Houston recently.

Wayne and Eva Hansards cafe on Hwy. 287 in Hedley after being closed for Christmas will reopen Thursday December 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Clendennan have been visiting in Hedley. Tommy is on leave from the United States Navy until Jan. 12. He has been stationed in Pearl Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller of Memphis were Wednesday afternoon visitors. Mrs. Miller attended the 1919 Study Club meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Boliver and little daughter Angela of Amarillo were recent Hedley visitors.

Mrs. Fannie Reynolds was recognized in the Branigan Jewelry advertisement in last weeks issue of The Hedley Informer as an outstanding citizen. She came to the Hedley area in 1903 with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Mullins.

The Hedley 1919 Study Club met Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. in the Lions Club building with Mrs. Herlie Moreman,

Mrs. Oscar Moore and Mrs. Dannie Bernardin as hostesses. The club room was beautifully decorated with candle arrangements and holly rope to carry out the Christmas holiday season. The refreshment table was covered with a white cloth, holly rope and candle arrangement and set with colorful plates and cups.

The meeting was called to order by the president Mrs. Tom Wilson. Mrs. W.H. Jones gave the prayer of thanks and refreshments were then enjoyed.

During the business session Mrs. Royce Williams read the minutes and a letter was read from Mrs. Ethel Kinslow. A gift was decided on for the Hedley Youth Center.

A beautiful Christmas program led by Mrs. Mary Harris followed. Roll call was responded to by each member "What I want for Christmas." Some serious and some funny, then Christmas carols and the Christmas story taken from the book of Luke was read by the leader, Mrs. Harris. A Christmas story "Old Fashion Christmas" by Paul Engle was read by Mrs. Joe Miller.

Then came the fun, gifts for everyone. They were drawn and passed out from a table covered with Christmas cloth centered with a miniature Christmas tree.

Those present were Mesdames Myrtella Deahl, W.H. Jones, C.L. Johnson, Royce Williams, Tom Wilson, Cullen Taylor, J.M. Baker, A.T. Simmons, Joe Miller, J.S. Hinds, W.R. Harris, A.M. Saunders, Herlie Moreman, Oscar Moore and Dannie Bernardine. All left with more Christmas spirit and joy in their hearts.

Major Robert B. Estes, Chaplain U.S. Armed Forces, his wife Sally and children Bruce, Traci and Scott, arrived in Hedley Wednesday evening.

They spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Holland and were able to visit with a good many of their Hedley friends. He is a former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hedley. They now live in Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Tige Hill of Lelia Lake have been frequent Hedley visitors since their new brick home in West Hedley is nearing completion.

Willie Johnson and Myrtle Kirkpatrick visited friends in Pampa Thursday.

Maybe because we missed them so much last year, but Hedley seems to have a lot more beautiful Christmas lights burning than ever before. Take a drive over town tonight. It will be worth your time.

The junior high school basketball teams played two games the past week. The boys defeated McLean 48 to 36 and the girls defeated McLean 48 to 36 and the girls defeated McLean 20 to 22.

The elementary grades, kindergarten through the 6th grade presented their annual Christmas program at the school Thursday night.

Almost all of Hedley's business houses will be closed Christmas Day.

The Christmas party at the youth center Wednesday night was well attended and enjoyed by the youth of the community.

A covered dish supper was served followed by a Christmas program. Santa Claus arrived and gifts were presented. Games were enjoyed. All left with more Christmas spirit and joy in their hearts.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bailey of Kress, visited Mrs. Lucy Bishop and Mrs. Lelia Moffitt Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskell O. Talley announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Gale Talley, to Jerry B. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Green of Clarendon. The wedding will take place January 24 in the Hedley United Methodist Church.

The Hedley 42 Club held their Christmas party in the Lions Den Thursday evening, Dec. 19. The building was very beautifully decorated. A covered dish

supper was served and gifts were exchanged. Forty-two and 84 were enjoyed. Thirty odd members and guest were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Powell have been in Hale Center with his mother.

Mrs. Pauline Pickett of Amarillo visited her mother Mrs. J.B. Pickett Thursday.

Both the Hedley High School girls and boys basketball teams entered the tournament at Shamrock Thursday. They hope to add two more nice trophies to their trophy case for Christmas.

The Hedley schools dismissed for the Christmas holidays at 2:30 p.m. Friday. Classes will be resumed Monday morning Dec. 30th.

Bro. and Mrs. J.J. Terry went to Bovina, last Friday night for the Donaldson's sisters Christmas party.

All the sisters and their sister-in-law met in the home of Mrs. Frank Edwards. Others present were Mrs. Clyde Sparks and Mrs. J.C. Boone of Clovis, N.M.; Mrs. Hugh Tucker, of Plainview; Mrs. Sterling Donaldson, Mrs. Joe McWilliams, Mrs. Charlie Hromas and Mrs. Wendol Christian, all of Farwell. Mrs. Arnold Hromas and Mrs. Harold Carpenter of Bovina and Mrs. J.J. Terry of Hedley.

All of their husbands met in the Wendol Christian's home.

The Terrys spent the night with her brother, wife, Sterling Donaldson. Saturday they visited in Clovis, N.M. with their daughter and family.

We wish a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year to all our readers.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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The Grocery Store Will Be Open Over The Holidays. We Have A Nice Selection of Ice, Milk, Eggs, Can Goods And Curios For Christmas Gifts.

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"On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me..." May your Yule be all you wish for!

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Season's Greetings

It's the happiest time of the year—because it's the time we pause to greet friends old and new, the time when we draw closer to those we love. It's our sincere hope that our many fine patrons will enjoy the best of this holiday season!

The Farmers State Bank
& TRUST COMPANY
MEMBER FDIC CLARENDON, TEXAS

Longtime Highway Employee To Retire Soon

This has really been my "quietly stated R.C. Liles on the verge of his retirement from the Texas Highway Department.

For more than two-thirds of his life—47 years—Liles has been associated with the state highway department.

He worked summers only for the state agency 1928-30 in Canadian, and on May 22, 1931, became a full-time employee.

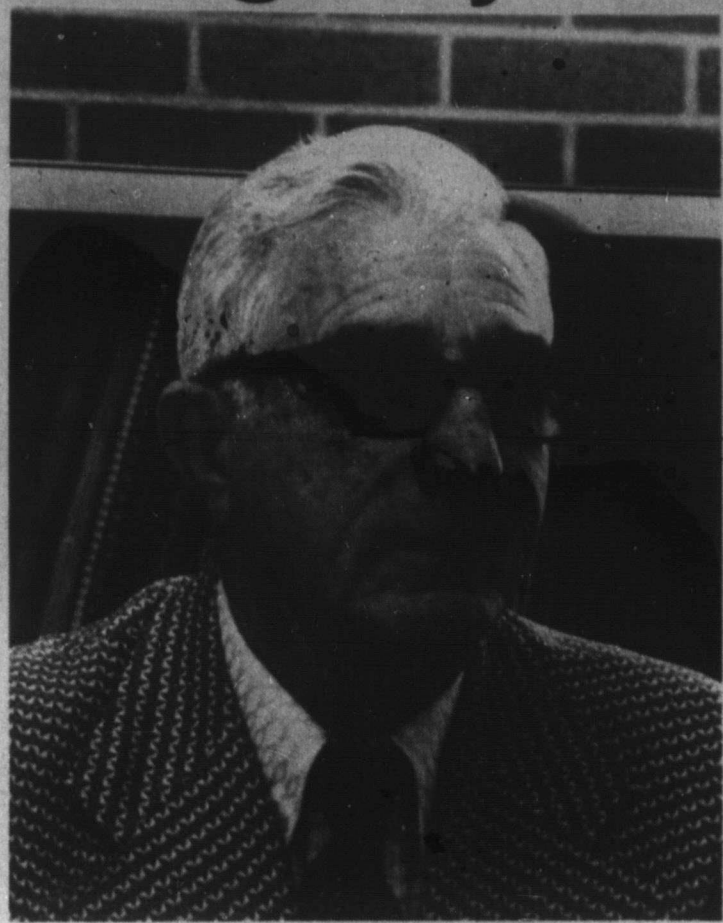
Liles, of 2319 Victoria in Amarillo, has attained the position of maintenance construction superintendent.

"Cliff's ability as a member of the maintenance organization in this district has been proven by his rise from bottom to top in the performance of his work," said A.L. McKee, Amarillo District Engineer.

Continued McKee. "We will miss his sound advice in both maintenance operations and administrative matters. We all want to wish Cliff the best for years to come as he has certainly given his best in the years before to the Highway Department."

Liles, soft-spoken but highly respected, worked in Canadian 1931-40 as a truck driver, special job foreman and utility man. In December-1940 he was promoted to maintenance foreman at Dumas, and in 1950 became special job foreman for the Amarillo district.

He worked on highways in Wheeler and Donley counties when those two counties were part of the Amarillo district, and



R.C. "CLIFF" LILES

improved services offered Texas Highway Department maintenance personnel and prophesied, "It's going to be better than ever before."

"I'd recommend a career with the highway department. But it's a job to stay with, not one in a series of jobs," he asserted.

Liles is a past president and

board member of Panhandle Chapter 16 of the Texas Public Employees Association. He is a charter member of and helped establish the Texas Highway Department Credit Union.

He is a member of San Jacinto Methodist Church. He and his wife, Ethyl, have three children, R.C. Liles Jr. of Clovis, N.M.,

William Liles of 3211 S. Ruik in Amarillo and Mrs. Lois Reeves of Mesquite. The Liles also have eight grandchildren.

IT'S A BOY!

Donald Lee is the new range boss at Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gooch's home.

Donald was born December 12 at 6:36 p.m. in the High Plains Baptist Hospital at Amarillo. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 2 oz. and is 21 1/2 inches long.

Word has been received that Claudia Scott, formerly of Clarendon died Sunday in a Dallas hospital. She had been ill for several years. She had been a long time resident of Clarendon.

To "garnish" simply means to surround with, decorate or trim.

Joy to all



Yuletide greetings to one and all! May your holidays be prosperous and blessed with joy!

Mr. & Mrs. Durwood Ray



Joy to the world, the Lord has come! May peace on earth become a reality at this holy time.

The Hardware & The Automotive Inc.

helped construct the maintenance warehouse that exists today in Clarendon.

He is primarily responsible for organizing the district's Amarillo expressway maintenance section. The E-way section work force of about 30 now maintains Interstate Highway 40, IH 27 and U.S. Highway 87-287 within the Amarillo city limits.

Liles supervised the district equipment shop for six years. He was promoted to maintenance construction superintendent in 1964.

With the Highway Department, Liles has performed the duties of truck driver, special laborer, sign man, gang foreman, special job foreman, maintenance foreman, construction foreman and maintenance construction superintendent.

Born in Durham, Okla., he was reared in Canadian and attended Canadian public schools.

When Liles first worked for the highway department, he claims, "We had one truck in the whole section which included all of Hemphill and Roberts and parts of Lipscomb, Ochiltree and Wheeler counties. We had to crank up the dump truck by hand, rather than hydraulically as we do today."

In the early '30s the highway department sign repairer, ditch digger, weed mower "worked a lot of hours." Travel time, Liles said, from headquarters to job site, was once shouldered by the employee than the state.

For example, a man who worked out of the Amarillo district office would leave for Glenrio, where he would work until 5 p.m.—quitting time. The 90-minute-plus drive from Glenrio back to Amarillo was done on the man's time. In other

words, he was not paid for that 1 1/2 hours.

Trips to and from a job site are now completed on "company" time. This feature as well as benefits such as group health insurance, overtime privileges and a retirement program didn't exist in 1935, but do now.

Liles said he recognizes the



We pray for peace... may this holy season bring us lasting peace!

Page Construction Co.



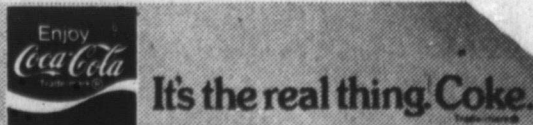
Glad tidings to all at Christmas! May your holidays ring happily with the sound of laughter and may they be warmed by the glow of friendship and love!

Hill's Gulf



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Santa's all decked out and ready to bring bundles of goodies your way for a happy holiday. And, tucked into his sack are hearty thanks from us, along with jolliest wishes for a merry, merry Christmas season.

It's the REAL THING...our wishes for a merry Christmas is real also!



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Santa Clause was on hand at the Medical Center Nursing Home last Thursday night to hand out gifts from under the Christmas tree to each of the residents. Many of them had visitors, and refreshments were served.

Give Usual Gift This Year

Why not treat those on your holiday gift list to an "old-fashioned country Christmas," suggests Ronald Gooch, county agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Gifts of various Texas-grown food products can highlight this year's gift-giving. A wide variety of meat, dairy and poultry products are available and make excellent choices for everyone on your gift list.

"Give Meat, Poultry and Dairy Products for the Holidays" is the theme of a special campaign by the Texas Farm Bureau to promote the selection of food products for Christmas gifts. The campaign is being supported by the Texas Department of Agriculture and other agricultural agencies and organizations.

In addition to giving actual food products, Gooch points out that numerous chain food stores and banks are also offering gift certificates for these products.

Not only are food products economical selections, but they will provide excellent table fare for the Christmas menu and throughout the holiday season.

GED Graduates Receive Congratulations

High school principal Mark D. Gunnels extended congratulations Friday, both personally and on behalf of the Clarendon Public Schools to the adults who achieved their General Educational Development high school equivalency diplomas through the school.

"We know that self improvement in education is important and upgrading to our community," Gunnels said. "It takes a great amount of courage and effort to go back and fulfill a life dream."

Again, congratulations to the following: Nola Barker, Billie Crump, Alice Davis, Barbara S. Dodson, Jayness Fulgham, Thomas Fulgham, Minnie Gerdes, Alice Gray, Janie Hill, Carol Jeral, Vickie Jones, Helen Knox, Jack Leeper;

Willie Luttrell, Betty Molder, Marie Norton, Bernice Owens, Charles Page, Maudine Parker, Shirley Petty, Georgia Robertson, Betty Royton, Joe Neal Shalde, Raenell Shadle, Shirley Stephens, Verdie Steptoe, Lucille Swinney, June Topper and Carmen Wright.

Adult basic education class will be continued in the spring semester, with the first class to begin on January 6. The class will be taught at the high school with Eureda Mays and Robbie Hill as teachers and Mrs. Geneva Mays as an aide. If you wish to enroll in this class, call the Community Action Center, 874-2573, or the high school at 874-3553.

Stamp of Approval Since the Postmaster feels so bad about the price of stamps going up again he's promised to coat the glue with bourbon.

Religious Thoughts

by JAMES O. BRANDON

It has been said that "great character grows out of great convictions." Someone else has stated it this way: "Good religion and good sense go together."

Strong convictions in developing strong character must be qualified. Let me illustrate. Ingersoll had strong convictions. He is listed in the dictionary as an "American lawyer, orator, and atheist." Paul, who wrote thirteen books of the New Testament in the Bible, is listed as an Apostle of Christianity and called Saint Paul. Ingersoll is remembered as an atheist. Paul is remembered as a saint. Ingersoll is seldom quoted while Paul, the Apostle, is quoted every day. Ingersoll is noted for His stand against God. Paul is noted for His stand for God. Ingersoll was afraid to die. Paul lost his life in service to Jesus Christ without fear.

It matters in building a good character what you have convictions about. A good character grows out of good, strong, religious convictions connected with Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Abraham Lincoln was a good man with strong convictions. He got his convictions from the Bible, through prayer, and personal experience with God. These three are indispensable in building a good strong character.

There can be no real depth to personal character without a Bible. The Bible is God's Word made verbal. This is what Christmas is all about. Jesus Christ, God's Son, became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14) In the Bible you can find God's rules for living. You can find illustrations of how men who broke these rules found peace through forgiveness and grace. If you wish to add some depth to your personal character, you will have to spend some hours with the Bible.

Did you read recently about the lady who killed her husband. The judge sentenced her to five years teaching a Sunday School class in a church. Why? The judge knew what many men have forgotten. Exposure to the principles of the Bible influence character.

If you would develop a good, strong character, you will have to learn how to pray. Psychiatrists would lose most of their patients if those people would pray to God about their problems. A praying man seldom has to see a psychiatrist. "Cast your burdens upon the Lord," the Bible says, "and He will sustain thee." Most of the problems people have could be worked out through private, personal prayer to God. The greatest characters of history have been praying persons.

For prayer to help you, you need to know several things about how to pray. Effective prayer is honest talk to God. Shoot straight with God. Effective prayer is specific prayer. Don't pray in generalities. Be specific about what you want God to do and for whom you wish Him to do it. Pray for a need made known.

Good, strong character comes out of a personal experience with God. It isn't enough for you that your mother was a religious person. Her experience with God will not suffice for you. You must have your own encounter with Him if He is to do you any good.

You get acquainted with God the same way you do with any other person. You will have to strike up a conversation. He doesn't carry on a one-sided conversation.

Great character and good behavior grow out of great convictions about God. These convictions are built as you expose yourself to the Bible, your own praying, and your own personal experience with God. The result is a better, emotionally stronger you.

Damaged Infants Learn

Physically and mentally damaged babies who would have been condemned to custodial crib care not too long ago are being helped to live normal or near normal lives today by an exciting program called "infant intervention." Doctors now believe that by giving "hopeless" babies intensive early therapy and stimulation their intelligence and motor control will develop to a degree hitherto thought impossible.

Babies learn from experience, but those born with severe disabilities--Down's syndrome (mongolism), skull abnormalities, spina bifida (open spine), in fact, any developmental delay--are often deprived of the stimulation they need in order to learn.

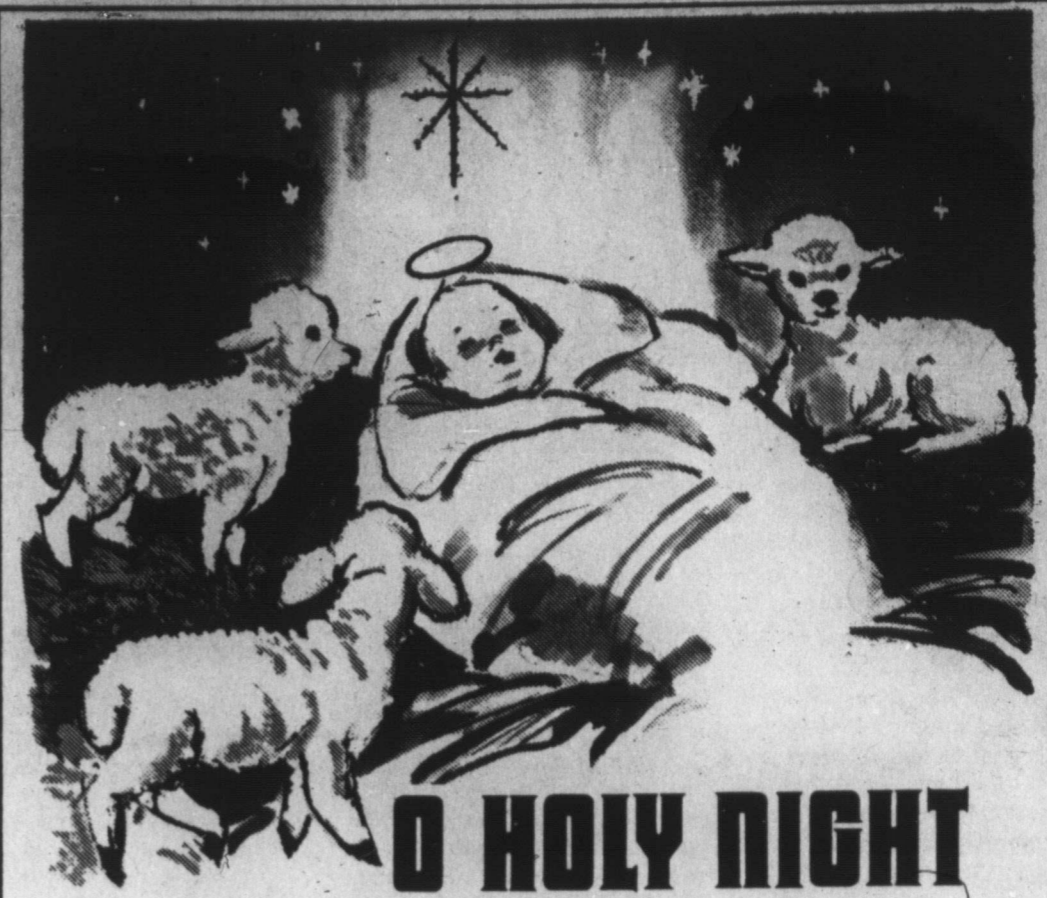
Writing in the December issue of the Reader's Digest, author Sara Stutz says the sooner babies receive this early intervention training, the better and faster they learn. Even the tiniest one can be strapped to a scooter board to experience the feeling of motion. In subsequent periods he learns to scoot across the room; he begins to hold his head up while he's on it; eventually he'll use his arms and hands to guide himself. These experiences increase the infant's intelligence.

Not only does infant intervention provide new hope for children who might otherwise be institutionalized for life, its impact on the taxpayer is impressive too. There are an estimated 5 million retarded persons in the United States, 50 percent of whom might have been classed as "normal" had they had the benefit of early intervention. Since the cost of the institutional care for a person from age six can be \$300,000 to \$800,000, the savings to society could be immense.

The programs discussed in the article are functioning in Pomona and Los Angeles in California, in Columbus and Dayton in Ohio, in Kansas City, Kansas, and in Portage, Wisconsin.



"I'd like a gift for my son... something weird."



O HOLY NIGHT

May the Infant Jesus bless you at this holy season and may His peace abide with you.

Junior Food Store

Santa Claus will be in our store Dec. 24th. Thank you for your business.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom"

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Bugbee & Third Streets
James Brandon, Pastor
Sunday
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Praying Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

ST. MARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Jefferson & Martindale
Albert Yarborough, Pastor
Weekly Sunday Services

ST. STEVENS BAPTIST CHURCH

Jefferson & Martindale
R. E. Manning, Pastor
Weekly Sunday Services
The pastor is from out of town.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

McClelland & Montgomery
Father Carlson of Groom
Sunday Morning Mass ... 12:15 p.m.
Holy Days 5:00 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

5th & McClelland
Wesley Sanders, Pastor
Sunday
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship .. 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday
Women's Missionary Council . 1 p.m.
Wednesday
Night Service 7:30 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 287 & Jackson
R. W. Sullivan, Pastor
Sunday
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service.. 7:30 p.m.

The Journey To Bethlehem ...



And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David.)
To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
— St. Luke 2:1-6

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

3rd & Gorst
Gordon Oglesby
Sunday
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship

CHURCH OF CHRIST

4th & Carhart
Don Stone, Minister
Sunday
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Night Service 7:30 p.m.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Corner of Montgomery & Faker
Lawrence Thompson, Pastor
Sunday Worship 10:00
Morning Service 11:00
Sunday night 7:00
Wednesday 7:30

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5th & Jefferson
Weldon Rives, Pastor
Sunday
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Youth Program 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH

Jefferson & Rosenfeld
Rev. E. G. Gilbert

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

3rd & Hawley
David J. Eckenboey
Sunday
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study 5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Night Service 7:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4th & Parks
Owen McGarity, Pastor
Sunday
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
Youth Program 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday
Bible Study 2:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHOICE

W. W. Wilson
Weekly Sunday Services

MARTIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Charlie Floyd, pastor
Sunday
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Church Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Night Service 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Howardwick, Texas
Frankie Just, Pastor
Sunday
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Worship 6:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3rd & Parks
The Rev. Pettigrew V. Hamilton
Vicar
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Services 11:00 a.m.
Holy Communion 1st, 3rd, & 5th
Sundays.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rosenfeld & Kearney
Hubert Bromley, Minister
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
302 N. Jefferson
C. H. Duncan

MERRY CHRISTMAS

SILENT NIGHT
This is the time
of year to recall
friends old & new!
Bright Auto & Fina

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Fresh from us to you... greetings
of the season. We hope the Yule
holidays are happy in every way!
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ALLSUP'S FOOD STORE **THE CLARENDON PRESS**
THE DREAM DONUT SHOP **FRANK HOMMEL MOBIL STATION**



Handmade decorations were hung on the Christmas tree on the courthouse square Thursday afternoon by the Clarendon Brownies. The community project was participated in by troop 77 (first grade), troop 95 (second grade) and troop 213 (third grade) and each girl hung some decorations on the tree that she herself made.

Flu Outbreak Takes Big Toll In Clarendon School System

An outbreak of the flu disrupted semester exams for many Clarendon junior high students.

Junior high principal Stina King said absences ran from 20 to 22 students the last three days of school, compared with normal absences of five to eight students.

Dr. Richard L. Gilkey of Clarendon said the virus appears to be an Influenza Type A, which has infected very few adults and virtually no older people, which he attributed partly to flu shots.

"It's a little too late for a shot to ward off about with the flu virus that is going around town now, but young people can tolerate the illness pretty well,

he said. The few cases in older patients the Clarendon physician has seen have been pretty bad, he said.

"It is lasting three to five days with high fever, running to 102 degrees in children," Dr. Gilkey said. "An important part of it is cough, for which I recommend any cough syrup, along with aspirin and bed rest."

He said he saw 70 to 100 flu patients from Wednesday through Friday morning, mostly 11 to 14 years old, with few small children and adults.

"Thank heaven school is out," he said. "I think that will take care of it."

Junior high principal Cain said students who missed semester tests don't have to

worry about it if their parents called in that they were out sick. They will be given a day or two to review after the holidays and then be allowed to make up their tests, though report cards maybe a few days late, he said.

Only three high school students were absent Thursday, though a lot of students came to school and took the tests

regardless of how they felt, said Mark Gunnels, high school principal.

"There will be a makeup test for the students out ill," he said. "Semester tests count one fourth of the semester grade, but, if a student was out without a valid excuse, three points will be docked from his semester grade."



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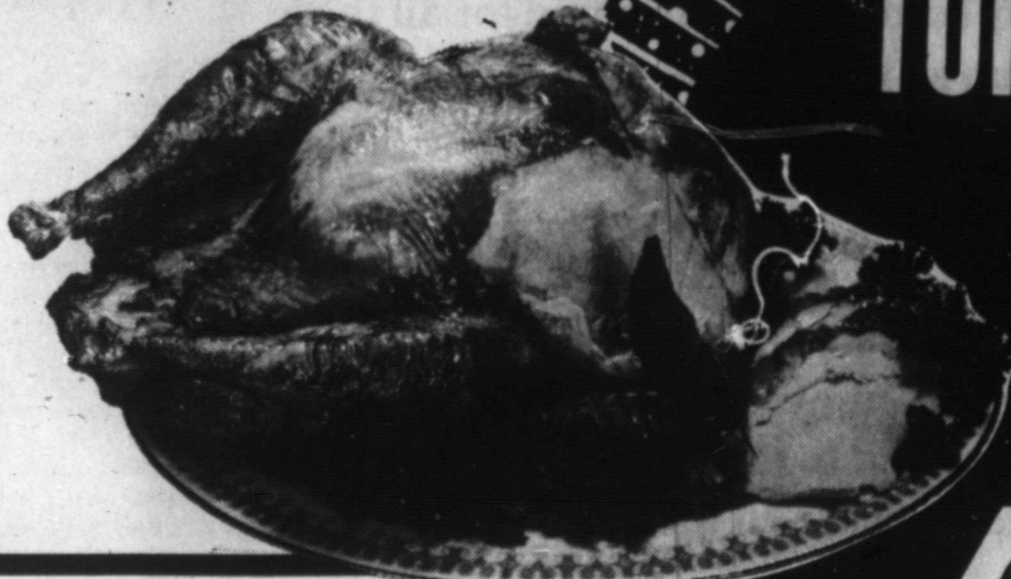
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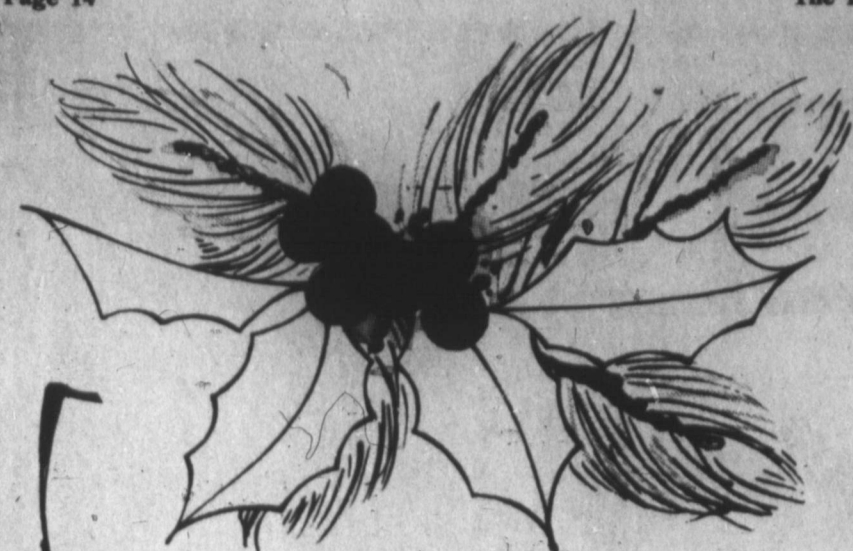
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I want to wish everyone who visited, sent cards or called while I was in St. Anthony Hospital and since I came home for the visits, cards and food.

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Average Age
The median age of the American population is increasing. While the number of Americans aged 65 and over has jumped 9 per cent from the 1970 census, population aged 5 and under was falling 5 per cent.

Almost 22 million Americans are 65 or older at present, compared with 20 million four years ago. Those under 5 has fallen to 16.3 million from 17.1 million at that time.

Among Americans 65 and older, women are living longer than men to a bigger extent. The ratio in this group fell from 72 men for each 100 women to 70 men for 100 women.

In 1900 there were approximately 3 million Americans over 65. By 1920 there were 5 million, 9 million in 1940, and 17 million in 1960.

More than 10 per cent of the nation's current population is 65 or over. 7.7 per cent are 5 or under. The largest population group is between the ages of 25 to 34. That group constitutes 14 per cent of the population.

Latest census figures estimate that 9 per cent of the populace is between 18 and 54, 32 per cent is 17 and under and 19 per cent is 55 or over.

The more than 1300 offices of the Social Security Administration across the United States have been taking applications for disability benefits under the new Supplemental Security Income (SSI) law for over a year. Many persons inquiring about these benefits are told they do not qualify as disabled people because they either have a disability which is not severe enough or which will end in a fairly short period of time.

When the program for aid to the disabled, formerly administered by state departments of public welfare, became part of the Social Security Act, the requirements for SSI disability were set up to be the same as those for regular social security disability benefits according to Travis C. Briggs, social security district manager in Amarillo, Texas.

Simply stated, these requirements are that the disability must be severe enough that it will end in death, or it has lasted for at least a year, or it can be expected to last for at least a year. In addition to these requirements, the disabled person must be unable to work at a livable wage for the same length of time.

If individuals believe they are disabled and will not be able to work for at least a year, they should get in touch with the Amarillo Social Security Office at 317 East Third Street or call 806-376-2241.

It's not necessary to change hem length every time fashion writers predict a change. An important rule to remember is that what looks best on the body is the proper length, says Marlene Odle, clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

questions and answers



Q. How can I get a new Medicare Card for my mother? She misplaced hers. I'm enclosing part of a previous Medical claim showing her name and claim number.

A. We will enter your request and our Baltimore computer will print and mail a replacement card for her. Should she need to use her Medicare number before she gets the card, she can use an earlier Medicare Claim on other correspondence with the name and claim number on it.

Q. My doctor charged me for hospital visits for every day I was in the hospital. I know he didn't visit me every day, and when he did, he merely stuck his head in the door and said, "Hi." I don't think Medicare should pay him for every visit.

Nothing To It
The class assignment was to describe "nothing." "A balloon with its skin off," read one of the best.

Youth
Youth seems like such a wonderful gift to waste on the young!

A. I am quite sure the doctor visited your hospital nurse's station, studied your chart, and entered the necessary instructions for your care on each he charged for, even if you did not see him each time. If you have any doubt, the hospital can verify this for you.

Q. About a year ago, I read in the paper that service during World War II could be credited for social security purposes at age 65. Is this still true?

A. Yes. Credit may be given for military service during the period September 15, 1940 through 1956, unless the same period of service is used by another Federal (other than Va) to pay benefits.

Even Split
Divorce court decided that a 50-50 split of the house would be fair -- she took inside, he took the outside.

Then there's the man and his wife who were always having words -- most of them were hers.

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Hope your Yuletide season is filled with joy!
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Tidal Theory
Ocean water moves around the Earth in response to the gravitational pull of the moon. High tide follows low by half a lunar day -- 12 hours, 25 minutes.

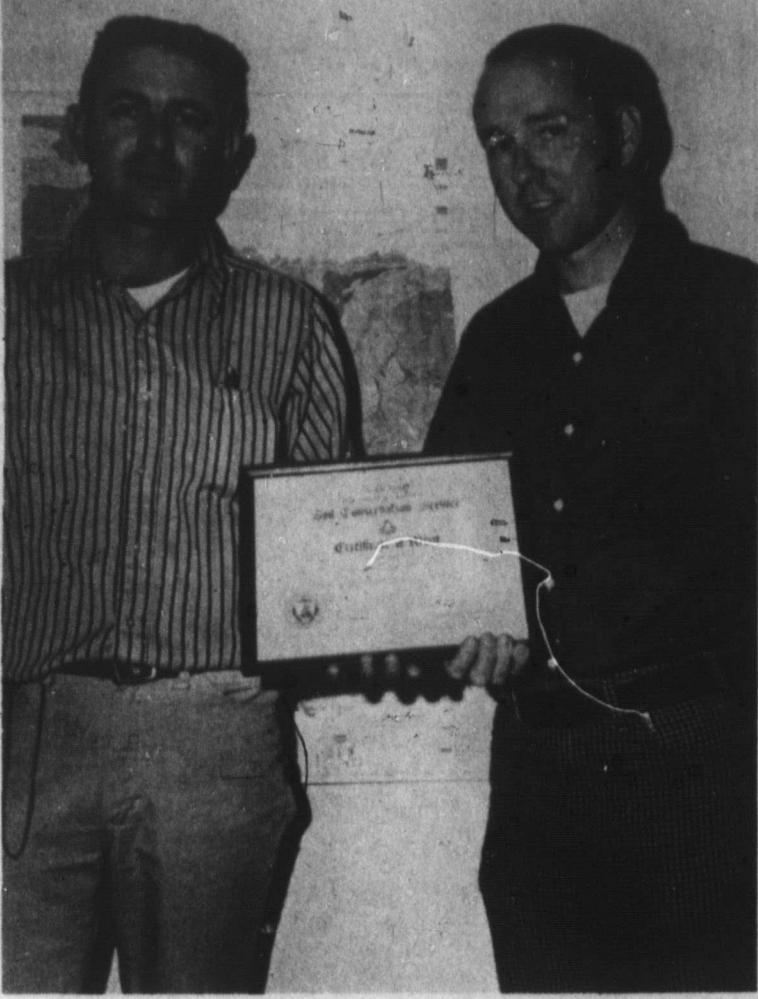
Canned Concern
Recent polls reveal that 65% of American consumers are concerned about possible poisoning and botulism from using canned foods. Concern over artificial additives has also risen.

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Local Soil Conservation Service officers Monte Sowers (left) and Michael Isbell were recognized at the SCS banquet at Pampa on December for their outstanding work in contracting conservation projects with Donley County farmers and ranchers. They had more contracts than for any other county in the state.

Conservation Efforts Are Recognized With SCS Awards

Monty Sowers of the Clarendon Soil Conservation Service (SCS) office and Michael Isbell of his staff were awarded for outstanding performance in the development of new contracts with farmers and ranchers for conservation work at the area SCS banquet December 14 at Pampa. The local SCS office signed more new contracts than any other office in the state, a total 13 covering some 4,000 acres, with cost shared payments to total \$57,000. During the same year, they took 27 applications on 27,350 acres. More than 50 active applications are now pending in the local office, but funds are

cost shared basis over the year ended in July were: Richard Liner, Bob Bell, J.H. Speir, Emmett Simmons, E.F. Crofton, J.C. Wells, B.M. Smith, Robert Keown, J.W. Slater, Bufford Wheeler, M.L. Risley, Johnny Brumley and J.F. Howell.

Under the program, the federal government pays 80 per cent of the cost of range, pasture and waterway seeding and shaping; 70 per cent for erosion control, dams and grade stabilization structures; 60 per cent for water diversions and all terraces; all other conservation measures, including irrigation pipeline, livestock pipeline, wells and water storage facilities, cross fences, brush control and tree planting for wind breaks, receive 50 per cent funding.

Sower said the trend over the past year was toward contracting for smaller farms and ranches.

"In answer to possible criticism that this is just another federal give away program," he said, "we have found that Uncle Sam gets his money back within a few years from increased income. The farmers and ranchers could pay for it themselves, but the reason for the program is to speed up conservation work. It might otherwise take them several years to get these improvements."

More than \$400,000 has been paid out in Donley County through the program since it was started in 1957. The active applications pending involve more than \$200,000 more.

Holland Rites Held Saturday In Amarillo

Garland Lonzo Holland, Sr., died at age 49 Thursday at 6:40 p.m. at an Amarillo hospital.

The lifelong Amarillo resident was a maintenance mechanic and a veteran of World War II. Blackburn Shaw Funeral Home held services at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Martin Road Chapel in Amarillo.

He is survived by his widow, Barbara Jane, of 109 N. Boyer in Amarillo; three sons, Garland Holland, Jr., of Hawaii, Gregory Holland of Amarillo and Chelised Holland, living at home; five daughters, Mrs. Ellenor Hicks of Amarillo, Mrs. Charlotte Bell of Poway, Cal., and three other daughters living at home, Phyllis, Eveete and Sherrie.

Also surviving are his mother, Mrs. Ellenor Martin of Clarendon, and four brothers: Howard Holland of Overland Park, Kan., Theron Holland of Clarendon, Bob Holland of Dalhart and Harold Holland of Amarillo. There are three grandchildren.

Auto Deaths

The nation's mileage death rate for the first five months of 1974, projected to an annual rate, held steady at 3.4 traffic deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled—the lowest motor traffic death rate in the nation's history.

Unemployment

"Substantial Unemployment" means an area has a jobless rate of six percent or more, discounting seasonal or temporary factors, with the rate expected to continue for at least two or more months.



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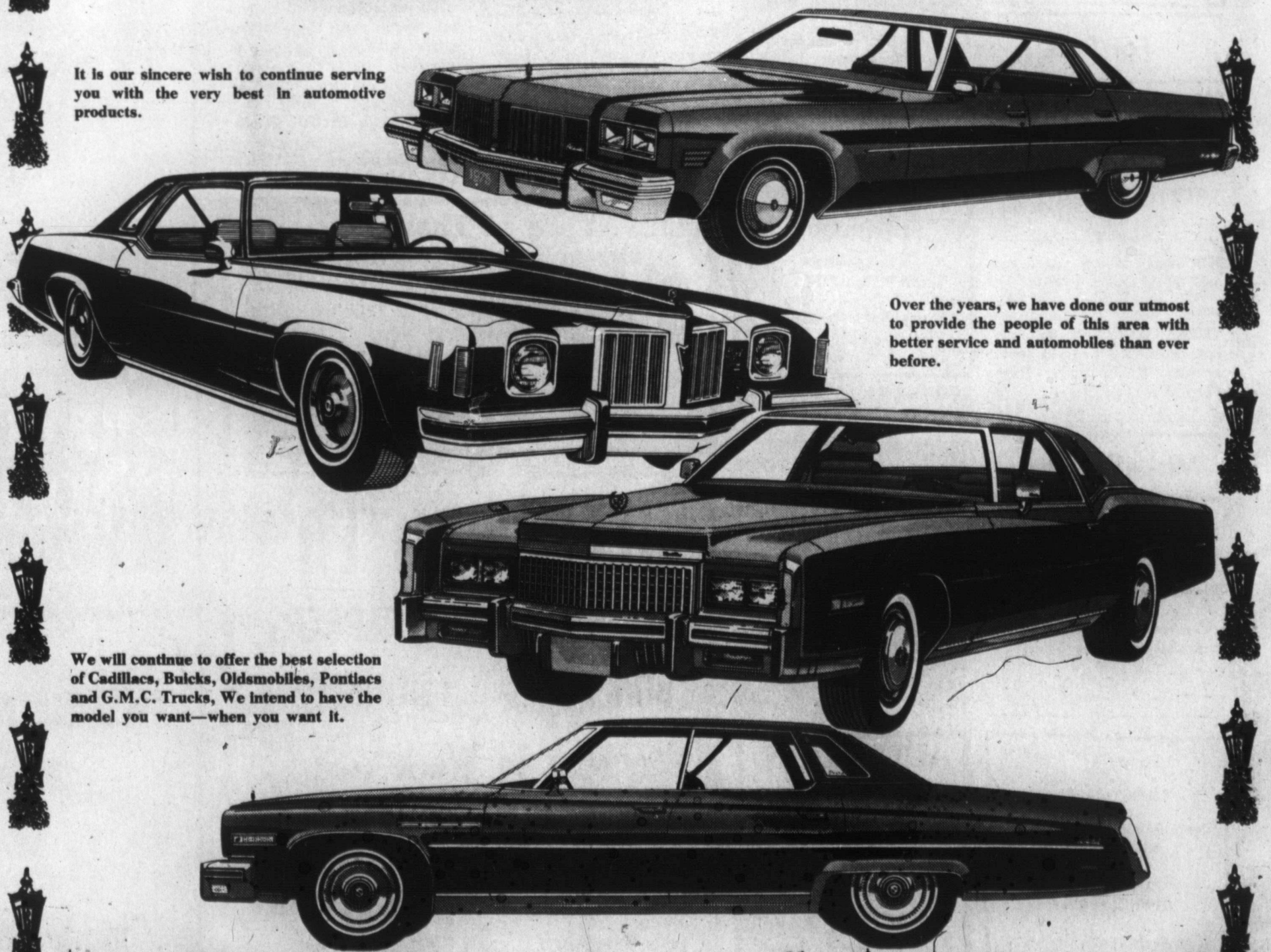
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