

FROM OUR CHURCHES

First United Methodist Church Rising Star

What is Christmas going to be for us this year? An observance, that adds burdens to an already active and burdened type of life, or a shining experience when our faith is set glowing with new vitality and when once again we enter into a deep and rich experience in companionship with Our Lord Jesus Christ?

John Wesley tells of the chaplain of the Prince of Denmark, that he was asked whether in all the rush and hustle of his activities he ever found time for a peaceful communion with God.

When Christmas comes, let our hearts be open. It is the season of greetings and good will, families and memories, fellowship and gifts.

As of last report, Miss Addie Irby remains in critical condition in the Brownwood Hospital. Miss Madge Bell has been transferred to the Scott and White Hospital in Temple.

Improving. We pray for our sick that all shall be up and around to enjoy the holidays.

Need the Pastor to come by for a visit, please give him a call. Have a good week, pray for one another, and we'll see you in worship Sunday.

Church of Christ Rising Star

The heart is very much in the news these days. There is "heart disease", a major killer. There are "heart transplants".

How can the heart be "purified?" by controlling, as much as possible, what goes into it. If the heart, along with the rest of our being, truly belongs to God.

4:8). This means that, especially in these days of rampant and open immorality, dishonesty and violence, we sternly discipline ourselves as to what we allow our eyes to see (pornographic literature, unwholesome movies--TF, etc.), and what our ears hear (unwholesome or profane language, illicit proposals, etc.).

Our sick continue to make good progress. Mrs. Ora Jane White fell recently and twisted her back, but nothing was broken and she is now up and around.

We join Lorenzo Epley of Twilight Acres Rest Home on the death last week of his wife Mrs. Willie Epley.

Have a good week. Let us know if we can serve you in any way.

First Baptist Church Rising Star

The story is told that the famous musician, Mendelssohn visited a cathedral to see a great organ.

Finally, the sexton acquiesced and said, "That's all. You must not play it. Only the organist is allowed to play this great organ."

Mendelssohn slid onto the organ bench and began to play. As he continued, the sexton forgot his orders as he was thrilled by the sweet melody that came from the instrument.

Suddenly, Mendelssohn quit playing, slid from the bench, bowed and said, "Thank You Sir. It is a beautiful instrument. Thank you for allowing me to play your instrument."

The sexton, overcome with emotion cried, "Oh, sir, who are you? I never knew the full beauty of the instrument until now!"

"My name," said the stranger, "is Mendelssohn". "Mendelssohn? Not the famous artist, Mendelssohn?"

"That's my name", he replied and left. As the sexton proudly related the story of how the famous Mendelssohn played his organ, he would always add, "And to think, I almost refused to let the famous Mendelssohn play my organ."

153 Entries From County Exhibit In Pecan Show

The Eastland County Pecan Show, which ended here Saturday, drew 153 entries from the county. About 40 varieties were on exhibit in the Eastland County Courthouse for the two day show.

The Ranger Church of Christ was the owner of the Champion In-shell entry. The champion entry was Mohawk. They were also the largest pecans in the show, only 32 per pound.

An entry of Sioux pecans won the Champion shelling plaque. They were exhibited by Scot Gordon of Easton. C.T. Barton of Rising Star owned the reserve champion shelling entry. They were Shawnee pecans.

Dalton Hardin Jr., won a plaque for his champion native pecans. The reserve champion natives were exhibited by James Alexander of Rising Star.

Judges for the 22nd annual show were Dr. Arlie Powell, horticulturist from Texas A&M University and Tom Denman, retired experiment station horticulturist from Stephenville.

The show was sponsored by the Eastland County Pecan Growers Association and the Eastland Chamber of Commerce. Members of both organizations as well as ASCS and Soil Conservation Service personnel assisted in the processing of pecan entries.

County Agent DeMarquis Gordon said the pecan crop was smaller than average this year because of dry weather. This resulted in a smaller number of entries in the show than in better crop years.

The following growers won ribbons: Apache 1. Mrs. C.E. Smith, R.S. 2. Ben Freeman, Ranger 3. James Alexander, R.S.

Barton 1. Dan Childress, Eastland 2. Freeman Orchard, Ranger 3. Martin Wende, Cisco

Burkett 1. Dan Childress 2. Sam Kimmell, Cisco 3. Rex Hudson, R.S.

Choctaw 1. Marq Gordon 2. J.T. Wilson, Eastland 3. Rex Hudson

Comanche 1. Ben Freeman 2. B.J. Dennis & Son, Gorman 3. James Alexander

Delmas 1. Rex Hudson 2. Mrs. C.E. Smith

Desirabel 1. James Alexander 2. Mrs. C.E. Smith

John Garner 1. A.D. Ellington, Cisco 2. Dave Fambrough Eastland 3. Louise Kimmell, Cisco

Mahan 1. James Alexander 2. B.J. Dennis & Son 3. John Rodgers, Carbon

Mohawk 1. Church of Christ, Ranger 2. LeRoy Livingston, R.S. 3. B.J. Dennis & Son

Shawnee 1. C.T. Barton 2. Mrs. C.E. Smith

Sioux 1. Scot Gordon 2. Jack Setser, R.S. 3. A.D. Ellington

Known Hybrid-shelling 1. Mrs. C.E. Smith 2. Mrs. C.E. Smith 3. A.D. Ellington

Other Varieties-shelling 1. A.D. Ellington 2. Mrs. C.E. Smith 3. Mrs. C.E. Smith

Native 1. Dalton Hardin Jr. 2. James Alexander 3. Rex Hudson

Smallest Pecans 1. Mrs. J.R. Keating, Cisco 2. Anderson Van Dyke 3. Rex Hudson

Largest Pecan 1. Ranger Church of Christ 2. Jack Setser 3. Rex Hudson

Highest Percent Shelling 1. Dave Fambrough 2. H.H. Durham 3. A.D. Ellington

Wichita 1. Martin Wende 2. Rex Hudson 3. Mrs. C.E. Smith

Known Hybrid in shell 1. James Alexander 2. Anderson Van Dyke 3. James Alexander

Other Varieties in shell 1. Sam Kimmell 2. H.H. Durham, Eastland 3. Mrs. C.E. Smith

Caddo 1. Dan Childress 2. Mrs. C.E. Smith

Halbert 1. James Alexander 2. Anderson Van Dyke 3. C.T. Barton

Shawnee 1. C.T. Barton 2. Mrs. C.E. Smith

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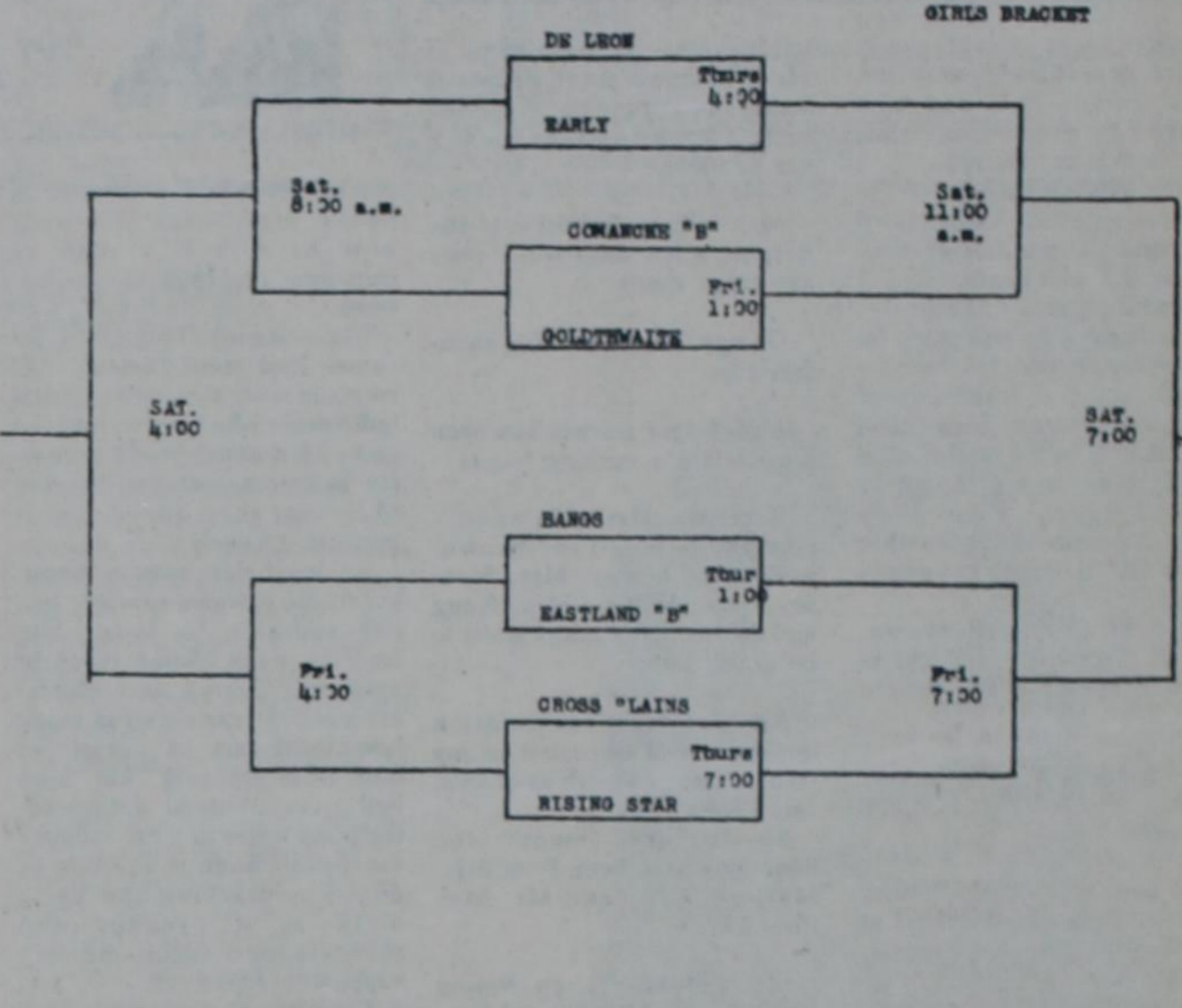
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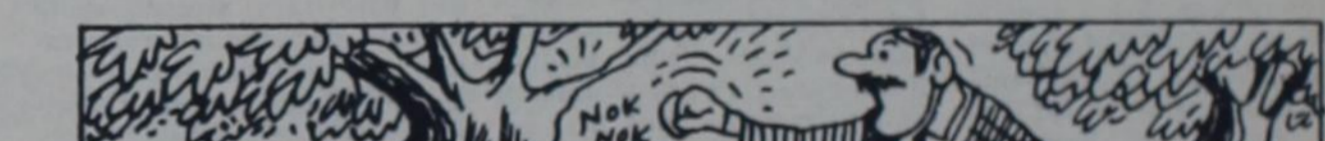
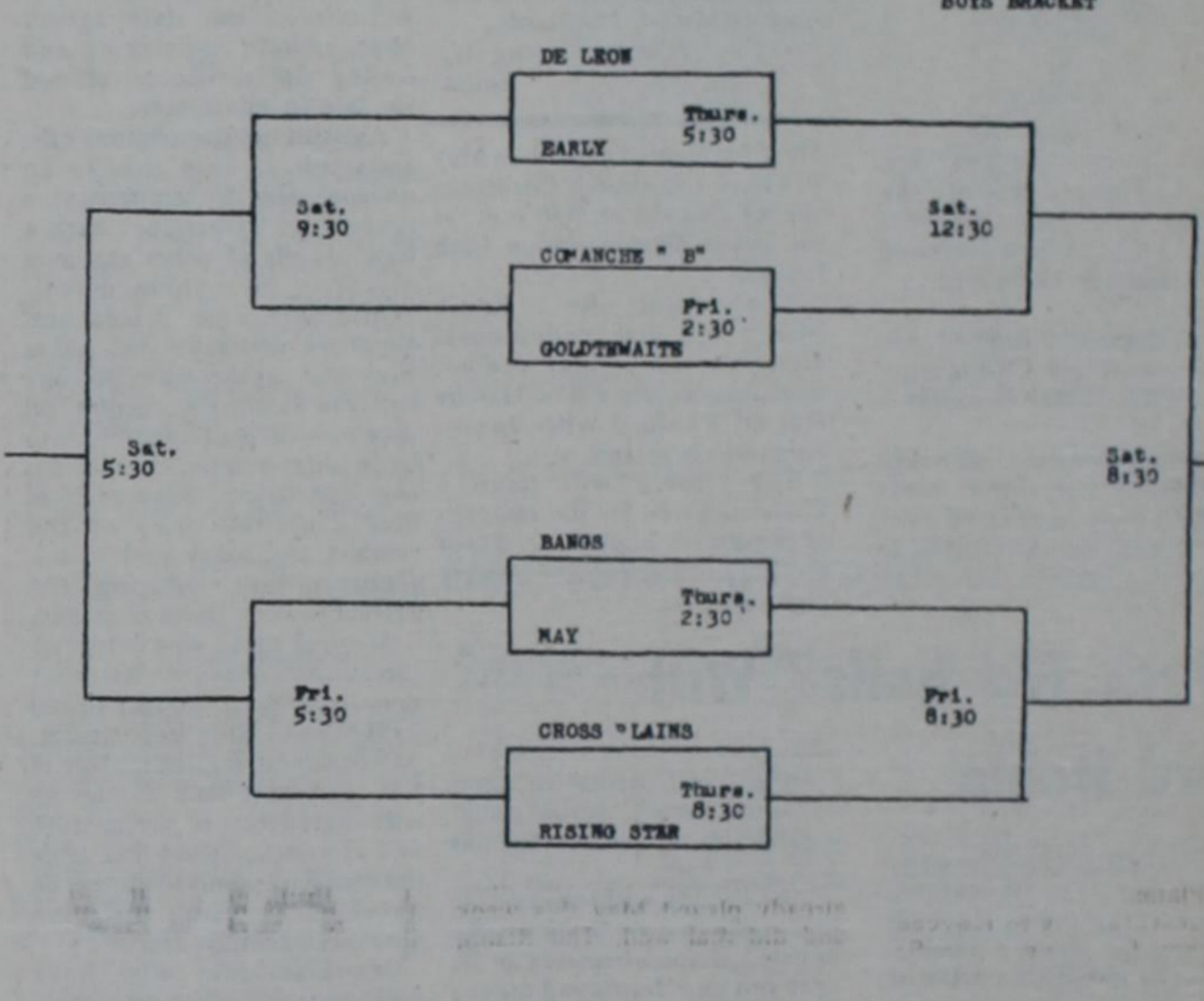
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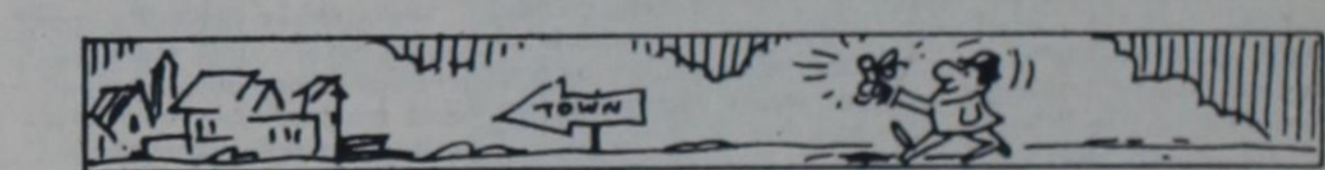
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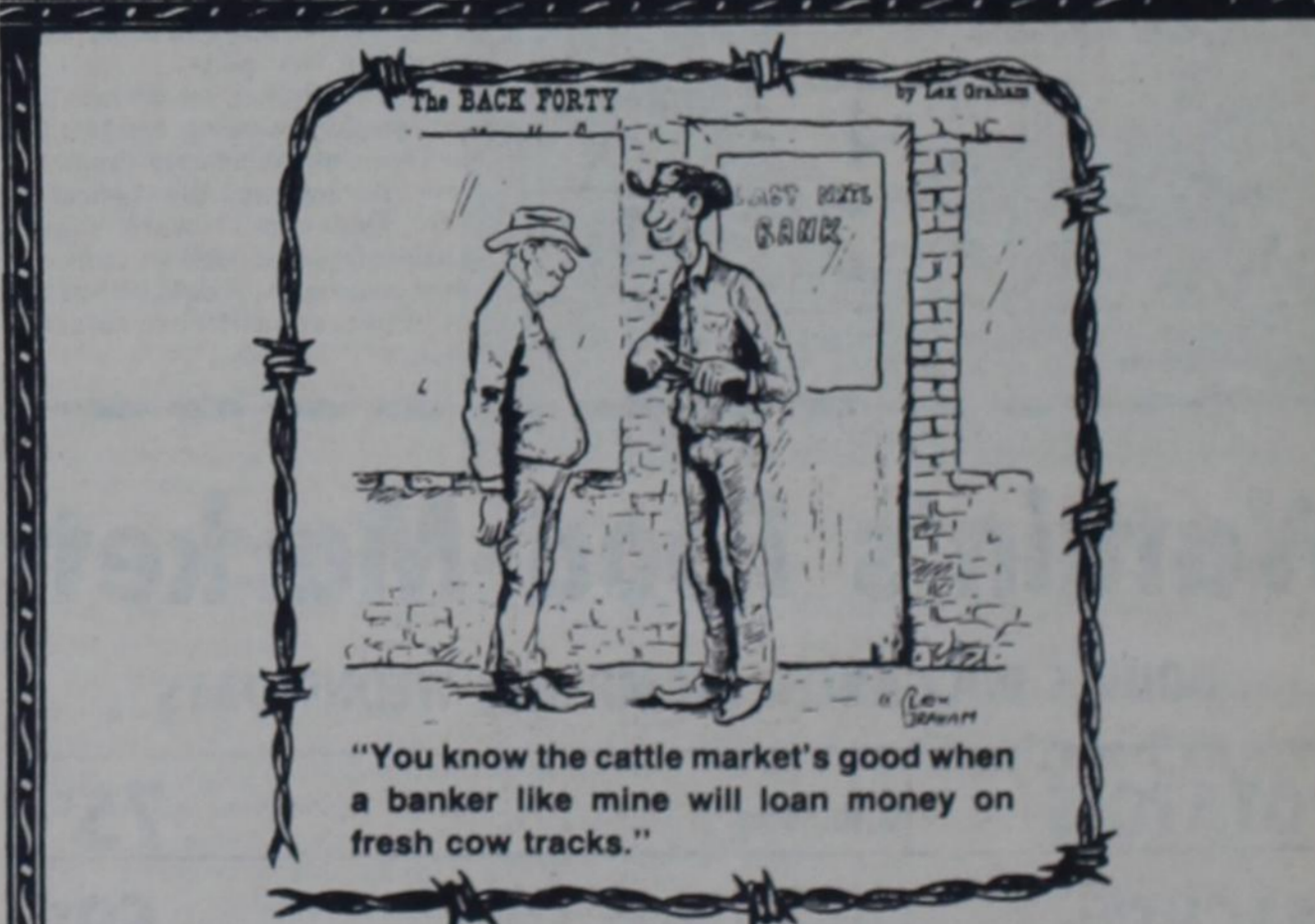
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People who knock on wood today may not know it, but they are following an ancient Druid custom, based on the belief that trees are inhabited by gods.



In England, it has been said that if you tie a string around your little finger when you go to town, you will receive a gift.



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T.S.U. Slates Commencement

STEPHENVILLE--Tarieton State University mid-year commencement exercises will be held Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m. at Wisdom Gymnasium.

Writing said 158 students will be candidates for masters and bachelor degrees. Preceding the commencement exercises, three ROTC students will be commissioned in the U.S. Army.

Dr. O.A. Grant, chairman of the TSU Social Science Department will be commencement speaker. Whiting announced.

Dr. Grant joined the TSU faculty in 1948 after receiving a doctorate in government from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. He received a bachelors degree from Hardin

Simmons University. Grant, a native of Breckenridge, served four and one half years in the U.S. Navy as a pilot in the Southwest Pacific.

Prior to entering service, he was a special agent with the F.B.I. He rejoined the F.B.I. following World War II as a special employee of the Washington Field Office.

He was awarded a Ford Foundation grant in 1954 for a year's study at Stanford University and in 1961 was awarded the Piper Award as an outstanding teacher in Texas Colleges and Universities.

He also was selected as an Outstanding Educator of America in 1973. He is a member of the American Political Science Association and Southern Political Science Association.

Correction NOTICE

These names were inadvertently omitted from last week's honor roll list.

Toby White, Sondra Allen, Oretta Morris, Melony Ratliff and James Jones.

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