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The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Chances are, there will be a few Christmas gifts that you or someone you know may need to return or exchange because of duplication or inaccurate size.

Most consumers expect to be able to make exchanges or returns with no trouble other than having to stand in line, perhaps. Our Consumer Protection Division attorneys say, though, that no store is legally required to refund your money, to exchange merchandise, or to accept returned gifts for credit unless the item is defective or had been misrepresented.

Most businesses, however, are agreeable about making adjustments in order to keep customers happy, usually regarding this as a customer service which will encourage repeat business.

But you should always check in advance of purchasing an item as a gift about the store's policy on returns in order to avoid possible problems. Some sales persons and store managers may be very sympathetic about your reasons for wanting to return or exchange an item, but must abide by store policy which may not allow for such adjustments.

You should not expect to get a cash refund on a gift you have received and want to return. And you shouldn't expect, either, to return a Christmas gift that may now be marked down for an after-Christmas sale and get credit or refund for it at the original price.

It goes without saying that you should not expect to return merchandise that is worn or used, that you have damaged yourself, or that was purchased several months

before Christmas. Most merchants will rightfully refuse to make any adjustment in such cases.

There are some cases, however, in which a store is legally required to make adjustments, our attorneys point out. If you discover that an item is different from advertisements, the store must either supply what was advertised or allow you to return the item for cash or credit or to exchange it for another.

Or, if the store makes an error in an order, such as sending a small-sized pullover to your king-sized cousin, or sending flowered twin sheets instead of striped double sheets, it must correct the error.

Some precautions may help to make necessary returns or exchanges easier both for you and for store personnel:

—Be sure to take all manufacturer's hang tags, price labels, sales or charge receipts with you, because sales persons will require proof of purchase and proof that the goods actually came from their store.

—Return items in original containers, boxes, or sacks, if possible.

—Return goods to the department where purchased, or to the adjustment desk if there is one.

—Explain fully and completely the reason for the return.

If there is a problem with an adjustment you think is valid, try to settle it first with the store manager. If that doesn't work, consult our Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division or your local Better Business Bureau.

Requirements: This pamphlet will be of particular interest to persons planning to open their own business.

• **Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Information:** A list of the types and amounts of the various taxes on automobiles and other motor vehicles.

• **Your Tax Dollars:** This is an interesting report on the types of state taxes and the amounts raised annually by each.

• **Is Labor Taxable?:** A guide for mechanics, contractors and manufacturers, as well as consumers, spelling out under what circumstances labor is taxable.

• **Moving to Texas?:** This would be helpful to a relative or friend who is thinking about moving to Texas. It explains the various state taxes and the amounts.

Bullock, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Tax Information Division, State of Texas, Austin, Texas 78774. There is no charge.)


• **Agricultural Exemptions:** This pamphlet spells out which equipment, materials and services used by farmers and ranchers are exempt from state and local sales taxes and under what circumstances.

• **Your Estate Under Texas Law:** An explanation of the state inheritance tax and the amount of tax exemptions for your spouse, children and other beneficiaries.

• **Senior Citizen Tax Information:** A guide to tax exemptions for the elderly.

• **Franchise Tax Information:** An explanation of who pays the tax and the rates.

• **Sales Tax Bond**



you and the LAW

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Q: My niece and her husband have been married several years. He is buying several pieces of land, but he has the property in someone else's name even though he makes the payments. What would she and the children be entitled to if he died?

A: In order for someone to claim ownership of property which has someone else's name listed on the title, a suit may be filed in district court of the county where the land lies. The purpose of the suit would be to present evidence to establish that the person named on the

willing to pay. Do I have to pay the appraisal fee, even though the appraisal was lower than the buyer's offer, and therefore cancelled the sale?

A: The normal procedure for paying FHA appraisal fees is for the seller to bear this cost, regardless of whether it adversely affects the sale of the property. A person selling property can protect their interest by working with their lawyer to draft an escrow sales contract to cover such contingencies as an FHA appraisal which is lower than the ask-

title merely holds the property in trust, or otherwise holds it, for someone else who has paid for the property and therefore owns it.

Q: I got a divorce last September in Arizona. My ex-husband got custody of my two children and he still lives there. I'm remarried now. Is there a way to get the custody of my children back in the state of Texas?

A: Any action to change custody generally must be decided in the state and county of the parent who has custody of the children or in the county where the divorce was granted. No Texas court will grant a custody change without the presence of the other party and the presence of the children.

Q: When I put my home up for sale, the realtor had it appraised by FHA, and I was sent a \$50 appraisal bill by FHA. Also, the appraisal was lower than the price which I was told a buyer was

price.
Q: I'm considering having a will prepared leaving my property to my wife until she remarries, at which time the property would have to be sold and divided among my children and my wife. Could my lawyer draft this type of will?

A: Provisions of this type can be made in a will. Your lawyer may suggest this be done by use of a trust which would provide for the wife's enjoyment of the property until her remarriage, at which time the trust corpus would be disposed of in a manner you prescribe in the will. The use of a trust, instead of providing for temporary ownership to be transferred upon a widow's remarriage, would be a simpler means of accomplishing the same objective.

Send your questions to "You and the Law," State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, 78711. Answers may appear in hypothetical terms; personal answers not possible.



The Speaker Reports

by Bill Clayton

AUSTIN—It is a blessing for Texas that instead of looking at red ink smeared across our financial ledgers we can expect to have available more than \$3 billion in unencumbered funds for the next two year funding period.

The state budget today is \$12.8 billion for the two year period and it will go even higher for the 1978-79 biennium. Because there will be surplus available we won't be looking down the throat of a tax bill when the Legislature convenes in January.

The demands that will be placed on that \$3 billion, however, will be unequalled in our history. Never before has there been so much available and never before has the demand for additional funding been so great.

If we are not cautious, the surplus will be quickly used, just as an average of \$1.5 billion was spent in 1975.

Because of the importance to the state of the projected \$3 billion balance, and because of the great problem with letting it slip away from us, I hold it to be the number one priority item of the session.

If we do give it over to our agencies and commissions, it would mean that we were increasing the size of state spending by 31 per cent over the current level. That would be right in line with what we have done over the past 10 years. Spending has increased every two years by 21 to 34 per cent.

The transfusion of more and more taxpayer money into building a bigger and bigger government has got to be halted. We don't need bigger government, just more efficiency in the government we have now.

To provide a measure of efficiency, we have spent untold hours during the 18 month interim working through the Hobby-Clayton Commission for places to trim government and make it work better.

The recommendations of this commission and the scrutiny with which the Legislative Budget Board is approaching agency budgets will provide the Legislature with the message that there are savings to be made in government and that our government can work just as well or in many cases better without the huge increases that have become associated with state expenditures in the last few years.

I believe that unless we put the brakes on government and stabilize its growth, then we are only a short time away from the day when many Texans will spend more of their time working for the government than for themselves.

There are many worthy ways in which we can use the surplus without giving it over to ongoing programs and bigger government. I trust the Legislature will find the optimum ways to make use of the treasure and at the same time put the budget on a diet.

Persons who plan to open a business will be interested in the pamphlets on sales and franchise taxes.

Here's a list of the pamphlets most often requested by taxpayers. If you would like one or more, just put a checkmark by them and send this newspaper clipping to our office, along with your return address. (Address requests to Bob

Texas Taxes

By BOB BULLOCK
State Comptroller

AUSTIN—As a service to Texas taxpayers, my office has prepared more than a dozen pamphlets dealing with a broad range of tax matters from inheritance taxes to tax tips for senior citizens.

The pamphlets are simply written and will be of interest to the average citizen as well as the businessman.

They may even save you some money.

Did you know, for example, that persons age 65 and over are eligible in many areas for a special \$3,000 or more homestead tax exemption in addition to the standard \$3,000 exemption?

Or that disabled veterans and the survivors of servicemen who lose their lives while on active duty also are eligible for the special \$3,000 homestead tax exemption?



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LIBERTY LINES

Road to Morocco


By Robert M. Bartlett
WASHINGTON, D.C. (Liberty Lobby News Service)—

"Buddy, can you spare a billion?" is the doleful theme emanating from Rabat, the capital of Morocco. And its most strident notes are directed toward ready cash—places such as Wall Street, Washington, D.C. and Bonn, Germany.

The reason? The conquest of the former Spanish Sahara, undertaken a year ago, has not been achieved, and the war in the Sahara is dragging on, requiring more funds than the Moroccan economy can provide. And you, the American taxpayer, and taxpayers in countries where the State Department can exert adequate pressure, such as Germany, have to foot the bill for Morocco's imperial pretensions.

If you follow this column you've heard about the phosphate war still going on in the former Spanish Sahara: how Secretary of State Kissinger, who got a \$50,000 golden handshake when he left his job with the Rockefeller family in order to become President. Nixon's mouthpiece, got the Spaniards to withdraw from the big desert territory a year ago. Thus the CIA puppet, King Hassan II of Morocco, could take over the \$200 billion high-grade phosphate rock deposits at Bu-Craa.

It's a fascinating story of high financial intrigue which the "responsible" press reported only perfunctorily, with many omissions... as is wont to happen whenever the Rockefeller family interests are involved in a shady operation.



Christmas GREETINGS

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Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Santa? My name is Vickie King and I'm in the 4th grade. Please bring me a three wheeler, clothes, and a Pay-Day game. Please remember all the other girls and boys.
Yours truly,
Vickie King

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a radio, a doll, coat, a play maging, a beautiful sewing maging, and I dont now nothing els I want. My sister alway wanted a stero and some tapes, and my mother always wanted a new home.
Yours truly,
Norma Garza

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a babyalive and also my aunt wants a tape recorder and my other aunt wants a pino and I also want a miny bicky Oh I almost forgot remember to bring rudlpha and also i almost forgot bring Dixin. And i hope you come.
Yours truly,
Barbara Bustos

Dear Santa,
My name is Kenney Boteler and I'm seven years old. I have been good aal year. Please bring me a big truck. My big brother wants games. He has been good too.
Love
Kenney

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a hush little baby, a toss across, and a sesame street house. I have been a good girl this year. Also bring my little brother a John Deere combine, a truck and a horse.
He is a good boy when he tried to be.
I will leave you some cookies and milk.
I love you
Leann and Kevin Oustad

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good girl this year and would like to have only 4 things for Christmas. I bicycle, Softina doll, ice cream maker, and a doctor kit and please fill my stocking with lots of goodies.
I love you,
Cristi Carpenter

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a cemistry set model car and air plane skateboard remotecontrol car plane and helicopter raido and a TTP double patrol set and a c.b.
Your freind,
Jason

Dear Santa,
Please I want a bike. And for my sister a ring size 10. And for my big brother please give him a big car and please for my other brother I want to give him a small car.
And for my mommy a long long dress please. And please for my father I want a pant souit. And of course for my baby sister a horse. And for my teacher a bottle of perfume. Well I have to sag good by. And Santa, Ho, Ho, Ho.
Yours truly,
Becky Monreal

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Santa. I would like a hush lil baby. And I would also like to have one of them little pizza parler stoves. I would like a organ and the record player the tape deck the radio all in one. I guess that is all.
Yours truly,
Tammy Jones

Dear Santa,
My name is Leticia Ann. I'm five years old and I have been a good girl all year. I would like a crawling baby doll, and a marching Mickey Mouse doll and the Bionic Woman game. Santt I want you to come to my house on Christmas day. My friend help me write this letter cause I can't write yet.
Leticia Ann Acevedo

Dear Santa,
Please send me a Vertibird Air Police, a Wedge stereo, Eight track tape recorder, SS2 Watch and a 77 Ford 4 wheel drive pickup wih a 460 engine and twin mufflers.
Yours truly,
Sam Lewis

Dear Santa,
Would you take me on a trip around the world in your sleigh? I would like that very much.
Would you please get my brother a toy truck about one foot high and about 9 inches wide. Could it be a red one?
Yours truly,
Frank

Dear Santa,
I wich I want a bb gun please and I want a trin. and my mother wants som class and my bother wants a shotgun and my brother wants a gun.
Yours truly,
Ray L.

Dear Santa,
Please send me a cogote skateboard and a hot wheels collection and a chemistry set and a real bow and arrow set and a real metal tipped spear and a carbine and a crome finished street corvette. My sister wants a Starsky and Hutch shirt.
Yours truly,
Robert Schoenenberger

Dear Santa,
Well Santa, is it cold up there in the north pole. I bet you have seen a lot of eskimos lately. I hope your reindeer are all hitched up and I bet Rudolph needs another red light bulb put in his nose to lead you sleigh this Christmas Eve. Well heres what I want. Santa, I would like a sports car, one million dollars and all three of Charles Angels. Just kiddin. Please send me a coyote skateboard, flyin aces attack carrier.
Merry Christmas
Yours truly,
Tim Baucum

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl and my brother has been a good boy too. I want a Hush Little Baby doll for Christmas and my brother Arturo wants a little truck that dumps. We want you to stop at our house on Christmas. Santa I'm four years old and my brother is two. Mommy help us with our letter.
Anna Ruiz

Merry Christmas

Santa's delivering our cheery wish to all, plus many thanks for your kindness.

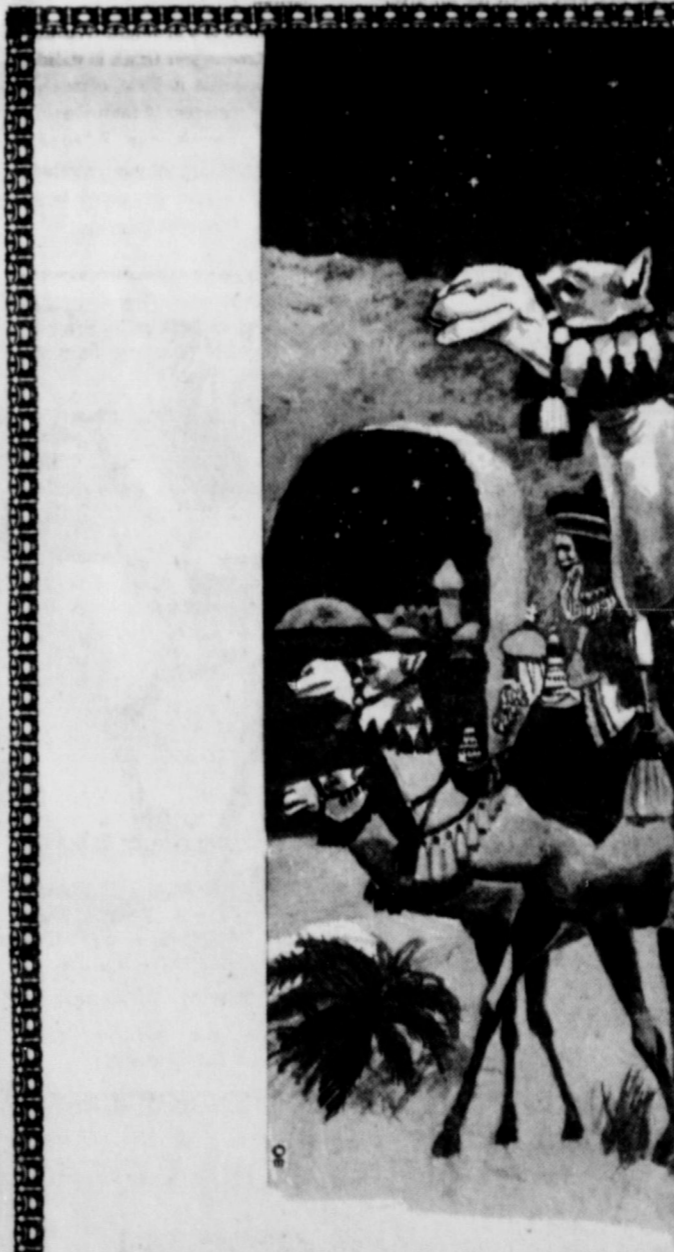
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Dear Santa,
Please I want a bike and a train and a six million dollar man. And my little brothers want a bike and a bike. And my mother wants a camera and a table.
Yours truly,
Eusebio

Dear Santa,
John and I have been good boys, almost. Every day we feed the horse, almost. We pick up our toys by ourselves, almost. We never fuss or fight, almost. We mind our Dad and Mom almost. John wants Stretch Armstrong and I want a toy Blazer. Thank you, Jeff and John Chisum P.S. Almost good is O.K.--- isn't it?

Dear Santa,
Please send me just two things. A bibby gun and a eye knevel stunt cicle. You don't have to send the both of these two things. I hope you bring just one of them. And my sister would like don't cry lill baby. and my brother would like a bibby gun too.
Yours truly,
Eustacio Galvon

Dear Santa,
I wold like a bb gun and also 155 bbs I want a mini bike so I could go hunting on it one.
With Love,
Jose Cano



Dear Santa,
Please bring me a 3, 5, or 10 speed bike, a baton, roller skates, a sleeping bag, games a digital watch. My brother would like a bike, and a see and say, and a sit and spin and some dump trucks and a play C.B. We both want some surprises. Thank you for everything you gave us last year.
Yours truly,
Wendy B.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Dear Santa,
I want a football, a baseball and a bike please Santa. My sister want a play dog bike and a Baby that away Please she want it.
Yours truly,
Maximo

Dear Santa,
Please send me a collection doll and a stuffed buffalo. My naber wants a motorcicle he want the keys in his stokin he also wants a puppy.
Yours truly,
Jeri Field



Merry Christmas

The spirit of the season is all around. May you, and those close to you, enjoy all the warmth and good feelings that go with this holiday. We're grateful for your loyalty.

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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
Please send me a carbine.
Please send me a spit fire
model, and a corvette.
Thank you for all the things
you gave last year.
Yours truly,
Jodie Riley

Dear Santa,
Well you please send me a
collectors doll. I would like my
ears pierced. And some
earrings. My sister would like
some play earrings.
Yours truly,
TraCY Murray

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a
kick and go, two coloring
books, a dot to dot book, a big
candy cane, one play man to
go on one of my play horses
and a robe.
My sister wants you to bring
her some rings and some
clothes. That's about all she
wants.
Yours truly,
Jeri Been

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bean bag
chair, lava lamp, paints, and
shirt basketball, and a new
bike, boots, sleep walker, big
mouth game, dirty virdy.
Camera, Santa I hope you are
doing fine in am so excited for
Christmas. Are you doing fine?
Yours truly,
Beth Scott

Dear Santa,
Please send me a baby doll
and a ring and a little play
puppy, and a bike with a
basket, and some crayons but
that have 24 in them. Please
send my little sister and bring
her a play horse.

And for my mom pretty
necklace with a rock on it, and
for my daddy a bottle of a ship
in it, and of course for all of my
brothers and sisters a game
thats named Monopoly. Ho,
Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas.
Yours truly,
Yolanda Gauna

Dear Santa,
I don't want very much. All I
want is a digital watch, a
whosit game, and a silver
Corvett, and a break over four
ten shotgun.
Yours Truly,
Ken Craft

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a
three wheeler and a 10 speed.
And a new soccer game.
Because my sister broke our
other soccer game. And I
would like a sorry game.
Yours truly,
Sharman

Dear Santa,
I would like you to ring me
a car, and an electric train
set. I have been good this
year.
Love,
Jerry DeLeon

Dear Santa,
I would like a B-B gun, a
truck and a car to play with.
Love,
Jaimie DeLaGarza

Dear Santa,
I would like a car and a pick-
up. I love you.
Love,
Luis Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I would like some blocks, a
truck and a gun.
Love,
Joe Gonzales

☆
Comes Christmastime, the old year ends,
Renewing ties and thoughts of friends.
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MERRY CHRISTMAS ☆ HAPPY NEW YEAR
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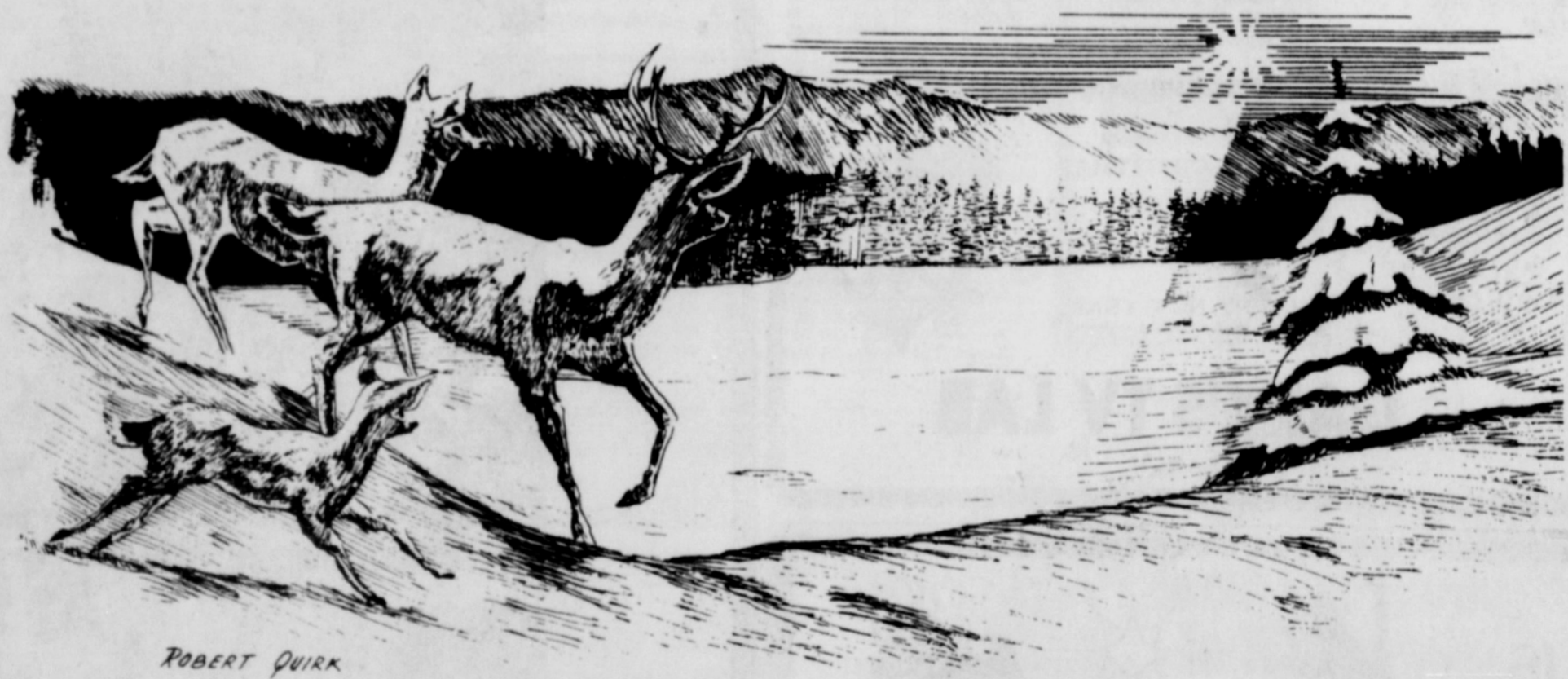
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I would like an electric train,
Hot Wheels and an electric
race car.
Love,
David Bills

Dear Santa,
I would like a real motor-
cycle and a toy car.
Love,
Ricky Marquez

Dear Santa,
I would like a puzzle, a doll
that moves when you push a
button, a baby bed, and a
book about Santa Claus.
Love,
Denise Hampton



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Dear Santa,
I want a train with a bell on the top. I want you to bring some thing else for my family. For my mom I want you to bring her a baby Jesus that will light up. For my baby I want you to bring him a play train. For Alex and Eloy, I want you to them a hold bunch of jewelry, just jiving. I want you to ring them a watch. For my brother Jerry, I want you to bring him a football. For my Dad Felis I ant you to bring him a real gold watch. For my sister Patricia bring her a doll.

Ruben

Dear Santa,
I want a birthday doll and a ring and a necklace and a bracelet, and a Jaws game and I will be good to my mother and father and brothers and sister.

Love
Amy

Dear Santa,
I love you and I love your elves, Rudolph and your other reindeer to. I want a Green machine and Ford tractor, Evil Kneil camper. Don't miss any of my friends or my sister.

Love,
Chad Metcalf

Dear Santa,
How is it going up at the North Pole? Say hello to Rudolf for me. I hope your elves have been busy this year. As you know its about Christmas Eve again and that means giving. My little brother Mark wants something to go with his doctor kit, a stuffed tiger, and some bandages. I'm not asking for anything, but I would like a camera set, a telescope, som after shave lotion, a brush, an ant farm, and an airplane attack carrier. I know I won't get all that but I wish I could. Well I better be signing off now, bood-bye.

Your friend,
Craig Hoover

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a hush little baby and a surprise and my mother wants some more customers in her store.

To Santa
From
Kristi Metcalf

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a hush little baby and a baby alive. I love you Santa Claus.

Christi Longoria

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some walkytalkies, cowboy set, coke machine.

Gregory Miller

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Lucy Sadebar. I ma 10, year old. Are you ready for a rip. I have been good. Is it true you were going to take a week of Santa. I kike the way you say Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! All I want is a doll two doll. A baby that-ld-way and a babby-five. I am in school. I am in 4 grade. My teacher is Mrs. Smith. My friend are Pasty Garzas and Becky Moraf.

Sind
Lucy Sadebar

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a football suit and a football. And this is the best thing I would like, some straight legged Lewis. I was a little baby when I first saw you Santa Claus. I was scared and I cried and criid. And when I was 4, I was I was not afraid no more.

Danny Randolph

Dear Santa,
I would like a BB gun, Frosty the Snowman doll, and a Six million Dollar Man doll.

Love,
Jake Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish for a ring and a bike and doll. I like you Santa Claus.

I like you
From
Martina Garcia

Dear Santa,
I would like a Baby That-A-Way, a baby doll that cries and a baby bed.

Love,
Kandi Robbins

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a shot gun, a green bicyde and a race car track

Love,
Efen Zambrano

Dear Santa,
I am in Kindergarten this year and I am trying hArd. I would like a record player, a Wake-up Thumblina and a Marching Mickey Mouse.

Love,
Hope Watson

Dear Santa,
My name is Jason Hinchliffe. I can't wait till Christmas. I want a train, a SSP, some cowboy boots, some hot wheels, a sizzler two racing set and a spin welder race car kit.

Love,
Jason

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie doll that the hair changes color and a doll like Kandi's.

Love,
Hope Ramon

Dear Santa Clause,
I wish you could ring me a doll. I want a bike. So dees my sister Rosie. I want a cat. Everybody acting good. I love you.

Love
Esmeralda Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie Ballerina and a doll that cries. I've tried real haad to be a good girl this year.

Love,
Norma Sisneros

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of skates, a pair of shoes, a train, a bike, a horse, a cow, a lamb, a buck, a goat, a trampoline, a boat, a puppet, some baseball equipment.

Johnny Robbins

Dear Santa,
I would like only one thing for Christmas this year and that is a bike like big people ride. It does not matter what color it is.

Love
Edward Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a Tin Can Alley or if cannot get me the Tin Can Alley ry to get me a Swiss Type Army Knife. Say hello to all the reindeer.

Your friend,
Joe Garcia

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a doll that cries. I've tried to be very good this year.

Love,
Dianna Sanchez



Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year

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Dear Santa,
I am in Kindergarten this year and I would like a blue bike for Christmas.

Love,
Gilbert Garza

Dear Santa,
I am in Kindergarten this year and I do my work real good. Could I please have a toy house, a toy motorcycle and a real orange bike this year for Christmas.

Love,
Jimmy Garcia

Dear Santa,
I am in Kindergarten this year and I have done real good. I try to do my work the best I can. Do you think I could have a CB radio and a motorcycle for Christmas this year.

Love
Amos Nail

Dear Santa,
I would like an electric train set, a race track and a motor car. Would you please bring my brother, John a Family Tree House and a Pass Me the Nuts game.

Love
Jeff Chisum

Dear Santa,
I am in Kindergarten this year and I've been a good girl. Could I please have a jump rope, a doll that ries and a train for Christmas.

Love,
Rosa Gallegos

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy truck for Christmas, any color will do, and a play motorcycle.

Love,
Alijandro Garcia

We wish you all the happiness this holy season has to give... peace and joy. Kind thanks.

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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl in Kindergarten this year, so would you please bring me two dolls this year? One that cries and one with a bottle in her mouth.
Love,
Laura Davila

Dear Santa,
I would like a gun, a rifle and a blue bike with training wheels for Christmas.
Love
Charlie Smith

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a car and a B-B gun for Christmas.
Thank You!
Love,
Carlos Madrigal

Dear Santa,
Could you please bring me a doll for Christmas?
Love,
Nancy Silvas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a B-B gun and a car for Christmas.
Love,
Julio DeLaGarza

Dear Santa,
I would like a motorcycle and a red toy for Christmas.
Love
Rene Robles

Dear Santa,
I would like a big, red fire engine, a drum, and a dart board.
Love,
Luis Fuentes

Dear Santa,
I would like an Evil Kinevil, and a Family Tree House.
Love,
Delbert Zamora

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Would you please bring me a doll?
Love,
Virginia Ramon

Dear Santa,
I would like a B-B gun, a train and a football.
Love,
Manuel Longoria

Dear Santa,
I would like a car and a B-B gun for Christmas.
Love,
Lupe Rosalez

Dear Santa,
I would like a Baby Doll, a Barbie Doll and a wagon.
Love,
Lisa Cook

Dear Santa,
I would like a trampoline and a Baby-That-a-Way.
Love,
Jocelyn Tunnell

Dear Santa,
I would like you to ring me a football, football suit and shoulder pads for Christmas.
Love,
Kory Koontz

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a doll and a bottle for Christmas.
Love,
Monica

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a truck and a car.
Love,
Jerry Duran

Dear Santa,
I would like a red, white, blue basketball, me and my Daddy want an electric train, I also want a Baby Fender Love and a guitar because mine is all worn out and a Skipper Doll because Aunt Carolyn got me some clothes that will not fit my Barbie doll.
Love,
LaDawn Squires

Dear Santa,
I would like a Hush Little Baby, some of those little calinets and drawers and a Marching Mickey Mouse.
Love,
Paula Ramsey

Dear Santa,
I would like three surprises, a Marching Mickey Mouse and a Wake-up Thumbline. I've tried to be good this year.
Love,
Barbie Scott

Dear Santa,
Could I please have a toy Santa Claus that looks like you and a baby doll for Christmas.
Love
Sandy Samarron

Dear Santa,
I would like some Go-Go Boots and a Marching Mickey Mouse for Christmas this year.
Love
Dusty Radford

Dear Santa,
My, I don't know were to start. First I want some Go Go boots, and a basketball and some Levis, and a cape, and a barbey airplane and I guess thats all I can think of but their is more but I won't write it okay. I love you and don't forget that okay.
P.S. Don't forget my brothers and my sister.
I love you,
Kathy Pyle

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a sounkvhnen and a box to sepe my souing sufe in. And some cloth to make some cose. And would like to have a prese.
Love,
Angilla Morris

Dear Santa,
My name is Patsy Garza. For Christmas I want three games they are: Monopoly, Payday and Jaws and I also want a radio and a spirograph for Christmas. That's just about all I want and I guess that's all I have to so So goodbye.
With Love
Patsy Garza

Dear Santa Claus,
I like a bike and I like a motorbike and I like a car and a beegun and a baby and a tve and like a game.
Fron
Ricky

Dear Santa Claus
I've been a good girl as good as, a girl can be. So I'm quite, sure dear Santa that you'll be visiting me. But, Santa dear, when you're listing each Christmas, sweet and toy won't hungry girl and boy?
Yours truly,
Lisa

Card Of Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks to you, our friends, for making our Golden Wedding Anniversary one of the most memorable days of our lives. Your prayers, presence, cards, food, gifts, money, and gift to our church, were deeply appreciated. When we have time for nothing but memories, we will still be busy. Most of all, we thank God that he has seen fit for us to still be together.
E.C. and BLANCHE HUDSON

Party Line

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Foster visited their son and his wife Mr. and Mrs. David Foster in Clarimont to have an early Christmas dinner and exchanging of gifts.
Dinner guests Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Griffin were Mr. and Mrs. Ross Middleton.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Dutton is their son Jimmy from San Francisco, California. He will be visiting until New Year's.

Mrs. W.B. Hucks and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Winder of Springlake attended the 50th Wedding Anniversary of their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Hamner, held at the American Legion Building at Childress, Saturday, December 18, from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Cake, coffee and punch were served to approximately 200 friends and relatives who attended the celebration. After the reception, a dinner was held at 6:30 for the family with 70 members present.

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Throughout the holiday season, delicious homemade treats are always in demand. For a traditional European bread, try this recipe for Christmas Raisin Stollen.

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CHRISTMAS RAISIN STOLLEN

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| 1/2 cup milk | 1 package active dry yeast |
| 1/2 cup sugar | 1 beaten egg |
| 1/2 cup shortening | 2 1/2 cups sifted flour |
| 1 teaspoon salt | 3/4 cup golden seedless raisins |
| 1 teaspoon grated orange peel | 1/2 cup quartered candied cherries |
| 1/2 teaspoon cardamom | Melted butter |
| 1/2 cup warm water (105 to 115 degrees F.) | Glaze (recipe follows) |

Scald milk; stir in sugar, shortening, salt, orange peel and cardamom. Cool to lukewarm. Measure warm water into warm bowl. Sprinkle in yeast; stir until dissolved. Stir in lukewarm milk mixture, egg and 1 1/2 cups flour. Beat until smooth. Add raisins, cherries and remaining flour. Mix to moderately stiff dough. Cover and let rise in warm place about 1 1/2 hours until doubled in bulk. Punch down. Divide into thirds. Shape each third into 15-inch rope. Place on greased baking sheet and braid together loosely, pinching ends firmly together to seal. Brush with melted butter and let rise about 45 minutes until doubled. Bake in 350 degree oven 30 to 35 minutes, until browned. Brush again with butter. Cool slightly, then spread Glaze over top. Decorate with halved candied cherries, sliced almonds and raisins as desired. Makes 1 stollen.

GLAZE: Combine 1 1/4 cups sifted powdered sugar, 1/4 teaspoon vanilla and 3 to 4 teaspoons hot water.

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Dear Santa, I would like to have a doll and a bottle for Christmas.
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Dear Santa, I would like you to bring me a truck and a car.
Love,
Jerry Duran

O, Holy Night

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County Livestock Show

The Lamb County Jr. Livestock Show will be held January 13-15, 1977 at the Lamb County Agricultural and Community Center in Littlefield.

At a recent County Show Board meeting the Show Board elected the following officers: Landon Smith, Olton, President; Tommy Moss, Sudan, Vice-President; Freddie Maxwell, Sudan Secretary; and Linda Lamb, Littlefield, Treasurer.

The Board of Directors includes representatives from each Lamb County School District. The Directors include: Barry Bearden, Amherst; Freddie Maxwell, Sudan; Lexie Branscum, Earth-Springlake; Dewitt Kelley, Earth-Springlake; Donald Carr, Littlefield; Landon Smith, Olton; Tommy Moss, Sudan; Lewis Fields, Sudan; Jackie Burkhalter, Olton; Richard Bills, Springlake; Earth; Dwayne Montgomery, Littlefield; Don Prentice, Spade; Ronnie Smith, Littlefield; Don Carter, Amherst; Leonard Pierce, Sudan; and Jesse Pinkerton, Olton.

Superintendents for the event were selected by the Board of Directors. The superintendents for this year include young men that have participated in 4-H and FFA programs over the past several years in Lamb

County. Superintendents are as follows:

Swine Superintendent: Jackie Burkhalter, Olton; Assistants: Randy Pierce, Sudan; Don Harper, Olton; Kent Lewis, Earth; and Don Carr, Littlefield.

Sheep Superintendent: Danny Carter, Amherst; Assistants: Cory Logsdon, Littlefield; Joe Foley, Littlefield; and Raymond Duvall, Amherst.

Steer Superintendent: Jim Fields, Sudan; Assistants: Don Natfger, Olton; Don Templeton, Earth; and Dean Walden, Littlefield.

Prize money for this event will be furnished by participating communities throughout Lamb County. President Landon Smith, noted that this was one of the few County wide events that is still held in Lamb County. This show does not include a sale.

Mr. Smith also said there will be exhibition booths for participating merchants at \$50.00 per 10 foot space. Anyone wishing to participate in this event should contact Mr. Ronnie Smith at 262-5642.

According to Vocational Agricultural Teachers and the County Extension Agent the 1977 show promises to be one of the better shows in recent years.

Young Homemakers

The Young Homemakers had their meeting Tuesday, December 14 at 4:00 in the Homemaking Cottage.

The State Convention in Fort Worth was discussed. Plans for a bake sale were made for Thursday, December 23. All Homemakers are asked to bring at least 2 items to the Bee Hive Mall sometime

during the day. The bake sale will be held at the Mall beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The program was given by Nita Lloyd of Lubbock. She gave a demonstration on holiday cooking.

Refreshments prepared in the demonstration were served to the 20 members that attended the meeting.

Christmas Party For Employees

A Christmas party for the employees of Howell's Flowers in Olton, Decorator 216 in Muleshoe, and former employees of Howell's 216 in Earth was held at K-Bob's Steak House in Littlefield, Thursday evening, December 16.

Dinner was followed by the exchanging of gifts and visiting of friends.

Those present were Mrs. Marita Wilkerson, Mrs.

Delores Kelton, Mrs. Rena Barrett of Decorator 216 in Muleshoe, Mrs. Mildred LaDuke, Mrs. Hope Lovelace and Mrs. Berta Lee Brown of Howell's Flowers in Olton and Mrs. Dene Wendborn, Mrs. Phyllis Geissler, Mrs. Beulah Newton and Mrs. Mary Foster formerly of Howell's 216 and 216 Fashion in Earth.

Chapter of FTA

The Chapter of the Future Teachers of America of Springlake-Earth School met for their Christmas party on December 20.

Gifts were exchanged during the party.

Refreshments of cookies and punch were provided by Pam Eagle, Tammy Davis, Jill Barden and Vicki Freeman.

Party Line

Some of the out-of-town guests at the Hudson celebration were Mr. Hudson's sisters, Mrs. Reba Jamar of Granbury, and Mrs. Mattie Middleton of Lamesa. Brothers were, Altus Hudson of Stephenville, Odie Hudson and wife of Amarillo. Grandsons attending were Mr. and Mrs. Randy Howard and son of Fort Worth, Jeff Cearley of Eastern New Mexico University, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cearley and son of Plainview and Alan Howe of Clovis, New Mexico.

Senior Citizens Of Springlake

A covered dish supper was the theme for the December 17 meeting of the Senior Citizens of Springlake. Approximately 40 to 45 members attended at the Springlake Community Building.

Chicken, dressing, giblet gravy, and green beans were the main meal, plus the covered dishes provided by the guest.

Mrs. Harlon Watson provided table decorations which were scenes of Christmas.

Gifts were exchanged by numbering.

The program for the night was that of electing officers. They are: President, Ralph Rudd; Vice-President, Ernest Goforth; Secretary-Treasurer, Frances Watson; Program Chairman, Velma Baker and Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Harlon Watson.

Each meeting will be the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Springlake Community Building.

The next meeting will be January 8, 1977.

The business meeting was adjourned and games were enjoyed by all.

4-H Report

A trip to Amherst led the 4-H Club to the rest home where they exchanged gifts and sang Christmas carols to the people of the home.

Thirty-five 4-H members were present for the outing.

The group left the school at 4:00 and made the rip in cars. They returned home at 6:00.

The trip was enjoyed by everyone in the 4-H group who visited and sang to the people of the Amherst Rest Home and the thoughtfulness of the group was enjoyed by the people of the home.

Earth Roping Club

The Earth Roping Club had their annual dinner party at the Community building, Saturday, December 18.

Table decorations were of white tablecloths and candle arrangements in the Christmas colors of red and green.

Gifts were exchanged from a table covered with a red lace tablecloth and a candle tree arrangement.

A Mexican dinner was served to the following members present, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Lexie Branscum, Mr. and Mrs. Don Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Geissler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Gayland Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Holcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Carpenter and Mr. and Mrs. Weon Foster.

Bookmobile Schedule

The High Plains Bookmobile will not run on Thursday, December 23 and Friday, December 24.

Birthdays And Anniversaries Local

Local people celebrating their birthday or anniversary from December 23 to January 5 are as follows:

BIRTHDAY

December 23

Linda Scott

December 24

Allen Clayton

Jerry Beard

Libby Kellar

December 25

Arlotta Schoenenberger

Kathi Shirey

Merri Hausmann

Walter Hanson

December 26

Jay Winders

Elizabeth Packard

December 27

Audra Neinst

December 28

Fonda Goodwin

Kelly Gover

Louanne Britton

Connie Sanderson

December 29

Linda James

Brett Fryar

Jamie Ray DeLaGarza

December 30

Paulette Garner

Refugio DeLaGarza, Jr.

December 31

Ruby Fulenwider

Mark Haberer

Kenny Hamilton

January 1

Kathy West

Paula Verden

January 2

Brent Washington

January 4

Don Curtis

January 5

Allen Smith

Glen Hausmann

ANNIVERSARY

December 23

Mr. & Mrs. Gus Parish

Mr. & Mrs. Wilton McDonald

December 24

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Miller

December 25

Gene & Helen Templeton

PTA

There was a PTA meeting Wednesday, at 1:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The Kindergarten classes presented a Christmas play entitled "The House of Christmas."

PTA President Mrs. Melvin Chisum conducted the meeting.

Some produce doesn't freeze well: green onion, lettuce and other salad greens, radishes and tomatoes (except cooked as juice).

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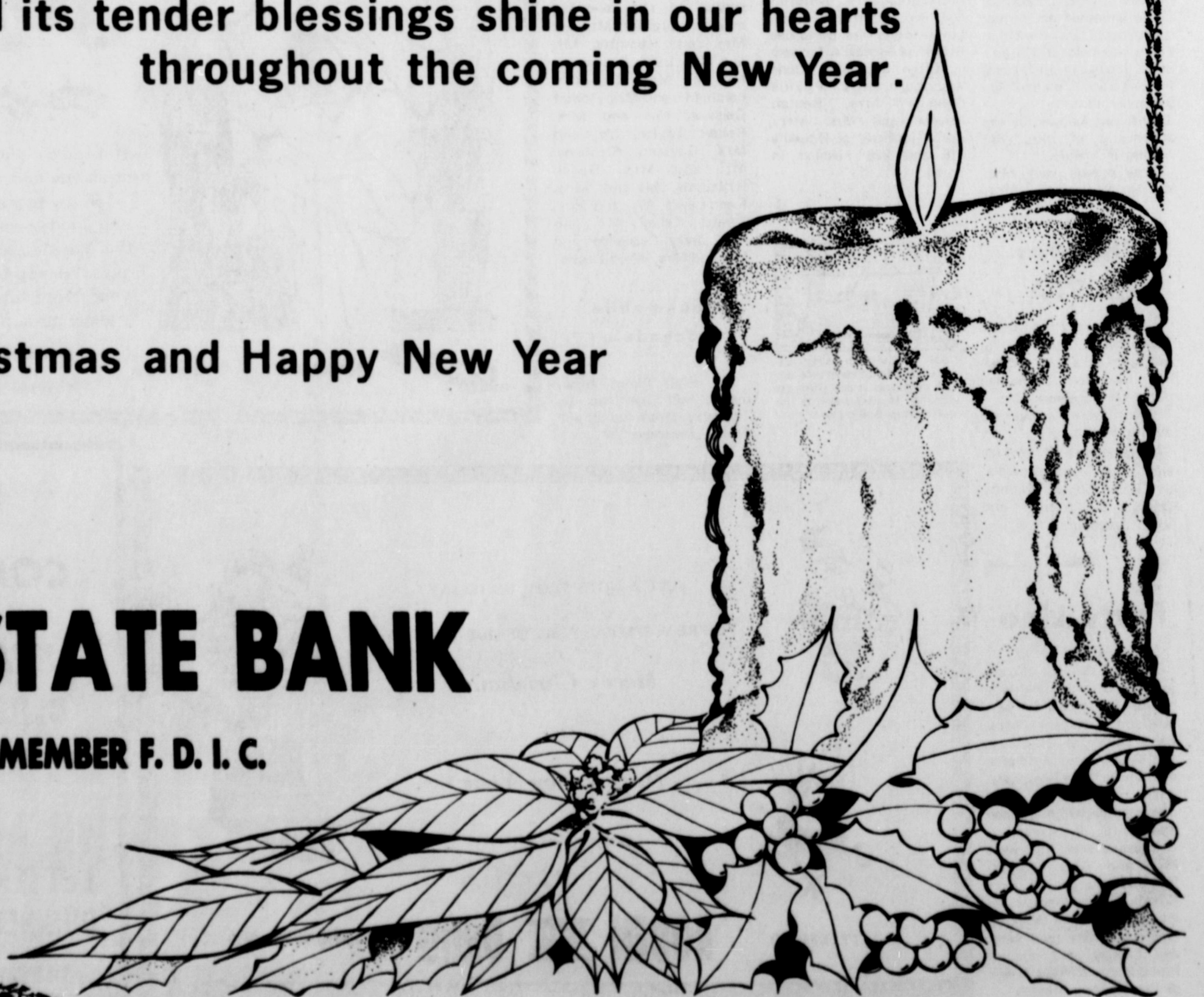
it's Christmas

Christmas is the Bright Star that welcomes the Prince of Peace. It is the shining eyes of a child, transported by the magic of the Christmas Story. Christmas is a warmly lighted home where kindly thoughts abide in friendly people. It is the look of wonder on a child's face when the glittering Christmas tree twinkles with colored lights. Christmas is a mighty city lighted up... a peaceful village glowing warm against a wintry sky. Christmas is a lighted candle in the window—a gracious welcome to all who pass... the weak, the friendless—the tried, the true. May the lights of Christmas and its tender blessings shine in our hearts throughout the coming New Year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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Citizens Of The Week

Citizens of the week for October 18 were Vonda Stephens and Scott Sheperd.

Scott is the 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sheperd. He has brown hair and brown eyes. His favorite TV show is "Happy Days."

Vonda is the 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gayland Stephens. She has blonde hair and blue eyes. Her favorite TV show is "Charlie's Angels." Her favorite color is blue.

His favorite color is blue and favorite food is steak. His favorite singer is Charlie Rich and his favorite subject is Social Studies. His future plans are to be a rancher.

Vonda's favorite food is Mexican food and her favorite singer is Ronnie Milsap. Her favorite subject is sports. Her future plans are to be a professional barrel racer.

Dear Santa,
I don't need Burt Reynolds, because I just got Clifford. But I will take an exercise machine.
Thanks alot,
Monda

CHRISTMAS



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National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society presented a Christmas Tea for faculty, school employees, board members and their wives, Tuesday, December 21. Members of the Honor Society made and decorated cookies and served punch to their guests. The members had a party and exchanged gifts after school. Sponsors for the society are Evelyn Verden and Gary Hamilton. Members are Lesa Templeton, Sheila Jordan, Stephanie Parish, Jo Letta Schoenberger, Chester Robinson, Libby Kellar, Jeanne Haydon, Carla Taylor, Glenn Craft, Sammy Ott, Stacy Tunnell, Jennifer Kellar, Jeff Burk, Mark Parish, Melinda Denham, Rory Jones, Beverly King and Arlie Ellis.

Springlake-Earth School Menu

January 3 thru 7

MONDAY
Fish Krispies-Tarter Sauce
Onion Rings
Waldorf Salad
Banana Pudding
Hot Rolls-Butter
Milk

TUESDAY
Mexican Casserole
Creamed Corn
Jello Salad
Apricot Cobbler
Cornbread-Butter
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Beanie-Weinies
Potato Salad
Mixed Greens
Pineapple Upside-Down
Cake
Cornbread-Butter
Milk

THURSDAY
Beef Stew-Crackers
Sandwiches
PotatoChips
Cheese Sticks
Cinnamon Rolls
Milk

FRIDAY
Pizza
Tossed Salad
Fried Okra
Peanut Butter Cups
Milk



MR. AND MRS. E. C. HUDSON

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hudson were honored in observance of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary at their home on Sunday, December 19. Hudson and Blanche Morris were married on December 21, 1926 in Plainview. Hosts and Hostesses for the occasion were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Smith, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Cearley, Lovington, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Byrnes, Clovis, N.M. and Mr. and Mrs. Hal H. Hudson of Lubbock.

The dining room, accented with candlelight and gold accessories, featured the table laid with a candlelight floor-length cloth. Centering the table was a four-tier scalloped cake iced in candlelight, enhanced with dainty clusters of iridescent grapes and petite roses. A garland of golden leaves encircled the base of the cake. The cake was fashioned by Mrs. Hudson's sister, Mrs. Joe Chester of Olton. Atop the cake, with an arch covered in gold and glistening

iridescent jewels, was a Roaring 20's bridal couple attired in candlelight and gold. The bisque figures belonged to Mrs. Hudson's cousin as a child. Golden punch, dainty mints, cake and nuts were served from gold and crystal appointments. Guests were seated in the den which featured a table covered in a scarlet cloth. Coffee, spiced punch and chocolate cake squares, bearing the couple's monogram, were served from white ironstone appointments. The centerpiece depicted a Roaring 20's scene with a Flapper and raccoon coat-clad young man standing beside two vintage Model T's. Scarlet candles and holly added to the interest of the piece. Red poinsettia flanked either side of the fireplace. The mantle featured a lovely scarlet and white candelabra banked with holly. Entertaining rooms were decorated by Mrs. Dean Jones, neice of the couple.

Gifts were received and registers by neices Mrs. Bill Gover, Plainview, and Mrs. Jim Ferguson, Olton. Miss Tamara Jones registered the 250 guests. Members of the house party were Mr. Hudson's neice, Mrs. Christine Longbottom of Ft. Worth, granddaughters-in-law, Mrs. Joe Cearley, Plainview and Mrs. Randy Howard, Ft. Worth. Also assisting were Miss Becky Littleton, Miss Pam Holland, Mrs. Hershel Belew, Mrs. J.L. Littleton, Jr., Mrs. Doug Lewis, Mrs. Lynn Glasscock and Mrs. Troy Blackburn, all of Earth. Honored hostesses were former members of Mrs. Hudson's Jr. High Church School class and former FHA Secret Granddaughters.

Out of town guests were from Olton, Tulia, San Angelo, Amarillo, Happy, Dimmitt, Plainview, Lubbock, Ft. Worth, Granbury, Stephenville, Lamesa, Hale Center, Clovis, N.M. and Indianapolis, Indiana.



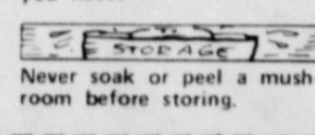
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"The House of Christmas"

Miss Carolyn Cunningham and Mrs. Beth Hamilton were the directors of the Kindergarten Christmas play, "The House of Christmas." All the children in the Kindergarten classes were in the play. The children also participated in the singing of the Christmas carols; Rudolph, Away in a Manger, Silent Night, and Frosty the Snowman. The play was about the search of the true meaning of Christmas. The children presented their program for the PTA, Wednesday, December 22.

Christmas Choir and Band Concert

The Springlake-Earth School choirs and band presented their Christmas program, Monday, December 20. Christmas carols such as "Silent Night" and "Pablo the Reindeer" opened the program. The fifth grade choir sang songs that represented the Christmas spirit like "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and "Silver Bells." The Junior High choir, 3rd period sang "Carol of the Drum" and "Calypso Christmas Song."

The Junior High choir, 5th period sang "Carol of the Bells," "Bitter For Sweet," "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and "A Pageant of Carols." Following an intermission, the symphonic band played "Do You Hear What I Hear?", "Snow Bells," "MacArthur Park," "The Christmas Suite," "Sleigh Ride," and "Slavonic Folk Suite." Choral music director is David Crane and band director is Richard Roper. The program was enjoyed by all.



Christmas Greetings

It's all around — that Christmas feeling! May it fill your holiday with warmth, joy and loving thoughts. We hope you enjoy this time to the fullest. Thanks, friends.

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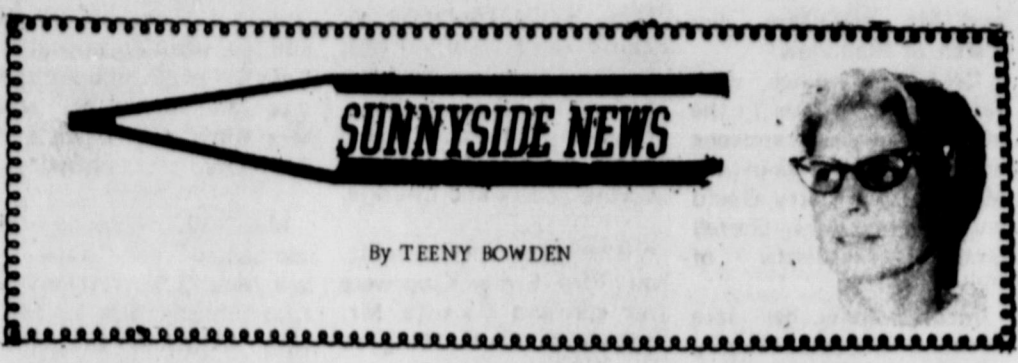
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Springlake



By TEENY BOWDEN

The home of Mrs. Lillian Carson received extensive damage Friday night when the Christmas tree caught fire and flames very quickly engulfed it setting the carpet floor and ceiling on fire. She took Greg George and Sharon and Jack Bradley to the home of Jimmy Waggoner where the Lee Bradleys and Carl Dean Carsons were at a Christmas party. The fire department was called from there since she was unable to use the phone at home, but the young men from the party had the fire out with water and hoses, and three fire extinguishers the Waggoners had before the fire department arrived. Cause of the fire was unknown, but the live tree was fully aflame before she was aware anything was wrong. She spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dean Carson, and about 4:00 a.m. the divan they had left outside burst into flames again and they had to put it out again.

The Adult I Sunday School class had a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Waggoner Friday night. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Gale Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Waggoner, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. David Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lefevre, Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dean Carson, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fugitt and Rev. Raymond Jones. The Lion's Club blood drive obtained 12 units of blood for the Southwest Blood Services of Lubbock. More than that were turned down for various reasons. They had their regular supper and meeting Monday night.

Fifty-five or more attended the community Christmas party at the community building Saturday night. Stacy Waggoner won the prize for the best decorations in the preschool age group. Chanin Ross won the prize for grades 1-3, Kelby Bradley won the prize for the 4-6 grade, and Rhonda Ross for grade 6 and up. Santa arrived as scheduled, and gifts were exchanged by all. Pick up foods were served and table games enjoyed by some while others visited.

Ray Joe Riley was one of the speakers at the 5th annual Texas Corn Growers Association in Dimmitt Wednesday. Others from the community attended the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Waggoner left Saturday for Houston for a few days visit with their newly adopted granddaughter, Julie Alice, who came to live with Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Waggoner and Jason at three months of age Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Jones, Mrs. Embree Roy Sadler, Mrs. Roy Phelan, Mrs. Milburn Haydon and Mrs. L.B. Bowden visited at South Hills Manor in Dimmitt Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Embree Roy Sadler and R.E. Duke attended the Christmas party at South Hills Manor Tuesday night. Mrs. Duke was dismissed from Plains Memorial Hospital Monday.

Mrs. Carl Bradley attended the funeral services for Crill Bulls in Earth Monday afternoon. Burial was also in Earth. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hedrick of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Matlock of Tulia and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Matlock came home with her for supper with the Carl Bradley family.

Cliff Brown was deer hunting near Junction Monday through Wednesday. Mrs. John Gilbreath and Mrs. Embree Roy Sadler attended the funeral services for Ed Dyerup in Nazareth Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Gilbreath also visited with the family Tuesday afternoon.

Doug Freeman was transferred from the El Paso Gas Plant here to Jal Monday. Mrs. Freeman will stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Wilson and Daneen until she finishes nursing training in Dimmitt.

Daneen Wilson was elected Queen of the Springlake Lion's Club in their meeting Thursday.

Rev. Raymond Jones attended the Baptist Men's Meeting in Sudan Thursday night to plan a

mission trip to Falcon Heights in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morgan of Shamrock, Mrs. Jay Stanton and April Dawn of Dimmitt and Mrs. Travis Deering, Stefani and Cherish of Friona visited at the community Christmas party Saturday night with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Brown, Lynn and Lee and Gale Jones attended the Tide Christmas Party in Plainview Wednesday night.

Kim Jones was on the Senior "A" honor roll and Clint Dawson on the Junior "A" roll for Springlake-Earth High School. Joe Fulfer and Dina Jo Hampton were on the senior "A&B" roll, Tommy Graham and Daneen Wilson on the same roll for juniors, Belinda Hampton on the sophomore roll and Michael Graham on the freshman roll.

Mrs. Gerald Graham and Tommy and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dawson and Clint participated in the Christmas Cantata at the First United Methodist Church in Earth Sunday night.

Sweetie and Resa Carson of Lubbock and Gene Carson of Napa, Idaho arrived Saturday and Saturday night to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Lillian Carson. Because of the fire, they spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bradley and children who got moved into their new home in Sunnyside Friday and Saturday.

Cindy Sadler came in from Baylor University Saturday night for the holidays. She arrived in time for the community Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Brown, Lynn, Lee and Gale Jones had an early Christmas dinner and tree with the Brown family in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hylton Brown and children in Plainview Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrin Fields and girls attended a Christmas party in Vega Saturday night with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Spencer had supper in Lubbock Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Cole.

Mrs. W.A. Baldrige and daughter of Dimmitt and her mother, Mrs. H.V. Hughes of Lubbock visited Saturday afternoon with Mrs. L.B. Bowden. Mr. Hughes passed away this summer. The Hughes operated the Sunnyside truck stop and grocery store in the early 1970's.

A fellowship was held after the Sunday night services honoring the pastor and wife. He was presented a money tree as a Christmas gift. She was home with a cold and sore throat.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sadler, Carrie, Stacy and Laura left Saturday morning for a skiing vacation on Monarch Pass, Colorado with Mr. and Mrs. Chad Winsor of Waco.

James of Lubbock visited Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Noah Spencer and did some adjustments on the dialysis unit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shive and children of Amarillo visited Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Noah Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Denver Smith of Friona visited last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ray Hampton and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ray Hampton attended the Earth Roping Club Christmas party in Earth Saturday night.

Mrs. Ray Joe Riley visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Scott in Hereford Tuesday to help her mother celebrate her birthday.

The youth of the church had a Christmas party at the church Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Betty Sue Ramey, Jody and Adrian of Jonesboro, Indiana arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Holbrooks.

Jodie Riley spent Friday night in Lazbuddie with Ken Craft.

Mrs. John Gilbreath and Mrs. Ray Joe Riley attended a Christmas party of their club in the home of Mrs. Jimmy Cluck Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy DeBusk of Payton, Colorado, recently of Fairbanks, Alaska visited Sunday with his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ray Hampton and family. They brought pictures with them from their life in Alaska. They are former residents of the community.

Kim Haydon and Kevin Riley attended the Springlake-Earth FFA Christmas Party at the Earth show barn Saturday.

Mrs. Jerry Ray Hampton, Dina Jo, Belinda, Tommy, Duke, Bridget, Heath, David and Denise, Michael Graham, and Mrs. Ray Joe Riley, Kevin and Jodie attended the 4-H Christmas party at the

Amherst Nursing Home Wednesday night with other members of the Springlake-Earth 4-H.

Tommy and Michael Graham were honor guests for the 50th anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Hudson in Earth Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Joe Riley and boys were also among those who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bradley, Kent, Kelby and Kyle, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bradley, Sharon, Jack, Joel, and Justin attended an early Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bradley in Dimmitt Sunday with the Bailey family who couldn't be here for Christmas. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dixon of Dimmitt, Mrs. Bill Bailey, Randy, Brad, and Sabrina of Seminole, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bailey and Ashley of Lubbock, and Buzz Bailey also of Lubbock.

The Bykota Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church of Earth

met in the home of Mrs. Marvin Sanders, Tuesday, December 14 for their annual Christmas party.

A delicious salad supper was served buffet style from a table decorated with a lovely red tablecloth accented with a beautiful Christmas arrangement. The home was decorated throughout with the lovely Christmas theme.

After dinner the group gathered around the living room and heard the beautiful Christmas Story presented by Oleta Sanders.

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Olton — Springlake News

BY: MRS. TOM STANSELL

Olton-Miss Jennie Lynn Gunter of Olton, junior student at West Texas State University, Canyon, is a soprano member of the University's collegiate choir which, combined with the Choral Choir, the Amarillo College Choir and the Amarillo Symphony, presented "The Messiah" in the Civic Center of Amarillo, Saturday at 8 p.m. and at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Dr. Hugh Sanders is director of the West Texas State University Combined Choirs, and has been director of choral activities at the University since 1970. Dr. Sanders was recently elected president of the American Choral Directors

Association, Southwestern Division.

Co-director and artistic director of the Amarillo Symphony is Thomas Conlin. A graduate of Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, he has been conductor at Maryland Center for public broadcasting and has been guest conductor for operas, ballet companies and symphony orchestras in America, Europe and the Far East.

Soloists featured in the productions in Amarillo Civic Center during the week-end were soprano Renay Conlin of Amarillo, Mezzo-soprano Carol Mayo, voice instructor at Baylor University, bass singer J.D. Goddard of the Amarillo College Department of Music, and tenor David

Britton of New York City, formerly of Borger.

"The Messiah", an oratorio, was written by George Frederic Haudel in 1941 during a period of 23 days. It is said that throughout that time he was so interested in his work that he was often sleepless and hungry. When his wife took him the evening meal, she found he had not touched food that had been carried to him at noon.

Concerning his inspiration, Haudel said "I did think I did see all Heaven before me and the great God Himself." The presentation in Amarillo was in three parts (1) The Prophecy and Fulfillment of the Nativity, (2) The Passion and the Resurrection, (3) The Resurrection of all Mankind to the Glory of God.

Born in Germany, Haudel spent many years of his life in England and is buried in Westminster Abby.

His best known composition is the Christmas Carol "Joy to the World." Attending the Sunday afternoon performance from Olton were Miss Gunter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wil Gunter, their son Kent and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Carson.

Mrs. Mary Lee Baker, 64, died Friday. A resident of Childress, she had lived in Olton and Littlefield. She was sister of Leon Stansell of Littlefield. Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday in First United Methodist Church of Childress with the Rev. James Price, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Childress Cemetery under direction of Newberry Funeral Home.

Mrs. Baker was born in Hunt County. She and Homer Baker married October 13, 1930 in Clovis, N.M. They moved from Littlefield to Childress in 1941. She had been

associated with Phipps and Layton Theaters of Childress until her retirement in 1975. She was a member of the Methodist Church and Elks Lodge No. 113.

Survivors include her husband, one son, Don Baker of Houston, two daughters, Mrs. Marilyn Havens and Mrs. Donna Ruth Cain, both of Childress, four brothers, Dick Stansell of Amarillo, Don Stansell of Childress, Pete Stansell of Clovis, N.M., Leon Stansell of Littlefield and four grandchildren.

She was neice-in-law of Mrs. Tom Stansell. Mrs. Stansell and Mrs. John W. Adams attended funeral services for Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. Ellen Kersh, 87, was feted with a birthday party Tuesday in her room at Heritage Nursing Home, Plainview. The honoree is grandmother of Mrs. Bill Lunsford of Springlake.

Attending the event were Mrs. Kersh's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Copeland of Halfway. Also sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Kersh of Olton,

and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kersh of Plainview.

Cake and punch were served. Calling later in the afternoon were grandsons and granddaughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gould and Mr. and Mrs. Gerrell Gould, residents of Plainview.

Mrs. Kersh, her late husband and their family moved to Olton in 1922 from Rising Star.

Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lunsford, Teresa and Rocky had dinner with Mrs. Lunsford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Kersh who had as other dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Elmer F. Houston of Olton.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stradley will spend Christmas Day with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Moree, Lisa, Janie and Holly.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Crocker and Henriann of Howe will come sometime between Christmas and New Year's to stay a few days with Mrs. Crocker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Stradley. The Crockers will also visit her sister and family, Mr. and

Mrs. Hollis Moree, Lisa, Janie and Holly, and brothers and families, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Conner, Gaylon, Ardis and Jodie, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conner, Terry and Chuckie.

Visiting last week with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer King were her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elroy King of Amarillo.

Mrs. Tom Stansell visited Sunday in Wellington with her sister and neice, Mrs. Edna Kesler and Mrs. Lorraine Harwell. With Mrs. Stansell was Mrs. Juanita Adams.

Saturday night Young Adults Sunday School Class of Springlake First Baptist Church had a dinner party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Parish. The menu was turkey, baked beans, salads, home made rolls, pie, cake, ice tea and coffee and wassail.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Cain, Mr. and Mrs. Clent Kniffen, Mr. and Mrs. David Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Alair, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Busby, Mr. and Mrs. John Dayton and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Watson. Also Miss Betty Strebeck and Danny Parish.

The men played darts and ping pong while the ladies visited. Mrs. Cain is teacher of the class. Mrs. Kniffen is assistant teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. H.L. May, Chad and Lance of Lubbock will have as dinner guests Friday her father, Kenneth Boone, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Boone and their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Boone Mark, Michelle and Melanie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Green will be with her mother, Mrs. Amanda McNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer King came home recently from Ft. Smith, Ark., where they stayed two weeks with sons and families, the Clarence Kings, D.L. Kings, Ronnie Kings and R.A. Kings.

Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Coker will have in their home during the holidays their daughter Joan, student of Texas Tech University, Lubbock, a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Burgess, Vanessa and

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Holly of Houston, a son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Coker of Lubbock and a son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Coker, Brent and Blake also of Lubbock.

Mrs. W.R. Boone accompanied her sister-in-law, Mrs. O.B. Whitford to Amarillo the first of last week. Whitford had been hospitalized in Amarillo, returned home with his wife.

Mrs. Maggie Banks stayed several days recently in Littlefield Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Kersh stayed Wednesday night in Guymorr, Okla. with their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Chester West, Kim, Pam and Dee.

Spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer King will be sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. R.A. King, John and Randy of Ft. Smith, Ark., Mr. and Mrs. Terry King and Terri Lynn and Mr. and Mrs. Gary King, Kary and Tina, all of Amarillo.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Russell, Robert and Reggie during Christmas will be the host couple's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones, a son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Russell, a daughter-in-law and children, Mrs. Donna Russell, Jennifer and Aimee, and the host's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Crawford and family of Phoenix, Ariz. came Wednesday to stay several days with Crawford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Crawford. It had been five years since Dale had been here.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Skinner were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Skinner and Bud of Denver City.



Majorette In Cotton Bowl Parade

Shawn Stephens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stephens and granddaughter of Mrs. Bennie Prather and the late Elmer "Babe" Prather, and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Stephens, will be marching on New Years Day in the "Cotton Bowl Parade" in Dallas.

Miss Stephens is a majorette for the award winning Golden Trogon Marching Band. They are one of eighteen bands from the United States to participate in the parade.

Miss Stephens is a sophomore, majoring in Science, Math and Music. She is an officer in the Junior National Honor Society of the college at which she attends. She was selected football queen for the Trogon football team at Homecoming. She also holds the title of Sweetheart for the National SPO Fraternity in Dyersburg, Tenn.



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Style Show

New styles and fashions were modeled Saturday, December 18 at the Bee Hive Mall. The show was sponsored by the Casual Nook and the Pampered Lady.

Mary Kate Belew wore an elegant jumpsuit by "Corinth Street." Pearlized buttons accented the lines of the jumpsuit and jewelry chosen from the Pampered Lady were her accessories.

Linda James arrived wearing a yellow ochre collegian ensemble. For accessories, she chose a black hat and black gloves.

Rosa Rivas chose casual overalls by "Rumble Seat." If its denium you're looking for, "The Casual Nook" also has Wrangler and Maverick. There are numerous styles to choose from in all sizes.

Cami Parish and Clint Bradley both dressed for the holidays. Cami wore a Bryan, easy care dress and Clint wore a Dotty Dan denium, just like the big guy! The Pampered Lady is full of creations like these.

Mary Kate Belew modeled an Emerald green Strait Lane creation. Her jewelry came from the Pampered Lady and is by Mr. John. Virginia Barden modeled a pretty Corinth Street fashion. Another pretty thing about Corinth Street is each piece can be bought separately. This beautiful blue group has jackets, skirts, pants, sweaters and blouses.

Laurinda Bulls modeled a jumper by Te Jo, a junior line. This particular blouse was chosen off the sale rack, where there are some outstanding buys in all brands and sizes.

Linda Tunnell wore a pink and purple contrasting pant suit. This eye-catching pant suit is a Collegian creation.

Carrie Tunnel appeared with a Gear Works fashion. This garment is 50% cotton and 50% polyester.

Mary Jones chose a Christmas red Strait Lane jump suit.

Jill Hamilton was all-glow in her corduroy suit by Gear Works.

Rosa Rivas looked very pretty in her Red Eye mix and match pant suit. The top is a valore material and the pants are polyester and rayon.

Hints for HOMEMAKERS

By Samantha
Are you spending too much time doing household chores? Chances are, the answer is yes. According to the Lestoil Homemakers' Service, there isn't a homemaker under the sun who couldn't find ways to cut down on working time, no matter how large her family or how long her experience.

How is this possible? First of all, they suggest, find your own rhythmic way of doing things and stick to it. Playing music while you work, for example, may help you relax. Hasty thinking and hasty working seldom accomplish what you want—and cost time in the long run.

Make your own decision about household cleaners—choose the ones that suit your needs most fully. A multi-purpose cleaner is an effort-saver. Lestoil is a good choice, because it's available in a lightweight, shatterproof bottle, and has a natural grease-dissolving ingredient. Its exclusive combination of solvent and detergent is easier than ever to use for all sorts of problem tasks, such as getting badly stained clothes clean again—even for



Multi-purpose cleaning products save you time and extra effort.

removing burned-on grease that accumulates on oven racks and broiler trays, food-encrusted casseroles and roasting pans, cleaning woodwork, and cleaning greasy garage floors.

Select the most convenient tools for cleaning jobs. Long-handled dust pans, brooms and mops will spare you stooping. Two dust cloths, one for each hand, speed the cleaning chore. You'll save time and trouble by keeping all your cleaning supplies together in a basket.

Use your common sense—and make shortcuts when they don't short-circuit efficiency. That's how you can make a dent in the time you spend on housekeeping.

Linda James chose a mint green long dress from the Collegian group. There are also pants, short skirts, and jackets in this group. Diane Jones wore an easy care fashion by Buster Brown. It was a blend of cotton and polyester and means little or no ironing. Linda Tunnell also chose a Collegian garment and her accessories were from the Pampered Lady.

Mary Jones accomplished

her task in a red and white group which had several different pieces to the set. The fabric is all polyester and the jewelry comes from the Pampered Lady. Jennifer Wood set out for the day in her Gear Works suit. Her jacket was a saddle back jacket.

The fashions and models were great. A big thank you to those who worked so hard to make the fashion show possible.



"Teacher of the Month"

Gary Hamilton has been selected teach of the month for December.

He teaches Spanish and Reading at Springlake-Earth Junior High. He has blonde hair and blue eyes and is 6'3" tall. He is 23 years old and his favorite food is Mexican food. His favorite color is red.

His favorite sport is basketball. He enjoys watching "Good Times" on TV. He likes the song "Shes Got A Hillbilly Heart." and the singer Johnny Rodriguez.

He attended high school at Premont and graduated in 1971. He then attended Texas A&I and graduated in 1974.

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Citizens Of The Week

Citizens of the week for December 13 were Darcy Randolph and Rex Fennell.

Darcy is the 11 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Randolph. She has brown hair and green eyes. Her favorite TV show is "Charlie's Angels." Her favorite food is spaghetti. Her favorite color is blue and her favorite singer is Johnny Rodriguez. Her favorite song is "Stand By My Woman Man." Her favorite subject is P.E. and her favorite sport is basketball. Her future plans are to be a vet.

Rex is the 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Fennell. He has light brown hair and blue eyes. His favorite TV show is "Starsky and Hutch." His favorite food is tacos.

His favorite color is blue and favorite singer is Ronnie Milsap. His favorite song is "Stand By My Woman Man" and his favorite subject is shop. His future plans are to be a rancher.

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Winners at the turkey shoot won a turkey and a drawing was held for a Remington Shotgun. There were 46 winners in all.

Contributors for the turkey shoot were: Dent Farm Supply, Slim Galloway, W.B. McMillan.

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Flagg Grain, T-Bar Western, Barton Bros. Gin, Brittons 66 and Sanders Lumber.

Winners of turkeys were: B. Chaney, Sawyer, Henry

Ford, Brian Britton, Ron Perkel, David Templeton, David Bradley, Lexie Fennell, Doug Lewis, David Hinchliff, Jimmy Furr, Eddie Sam Jones, Dutch Been, Raymond West, Marvin Been, Jerry

Been, Joe Hood, Emilo Ramon, Doug Campbell, Steve Busby, and Dickey Brown.

Also Kent Parish, Rodney

Geissler, W.L. Hanson, W. Henderson, Sam Parish, Randall Ellison, Zane Ellison, W.B. McMillan, Tony Barton, Norman Clayton, Joe Miller, Gene Chaney, Bill Chaney, J. Shirey, Sawyer, Dwane Jones, Gary Bulls, Slim Odum, David Bradley, Danny Parish, Donnie Henderson, Pee Wee Henderson, Kenny Hamilton and Tony Barton.

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Springleake-Earth Sports

BY: CLINT DAWSON



Wolverines

The Wolverines made a game of it the first half but could not keep up with Anton's taller boys in the second half and lost by a 79-61 score. The Wolverines got off to a good start and led 14-12 at the end of the first quarter. The Wolverines built their lead to as much as 5 points

in the second quarter but led by only one at halftime, 33-32. Anton jumped out to take the lead early in the third quarter and never looked back as they went on to win easily.

Mark Barton led the scorers with 25 points. Keavin Kelley was next with 9, Tim Thomas and

Rodney Geissler scored 7, Terry Hood made 6, Joe Fuller 4, and George Flores 2.

The Wolverines hosted Spade last Friday night and sent the visitors home

with a 54-50 defeat. The game was very close all

through the first quarter as were close behind with 11 apiece. Keavin Kelley scored 9, George Flores 6, and Clint Dawson 2.

each team scored 10 points in the period. In the second quarter, Spade built a small lead of four points and had an 18-22 halftime edge. The

Wolverines, who usually have a cold third quarter, came out and quickly took

the lead after the half scoring 19 points to Spade's 12 and led 37-34 going into the fourth quarter. As Spade's starters began fouling out,

the boys built a lead of 4 to 6 points and held it till the game was over.

Mark Barton was leading scorer with 15 and Rodney Geissler and Tim Thomas

The game broke a 3-game losing streak with the victory and their record is now 8-6.



Wolverettes

The Wolverettes met Anton last Tuesday night and handed the Bulldogs a 56-44 defeat. The first quarter was slow scoring-wise as the score at the end of the quarter was 9-4 in the

Wolverettes favoo. The second quarter both teams warmed up as the Wolverettes led by 28-21 at halftime. Anton came roaring back in the third quarter to tie the score 38 all. But the fourth quarter was all the Wolverettes as they scored 18 points to Anton's 6 to win the game.

Susan Clayton led the Wolverettes with 20 points. Rosa Rivas scored 15, Christie Pittman 13, and

Kim Dent 8. For the guards, Alayne Slover grabbed 6 rebounds and 5 steals, Pam Eagle 5 rebounds and 1 steal, and Ranae Winder 3 rebounds

and 1 steal. Also Tammy Davis came off the bench to grab 6 rebounds.

Led by Christie Pittman's 35 points, the Wolverettes demolished Spade 77-52. The Wolverettes had a

close first half as they only led by one, 15-14, at the end of the first quarter and by eight, 39-31, at halftime. But the Wolverettes blew Spade out in the third quarter, taking a 59-38 lead into the final quarter. The substitutes played out the rest of the game and all players saw some action.

Others scorers were Rosa Rivas with 15 points, Kim Dent with 12, Susan Clayton with 10 and Pam Ott had 3. Ranae Winder led the guards with 6 rebounds and 2 steals. Pam Eagle had 3 rebounds and 3 steals, Alayne Slover 1 rebound and 1 steal, Vicki Freeman grabbed 3 rebounds while Tammy Davis and Flora Rivas grabbed 2 apiece.

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PARSON-ELLIS-SINGLETON FUNERAL HOME

Obituaries

Elmer Hall

Services for Elmer Francis Hall, Sr., 67, of Earth were at 2 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church in Earth with the Rev. David Burum, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Earth Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis-Singleton Funeral Home.

Hall died about 7:50 p.m. Tuesday in South Plains Hospital in Amherst following a brief illness. He was born in Boyd County, Ky. and had been an Earth resident for eight months. He was a former resident of Phoenix, Ariz. and a retired Southern Pacific Railroad employee.

He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ida Mae of Earth; two sons, Elmer Jr. of Earth and Frank of Coquille, Ore.; two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Hammon of Olton and Mrs. Mary Bailey of Earth; and eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Roberts

DIMMITT (Special)-Services for Mrs. Madge Lee Roberts, 82, of Dimmitt were at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt with the Rev. Marvin Roark, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens under direction of Dennis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Roberts died Saturday at 4 p.m. in the Plains Memorial Hospital.

A native of Travis County, she had lived in Castro County since 1920.

Survivors include a niece, Mrs. Ruby Bagwell of Dimmitt and other nieces and nephews.

"A simple life is its own reward." George Santayana

Definitely!

Lectures are like steer horns, a point here, a point there, and a lot of bull in between.

-Tiger, U.S.S. Barry.

Christmas Party

The Caprock Water Utilities Association met Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Building in Tullia for an annual Christmas meeting.

A delicious meal of turkey, dressing, ham, green beans, corn, tossed salad, candied yams, fruit salad, hot rolls, pumpkin pie, tea and coffee was served to approximately 66 members and guests.

Entertainment was furnished by Ray Cargo and his "West Texas Blue Grass Band" of Hereford.

The following officers for 1977 were installed by Jack Willis, assisted by his invisible Jimmy Carter dog, "Peanut."

Orin Hackler of Olton, President; Leon Gilliland of Dimmitt, Vice-President; Otis Brown of Lake Ransom Canyon, 1st Vice-President and Program Chairman; Bill Noble of Tullia, 2nd Vice President; Tommy Ogletree of Abernathy, Secretary-Treasurer; David Rodriguez of Abernathy, assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Manard Brown of White River was selected as the Water man of the Month.

Pauline Hucks of Springlake won a beautiful silver fruit bowl as a door prize. Connie Rodriguez won a set of knives.

Local people attending were Water Superintendent and Mrs. Ralph Rudd, Alderman and Mrs. W.B. Hucks of Springlake, Water Superintendent Johnny Enloe and Selo Ramon of Earth and Water Superintendent and Mrs. Orin Hackler of Olton.

Jonas B. Inglis

Services for Jonas B. Inglis, 87, of Earth were at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church in Earth with the Rev. David Burum, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Olton Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis-Singleton Funeral Home.

Inglis died at 3 a.m. Sunday at South Plains Hospital in Amherst.

The Hollywood, Ala., native moved to the Earth area in 1930 from Martha.

Survivors include three sons, Gerald of Earth, Bill of Marysville, California; and Donald of Napa, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Melba Jean Park of Concord, Calif., Mrs. Molly Griffin of Olton; three sisters, Mrs. Orville Stanford and Mrs. Jessie Fleming, both of Portales, N.M., and Mrs. Lonnie Wallace of Mangum, Okla.; two brothers, Floyd of Portales, N.M. and J.R. of Bowie; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Fred Smith, Hershel Patterson, Robert Akin, Glen McGeath, Troy Blackburn and Bob Boone.

Major David Price

OLTON-Military burial rites were held Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the U.S. Military Academy Cemetery at West Point, N.Y., for Maj. David S. Price, 37, of Olton.

Services were held Saturday morning in Elliott Sons, Inc., Funeral Home Chapel in Augusta, Ga., where Price was a civilian employee at Fort. Gordon, Georgia.

Price died Thursday in Augusta, Ga. following a sudden illness.

Price, a 1961 graduate of West Point U.S. Military Academy, was graduated from Olton High School in 1957. He received a master's degree in operational research at the Naval post-graduate school in Monterey, Calif.

A Shamrock native, Price served two tours in Vietnam and a three-year tour in Hawaii. In his 14 years in the military he served with the signal corps of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Janet; a son, Daniel, and two daughters, Susan and Nancy, all of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duward Price of Olton; a sister, Mrs. Judy Price of Kyle; and a brother, Joseph Price of Plains.

Debunking Heroes

The fashion today is to demean the heroes of yesterday's wars. It's a natural reaction in time of peace, when so many abhor war and when some even suspect anyone successful at it must have been slightly mad or cruel.

The point to keep in mind in assessing the performances of military heroes like Dwight Eisenhower, George Patton, Bill Halsey, and other colorful leaders of World War II, is that they, too, were human. They had their faults.

But, in general, war requires different attributes from peacetime living and it is unfair to retrospectively judge an individual's hardness, or even ruthlessness, by standards and conditions existing in peace.

An individual who might contribute critically to his country's struggle for survival in war, with cold resolution and sometimes cruel determination, might seem less than loveable a few decades later—by peacetime, post-war babies, who never knew the desperation of all-out war, the mood of the nation at that time, the alternatives of battle, etc.

Other countries today have their own hero demaeners. Erwin Rommel is now said, by one writer, to have been greatly over-rated. His enemies would not have agreed in either World War I or World War II. Generally speaking, accomplishments must be the criteria on which to judge.

Senseless, exaggerated hero worship has no place in peacetime among serious students of history, though hero images are worthwhile in wartime. Yet highly critical, retrospective views of outstandingly successful military heroes, while sensational and appealing to all who hate war, are to be very carefully analyzed, and can be very misleading.



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Mahon To Receive The Forrestal Award

The James Forrestal Memorial Award Committee of the National Security Industrial Association announces that the Award for 1976 will be conferred upon the Honorable George H. Mahon, Senior U.S. Congressman from Texas and long-time Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

The James Forrestal Memorial Award has been given annually since 1954

to twenty-three outstanding Americans whose leadership has promoted significant understanding and cooperation between industry and government in the interest of national security. Among the distinguished past recipients have been Dwight David Eisenhower, President of the United States, 1954; Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense, 1963; Richard B. Russell, United States Senator from Georgia, 1968; L. Mendel Rivers,

Chairman, Armed Service Committee, U.S. House of Representatives (posthumously), 1970; James D. McDonnell, Chairman of the Board, McDonnell Douglas Corporation, 1972; Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, recent Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in 1973; the Honorable John C. Stennis, U.S. Senator from Mississippi, in 1974 and T.A. Wilson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Boeing Company in 1975.

Throughout his forty-two years in Congress (since 1934) and most notably in the past 12 years as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Congressman Mahon has rendered outstanding service to the Nation. His character and integrity, his steadfast leadership and wise counsel in the maintenance of adequate U.S. military strength as an essential element of national security, and his recognition of the importance of an effective partnership



Citizens Of The Week

Citizens of the Week for November 29 were Sheila Jordan and Jeff Burk.

Sheila is the 13 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jordan. She has blue eyes and brown hair. Her favorite food is steak.

Her favorite TV show is "One Day At A Time" and her favorite sport is basketball. She likes the color blue and her favorite subject is sports. Her favorite song is "I Never Cried." Her future plans are to be a concert pianist.

Jeff is the 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Burk. He has brown hair and tinted blue eyes. His favorite food is fried fish. His favorite TV show is "Starsky and Hutch." His favorite sport is basketball.

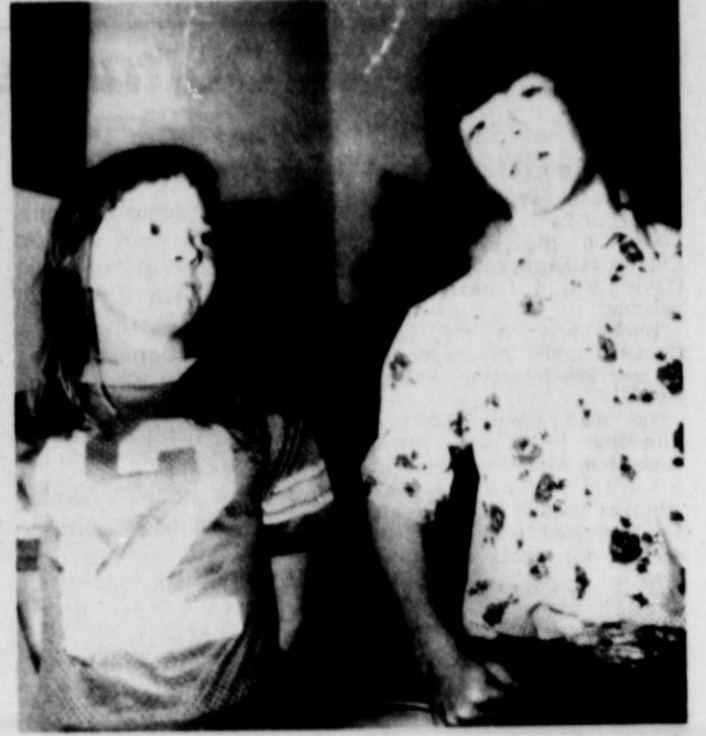
Jeff's favorite subject is Science and he likes the color yellow. His favorite song is "Show Me The Way." His favorite singer is Peter Frampton. He plans to be an aircraft navigator.

A Tender STORY

Quick-Cook Chuck Beef
Economic beef chuck, once confined to long slow cooking, can now take its place with the costliest cuts that are prepared quickly on top of the range, in the oven or the broiler. Natural meat tenderizer is the answer. Sprinkled generously over the chuck, the result is a moist, TENDER, flavorful entree, with the meat cooking, generally, in 25 per cent less time.

Skillet Beef And Cabbage

2 lbs. beef chuck under-blade pot roast, boneless, about 1 inch thick
Adolph's Natural Meat Tenderizer, Seasoned or Unseasoned
3 tablespoons cooking oil
1 onion, chopped
1/4 teaspoon pepper
3 tablespoons vinegar
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 jar (15-1/2 oz.) spaghetti sauce
1 head cabbage, about 2 lbs., washed, chopped, parboiled
Trim excess fat from beef. Moisten all sides of meat with water, using fingers or brush. Sprinkle tenderizer evenly over entire meat surface, coating well. Do not use salt. To insure tenderness and deep-down juicy flavor, pierce meat deeply with fork at about 1/2 inch intervals. With sharp knife, slice steak across grain on slant into 1/4 inch slices. Heat oil in large skillet. Brown beef and onion, stirring occasionally. Add remaining ingredients. Heat to boiling, stirring, reduce heat. Simmer 5 minutes. Yield: 6 servings.



Citizens Of The Week

Citizens of the week a few weeks ago were Stephanie Herring and Todd Moore.

Stephanie is the 11 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Herring. She has hazel eyes and light brown hair. She is about 4'9" and weighs 80 pounds. Her favorite food is Mexican food and the song she likes best is "Play That Funky Music." She likes the rock group "Wild Cherry." Her favorite subject is Math and her favorite TV show is "Charlie's Angels." Stephanie wants to be a

teacher in the future.

Todd is the 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moore. He has red hair and green eyes. He is 5' 1/2" tall and weighs 118 pounds.

His favorite subject is sports and he likes most kinds of food. He said his favorite song is "My Love is on Fire." His favorite singer is Gary Wright and his favorite TV show is "Charlie's Angels." Todd plans to be a football player in the future.

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"Art is man added to nature." Francis Bacon

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Christmas Giving

Complaints grow louder each year that the Christmas season has become mostly a party binge and commercial bonanza. But those who wish to enjoy an old-time Christmas can still do so, with proper planning and determination.

Family members will enjoy helping mothers prepare special Christmas dishes and foods ahead of time and some of these specialties can be the presents to be given family, friends and neighbors. All of us appreciate self-made gifts and this also saves money and shopping effort.

The secret to a relaxed, old-time Christmas is to plan ahead so that Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and one or two days after Christmas are not hectic, overly-filled days. Those who enjoy traditional, large family dinners should attend them but those who do not can substitute a brief call at a time which will not interfere with their own home's holiday observance.

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Hot Drinks

Stormy Night Special
2 cups orange juice
2 jiggers E & J Brandy
1 tbsp honey
Mix all ingredients together and heat. Pour into 2 mugs, garnish with slice of orange. Serves 2.
Cuddle up in front of fireplace and enjoy.

Boones Farm Hot Apple

2 5ths Boones Farm Apple wine
6 cloves
Powdered cinnamon
Heat Boones Farm Apple, add 6 cloves, simmer 15 minutes with lid tightly closed. Pour into mugs, add cinnamon to taste. Serves 8.

Hot Spanada Toddy

1 5th Spanada wine
1 can apple juice
4 cinnamon sticks
Heat 3 parts Spanada with 1 part apple juice. Don't boil. Pour into mugs, add cinnamon stick. Add friends.

Chocolate Brandy

For each serving you'll need:
1 heaping tsp instant chocolate
5-6 oz milk
2 jiggers E & J Brandy
Whipped cream
Dash of nutmeg
Fresh grated orange peel
Mix instant chocolate and milk, heat. Add E & J Brandy, top with whipped cream. Add dash nutmeg and fresh grated orange peel.



Cold Drinks

E & J Holiday Eggnog

6 jiggers E & J Brandy
1 qt dairy eggnog
Whipped cream
Nutmeg
Pour E & J and eggnog into blender and blend well. Serve in cocktail glasses. Top with whipped cream and nutmeg. Serves 8.

Wine/Champagne Punch

1 lge can unsweetened pineapple juice
1 small can frozen lemonade
1 5th Gallo Rhine Garten
1 5th Andre White Champagne
Make lemonade, then add remaining ingredients into large punch bowl. A great yellow sparkling punch for all parties that everyone loves—even if they are not wine drinkers. Serves 16.

Thunderbird/Champagne Punch

2 5ths Gallo Champagne
1 5th Thunderbird wine
1 qt 7-Up soda
1 qt orange sherbet
Orange slices
Combine first 4 ingredients into large punch bowl, (cut sherbet into chunks) mix. Garnish with orange slices. Serves 18.

Country Kwencher

Cooler
3 5ths Country Kwencher
1 small can frozen orange juice
Mix and serve over ice. Makes a great citrus cooler. Serves 10.

O. J. Fizz

For each serving you'll need:
1 1/2 ozs orange juice
1 tsp grenadine
3 ozs Andre White Champagne
Pour orange juice and grenadine into chilled champagne glasses; then stir. Add chilled champagne and stir.

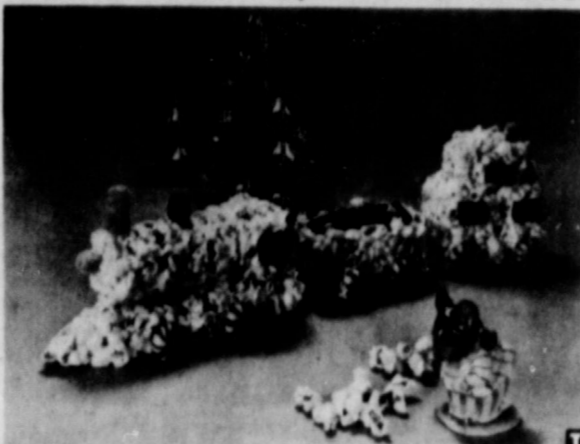
Strawberry Hill Champagne

4 5ths Strawberry Hill wine
1 5th Andre White Champagne
Fresh fruit
Mix first 2 ingredients into punch bowl. Float fresh fruit on top. Add ice ring. Serves 20.

Tyrolia Wine Bowl

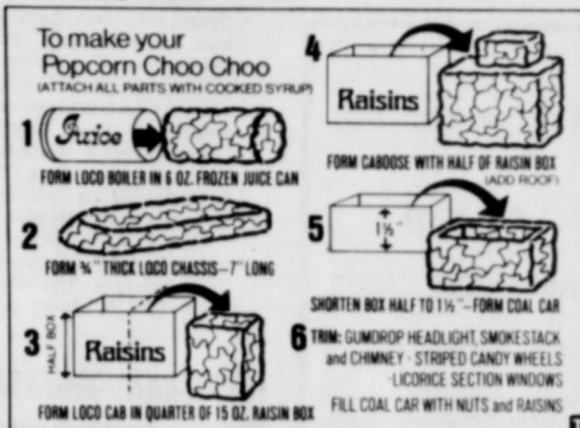
1/2 qt Tyrolia, chilled
3 trays ice cubes
2 oranges, thinly sliced
2 lemons, thinly sliced
1 cup fresh strawberries
Place ice cubes in punch bowl. Pour in chilled wine. Garnish with fruit. Serve over ice. Serves 12.

Choo-Choo A Popcorn Christmas



Remember when trains were such an important part of Christmas that some families turned over an entire room to a train world? There were miniature houses, lakes, bridges, even town halls, along with miles and miles of miniature train tracks. Here's a chance to wax nostalgic with family. Pop plenty of corn...we've used the kind that pops in its own pan...and set the family to work making its own decorative choo-choo.

1 package (5 oz.) Jiffy Pop Popcorn*
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup corn syrup
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup butter or margarine
Prepare popcorn according to package directions. Pour into large pan or kettle. Heat sugar, corn syrup and water in saucepan to 250°-260° F, or until a drop of syrup in cold water forms a hard ball. Remove from heat and stir in butter. Pour over popcorn and mix thoroughly with a large spoon. Save 2 or 3 tablespoons of syrup for use in attaching train parts.
Coated popcorn is now ready to be formed into train. You will need an empty 6 oz. juice can and the empty bottom of a 15 oz. raisin box. Grease your hands and all containers well. Use extra popcorn to form small balls for stocking fillers.

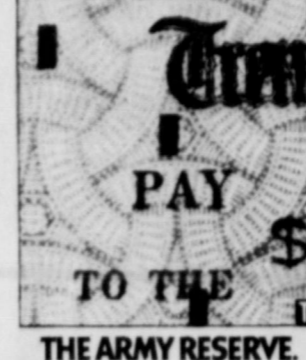


By the time a map acquires the thankful spirit he is overwhelmed by the demands of the Christmas season.

After fighting their way through Christmas crowds to do the annual holiday buying, many housewives will be thankful Christmas comes only once a year.

WHAT'S ONE WEEKEND A MONTH WORTH TO YOU?

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By: MACKY McCARTY
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Although they must await next May's Spring Convocation for the formal

awarding of diplomas, the mid-term graduates have reached this plateau of their education and have completed all degree requirements.

Nineteen have applied for bachelor of arts degrees; seven, bachelor of arts in education; three, bachelor of music in education; 48,

bachelor of science; 39, bachelor of science in education; 50, bachelor of science in pharmacy; 30, master of education, and three, master of science in applied psychology.

Degree candidates from Earth include: Freddy Guy Kelley, BA and Sherry Diane Pittman Kelley, bachelor of science in Pharmacy.

Best Of Press

In An Orderly Manner
If you want a job done, give it to a busy man. He'll have his secretary do it.

-News, Kreolite, Ia.

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Many a flare up between a man and his wife has been caused by an old flame.

-Times, Davenport, Ia.

Trail Blazers

The pioneers who blazed the roads now have descendants who burn them up.

-Tribune, Chicago.

Be Careful

Be wary of half-truth, since it may be the wrong half.

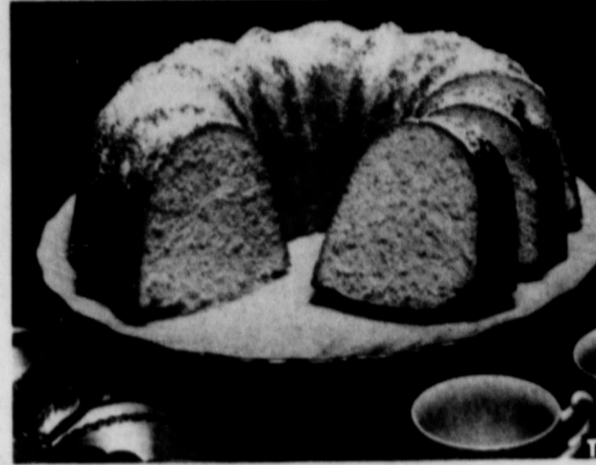
-Record, Mankato, Kan.

Defined

Fad: Something that goes in one era and out the other.

-Labor Magazine.

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- 24-3/4 ounce package pound cake supreme mix
- 3 eggs
- 1-1/4 cups orange juice
- 1/4 cup Galliano® liqueur
- 1/4 cup soft margarine or butter

Preheat oven to 325°. Generously grease a 12-cup fluted tube pan. In large bowl, blend cake base and pound mix from package with rest of ingredients until moistened. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed (portable mixer use highest speed). Pour into prepared pan. Bake at 325° for 45 to 55 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool until lukewarm; invert onto serving plate. Sprinkle contents of topping packet over completely cooled cake. Store tightly covered. Makes 10-inch ring cake. HIGH ALTITUDE - Above 3500 feet: Bake at 325° for 60 to 65 minutes.

For a free holiday recipe booklet with 24 pages of delicious holiday cakes and decorating ideas, write: Holiday Cake Recipes, The Pillsbury Company, P.O. Box 60-916, Dept. 192 A, Minneapolis, MN, 55460.

Brief, Very Brief

Angola admitted to United Nations.

Carter believes economy worse than he thought.

Ford's Alexandria house for sale for \$137,000.

Muhammad Ali says retirement is official.

American Cancer Society honors Betty Ford.

Governments' economic indicators unchanged.

Mexico's new President Portillo inaugurated.

New Bible in conversational English published.

Panama wants new treaty or security.

Disposal of Kepone presents problem.

General Motors recalls 175,000 Chevettes.

Study on effects of school desegregation to begin.

Farmers receive lower prices for products.

Carter's transition officers not paid maximum.

U.S. economic index stable in October.

Dole says tax cut bill could help Republicans.

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Factory layoff rate increased in October.

Sen. Bartlett urges NATO reject pact.

Pentagon awards contract to start B1.

Goldwater enters race for Minority Leadership.

Computer may help clinics diagnose birth defects.

Carter nominates Cyrus Vance as Sec. of State.

Unemployment jumped to 8.1 per cent in November.

FDA plans new warning on the pill.

RECIPE

By Sarah Anne Sheridan

There are two holiday sweets that are easy to make and keep several weeks. The holiday season always puts me in the mood to have guests come by often and the more I can do ahead and have on hand just makes company that much more enjoyable.

Date Loaf

- 1 lb. graham crackers, rolled fine.
- 1 pkg. dates, chopped.
- 16 marshmallows, chopped.
- 1 c pecans, chopped.

Mix with enough cream to hold together. Roll into logs and wrap in waxed paper. Keeps well in refrigerator or freezer. Slice and serve.

Brandy Balls

- Vanilla wafers, 3 small boxes, crushed
- 1 1/2 T cocoa
- 2 T karo
- 1 c powdered sugar
- 1 c broken pecans
- 8 T Bourbon whisky

Mix all ingredients together and form into balls about one inch in diameter. Roll in more powdered sugar and place in sealed cans.

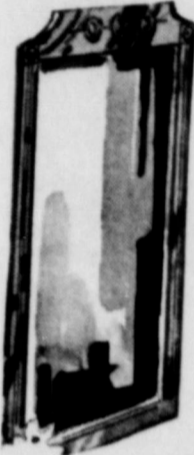
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SAGITTARIUS--Nov. 23 to Dec. 22--Give credit where credit is due! If someone close to you has done a good job let them know of your pride in them.

CAPRICORN--Dec. 22 to Jan. 19--You are wise not to let friends take advantage of you. You would do well to stand up for your rights even if it means losing someone's friendship.

AQUARIUS--Jan. 20 to Feb. 18--Travel and romance favored during this period. Improve wardrobe and appearance. Prepare to enjoy yourself.

PISCES--Feb. 19 to March 20--A much needed rest brings you bouncing back with renewed vigor. Rapid and progressive development are afoot for your business interests creating a favorable trend.

ARIES--March 21 to April 20--You may be called upon to testify concerning someone's character. The job will be an easy one. All you must do is tell the truth as you know it.

TAURUS--April 21 to May 20--You may find yourself reaping from the harvest you have planted. The results depend upon the kind of seeds you scatter.

GEMINI--May 21 to June 20--Follow the rules. Find an interest to pursue that could turn into a profitable venture. A hobby could be the answer.

CANCER--June 21 to July 22--Courage is needed to tell someone the truth they want to hear. The task will not be as difficult as you imagine. If you go ahead and tell them.

LEO--July 23 to Aug. 22--Someone close to you needs gentle prodding to pursue a sensible diet. Encourage and help them. Act pleased when they show progress.

VIRGO--Aug. 23 to Sept. 22--Clean out your wardrobe. Give good, unwanted items to someone who can put them to use. Update your closet with new, attractive items of clothing.

LIBRA--Sept. 23 to Oct. 22--To be understood, you must learn to understand those around you. Lay your cards on the table. Let others know what you want and expect.

SCORPIO--Oct. 23 to Nov. 22--Self discipline needed now. Plan a sensible program of action to get necessary chores out of the way early. Strive to achieve.

Business Loans Still Weak

While up nationwide, bank loans to business are just holding their own in the Southwest.

Compared with last summer, business loans are up sharply in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District. But at \$5.6 billion in November, commercial and industrial loans at weekly reporting banks in the district totaled a little less than in September.

The district is made up of Texas and parts of Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.

Meanwhile, business loans at the nation's large weekly reporting banks were up in the four weeks ended in mid-November at an annual rate of 22 percent over the average for the four weeks ended in early September.

At first look, the increase nationwide would seem to indicate business loans had finally turned around.

With the apparent turnaround could come fresh hope that a business expansion was at last getting underway. And with the seeming lack of growth in the district could come concern that the Southwest was not sharing in the expansion. But loan demand is not as strong across the country as recent reports would suggest. Nor is it as weak in the district.

Business loans in the district have differed decidedly from those in the nation ever since the recovery set in about April 1975. And over the long haul, they come off looking better than the comparison this fall would show.

Even with the recent increase, at \$115 billion, business loans at the nation's big banks still total a tenth less than when the recession ended. And even without any marked increase in borrowing in the district this fall, business loans in the Southwest are up nearly a tenth from a year and a half ago.

Some of the difference, then, comes from banks in the district not having as much catching up to do. Some of it, however, comes from the far

fast growth in bankers' acceptances over the nation as a whole.

Acceptances are negotiable drafts drawn usually to finance international transactions. The drafts are considered accepted when a bank takes responsibility for paying them at maturity.

By late October, reporting banks in the Eleventh District were holding half again more dollar volume in acceptances than when the recession ended. But nationwide, banks held twice as much.

Acceptances now make up half again more of the business loans in the nation than the district.

Some difference is to be expected. From late August through late October, for example, all but \$67 million of the nearly \$2.3 billion increase in business loans was reported by banks in New York, Chicago, and San Francisco.

These are not only the nation's largest banks. They are also the banks with most direct access to international markets. Because they are big and much of their operations are in international banking, their experience is usually different from other banks.

During the corresponding period a year earlier, business loans fell \$529 million nationwide. But outside these three financial centers, banks increased their business loans \$188 million, helping offset the decline in loan demand at only the comparatively few large banks.

So far in the recovery, the worldwide prominence of these big banks has allowed loans to foreign businesses to build up six times faster in the nation than in the district alone. That has been just about enough to offset the decline in loans to domestic manufacturers of durable goods.

Nationwide, loans to durable producers have fallen a third since the trough of the recession. In the district, they have fallen only a fifth. And that is from the unusually high loan

levels reached during the recession when manufacturers in the Southwest were borrowing to expand production of oilfield supplies and equipment.

The result has been far more catching up to be done in the nation than the district. Nationwide, loans to manufacturers are increasing a third faster than in the district.

Of all types of bank loans to support domestic industry, only loans for mining have held up well throughout the recovery.

Even there, with the hustle to produce oil and gas, mining loans have increased half again more in the Southwest than in the country at large. And they are now increasing four times as fast.

Other than foreign loans, the only kind of business loan that has increased more in the nation than the district since the recession has been bankers' acceptances. And though credit instruments, acceptances are vastly different from other types of loans.

For one thing, they do not necessarily represent borrowing in the usual sense. For another, they usually come into play in financing international trade.

Bankers' acceptances are drafts one party to a transaction writes on the bank of the other party. The bank authorizing the draft pledges to pay it. It is not payable on demand, however, but at some future maturity. And as it cannot be cashed until later, usually 90 days, and there is no doubt about its being redeemable, it is negotiable.

Acceptances come into use in international trade because buyers and sellers are seldom willing to depend on the creditworthiness of the other. Sellers will not ordinarily ship goods to another country until they receive payment. Buyers will not pay until they have the goods.

The impasse is broken by banks serving as intermediaries. Though letters

of credit authorizing time drafts, they substitute their credit for that of buyers. And they discounting drafts drawn against the letters, they substitute their credit for that of sellers.

In the strictest sense, then, acceptances are loans, first to buyers and then to sellers. But they are also essentially different from the kind of loans businesses typically make to raise funds for investment. Their use as guaranties is what is important.

Bankers' dollar acceptances in this country increased \$216 million in September, pushing the total outstanding to \$19.6 billion.

Included was a \$65 million increase in the acceptance of bills to finance exports. That was the eighth month of increase in export bills and the third consecutive monthly record. It did not, however, represent any great surge in total American demand for acceptance financing.

Nearly half the increase in export bills was offset by a \$32 million decline in the acceptance of bills to finance imports. And that was on top of a \$168 million decline in bills for imports in August.

Most of the increase, \$173 million, was in third-country bills. That means drafts to finance shipment of goods between other countries.

If September can be taken as a guide, much of the increase in business loan demand, then, reflects not so much an expansion of the kind of borrowing associated with domestic business activity as an extending of bank services in support of foreign trade.

And even there most of the increase is not in support of American trade. Rather, it is all part of the rise in foreign loans.

Primarily, the increase in acceptances reflect use of financial markets by foreigners who, partly because of the weakness in loan demand, can offer banks an investment, alternative with higher returns than they could get on Treasury bills.

Understanding Your Insurance

THE COST OF AUTO COVERAGE

If you're one of the more than 100 million drivers in the United States you have plenty to gripe about. New car prices have gone up 21 percent over the past four years. Gasoline, 70 percent. And auto insurance, 32 percent.



A \$4,438 AUTOMOBILE costs \$19,979 when repaired part by part as your auto repair shop must do, according to one study.

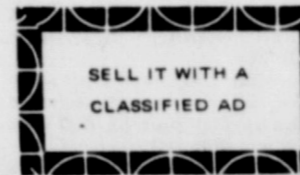
The main reason for rising auto insurance costs is particularly severe inflation in two areas—auto repairs and medical expenses. One recent study of auto repair charges gave some hair-raising facts:

A \$4,438 automobile costs \$19,979 when repaired part by part. Citing the study's conclusions, The Travelers Insurance Companies points out that if this particular car were involved in a crash and 25 percent of the parts had to be replaced, the total repair cost would not be 25 percent of the new car price. It would be 25 percent of \$19,979—that's \$4,995 or \$557 more than the original price.

And then there are medical costs. Hospital room rates, for instance, went up 250 percent in 1966-1975. In the same period, doctors' fees increased 105 percent.

All this shows up in your premium rate. Much will have to be done to give auto policyholders a fair shake. Some of the steps include holding down repair costs, tightening laws against theft, and encouraging improvements in highway and car safety.

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Millionth Sample Classed

The United States Department of Agriculture's Cotton Classing Offices at Lubbock, Brownfield, Lamesa and Levelland graded the one millionth sample of this year's crop early this week.

About 579,000 of those samples were classed by the Lubbock Classing Office. The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service reported cotton trading was moderate the week ending December 17. Growers offered cotton in light to heavy volume. Growers sold mixed lots of mostly grades 32, 33, and 43; staples 29-31; mikes 3.5 through 4.9 for 58.75 to 59.75 cents per pound, about 300 points lower than the week before.

Cotton prices finished the week in a firming trend, and demand was moderate, Dickson said.

Prices paid growers for cottonseed ranged from \$85 to \$115 per ton, mostly \$95 to \$105. Grades 42, 33, and 43 were predominant in classings at Lubbock this week. Grade 42 accounted for 15 percent, 33 was 12 percent, and 43 made up 29 percent. Bark reduction was assigned to 50 percent of the samples classed.

Predominant lengths were staples 30, 31, and 32. Staple 30 was 22 percent, 31 accounted for 31 percent and 32 was 23 percent.

Mike readings in the desirable 3.5-4.9 range amounted to 36 percent of the total. Mike 3.3-3.4 was 10, 3.0-3.2 accounted for 21 percent, 2.7-2.9 claimed 20 percent, while 2.6 and below was 12 percent.

Pressley tests indicated 72 percent of samples tested had breaking strengths 80,000 pounds per square inch or better. Average at Lubbock was 81,000 psi.

About 160,000 samples were classed by the Lubbock Cotton Classing Office during the week. Season's total stands at 655,000 compared to 580,000 on this same date a year ago.

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Child Welfare Aid

The State Department of Public Welfare (DPW) hopes to collect \$291,800 in child support payments for welfare mothers in the 40-county Panhandle and South Plains regions, during fiscal 1967-77, according to Natalyn Collins, DPW regional attorney.

The department has established special child support collection units in a move to shift responsibility for support of children receiving public assistance back to the parents who are legally responsible for their support, she said.

Under an amendment to the Social Security Act that became effective last year, applicants for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) must cooperate by identifying the parent who is not supporting the child, and assisting in locating that parent, if the child support payments are not being received. DPW uses state and federal parent locator services to find the parent in order to require payment.

Only 2,230 of the state's 95,600 AFDC cases are in the 40-county area, according to October statistics. Most AFDC cases are mothers with children whose father has deserted them, or who fail to pay court-ordered child support after a divorce, or mothers of illegitimate children.

When child support payments are received for three months equaling or exceeding the amount of the welfare grant, the situation is considered sufficiently stable to remove the family from the welfare rolls. Average AFDC grants for a mother with three children is \$140.00 per month in Texas.

Paternity suits maybe filed in instances when the father refuses to voluntarily legitimize a child and when the evidence supports the mother's claim. Two paternity suits have been filed to date in the 40-county area, both in Lubbock. Ms. Collins said more are expected to be filed in the near future. Fourteen instances of voluntary legitimation has been filed in the area, some involving more than one child, she said.



By Marti Robinson

YOU SMELL SO GOOD!

Fragrances can do many things when we wear them — lift our spirits, make us feel lovely and please the people near us.

Many of us, when fragrance is mentioned, think first of perfume and cologne, even though many other products also can produce lingering and lovely affects. Don't overlook fragrant soaps, bath powders, body lotions, creams and oils.

Some women, after much experimenting, choose one fragrance they like best and always wear it. Because perfumes are usually expensive, they may buy the same scent in cologne, spray mist and body lotion to use as alternates. A warning, however. Once a perfume bottle is opened, it is subject to spoiling or evaporation. So use the perfume regularly, if not every day.

The scent you choose to wear can reflect your mood and personality. Though personality might remain essentially the same from day to day, our changing moods might prompt us to pick one scent over another. A floral bouquet with a subtle undertone of musk, amber and wood might be right for the way you feel about a movie date. But what if you were going dancing? What if you were feeling romantic? A sophisticated and provocative scent to convey a feminine image is more appropriate then. Merle Norman's newest fragrance, Arabesque, comes to mind, for it is definitely sensual and romantic, with a long-lasting quality.

The fragrances you use might not necessarily make good gifts for your friend, even though she's admired them on you. There's such a thing as "skin chemistry"; when a perfume mingles with the oils of one person's skin the ultimate effect might be quite different from another person's. That's the reason why, when shopping for a new perfume, you should dab some on your own wrist and wait a while; don't just buy after sniffing from the bottle.

Some women augment a scent applied to their skin with an application to their dresses and furs. Many fabrics, and certainly furs, will be harmed by this. Instead, try something that works well for me. I dab a small piece of cotton with perfume — not too moist — and tuck it inside my cotton bra. It's sort of like a traveling sachet that goes where you go.

It's true that fragrances seem to last longer on women with oily skin than on dry, so the dry-skinned woman might need extra applications throughout the day. For everyone, results are best if the scent is applied to pulse points — inside wrists, at the temples, in the bend of the arm, behind knees and on the palms of your hands.

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Farm Census

The market value of all agricultural products sold by the 972 farms in Lamb County in 1974 amounted to \$67,560,000, according to a preliminary report of the 1974 Census of Agriculture released today by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census. Production expenses on these farms totaled \$54,097,000 in 1974.

The figures are for farms qualifying under the definition first used for the 1959 Census of Agriculture: A farm includes all agricultural operations conducted at any time during the census year under the control of an individual management, provided that sales of agricultural products amounted to, or normally would amount to, at least \$250 for places of less than 10 acres or \$50 for places of 10 acres or more. Figures for farms with sales

of \$2,500 or more are shown for 1974 and 1969. These farms accounted for \$67,470,000 of all agricultural products sold in 1974 and \$32,471,000 in 1969.

There were 871 of these farms in 1974 compared with 1,160 in 1969. The average size increased from 605 to 718 acres during the five years. The value per acre \$297 from \$393 to raising the average value per farm from \$179,550 to \$281,959.

The market value of livestock and their products on farms of \$2,500 or more of sales was \$17,318,000 in 1974; poultry and their products, \$91,000; and crop sales, including nursery products, hay and forest products, \$50,061,000.

Farms reporting less than \$1,000 in sales numbered 11 in 1974. The value of agricultural products sold on these farms totaled \$6,000.



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"Conservation Problems In Texas"

Taxation, undesirable brush and weeds and economics of conservation were the top three major problems affecting soil and water conservation practices on private farms and ranches over the state according to a recently published report by the Research Committee of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation

Districts.

The report titled, "Conservation Problems in Texas," lists 29 conservation problem areas. Information within the report is based upon appraisals of current or potential conservation related problems made by 980 farmers or ranchers who serve as district directors on local soil and water con-

servations districts. Texas has 196 SWCD's.

Taxation was cited as the number one problem and the economics of conservation listed as third.

"By combining the two and adding in normal agricultural production costs, many conservation practices' initial cost is so great that landowners

cannot afford the investment even though it would be sound on a long term basis. We are selling cattle for less than what they brought 30 years ago, but pickups, tractors and other expenses cost 3-10 times more than what they did in 1947," said Kenneth Kuykendall, president of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

"This situation makes it hard for landowners to apply conservation practices which would temporarily reduce their income even though it would be best for the land in the long run. Today the taxation on farm and ranch lands is out of balance with the land's productive ability which in many cases have forced agricultural lands out of production," he added.

Undesirable brush and weeds were ranked as the second major problem because of their suppressing the growth of a productive grass cover which protects the soil, efficiently uses available water and stabilizes livestock operations.

"Most Texans don't realize that scientists estimate about one hundred thirty eight million acre feet of water, almost 38 per cent of the state's average annual rainfall, is used up by undesirable weeds and brush," said Kuykendall.

Examples of other identified conservation problems included in the report are difficulty of grass establishment, overgrazing, water erosion, loss of soil moisture, and absentee ownership.

The report also emphasizes that continuing research, education and provisions for economic incentives are necessary to correct soil and water conservation problems.

In gathering data for the survey, districts responded to four major conservation

problem areas. These included water-related problems, soil management problems, plant management problems and other problems, issues and policies.

"It is interesting to note that in the areas of agricultural and silvicultural non-point source pollution the soil and water conservation districts rated such a problem over the state as slight to none," said Kuykendall.

Kuykendall identified non-point source pollution as pollutants conveyed by water and uncontrolled by any person. He added that such pollutants are not traceable to a discrete identifiable source.

Advisory groups who participated in the formulation of the survey included the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University, Blackland Conservation Research Center, Temple; United States Department of Agricultural Research Service and the USDA's Soil Conservation Service. The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board provided staff assistance in coordinating and compiling the results of the survey.

Members of the Research Committee of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts included F.F. "Flip" Calhoun, Plainview; Kenneth Kuykendall, Cherokee and Bill Goldsberry, Edinburg.

The Research Committee is charged with determining the severity of conservation problems and recommending Association action to address the problem. The committee has previously conducted three appraisals of this nature.

Wind Energy Compares Favorably With Nuclear Power

Wind energy generating systems can be as effective and reliable as large nuclear power plants, according to a report by a Danish researcher in the 26 November 1976 issue of Science, the official weekly journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Bent Srensen of the Niels Bohr Institute, University of Copenhagen, used wind data collected at the meteorological tower at Ris, Denmark, and an experimental windmill generator at Gedser to reach his conclusions. While the findings of this particular study should be considered valid only for the Danish conditions under which they were obtained, they offer some useful insights into the viability of wind energy generation.

Wind energy generators (WEGs) that do not have the capacity to store surplus power may be expected to supply from a few to ten percent of the total output of an electricity generating system. However, adding a storage facility that can replace the average power output for about 10 hours "makes a wind energy system as dependable as one large nuclear power plant," according to Srensen. Wind energy generators with this short-term storage capacity are capable of covering "20 to 30 percent of the electricity demand, without lack of reliability.

The windmill at Gedser, for example, is at a standstill 31 percent of the year, and its power output exceeds the yearly average rate 42 percent of the time. The addition of a storage facility, in the form of a battery, flywheel, pumped

water, compressed air, or hydrogen, would allow the excess energy to be transferred to storage when power output exceeds the yearly average and to be drawn for distribution if the power output is smaller than average.

Srensen used data from the Gedser windmill to compare dependability of the power output, and percentage of the time that the power output exceeded a yearly average, with similar data from an existing nuclear reactor. His graphs show that the power output from the nuclear power plant exceeded the yearly average 68 percent of the time, while a wind energy generator with a 10-hour storage capacity provided an above average output 64 percent of the time. Increasing the storage capacity of the WEG to 24 hours, the above-average output occurs 72 percent of the time. Srensen also notes that power output can come to a standstill if a nuclear reactor or even several reactors comprising a system break down or must be shut down for repairs. On the other hand, a WEG plant comparable to the size of current nuclear plants will consist of hundreds of independent units so that simultaneous outage because of repair and maintenance is not expected.

In terms of dependability, Srensen found that for the site he studied, the year-to-year variation in the total power output from a wind-energy generator will typically be much smaller than the variation in output from an individual nuclear reactor.

Srensen points out that mass-produced WEGs may

be competitive with other currently available means of generating high-grade energy on a purely economical basis (in terms of cost of operation per kilowatt-hour). Other factors, such as environmental impact, life and health hazards, independence of the fuel (wind) supply, and the scale of technology involved, make the WEG system attractive in comparison to the nuclear reactor.

Caring For Christmas Pot Plants

Pot plants are popular gifts during the holiday season. And with a little care, these living gifts will retain their beauty for a longer time.

Dr. William C. Welch, landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, advises a cool location for poinsettias, chrysanthemums or azaleas. It is important to keep the plants out of drafts and away from heating sources.

"Since Christmas plants usually come from a green house where they get plenty of water, frequent watering is necessary in the home, usually every other day," advises Welch. "Since overwatering is possible, use a good planting media or a container with a hole in the bottom to allow proper drainage."

"All new plants need a good light source," says the horticulturist. "The best light is by a window, but artificial light will do. A plant can be damaged by placing it in direct sunlight or too near a glass window. Some gift plants can be transplanted for prolonged beauty in the spring, notes Welch. Chrysanthemums are among the best plants for surviving the greenhouse-to-garden shock.



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PRIVATE OWNERSHIP of property is a key principle of the free enterprise system.

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The author is Chairman of Gould Inc., a worldwide technology-oriented company that develops and manufactures products in the electrical and industrial fields.



The tulip originated in Central Asia and gets its name from the Turkish word for turban.

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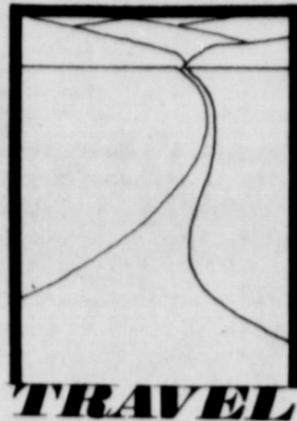


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Our Men In Service

Navy Fireman Apprentice David W. Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Reed of Dimmitt has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla.

During the eight-week training cycle, he studied

general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Among the subjects he studied were seamanship, close order drill, Naval

history and first aid. He joined the Navy in August 1976.

Blytheville, Ark.—Kirby W. Noland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Noland of O'Donnell, Texas, has been promoted to

senior airman in the U.S. Air Force.

Airman Noland, an aircraft maintenance specialist, is assigned at Blytheville, AFB, Ark., with a unit of the Strategic Air Command. The airman attended O'Donnell High School. His wife, Susanne, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.G. Shipp of Littlefield.

PARTY LINE

Beulah Newton had an early Christmas Saturday, in her home with her children, Mr. and Mrs. Garner Bell of Hart and Randy and Debra from Lubbock.

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**Corn Disease
Demonstration
Results Published**

LUBBOCK—Results are in from a corn disease demonstration study conducted in Castro County in 1976, and may become a source of optimism for disease-weary corn growers on the Texas High Plains. Complete details about the demonstration are revealed in a summary report released in Lubbock this month.

The demonstration, conducted by Dr. Robert W. Berry, plant pathologist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, showed that most of the major corn diseases appearing on the High Plains can be controlled with resistant hybrids.

Berry says that diseases are always hard to combat. Consequently, pathologists have looked to resistant hybrids as the most effective way to deal with disease.

"Irrigated corn production in the Texas High Plains has developed since 1963," Berry states in the 10-page document. "Production first started in the Castro, Parmer, and Bailey county area and has spread to adjoining counties. The greatest increase occurred from 1974 to 1975, from 400,000 acres to 1,000,000 acres. Production is found in all counties north of Lubbock, but the concentrated production area is in Castro and adjacent counties.

"Corn growers have experienced very little loss to diseases before the 1975 season," he adds. "Diseases were occasionally observed but losses were negligible in rust, Maize Dwarf Mosaic

Virus, common smut, stalk rot, and foliar diseases.

"In 1975, however, a new disease problem was discovered on the George Sides farm west of Dimmitt in Castro County. Corn head smut was infecting 30 percent of the plants, causing a severe loss of yield.

A survey of corn fields in the area showed many with 10 percent loss and some with as high as 50 percent infected plants."

Berry explains that head smut occurs periodically on sweet corn in deltas and intermountain valleys of the Pacific Coast states and Mexico. However, this was the first report of a natural epidemic of head smut on field corn. No information was available on which to

**\$302.8 Million Sales
Tax Rebate**

AUSTIN—State Comptroller Bob Bullock said Wednesday that Texas cities received a total of \$302.8 million in city sales tax rebates during the 1976 calendar year, a 14.4 percent increase over 1975.

"The jingling of those cash registers has been music to ears, both at the state and city level," Bullock said.

Bullock said his office mailed checks totaling \$50.6 million today to 864 Texas cities as their December rebate of the one-cent city sales tax.

The December rebate was \$9.8 million over that for the same month a year ago.

The biggest check, \$10.5 million, went to the City of Houston. Tiny Bloomburg will receive the smallest, \$4.42.

The city sales tax is collected by retailers along with the four percent state sales tax. The Comptroller's Office rebates to the cities



Amendment to Ordinance 62

Be it Ordained by the City of Earth, Texas

That Section No. 111 which Ordinance is No. 62, recorded in the Ordinance Book of the City of Earth, Texas, is hereby amended, so that said Section shall hereafter read as follows

1. 40' no parking distance on all left hand turns of all intersections.
2. 10' no parking distance on right hand turns of all intersections.
3. Sections One and Two of Section 3 shall apply beginning at and including Cleveland Ave. West on U.S. Highway No. 70 and East to and including Holly Ave. East on U.S. Highway No. 70.
4. All other provisions of Ordinance shall remain in force.

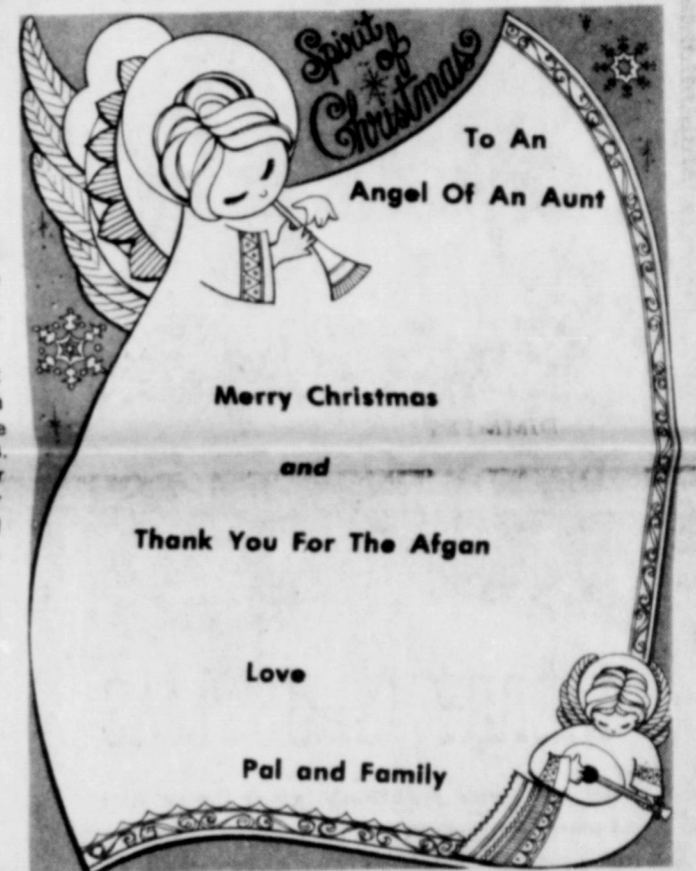
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Betty McAlpine
City Secretary

Party Line

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Trimble, of Indianapolis, Indiana, were here for the E.C. Hudson's Golden Wedding Anniversary reception. Mr. Trimble's and Mrs. Hudson's mothers were twin sisters.



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Blackeyed Peas A New Year's Tradition

Texans traditionally eat blackeyed peas on New Year's Day to insure prosperity and good luck for the coming year. This tradition will be observed once again in 1977 when we get out the kettle or new crock pot to cook the blackeyed peas, Marilyn Haggard, a foods and nutrition specialist, says. She is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"The peas should be soaked before cooking to reduce required cooking time. This can be accomplished quickly by boiling them in water for two minutes, removing from the heat and soaking for one hour. They are then ready to cook. If you prefer to soak the peas overnight, it is still a good idea to start with the two minute boil, because you will have fewer hard skins and the brief boil will keep them from souring," she explained.

Season with one teaspoon salt for each cup of dry peas. Salt pork and bacon are old standbys for seasoning, but chopped ham or smoked turkey left over from the Christmas celebration are great also. Pepper, garlic and oregano can be added in small amounts, one-fourth teaspoon per pound of dry peas, to enhance the flavor. In the slow cooker, soak the peas overnight, then cook them in water on high for two to two and one-half hours. Reduce control setting to low, add seasonings and meat and cook on low for eight to ten hours. If you prefer less watery peas, use less water.

Caution Urged For Corn Producers Switching To Cotton

LUBBOCK -- Corn producers who are thinking about taking advantage of possible high cotton prices next season by switching from corn to cotton may have to reconsider if they used a herbicide this season called atrazine.

An agronomy specialist and a weed control scientist both warn that atrazine-treated soils may harbor enough residue next spring to damage young plants such as cotton, soybeans or sunflowers.

Dr. James Supak, area specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Dr. John Abernathy, research scientist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, both at Lubbock, say that only corn or sorghum can be planted on atrazine-treated land the following season, according to the atrazine label.

"If more than one pound per acre of atrazine was used on this year's corn crop, the possibilities of making a crop of cotton, soybeans, or sunflowers on the same land next year are very slim," they caution. Conditions favoring breakdown of that herbicide in the soil, they add, involve wet, warm weather. The wetter and warmer this winter is, the more chance there is for chemical breakdown.

"A farmer may wish to take soil residue samples to ease his mind one way or the other," Supak and Abernathy suggest. "If so, the samples should be obtained in the spring to allow as much herbicide to break down as possible. A sample taken in the fall may not give a true picture, because the herbicide residue level in the soil will decrease during the following six-month period. Abernathy and Supak say a farmer can test the soil himself simply by taking atrazine-treated soil and soil which has not had a herbicide applied this year, and place the samples in cups inside the house by a window. Cotton seed or whatever seed is being considered for planting next season can be planted

in the cups, and observed for three or four weeks. Crop seedlings will usually emerge healthy looking, but begin to turn yellow and die after two to three weeks if too much atrazine is present in the soil.

"Some producers may be concerned about propazine, a herbicide commonly used in sorghum," Abernathy says. "Atrazine and propazine, both members of the triazine family of herbicides, persist for about the same length of time in the soil; however, cotton can tolerate only about one-fourth to one-half as much atrazine as propazine.

"If the amount of these two herbicides left in the soil is borderline," he adds, "consideration might be given to resistant varieties."

Abernathy says that in research conducted at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock over the past three years, some 19 herbicides were tested in 48 cotton varieties. Certain of these varieties were much more resistant to triazine soil residues than others, he reports.



THE TEXAS ARMY charges the camera in a recreation of the Battle of San Jacinto for the "TEXAS" series of historical films. The two cannon are faithful reproductions of the famed Twin Sisters which helped to win what historians consider to be one of the most significant battles in Western history. Armco Steel Corporation, Houston Works, is underwriting the costs of loaning the films free to schools, civic groups, and other community organizations in Texas.

Texas History Documentary Films

HOUSTON, Tx., "TEXAS", the highly acclaimed four-part documentary of Texas history produced for television three years ago, has now been seen by more than 100,000 students through film loans underwritten by Armco Steel Corporation, one of the sponsors of the original broadcasts.

"Since its first appearance on TV, there has been a constant demand for use of the film," said George Hansen, Armco's top man in Houston. "Collectively, the four films in the series have been viewed by nearly half a million Texans, not including the original TV viewing audiences."

In addition to student use, the TEXAS series has been borrowed by such diverse groups as newspaper staffs, camera clubs, fire stations, churches, military units, the VFW and civic clubs.

Hansen said the number of film copies available for loan has been increased to keep up with the demand.

The four successive segments relive Texas history from the dawn of prehistoric civilizations through the discovery of oil at Spindletop in the early part of this century. The series was filmed on location around the state to take advantage of scenery and historical sites. Early events

are brought to life through special camera techniques with old paintings and drawings. Some events, such as the Battle of San Jacinto, were recreated in vivid detail with live actors.

"The series is well done," said the late Henderson Shuffler, executive director at the University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures at San Antonio. "It holds interest and makes imaginative use of pictures, paintings and scenes as a background for an excellent narration. It should disabuse many people who have fallen for the old idea that history is a dull recitation of dates and political events."

Produced, written and narrated by Houston TV newsman Ron Stone, the series reflects warmth and understanding in its attempts to separate fact from legend. In describing the Texas victory at the Battle of San Jacinto, for example, Stone says, "Texas figures say that of the Mexican army, 630 were killed, 208 wounded, and 730 taken prisoner. That is, incidentally, 268 more men than the Mexicans had, but it does not seem to matter any more."

Early heroes are given the same kind of treatment and are shown to be real people with individual personalities and even a flaw or two.

"The result," says Frank E. Tritico, Texas historian and director of instruction for the Katy school system, "is that our legendary heroes are seen as men who achieved greatness by rising to a challenge in spite of their imperfections. Their spirit is worthy of emulation."

The films, each of which is 50 minutes long to fit an hour program format, are available at no charge to schools and other interested groups by writing Association Films, 8615 Directors Row, Dallas, Texas. 75247. (Educators in Harris, Brazoria, Chambers, Ft. Bend, Galveston, Liberty and Wallace Counties can order films directly from the Department of Education Region IV film library.)

Part 3, "TEXAS, The Bonnie Blue Flag," goes through secession, entrance into the Confederacy, and the Civil War. Life in this period of Texas history is portrayed in accurate detail and perspective. Life and times, soldiers and battles highlight the film.

Part 4, "TEXAS, Spurs to Spindletop," follows the post Civil War period as Texas passes through the era of cowboys, Indians and cattle barons and enters the era of natural wealth with discovery of oil at Spindletop in 1901.

Time For Planting Trees, Shrubs

Although most people shun the outdoors when cold weather arrives, that's the best time to add winter hardy trees and shrubs to the home landscape, says a Texas Agricultural Extension Service landscape horticulturist.

"Texas weather allows trees and shrubs to set out good root systems in the colder months," points out Dr. William Welch. "This allows the plants set out in the fall and winter to better withstand summer drought than those set out in the spring."

The main concern when setting out trees and shrubs in the winter is to keep them watered to avoid damage during freezing weather. This is especially true for evergreens which have a tendency to dry out or contract leaf burn, warns Welch.

The horticulturist also suggests that newly planted trees and shrubs be staked firmly to prevent damage from high winds.

"New plants should not be fertilized until after the first growing season. A good mulch of hay, dried grass clippings or leaves will help protect the root system from extreme temperature changes and will help retain moisture, explains the horticulturist."

Nurseries are beginning to get in good supplies of trees and shrubs, so Welch advises homeowners to start considering additions to the landscape in the weeks ahead.

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Consumer Food News

"Outstanding pork values" are on many grocery shopping lists currently, Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist reports. "Pork specials at Texas grocery stores generally include Boston butt roasts, and chops, quarter-joins cut into chops, loin end roasts, whole loins, steaks, neck bones and liver," she said. Mrs. Clyatt is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. Beef prices are about the same as last week, or slightly higher, with almost all markets featuring chuck cuts, sirloin steaks, rolled roasts and beef liver. Also consider economy prices now appearing on ground beef, round and T-bone steaks, she advised. Fryer chickens have more reasonable prices due to a limited demand for them and

low prices on red meats, the specialist said. "At dairy counters, a number of natural cheddar cheeses are specially priced, also milk, eggnog, whipping cream and yogurt. Fresh fruits in best supply at the most economical prices include apples, oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, bananas, grapes and cranberries. Vegetable economy buys at top quality are potatoes, bulk turnips, hard-shell squash, broccoli and cauliflower, along with sweet potatoes, cabbage, carrots, dry yellow onions and rutabagas.

CONSUMER WATCHWORDS: Special prices currently are appearing on most processed vegetables now in good supply. Consumers can save a few cents on these buys, if they are items to be used within a reasonable length of time.

For This Casserole . . .

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When it's cold outside, nothing delights an avid eater's appetite better than a piping hot hearty casserole. And, that's exactly what this easy-to-prepare recipe offers.

An enticing combination of ground beef, cottage cheese, chopped spinach and melted cheese is sparked by the flavor of Tomato Herb Sauce. It's an inexpensive perfectly seasoned Italian cooking sauce in a can that allows you to affordably add that touch of creativity and convenience to cold-weather meals.

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| 1 lb. lean ground beef | 1 pint cream-style cottage cheese |
| 1 (15-oz.) can Hunt's Tomato Herb Sauce | 1 teasp. parsley flakes |
| 1/2 cup finely chopped onion | 1/2 teasp. oregano |
| 1/2 teasp. salt | 8 ozs. mozzarella or mild process cheese, sliced |
| 1/2 teasp. pepper | |
| 2 (10-oz.) pkgs. frozen chopped spinach, cooked and drained | |

In skillet, brown beef; drain fat. Stir in Hunt's Tomato Herb Sauce, onion, 1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper; simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Press spinach very dry; combine with cottage cheese, parsley flakes, oregano and remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt. Spoon spinach mixture around edge of shallow baking dish; pour beef mixture in center. Cut cheese slices into lengthwise strips; arrange in lattice design over meat. Bake at 375° 20 to 25 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.



People, not fundamentals, move markets. That's the gist of an observation made long ago by a successful New York stock and commodity trader. It is brought to mind by the sharp drop in cotton prices that began immediately after Friday, December 10. On that date the U.S. Department of Agriculture's monthly estimate of U.S. cotton production came out at 10,264,000 bales, 373,000 above the previous estimate and a good 300,000 bales above most expectations. The following Monday spot market quotations dropped 250 points and futures markets across the board declined the 200-point daily limit. Spot quotes as of December 16 had dropped another 150 points and futures markets continued a downward trend. On the High Plains, the December 13 week saw merchants offering producers from three to five cents per pound less for cotton than the previous week.

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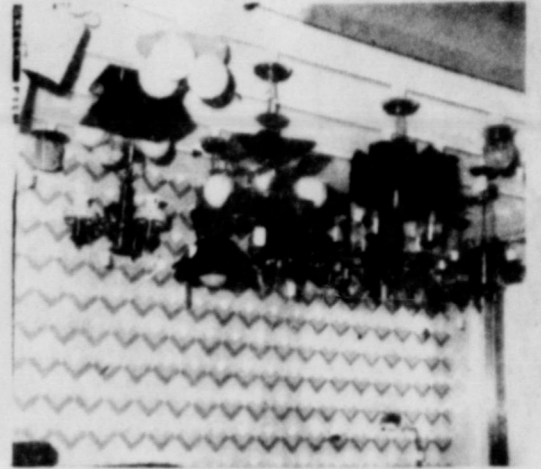
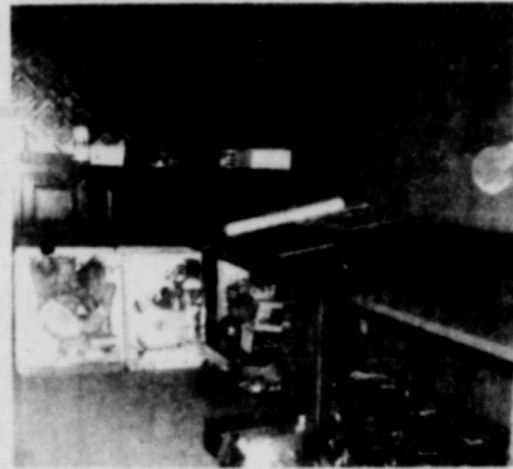
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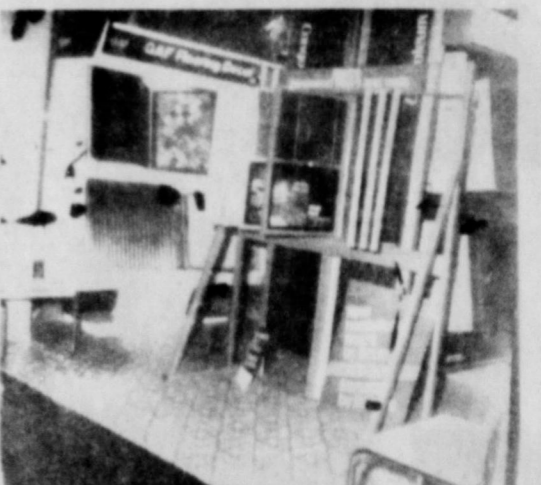
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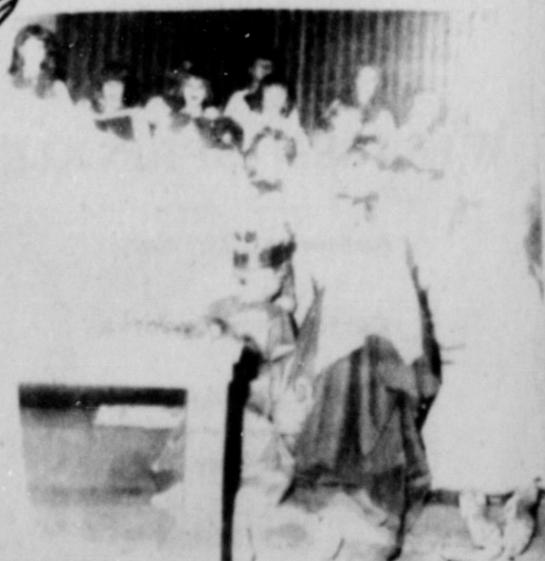
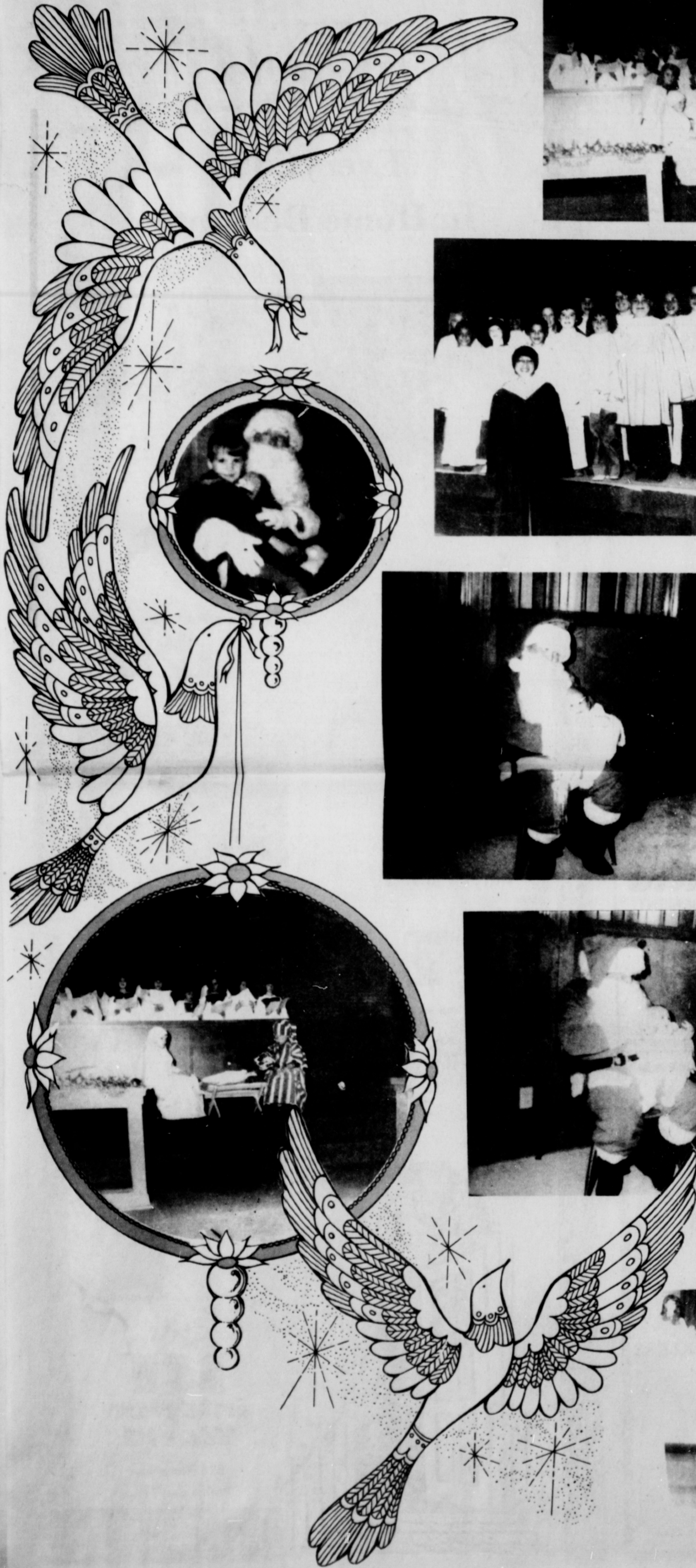
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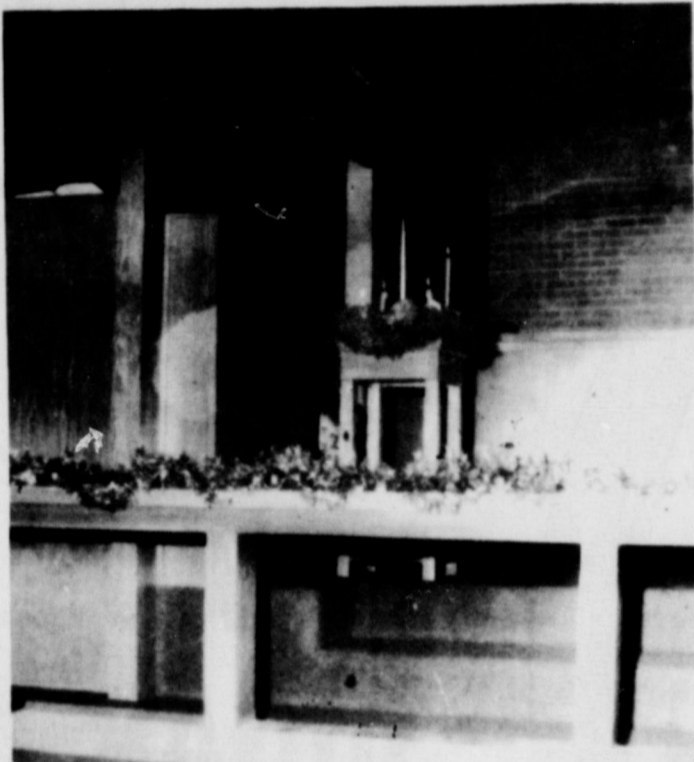
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