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Christmas Cantata at First Baptist Church

The Children's Choir of the First Baptist Church in Earth will present a Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m. They will perform "Sing Carols Gay" by Eugene Butler and directed by Mrs. Jean Craft. Accompanists are David Crane, organist, Sharon Tunnell, pianist, Timmy Craft on the cornet, Karen Robinson on the clarinet, Debbie Verden on the flute, Ken Craft, on the finger cymbal, Kareen Hulcy on the tambourine and narrator, Br. David Burum.

The Children's Choir will also be performing with the Adult Choir in the presentation of the Adult Christmas Cantata, "His Love is Reaching," by Geither, which will be presented the

same night. Everyone is invited to attend.

A Christmas Party

Approximately 200 guests arrived for holiday greetings at

the home of Mrs. Macky McCarty, Saturday, December 11 from 9:30 until 11:30. Hostesses for the party were Mrs. Macky McCarty, Mrs. Donnie Clayton and Mrs. Billy Moore.

Christmas carols played by Kim and Sue Jones on the piano, filled the home with Christmas spirit.

Refreshments served were in custom with the holiday season. Crystal and a silver service was used to serve blueberry muffins, fresh fruit, coffee and hot spiced tea. The serving table was decorated with an arrangement of tier floating candles surrounded with holly and accented with red velvet birds.

A wonderful time was enjoyed by all.

4-H District Show

The 4-H District Food Show was held this past Saturday in Lubbock. Winners from Springlake - Earth School are: Arlie Ellis, who won a blue ribbon in the junior main dish group, and Sandy Clayton, who won a red ribbon in the junior snack and beverage group.

(see picture page thirteen)

Swine Flu Clinic

The Springlake-Earth Swine Flu Clinic was held last Sunday and from all indications it was most successful.

A total of 272 took the vaccine with the largest group in the 20 thru 44 years age bracket. The fewest number was in the 5 thru 19 bracket.

A vote of thanks must go to the many volunteers who worked so hard to make this program a success.

The S-E PTA was the driving force behind the clinic with Susan Chisum, Dorothy Wood and Lajuana O'Hair responsible for organization. Following is the complete list of volunteers.

J.B. Hillman M.D. South Plains Health Provider Organization, Plainview; Ophelia Stone, Lamb Co. Chairman Volunteers and Myrtle Sumrall R.N. both of Littlefield, Judith Graham R.N., Patricia Parish L.V.N., Brian Hamilton, Skeeter Brock, Roger Haberer, Becky Burum.

Judy Anderson, Betty Anderson, Jo Eddy Riley, Helen Hulcy, Hershel Hulcy, Kenneth Hill, Jenna V Kellar, Tommie Bills, Nancy Koontz, Carolyn Coker, Nancy Baucum, Carolynn Cunningham, Cindy Blagg, David Crane, Linda Hill and Doug Parish.

UMC Women have Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party for the Women of the United Methodist Church was held Tuesday, December 7 at the Melton Welch residence.

The party commenced with a prayer by Mrs. Sam Cearley. Then everyone gathered around a beautifully arranged table of assorted cheeses, crackers, cookies and a multitude of other delicious items. Coffee and hot punch were offered as beverages.

This was followed by some very ingenious games directed by Mrs. W.B. McMillan and Mrs. Larry McMillan.

Mrs. Pete Parish and Mrs. J.D. Newton led the group as they sang Christmas Carols. Laughter and sounds of Christmas filled the room. The games and carols were enjoyed by all.

Everyone was delighted in the exchanging and opening of the Christmas gifts.

Those present were Mrs. H.S. Sanders, Aurelia Sanders, Mrs. J.D. Newton, Mrs. Marie Ross, Mrs. Bill Watson, Mrs. Junior Holland, Mrs. Ray Axtell, Mrs. Bill Morris, Mrs. Grace Hooley, Mrs. W.B. McMillan, Mrs. Larry McMillan, Mrs. Sam Cearley and Mrs. Floyd Burgess.

Also Mrs. Tom Jones, Mrs. Jim Griffin, Mrs. Pete Parish, Mrs. J.A. Littleton, Jr., Mrs. J.J. Coker, Mrs. Hilbert Wisian, Mrs. Ruby Jones, Mrs. C.C. Goodwin, Mrs. Ray Freedman, Mrs. John Welch, Mrs. John Burk, Mrs. Henry Ford and Mrs. Melton Welch.



MR. AND MRS. E.C. HUDSON

Hudsons Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Hudson will be honored with a reception in observance of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on

Sunday, the nineteenth of December in their home. Calling hours will be from 2:00 until 5:00 in the afternoon.

The former Blanche Morris and E.C. Hudson of Happy were married December 21, 1926 in Plainview. Hudson a former Ford dealer in Dimmitt and Earth for over 25 years, was instrumental in the organization of the Citizens State Bank in

Earth in 1951. Mr and Mrs. Hudson have been residents of Earth for 36 years.

Hosts and hostesses for the occasion will be their daughters, and son-in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Smith, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Cearley, Lovington, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Byrnes, Clovis, New Mexico and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hudson of Lubbock.

Friends are cordially invited to attend.



ELAINE BILLS and KIM JONES (additional picture page three)

Queen of the Lions

Earth Lions Club has elected their new Queen for the coming year. She will serve as Queen for the Earth Lions Club and will represent this club at several functions, including competition at the District Convention held next Spring. The new Queen is Elaine Bills and first runner-up was Brene

Belew, while Tammy Davis took second runner-up. Other entrants in the competition were Loretta James, Pam Ott, Kareen Hulcy and Daneen Wilson. Elaine is a sophomore at Springlake-Earth High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bills.

Just a few more days left to get your letters in to The Earth News-Sun office.

TAKE A PEEK INSIDE

EACH WEEK FOR SHOPPING BARGAINS



The Speaker Reports

by Bill Clayton

AUSTIN—One of the most effective tools the House will have during the 65th legislative session in determining the correct response to many important issues will be the reports of the House interim committees.

Since June of 1975 these committees have thoroughly researched many of the key issues we will face in the Legislature.

These committees have been mainly standing committees of the 64th session. There were some special committees which were not totally covered by one standing committee.

The committee reports will be in the hands of the members when the House convenes. For the first time, all reports will be bound together in volumes for easy access.

The importance of these reports cannot be stressed too much. The work was done by the same members who had responsibility for these subjects during the 64th House session. They had the expertise and background for the various subject areas before the interim studies began.

The results are intelligent conclusions, brought forth by men and women who began with an understanding of the problem. Without these comprehensive reports we would start the session far below the level with which we can now begin our deliberations.

Committees undertaking interim studies included agriculture and livestock, appropriations, business and industry, constitutional revision, calendars, criminal jurisprudence, higher education, elections, environmental affairs, financial institutions, health and welfare, social services, insurance, inter-

governmental affairs, judicial affairs, judiciary, labor, liquor regulation, reapportionment, energy resources, natural resources, rules, state affairs, transportation and ways and means.

Special interim committees which have operated in addition to the standing committees include a joint procedural city/legislative committee seeking to better the relationship between the City of Austin and the Legislature. A committee born from the Select Committee on Impeachment has been working to determine if there are better methods than impeachment for misconduct of an officer of the state judiciary system.

The Financial Advisory Task Force was initiated to keep the Speaker apprised of all financial matters in state government. A special committee is determining methods by which the state can obtain possession of Matagorda Island. The House Task Force on Crime and its Control has been developing a package of law and order bills. The Special House Committee on Drug Abuse Education has been attempting to determine what additional we can do to inform youngsters of the danger of drugs.

The Special Committee on Alternatives to Ad Valorem Taxation in Funding Public Schools has been seeking viable methods other than property tax in the funding process. The Special Committee on Disturbed, Predelinquent and Delinquent Youth has worked to determine additional steps in working with our young people.

The success of these committees is already apparent. The benefits will be reaped during the next session and interim to accomplish even more by using this approach with our committees.

SBA Loans To Farmers In The Mill

COLLEGE STATION — Farmers and their lenders will eventually have a new source of loans and loan guarantees — the Small Business Administration (SBA). "But don't count on getting a SBA direct farm loan or farm loan guarantee in the near future," says Dr. Wayne Hayenga.

The economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service notes that there are a few "red tape" details to be overcome before the agency can help farmers.

"Currently the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) is the only large agency serving farmers' large financial needs. But this agency does not presently provide financing for farm partnerships—even family operations—and limits the number of loans per borrower. The SBA does not have these restrictions and will assume some of the discarded clients," says Hayenga.

However, there is a bill now in Congress to eliminate these FmHA failings. This creates a

possible overlap in the paperwork and organization of loans to be granted to farmers between the two agencies, notes the economist.

Hayenga says the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the SBA are currently working on an understanding to minimize overlaps. Once this agreement is reached, SBA is expected to publish proposed regulations for its farm lending, invite public comment, and then publish the final regulations—a process that could take several months.

The SBA has already set up a few guidelines by which to finance the U.S. farmer. It has set \$275,000 in annual gross sales as the upper limit for farm businesses it would finance. Also, farmers will have to compete with other small businesses for the agency's lendings, adds Hayenga.

In addition to making direct loans with its own funds, the SBA also makes 90 per cent guarantees of loans by commercial banks and other private lenders. The limit for SBA-guaranteed loans has been increased from \$350,000 while direct loans continue at a \$350,000 limit. The maximum interest rate for guaranteed loans is 10 per cent.

Any businessman desiring a SBA-guaranteed loan must start with his own banker or other private lender, points out Hayenga. The lender then applies for the guarantee.

Direct loans by SBA require a turnaround by two banks, after which the small businessman can apply for a loan at regional SBA office.



FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.

Other High Plains crops are "in the barn" and with good weather almost all 1976 cotton will be off the stalk by the end of December.

"Which means we will soon be faced with planting decisions for 1977," notes Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock, "decisions that will have a lot to do with the color of the bottom line on 1977 balance sheets."

How much of productive capacity should a farmer in 1977 devote to cotton, corn, soybeans, sunflowers, wheat or other alternative crops?

"That's a question each individual must answer for himself," Johnson asserts, "based on his own soil type, availability of water and equipment, climatic probabilities and other factors."

Among the most potent of those "other factors" is the prospective price for alternative crops, the PCG official says. "And here it is important that price projections be based on the best and most complete supply-demand and related economic information available."

In this regard Johnson believes PCG and other commodity groups can render a valuable service. "It is a part of our function to maintain complete, up-to-date figures on U.S. and foreign production and consumption, exports, carryover stocks and other data that bear on current and future commodity prices," he states, "and we can supply this information on request."

PCG also keeps on file various analyses of such information from Cotton Incorporated, the National Cotton Council, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other sources.

Johnson specifically recommends the "Cotton Summary," published monthly by the Economic Research and Development Division of Cotton Incorporated. The publication can be obtained from PCG or by writing Cotton Incorporated at Box 30067, Raleigh N.C. 27612. He thinks the December issue of the "Cotton Summary" can be especially helpful in planning 1977 cropping patterns.

"The chances for accurate projections of 1977 commodity prices will improve as current year production and consumption figures become more nearly complete," Johnson adds, "and USDA will publish planting intentions reports in late January and again about April 15."

"All of which means it may be well for a farmer to keep his planting options open as long as he can without sacrificing production efficiency."

1040 Taxpayers Ask IRS

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Q. My church club is sponsoring a contest in which there are cash prizes of \$650, \$450, and \$300. Is the club responsible for reporting any of the prize money?

A. As sponsor of the contest, your club must file Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, with the IRS for each recipient of a prize of \$600 or more for a calendar year.

The club must also make out an annual report on Form 1096, reflecting all the recipients for whom the sponsor was required to file Form 1099-MISC.

For more detailed information, see IRS Publication 558, Tax Information for Sponsors of Contests and Sporting Events, available at IRS offices.

Q. My wife and I sold our house at a gain over the original purchase price, but we collected less than half of the sales money this year. The buyer will pay the remainder of the money in four installments over the next two years. Can we file our tax return so that we do not pay taxes on money not yet received?

A. Since the sale of your house resulted in a gain and not a loss, and the buyer agreed to make at least one payment in each of two or more of your tax years, and if the payments received in the year of sale do not exceed 30 percent of the selling price, you may use the installment method of reporting this income and thereby relieve yourselves of paying tax on income that you have not yet received. The gain should be treated as a capital gain.

For more complete information, see IRS Publication 537, Tax Information on Installment and Deferred-Payment Sales, available at IRS offices.

Q. I'm a nurse in charge of the private duty care of a shut-in. At the request of my patient's administrator, I had a second phone placed in my home which is used only for purposes of the job. Is the cost of the additional phone tax deductible?

A. Generally, the standard costs you pay to carry out your profession are business expenses. However, these costs should be ordinary, necessary and directly related to your profession.

In your case, the second phone is an expense to you for the satisfactory performance of your job, and you may deduct the expense of installation and maintenance.

Texas Taxes



By BOB BULLOCK, State Comptroller

AUSTIN — The Comptroller's Office is in the process of issuing new state sales and use tax permits to all retailers who now hold them.

I hope every retailer in the state will be on the lookout for the new permits so they won't be misplaced. In addition, they should read their new permits carefully to make certain all the information on them is correct. If it isn't, they should contact my nearest field office immediately for corrections.

This isn't an easy job. There are 290,931 retailers or retail outlets currently holding sales tax permits and another 4,594 holding use tax certificates.

The new gold-colored permits will replace all existing green permits, which then will become void. Sales and use tax permits have never been reissued since the inception of the sales tax. Retailers are supposed to get their permits corrected should their address or ownership change, but many have not.

The result is that many of the old permits—some dating back to the early 1960's—are illegible, incorrect or, in some cases, lost.

All of the new permits should be in the mail December 10. However, because of the Christmas mail rush, retailers should not be alarmed if they don't receive theirs before the end of the month.

This issuance of new permits will be followed by a strong effort to make certain all retailers display them properly in their place of business. The law requires this.

In fact, the new permits carry the message in large letters on the front that "This permit must at all times be prominently displayed in your place of business."

There is a reason for this. Consumers ought to be able to glance up at the wall of a business and be assured by the gold permit there that the sales tax pennies and nickles they pay are being properly remitted to the state.

Those businesses that have become delinquent and have had their permits suspended will not get a new one. And in the future, whenever a business becomes delinquent, an enforcement officer from one of my field offices will be knocking on the door soon to pick up the gold permit.

IF YOU HAVE ANY STATE TAX PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COMPTROLLER'S FIELD OFFICE OR CALL TOLL-FREE: 1-800-252-5555.



There are three cities listed in the record books as being the smallest in America, only 4 square miles in area: Belvedere, California, Bonne Terre, Missouri, and Montgomery, West Virginia.

The Lieutenant Governor's Report

By Bill Hobby

AUSTIN—Now that the State of Texas has entered the early stages of the process which will result in the adoption, by the Legislature of a state budget for fiscal years 1978 and 1979, it is appropriate to once again consider the concept of Zero Base Budgeting and its application in Texas.

The task of implementing the concept of Zero Base Budgeting in Texas was made easier by the fact that an able legislative budget staff has functioned since 1949, and responsible budgeting has been a legislative tradition as well as a constitutional mandate. We were able to begin implementation of Zero Base Budgeting in 1974 and prepare the state budget for 1976 and 1977 using the basic principles of Zero Base Budgeting.

The characteristic of ZBB most often referred to is its requirement that all programs be evaluated from the ground up. Certainly, that's true, but it's how you go about using ZBB techniques that produces the improvements.

In effect, ZBB requires agency administrators to make definite priority rankings of their programs, describe what could be accomplished with less money as well as more, and examine the possibility that there may be other ways to more efficiently achieve the same objectives.

Several unique features set ZBB apart from the conventional budget approach.

Decision packages, which are sets of information about a program that has been identified by an agency manager as being a distinct operational unit capable of standing on its own within the total agency

organization and which includes a description of the program objectives stated in terms of what the program manager is trying to accomplish on a day-to-day basis, are a major feature of ZBB.

ZBB requires the identification of several levels of funding including a minimum level that is below the current level of funding. The practical outcome of the level-of-effort requirement is to provide budget committees with information on the accomplishments that can be expected at lower as well as higher levels of funding.

Another unique feature is the requirement that all programs be ranked against other programs in order of importance so that the priorities of the agency managers are made known in explicit terms to budget officials.

ZBB is a highly flexible system that is limited in its application to an appropriations process only by the imagination of its users.

Because information submitted by agencies in support of budget requests can be faulty, we followed up the ZBB program with the establishment of a program-evaluation committee.

The interrelationship of budget preparation and follow-up evaluation is vital to maintaining the fiscal integrity of government programs. For this reason, our budget office and program evaluation office are under the direct supervision of the Executive Director of the Legislative Budget Board.

At present we are completing the work of the Joint Advisory Committee on Government Operations. This

committee has produced many recommendations involving the elimination of duplication and the reorganization of agency programs, and has benefited significantly from the ongoing evaluation that was an outgrowth of the ZBB system.

To further sharpen the analytical powers of ZBB we have begun a modest data processing program that will enlarge the range of decisions and speed with which issues can be considered by budget officials.

One final word on a point that, however obvious, cannot

be emphasized enough: ZERO BASE BUDGETING HAS NEVER SAVED A DOLLAR, NOR WILL IT EVER.

Neither will any other budgeting system. Expenditures can be cut only by decision-makers with iron determination to resist the built-in pressures for the expansion of governmental functions so familiar to us all. If that will not be there, the hard choices will not be made.

But if that will be there, ZBB is a system that at least ensures that the tough decisions can be made on a rational basis.

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Town & Country Study Club Christmas Party

A Christmas party and program was greatly enjoyed Thursday, December 9 by the Town and Country Study club when it met in the home of Mrs. Ray Kelley.

Roll call was answered by members telling of some outstanding Christmas Day experiences in the past.

For the devotional, Mrs. Bessie Cearley read "A Christmas Prayer" by Helen Steiner Rice.

In a very impressive manner, Mrs. Lucille Campbell told the story "The Christmas Guest," also by Helen Steiner Rice.

The members then exchanged gifts.

A box containing many useful gifts was packed to be sent to the State Hospital at

Springlake-Earth School Menu

MONDAY

Corn dog-Mustard
Scalloped Potatoes
Stuffed Celery
Cherry Cobbler
Milk

TUESDAY

Taco's
Beans
Spoon Tomato Salad
Cinnamon Strussel
Cornbread and Butter
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Turkey & Dressing & Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Candied Yams
Jello Salad
Fruit Cake
Hot Rolls and Butter
Milk

NJHS Plan Christmas Party

The National Junior Honor Society met December 7 for their regular meeting. They discussed and planned the annual Christmas Tea which will be given December 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for all of the Springlake-Earth School faculty and the board members in the Junior high work room. This is the biggest event of the year for the Honor Society. The members decorate, make their own invitations and bake the goodies for the occasion.

Earth Lion's Club Queen Contest



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Standing, Left To Right Loretta James, Daneen Wilson, Kim Jones, Karen Huley and Pam Ott.

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The Honor Society has several projects now that they would like to ask the community to help with. They are collecting POST BOX TOPS, CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS and old NEGATIVES that you do not wish to keep.

You may contact any member to come by and pick these items up or you may bring them by the school.

How About Deer For Dinner?

A weekend with the boys, the lure of the hunt, or the call of the white-tailed deer often fall short of justifying Dad's hunting expenses to Mom in the family discussions each year.

But, results of a Texas A&M University study may give Dad some new ammunition in his argument in favor of the value of his hunting. He can tell Mom he is off to bring home some quality meat for the dinner table, and if he follows the study results closely, he will not be exaggerating.

Often the quality of the deer meat the hunter brings home is just not up to many family taste standards, and determining a way to improve this deer meat taste was one of the goals of the study.

The study on white-tail deer was conducted on two ranches near Hondo in Southwest Texas. Involved were Joyce Hosch, Dr. Ranzell Nickelson II and Dr. Milo Shull, all with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Dr. Zerle Carpenter with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. Researchers specifically sought information on the influence various slaughtering and handling practices have on the quality of deer meat.

In the study, 36 animals were collected on a special permit from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Five factors involved in the slaughtering and handling of the deer were chosen to determine their effects on the quality of venison," said Hosch. "These included sex, delayed skinning, stress, delayed field

dress and cold storage aging." Six treatments were conducted which contrasted such factors as whether the deer was killed instantly or stressed (gut shot); skinned immediately or delayed skinning; aged or quick frozen; or whether the animal was male or female.

"Various tests were conducted to determine the quality of venison from each treatment group," she said. "These included taste panel tests, equipment quality evaluation and bacteriological analysis of the meat."

Several patterns emerged from the research as to meat quality. Hosch said the taste panel evaluations in the study indicate that methods of handling or slaughtering can greatly influence venison quality.

"The sex of the animal is an important factor in determining how intensified (gamey) the flavor of the deer meat will taste. Male animals were shown to rate higher in 'gamey' taste."

She said an increase in intensity of flavor was noted in female animals aged for one week in a cooler. "However, the flavor intensity produced by the aging did not appear to be the same as the 'gamey' flavor associated with the male animal. This aging process definitely produced a more desirable flavor," Hosch said. "The taste panel employed in this study preferred the aged female animal over the intensified flavor of the aged male animal."

Commissioner's Court Meeting

A public hearing for the 1977 budget of Lamb County will be Thursday, December 23 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be in the regular meeting place - the County Courthouse in Littlefield.

Clerk of Lamb County. This budget will be open to inspection to all citizens of Lamb County. Any tax payer has the right to be present at this meeting for the proposed budget and has the right to participate in the hearing on Thursday, December 23 at 10:00 a.m.

and Wildlife Commission, and does may be hunted in counties where such permits have been issued. The Commission annually publishes a hunting guide with full details on deer hunting.

What Ramsey suggested is that the hunter consider fulfilling two goals. He can get his trophy and make his wife happy also with quality deer meat by bringing home a doe as well.

The issue is not over minuscule amounts of meat either. In 1973 more than 10 million pounds of boneless white-tailed deer were harvested by Texas hunters. This figure translated into the cost of ground chuck beef at that time would place the value of this deer meat at more than \$16 million.

With food costs still on the increase, deer meat is becoming more of a legitimate meat source. And besides, bringing home some quality meat makes the absence from home and cost of hunting equipment more palatable to Mom.

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Cotton Harvest Has Late Peak

High Plains cotton harvest reached peak activity this week.

November's snow and record lows prevented peak momentum earlier.

The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service reported cotton trading was active the week ending December 10. Growers offered cotton in moderate to heavy volume.

Growers sold mixed lots of mostly grades 42 and better, staples 32-34, mikes 3.5 through 4.9 for 70.25 to 71.25 cents per pound.

Prices paid growers or cottonseed ranged from \$75 to \$110 per ton, mostly \$95 to \$100.

Grades 42, 33, and 43, were predominant in classings at Lubbock this week. Grade 42 accounted for 17 percent, 33 was 14 percent, and 43 made up 27 percent. Bark reduction was assigned to 37 percent of the samples classed.

Predominant lengths were staples 30, 31, 32, and 33. Staple 30 was 22 percent, 31 accounted for 26 percent, 32-23 percent, and staple 33-13 percent.

Mike readings in the desirable 3.5-4.9 range amounted to 42 percent of the total. Mikes 5.0 registered one percent, 3.3-3.4 was 11, 3.0-3.2

accounted for 21 percent, 2.7-2.9 claimed 17 percent, while 2.6 and below was eight percent.

Pressley tests indicated 80 percent of samples tested had breaking strengths 80,000 pounds per square inch or better. Average at Lubbock was 83,000 psi.

About 154,000 samples were classed by the Lubbock Cotton Classing Office during the week. Season's total stands at 496,000 compared to 475,000 on this same date a year ago.

Jim Cloyd Appointed Field Inspector

FORT WORTH, TEXAS.—Jim Cloyd of Canadian, Texas, has been appointed field inspector for Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Don C. King of Fort Worth, TSCRA general manager, announced recently.

Cloyd, a former sheriff of Hemphill county, Texas, will serve cattle raisers in field inspector District 1. Included in this district are Cimarron and Texas counties, Oklahoma, and Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Harley, Moore and Hutchinson counties, Texas. Cloyd will make his headquarters in Stratford, Texas.

Cloyd is well acquainted with the Panhandle area. He was born in Hereford, Texas, in 1926 and attended high school in Canadian. Following his high school graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy where he served in the Mediterranean Theater of World War II aboard the U.S.S. Providence.

After his discharge, Cloyd attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock where he was graduated in 1957 with a degree in animal husbandry. While at Tech, he was vice president of the Block and Bridle Club, agricultural representative to the student council, a member of the Rodeo Club, horse

herdsman in charge of amanging the university's horses, and the first Red Raider mascot for Tech after it entered the Southwest Conference.

Following his graduation, Cloyd did one year of postgraduate work in animal nutrition and taught animal husbandry. He also served as coach of the Tech freshman, sophomore and junior livestock judging teams for one year.

In 1964, Cloyd ran for sheriff of Hemphill county and was elected. He served for six and a half years.

Ranchers of his area know Cloyd well. He has worked on many of the area ranches including the Four Sixes, the Matador, the Triangle, the Mill Iron, the Parsell and the U Lazy S ranches. In addition, he has worked for Champion Feedyards and for Pitman Industries, both in Hereford, until recently.

Cloyd replaces Jerry Gass of Stratford in District 1 as TSCRA field inspector. Gass retired from the Association to take over his family's farming operation.

Cloyd and his wife, Lynda, have three children, Richard, 9, Susan, 6, and Jay 2 and one half.

Bankers To Deal With Agricultural Loans

A special session on making agricultural loans will be one of the highlights of the 25th Farm and Ranch Credit School for Commercial Bankers, February 7-9, at the Rudder Center, Texas A&M University.

"Different agricultural enterprises require specific analysis and consideration, so six major loan areas will be examined at the school," notes Tom Prater, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service who is the school's general chairman.

"The six loan sessions will look at field crops, cow-calf operations, feedlots, dairies, rice and grain storage and warehousing. Bankers from throughout Texas, who are experienced in making these types of loans, will conduct each of the sessions."

Another special feature of the school will provide a brief look at recent developments in the agricultural industry, according to Prater. Gene Finley, vice president, Capital National Bank, Austin, will preside over this session. Topics to be discussed include energy and agriculture, the new meat

grading system, animal reproduction, grain sorghum research activities, new insights into beef tenderness, improved weather services and the new estate tax law.

"The school will be kicked off with a session which will examine ways farmers and ranchers may get control over capital. Discussions will include expected changes in dealer methods of financing farm equipment and farmers and outside equity capital.

"Rounding out the school will be sessions dealing with crop, livestock and money market outlook information, correspondent banking relationships and the banker and his customer," says Prater.

The annual school is planned for bankers by the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Section of the Texas Bankers Association. It is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas Bankers Association.

In conjunction with the school, an Agricultural Credit Analysis Workshop will begin the afternoon of February 9 and continue through the morning of

February 11. The workshop will deal with preparing financial statements, analyzing and reconciling farm records, and preparing cash flow projections. Case problems will also be studied and solved, points out Prater.

Running concurrently with this credit workshop will be a special two-day Commodity Hedging Session. This session will investigate the mechanics of hedging, hedging decision

guides, and what a banker should know about living with a hedged loan.

Prater invites Texans who are concerned with agricultural financing to attend both the school and either of the two workshops.

For registration information, contact Prater at Room 107C Agriculture Building, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

Collect Soil Samples Now

COLLEGE STATION — Profitable crop production depends on fully utilizing soil nutrients in addition to efficient fertilization. And the key to all this is soil testing, contends a soil chemist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Although most soils contain some of all the essential nutrients needed for plant growth, the amounts vary greatly between soils. Most are deficient in one or more of the essential nutrients," points out Dr. Charles Welch.

"Past fertilization and native fertility are major factors affecting the level of available nutrients in a soil. To determine the level of nutrients and which should be included in a fertilizer, a soil test is needed," contends the Texas A&M University System specialist.

Local county Extension agents, fertilizer dealers or any local agricultural agency can provide instructions for collecting and mailing samples. In collecting samples, the first step is to use a map or sketch and divide the farm and fields into sampling units or areas. If the area represented by each sample is too large, the information obtained may not be much better than a general fertilizer recommendation, says Welch.

"Under today's conditions, a major objective in soil testing is to determine the level of available nutrients in a soil so that fertilizers can be selected that will supplement the soil

supply and provide what is needed for top yields," emphasizes the soil chemist.

Soil test results for phosphorus are especially valuable for fields that have received regular applications of phosphorus for several years. The residual form row applications of phosphorus may be difficult to measure until it is thoroughly mixed with the soil, explains Welch.

Soil testing can also determine the level of available potassium and can monitor changes in both the surface and subsoil as a result of cropping. Although many soils contain an adequate supply of available potassium, others may be quite deficient. It is important to identify deficient soils and apply more potassium rather than treat all soils alike, emphasizes Welch.

"As far as nitrogen is concerned, most soils are deficient so nitrogen fertilization is necessary to produce economical yields," says the soil chemist. "However, the amount to apply as well as the time of application is important in getting good results."

A soil test will help producers identify nutrient deficient soils and make more efficient use of applied fertilizers. For producers who have not included soil tests in their farm planning program, now is the time to start for next year's crops, contends Welch.

Feeder-Cleaner May Incease Gin Capacity

There's more to ginning cotton than just separating the seeds from the lint.

In modern cotton production, much work of the gin is to remove trash from the seed cotton. Sometimes a stripper harvests as much trash, sticks, leaves, dirt, as it does seed cotton. Cleaning the seed cotton in the gin costs money and time.

But relief may be on the way. New equipment designed to pre-clean seed cotton before it reaches the gin is being tested by Cotton Incorporated and agricultural engineers here at Texas A&M University.

The new equipment, Say J.D. ("Farmer") Jones, is called a feeder-cleaner.

Jones is associate director of agricultural research for Cotton Incorporated, the fiber company of U.S. cotton producers.

Jones is collaborating on the project with Lambert Wilkes,

professor of agricultural engineering at Texas A&M, and Gary Underbrink, a research associate here.

"Our preliminary results show that the feeder-cleaner may remove 60 per cent of the trash," says Wilkes.

Removal of the trash will mean a more even flow of the cotton through the gin and a subsequent increase in the gin's capacity, Wilkes explains. It will also mean a savings to the gin in wear and tear on equipment caused when dirt, sand and sticks are blown through equipment at high speeds.

"We are field-testing the equipment on a mobile chassis so we can test it under different conditions and in different areas," explains Wilkes. "We also want to look at the equipment for possible turnover use," he adds.

"So far," Wilkes reports, "results show the field version

of the feeder-cleaner is as effective as our lab model, even on high moisture-content cotton."

After completing tests in the Brazos River area, Wilkes plans to take the equipment to the High Plains for more comprehensive large scale tests.

In the field tests, strippers dump cotton into a 20-foot hopper section, which has a power-driven bottom that feeds the seed cotton through feeding reels, then to cleaning saws.

The cleaned seed cotton is transferred by air to a trailer or module builder, while the trash goes into an adjacent three-cylinder, 80-saw gin feeder-extractor to remove any cotton trapped with the trash.

Jones and Wilkes say they plan a public demonstration of the feeder-cleaner in the near future.

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Grain Thieves Develop New Techniques in Texas

AUSTIN—Grain handlers from farmers to elevator operators are being warned by Agriculture Commissioner John C. White to double precautionary steps to halt the increase in thefts of whole truckloads of sorghum.

"By using various schemes, drivers, often using stolen trucks, are stealing more grain than in the past. We have had more reports on thefts recently because of the great amount of grain stored on the ground. Elevators are full, and farmers are having to wait to send their harvest to storage," White explained. "The drivers are bolder now; they just make off with the entire truckload."

Several ruses are successful because of the shortage of transportation. During the height of harvest season, trucks are difficult to contract, and farmers will take almost anyone who is available, just to get his grain out of the weather and into storage, White said. One driver loaded his truck with 80,400 pounds of milo, consigned for Galveston. The grain was never delivered. The farmer did get the trailer license number, but the records showed that the license was stolen. Since the truck was loaded at night, no description of the tractor could be made.

Captain Lewis Helped Launch Missile

LOMPOC, Calif.—Captain Clifford L. Lewis, son of Mrs. Albert Lewis of Winters, Texas recently helped launch a U.S. Air Force Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile from Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Captain Lewis, a missile maintenance officer with the 351st Organizational Missile Maintenance Squadron from Whiteman AFB, Mo., traveled to Vandenberg for the mission.

The launch was one in a series of operational testing launches conducted by the Strategic Air Command (SAC). The missile, selected at random from those on alert at Whiteman, was transported, with its maintenance and launch crews, to the California base.

The crews operated from the Vandenberg control center where they monitored the missile in an alert status. When the launch message was received from SAC headquarters, the crews reacted, launching the missile as they would from their home base in a combat situation.

Captain Lewis was commissioned in 1967 upon graduation from the Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Tex.

A 1962 graduate of Winters High School, he received his B.B.A. degree in 1967 from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

Captain Lewis' wife, Avie, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Justice, of Dimmitt.

Springlake Home Demonstration Club

The Springlake Home Demonstration Club met Thursday for a Christmas dinner party in the home of Mrs. Leon Foster.

The home was decorated in the Christmas theme with a beautiful Christmas tree and each table decorated with a candle and wreath.

The dinner consisted of turkey and dressing and several delicious salads.

The prayer was given by Mrs. Leon Foster.

A reading entitled "How Mrs. Santa Claus saved Christmas" was read by Mrs. Keith Boone.

Mrs. Foster presented each member with a recipe card clip she had made herself out of wood and a clothes pin glued at the top to clip your recipes.

Guests present were Dorothy Powell, County Extension agent and Mrs. Matt Patterson.

After the members exchanged gifts, they all had an enjoyable time playing games.

Members present were Mrs. Ed Biles, Mrs. Bob Boone, Mrs. Herman Cooper, Mrs. Bruce Higgins, Mrs. A. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Elmer King, Mrs. T.V. Murrell, Mrs. Myrtle Steinbock, Mrs. Hilbert Wisian and hostess Mrs. Leon Foster.

Next meeting will be on January 13 in the home of Mrs. Bruce Higgins. The program will be "One Dish Meals."

Members are to bring a cooked dish and then will exchange recipes. It will be a "tasting party."

At one elevator a driver had a sign taped on the side of his truck and got in line with others with similar authorized signs. He got the truck bed filled and pulled out. "Where the grain was sold is anybody's guess," White said.

"We have several suggestions for farmers and elevator operators, but the most important is to try to be as wary as the thief. If operators don't know the driver, he should get the driver's license number, the make of the truck and trailer, the license number of the truck and trailer, and some type of description on the vehicle.

"Once the grain has been picked up, don't wait two or

three days to call the destination. Allow just sufficient time for him to get there and call to make certain that delivery was made. If the truck hasn't reached the destination, call the nearest law enforcement office," White advised.

Farmers in the Panhandle are cautioned not to leave their loaded trailers in the fields overnight; some thieves have just been towing them off.

Another suggestion is the use of confetti coded for each farmer or elevator. This helps in proving theft from elevators and could deter thefts. Such a method is widely used in the Midwest, but has not become common practice in Texas.

Freezing Small Game

If the fruits of your hunter's labor are too many to cook at once, freezing is a good method of preserving them. Mrs. Dorothy Powell, County Extension Agent, suggests.

This is the season for various game birds, such as ducks, quail, geese, dove, turkey, pheasant, rail and woodcock. Also, small game such as squirrels, rabbits, opossum and raccoon can be frozen for later use.

First step is to thoroughly clean them and cool before freezing. Wrap each bird or animal individually in a moisture-vapor-proof freezing paper, using the drugstore wrap.

For this wrapping method, place the game in the center of the paper. Bring the two sides of the paper evenly together at the top. Make drugstore fold by turning the paper down toward the meat in a one-half inch fold. Continue folding tightly and

snugly against the meat. Press the fold flat against the meat and make a double fold in each end of the wrapping. Fold these ends under the package to make a tighter wrap, fold the ends over and seal with freezer tape she explained.

Label all packages with the cut of the meat and the date. The same procedure should be used in wrapping big game, such as venison.

Freeze small game immediately after packing. Keep the meat at 0 degrees F. or lower until it is used. Quality meat, correctly wrapped in moisture-vapor-proof freezing paper will keep frozen at this temperature from six months to a year, except for the organ meats, such as liver and heart, which should be used within six months.

When thawing game, do so in the refrigerator. Allow five hours thawing time per pound.

AUSTIN—Texas consumers may be gobbling up lower turkey prices but are washing them down with bitterly increasing coffee costs. Agriculture Commissioner John C. White commented today in releasing the third monthly statewide market basket survey.

While Texas shoppers realized a savings of up to ten cents a pound on turkey in November, the latest market basket survey conducted by the Texas DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA) shows a 20 cent increase in the cost of a pound of coffee.

Total statewide cost of the survey's 20 commonly-purchased grocery store items averaged \$18.19 in November, down slightly from the \$18.26 compiled a month earlier.

Consumers celebrate savings on turkeys in Texas at the same time that many producers in the state are bemoaning losses of more than \$1 per bird.

According to Commissioner White, many turkey producers over-estimated this year's demand in light of last season's higher red meat prices. The result, increased turkey output this fall in competition with current decreases in red meat retail prices, have clipped turkey production profits to practically nothing.

"Instead, most turkey operations are being forced into the red," he explained. Coffee prices, on the other hand, are expected to continue their upswing. White said, the result of dramatically decreased world supplies due to a forest in Brazil last year which killed 550 million trees and damaged half of the country's remaining coffee-producing trees.

Market Basket Survey

San Antonio maintained its lead as cheapest of the 12 survey cities, with its total November market basket price tag of \$16.77 down 43 cents from October. An increase of 28 cents from October forced Fort Worth into last place with the most expensive total of \$18.71.

Corpus Christi saw the biggest shift in total price tag, with the total basket price of \$18.44 down 45 cents from October.

Other cities surveyed in November in order of total cost and a comparison with their October totals are: Austin, \$17.41 in November compared to \$17.79 in October; Laredo, \$18.39 to \$18.38; Tyler, \$18.13 to \$18.21; El Paso, \$18.22 to \$17.97; Lubbock, \$18.39 to \$18.49; Abilene, \$18.44 to \$18.31; Dallas, \$18.45 to \$18.27; Houston, \$18.58 to \$18.38; and McAllen, \$18.63 to \$18.83.

Seasonally higher slaughter rates for hogs continue to account for decreases in statewide pork prices, with pork chops averaging eight cents cheaper between October and November while bacon dropped 15 cents in a month's time.

Other items included in the November market basket and their average cost in 12 Texas cities are: one-half per cent low fat milk, one gallon, \$1.38; one gallon whole homogenized vitamin D milk, \$1.67; one dozen grade A large eggs, \$8.7; 11 oz. package individually

wrapped American cheese singles, \$1.28; 1 lb. margarine, \$5.53; 24 oz. loaf white sandwich bread, \$4.41, and 1 lb. whole fryer chicken, \$4.46.

Also 1 lb. regular ground beef, \$8.80; 1 lb. grain-fed round steak with bone, \$1.46; 1 lb. family pack pork chops, \$1.16; six and

one-half oz. can light chunk tuna, \$6.63; 1 lb. bacon, \$1.15; 1 lb. Red Delicious apples, \$4.44. Also 18 oz. box corn flakes, \$6.67; one head lettuce, \$5.52; one lb. tomatoes, \$6.66; one lb. dry pinto beans, \$4.44; one lb. electric perk coffee, \$2.21; 49 oz. box detergent, \$1.40; and six oz. can frozen orange juice, \$2.25.



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Carrol Chaloupa Re-elected President

FORT WORTH—Carrol Chaloupa, Dalhart feed grain and cattle producer, was re-elected president of the 195,000-member Texas Farm Bureau at the conclusion of the organization's four-day meeting here December 8.

Following adjournment of the convention, the TFB Board of Directors met and named Henry Burton, Lufkin egg producer, as vice president; and re-elected Reed Lang of Rio Hondo, grain, cotton and citrus producer, as secretary-treasurer.

Three new directors were elected by voting delegates, replacing three men who were ineligible for re-election due to a six-year limitation rule.

They are Calvin Rueter of Clifton, replacing John A. Smith of Cameron; Vester Smith of Loop, replacing Bill R. Reid of Lamesa; an J.R. (Bubba) Day of Uvalde, succeeding R.A. Faseler of Hondo.

During the final two days of the convention, the 1,000 voting delegates from 160 counties adopted state policies to guide the TFB next year, and also approved recommendations on national issues. The latter are being forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation for consideration at its annual meeting January 9-11 in Honolulu.

TFB took a stand in support of the effort to increase the "dollar a bale" cotton promotion and research program. The referendum on the cotton check-off will be conducted by mail December 13-17.

Delegates also took a new position on Brucellosis control which calls for a strong emphasis on voluntary calfhood vaccination and an adult vaccination program for problem quarantined herds.

In other state-level policy matters, delegates:

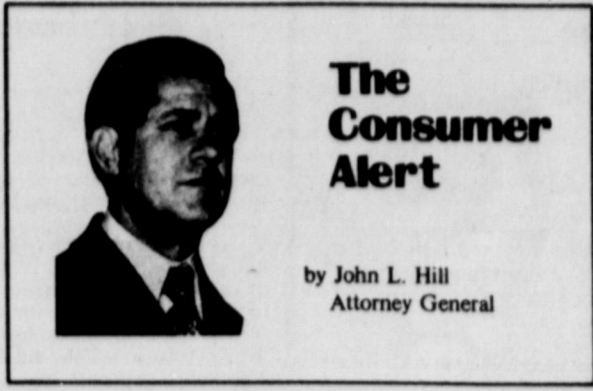
- Favored the use of the state sales tax to finance public education in lieu of ad valorem taxes.
- Asked for a well-head tax on Texas-produced gas and oil to be used to lower school taxes.
- Opposed labor organizers having access to individual

farms for the purpose of organizing farm workers. They also opposed picketing or demonstrating on private property.

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- Asked that jurisdiction over natural gas be taken from the Railroad Commission and transferred to the Texas Utilities Commission.

In the matter of national recommendations, delegates:

- Said top priority should be given to agriculture on all sources of energy.
- Opposed divestiture of any industry.
- Called target prices in farm programs unsound, but said "in the presence of a target price program, the target price should be increased on all crops to a level which would cover the current cost of production..."
- Said farmers and ranchers should be exempt from certification requirements for private use of agricultural chemicals.
- Opposed export embargoes on any agricultural commodity "except for national defense purposes."
- Asked the Federal government to enforce present laws relating to counter-vailing duties on agricultural imports.
- Wanted the Secretary of Agriculture to have veto power over any EPA regulations pertaining to agriculture.
- Favored making cheating on welfare a felony offense.
- Said we should "discontinue all allotments and subsidies."
- The latter was approved overwhelmingly by the delegates after an impassioned speech by Joe Frantzen of Fredericksburg who backed the resolution. Frantzen is the newly-appointed chairman of the TFB Young Farmers and Ranchers Advisory Committee.



The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN—If you're among the many Texans who haven't finished Christmas shopping yet, you may be close to panic as you battle the crowds in stores and shopping centers to hunt for something "just right" at a reasonable price.

Our Consumer Protection Division attorneys say "panic buying" almost always results in later dissatisfaction—either with the product or with the price you had to pay for it.

It's still not too late to get organized, though. You may find that a few simple precautions can help to prevent mistakes that could cause you to start off the New Year in a department store exchange line. Or what's even worse, in line for an emergency loan to pay off debts.

The first and foremost step, say our attorneys, is to make a realistic decision about how much you can spend on remaining Christmas gifts. You should arrive at a total for all gifts and holiday expenses that is compatible with your budget—don't make financial commitments you cannot meet!

This means that if you charge purchases at several stores with extended payment plans, you must be able to meet the minimum required payments at each store, plus be able to meet your other monthly bills.

Next, make a list of everyone you need to shop for and allocate a certain amount to spend that will keep you within your budget. This will make shopping easier, since you can eliminate any gifts over that amount. Stick to your list when you shop; however, if you can't find an item or if you spot a good bargain on another, be flexible and take advantage of it. Just be sure it is a bargain.

If it's on sale, it may be marked "not returnable" or there may be a notice that "all sales are final." Even if an item isn't on sale, though, you should check the store's return policy before buying something that may need to be exchanged or returned later. Stores are not legally required to refund money, exchange merchandise, or accept returned goods for credit unless the item is defective or is not as represented.

If you find your gift list exceeds your funds, you may want to try cutting back a bit.

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March of Dimes

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Some families or groups of friends draw names for Christmas. Or you might like to make some simple gifts, if not too pressed for time. Talented cooks often give homemade holiday foods and special baked goods. This is a nice gesture, but if you're trying to save money, you should first figure up the cost of ingredients. Quite often, that delicious fruitcake may end up costing more (and taking much more time!) than a "store-bought" gift.

Our attorneys also suggest that you ask yourself some searching questions before setting out on a last-minute shopping spree. Your answers could spell the difference between a Christmas you'll enjoy remembering and one you'll try hard to forget.

- Is this a gift someone really needs or can use?
- Am I paying more than I can afford for a gift because someone "expects it"?
- Am I sacrificing quality for quantity in my buying?
- Will I end up paying double for a gift that I've charged when all the carrying charges are added?
- Will it take me until next Christmas to pay for this one?
- Will my Christmas spending mean my family and I have to do without some necessities during the New Year?

Select A Christmas Tree With Care

With the rows and rows of Christmas trees on every other street corner, it seems almost impossible to find or select that "perfect" Christmas tree.

A few tips to help the holiday shopper come from a landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Four basic points must be remembered in selecting a Christmas tree," points out Everett Janne. "The tree should have a triangular shape, it should be well-filled out, and it should not be too large or bulky for the allotted space in the home or apartment. Furthermore, it should be fresh."

"Shake the tree and note how many needles fall to check the tree's freshness," suggests the Texas A&M University System specialist. "A fresh tree will shed only a few needles."

Once you get the tree home, cut about an inch off the butt end and place it in a tree stand that holds water. Check the water supply regularly and replenish it as needed to help the tree maintain a fresh appearance.

In the home or apartment, keep the tree away from heating vents, radiators and fireplaces, cautions Janne. Check the wiring on lights before decorating the tree to prevent a fire, he adds. And always turn the lights off when leaving home or retiring for the night.

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Tree Trouble

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Natural trees need to be as fresh as possible. Brittle branches and shedding needles not only increase fire hazards but they make a tree less pretty quicker. Keeping the bottom of the tree in water or damp dirt will help keep it fresher longer.

The tree also needs a sturdy base. Holders can be bought or a fairly secure base can be made by packing and bracing the tree in a large container of damp dirt. A holder can be covered with wrapping paper or a cloth for a more pleasing effect.

Christmas trees present a very subtle danger to some people. Allergy sufferers may have to have an artificial tree if they find the trees trigger wheezing, sneezing and red eyes.

The most important requirement for artificial trees is that they be fire resistant. Labels on the tree or packaging clearly should state their safety. Artificial trees also need sturdy bases.

Trimming a metal tree with electric lights can be very dangerous so safety authorities recommend using colored floodlights aimed at the tree. These lights must be placed so they can't possibly burn people, packages or furnishings.

Other types of tree lights can be dangerous if the wires are broken, cracked or exposed. Other types of tree lights can be dangerous if the wires are broke 'cracked or exposed. Loose connections, broken bulbs and bulbs touching branches also can create problems. Even lights with the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) safety seal can be dangerous if they are old and in bad shape. All Christmas lights (on the tree or elsewhere) need to be turned off when people leave home. Ornaments also can pose problems if they are not fire-resistant. However, the biggest danger is to children who grab and break the bulbs if they are not placed high enough on the tree. In fact, children and Christmas trees can be an unbeatable team for trouble unless youngsters are taught to admire but not touch.

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There are a few special requirements for contest entries. Among them: The recipe should make approximately 4 servings, contain a broiler-fryer (2 to 3 1/2 lb. chicken, whole or any part or parts), at least 1 teaspoon Ac'cent flavor enhancer and at least 1/4 cup Mazola corn oil. Ingredients must be exact and nationally available, instructions complete. Judging will be based equally on simplicity, interest, appearance and flavor. The top 5 or so recipes from each state and Washington, DC winners will be judged in state cook-offs. The 51 state and DC winners then compete in a national cook-off in Jackson, Mississippi, on July 27, 1977. State transportation costs and all national cook-off expenses will be paid by contest sponsors. Sponsors' employees, directors, representatives and their immediate families, along with previous first place national



winners, are not eligible. For further contest information and a folder with some of the chicken recipes that have carried off first prizes in the past, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Chicken Contest Folder, Box 28158, Central Station, Washington, DC 20005. Send your contest recipes to this same address, each clearly marked with your name, address and telephone number. Any recipe received after March 1 will be held for the 1978 contest. The National Chicken Cooking Contest is co-sponsored by the National Broiler Council and the makers of Ac'cent flavor enhancer and the makers of Mazola corn oil. At the national cook-off, ranges will be supplied by White-Westinghouse.

This recipe for Chicken and Asparagus Casserole was adapted from Clem Holley's 1973 \$10,000 winner. It meets all 1977 contest specifications.

- Chicken and Asparagus Casserole**
- 2 whole broiler-fryer chicken breasts, halved, skinned, boned
 - 1 teaspoon Ac'cent flavor enhancer
 - 1/8 teaspoon pepper
 - 1/4 cup Mazola corn oil
 - 1 package (10 oz) frozen asparagus
 - 1 can (10 3/4 oz) cream of chicken soup
 - 1/3 cup real mayonnaise
 - 1 teaspoon lemon juice
 - 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
 - 1/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Cut each chicken breast half into thirds. Sprinkle with flavor enhancer and pepper. Heat corn oil in fry pan over medium heat. Add chicken and brown on both sides. Cook asparagus 3 to 4 minutes following package directions. Drain. Stir together soup, mayonnaise, lemon juice and curry powder. Place asparagus in shallow baking dish. Place chicken over asparagus. Spoon sauce over chicken and asparagus. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover with foil. Bake in 375°F oven 30 minutes or until fork can be inserted in chicken with ease. Makes 4 servings.

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 - 1 can (6 ounces) frozen orange-pineapple juice concentrate, thawed
 - 1/2 cup crushed pineapple
 - 1/4 cup honey
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
 - 1 orange, sliced and halved
- Bake ham in shallow baking pan, uncovered, in 325°F oven 1 1/2 hours. Using sharp thin knife, make parallel cuts, 1/2-inch deep and 1/4-inch apart in top of ham. Insert orange slices into each cut. Stir together juice, pineapple, honey and allspice. Brush over ham and oranges. Continue to bake, brushing frequently, about 30 minutes, or until ham and oranges are richly glazed. Makes 10 to 12 servings.
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By Marti Robinson

THE SQUARE FACE. No facial shape is the perfect one. How many times I've reminded women of that fact! There are seven basic face shapes — all potentially beautiful. Your face would be considered square if it is almost as wide as it is long and has an angular look, with straight rather than curving lines predominating. Such a face is nearly equal in width at the forehead, cheeks and jaw; and the chin is square. Skillfully applied makeup can beautify the unique lines in the square face. Or if certain characteristics don't please you, they can be minimized.

Some women with the square-shaped face feel their jawline is too dominant. The way to soften the strong jawline is to select a darker-than-usual foundation. I find a cream is easier for blending purposes — apply it with your fingertips. Starting at the hairline alongside the earlobe, apply the dark cream downward along the jawline to the base of the chin and under, slightly into the neckline. If you wish to make the chin, too, less dominant, extend the shadow line over the top of the chin too. This shadow line, about an inch wide, when combined with your usual lighter powder base helps to create an illusion. The darker area seems to recede, softening the angular jawline. Blend the light and dark shades carefully, for you do not want to have a clearly noticeable

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Solar Energy Industry

This country may be on the brink of nurturing an infant industry into what in time could be one of the major industries in the country. That industry is solar energy.

Although the concept and even use of solar energy has been around for centuries, the industry has lain dormant while coal and oil and water power dominated the energy scene. But market studies conducted in 1974 for the National Science Foundation indicate that by the year 2000 there will be four million new American buildings equipped with solar heating and/or cooling systems.

The studies also predicted that by the year 2000, the solar industry would be a \$17 billion-a-year industry, and the solar energy collected would replace the annual consumption of about \$5 billion in fossil fuels.

To demonstrate that solar energy is a viable energy source, the U.S. Energy Research and Development Agency has funded a number of solar demonstration projects around the country, including the nation's largest at Trinity University.

Trinity's \$1.7 million project will provide approximately 75 per cent of the heating and hot water requirements for the Sams Memorial Center, Trinity's physical education complex, and six dormitories. During the cooling season, excess solar energy will be used to provide part of the air conditioning requirements. This solar energy collection system will be in operation by early 1977.

Trinity's demonstration project, and others around the country, are nourishing the infant industry into adolescence. And with that growth comes a demand for professionals with new skills. Trinity is preparing to help meet that demand, which exists even now. It was evident this summer when the University offered five full assistantships in solar studies to begin with the fall semester. More than 50 applications for those assistantships were received in spite of the fact that their availability was not announced until July.

Many of the applicants already had graduate degrees or relevant experience; four held a Ph.D. in physics or engineering. In addition to the five students selected for assistantships eight additional self-supported students enrolled on a full or part-time basis.

The curriculum for Trinity's graduate degree in solar studies was carefully selected and initiated under the guidance of the University's recently established Solar Energy Studies Curriculum Committee, a five-member multidisciplinary faculty committee. The central emphasis is on the design of solar powered heating and cooling systems for homes and commercial buildings.

Core curriculum includes engineering courses in Heat Transfer and Thermodynamics, Materials for Solar Energy Systems, System Components, Modeling and Computer Analysis and Solar Energy System Design; physics courses in Solar and Atmospheric Radiation, Physics of Solar Collectors, and a business administration course in Economic Analysis of Energy and Capital Projects.

This curriculum is intended to provide the specific skills and techniques required to design solar powered heating, cooling and domestic hot water systems for buildings. Such systems have the potential for displacing more than 20 per cent of the total national fossil fuel consumption.

Unlike conventional heating and cooling systems, solar powered systems must be individually optimized for the building and its micro-climate. The graduates of this program will have the analytical design skills and the broad viewpoint required to take a leadership role in this rapidly changing field.

Depending on their undergraduate background and specific interests, students enrolling in this program may select one of four master of science degree tracks. All degree tracks share at least four of the eight core courses. All students are expected to complete their graduate program 16 months after entry.

In addition to this thesis program, Trinity's solar studies committee also is exploring a non-thesis internship option. During the first year, the internship student would pursue an academic curriculum in preparation for six to 12 months of professional level employment in applied solar energy. This internship employment would replace the thesis. The intern would be required to submit a written report on a project completed as part of the internship employment, and the intern's progress would be monitored by a faculty member at Trinity.

The University's strong curriculum in solar related fields has the unusual advantage of a working laboratory, Trinity's solar demonstration project. An on-site monitor system and status board will provide real time indication of variations in the system while it is in operation. The computerized data acquisition system will provide information for computer simulations of component and system performance.

But perhaps most important, students will gain first-hand experience in the maintenance, materials and operating problems encountered with complex state-of-the-art solar energy systems. Trinity's graduates will complete their degree work with far more than classroom experience.



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Hospitality Includes Safety Of Guests

AUSTIN—Warm, friendly holiday hospitality is a tradition in Texas.

But the responsibilities of being host or hostess go beyond providing comfort, good food and good drinks, according to the Texas Safety Association. For those who serve alcoholic beverages, hospitality also includes the safety of guests who drive home and those who "weren't invited to the party," but share the road.

Some of these responsibilities include:

—slowing down pre-dinner cocktails,

—not forcing drinks on people, —providing plenty of non-alcoholic drinks for those who may prefer them,

—making sure that any who might have had "one too many" get transportation home instead of driving themselves,

—serving coffee and dessert before your visitors have to drive home to allow that extra time toward sobering up.

TSA reminds you to add this item to the top of your holiday party list: responsibility to guests who may drink and drive.

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The compound is cleared for use on corn grown for grain. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prohibits using the material in 1977 on sweet corn, popcorn, or corn for grazing, fodder, or silage. Only corn may be planted on treated acreage during the following crop year. The chemical is not

labeled in Wisconsin for 1977. Ciba-Geigy says it expects to apply to EPA soon for corn-label expansions and for an experimental permit to use Dual in soybeans. The company will also seek a label expansion for the use of Dual in potatoes and peanuts.



Keeping Healthy—

Scrooge was a grinch at Christmas because he was lonely.

There are few things as depressing as being all alone during this or other holidays, according to Paula Kliegman, senior social worker with Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center's Psychosomatic and Psychiatric Institute, Chicago.

A single herself, she advises liberated loners to do what they can to be with people at holiday time.

According to Ms. Kliegman, the younger singles, those in their 20's who live in the city, are most vulnerable to the Scrooge Condition. They are too young and too new in their careers and lives to have made long and lasting friends. Also, they may live in high-rise apartment buildings, where everyone is isolated.

Avoid Holiday Loneliness

She advises young singles to go home for the holidays, if relationships are basically happy. "Let momma take care of you for awhile, and see your brothers, sisters, and cousins."

Independents in their 30's and 40's who have no parents' home to go to, nor children of their own, should find a friend's family and be an Auntie Mame or Uncle Patrick. Ms. Kliegman says this applies not only to "straights" but also to "gays"; all adults like to play with children at holiday time. (Even Scrooge, finally.)

Singles can also celebrate the holidays by putting together their own "family" and making dinner. "There is always a cook in the crowd and someone with a big

enough apartment and enough dishes. Everyone can bring something. Bring goofy gifts so no one is left out."

Ms. Kliegman advises single parents who have their children for the holidays to join with one or more other single-parent families and celebrate together. "But, if your former mate has the children and you are alone for the holidays, take a trip, get out of town; go find a resort where other singles congregate. Don't stay home and brood."

She says liberated loneliness does have its advantages. "When you come home, it's peaceful and quiet. Those of us who live alone are not used to the tremendous stimulation of a large family and cannot take it for long."

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The 55 mph speed limit may have decreased deaths due to auto accidents but fatality rates are climbing again. Many factors are involved but carelessness, especially on country roads, unsafe cars, bad weather and motorists who don't wear seat belts all contribute to accidents that could be prevented, the Texas Medical Association (TMA) says.

In 1975 there were 4.1 people killed for every 100 million miles traveled, compared to 3.9 in 1974. The trend seems to be increasing, the Governor's Office for Traffic Safety says.

A National Safety Council study shows country roads produce nine times as many deaths and 14 times as many property damage accidents as do controlled-access superhighways. Blind intersections and reduced vision on curves and hills contribute to many crashes. Being alert and prepared to stop in these situations can save many lives.

A quick check of the car also can help avoid trouble. Check tire tread and pressure, windshield wipers, accessibility of seat belts, de-fogger or rags to wipe off fogged windows, and hoses, belts and fluids under the hood. Problems with many of these could mean being stranded on the highway in winter weather, which can be very dangerous. Even for a short trip, it's wise to toss in a coat and adequate shoes in case there is car trouble.

CB radios not only help spot smokies but they also are useful for passing on weather and road condition information. Even AM or FM radio weather forecasts can give valuable information about what's coming. Sometimes postponing

a trip for a few hours or a day will avoid bad weather that can threaten even experienced drivers. Arriving late is better than not arriving at all, TMA says.

People increase their chances of arriving alive if they wear seat belts. Even if people refuse to use seat belts on short errands, buckling up on a trip is not too much trouble. Hospitals beds or caskets are much more confining than seat belts.

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Congratulations Carmen Escalante on winning the Bi-Centennial rug given away Monday night.

Information For "Mything" Persons

AUSTIN—Are you a "mything person" where drinking alcoholic beverages is concerned? If so, there are some things you need to know. Do you feel like you are really stimulated when you drink? Wrong! Ethyl alcohol, the ingredient that produces the "effect," is a depressant. Alcohol goes into the blood stream from the stomach or

small intestine and travels to the brain where the depressive action begins, to result in a loss of judgment and self-control. Do you believe that drinking either doesn't affect your driving or makes you a better driver? Well, that notion is a result of the alcohol working on the part of your brain that controls your judgment. False confidence and taking risks are

common by-products of alcoholic beverage consumption.

Do you rush in from cold Texas weather and have a drink to warm up? That drink will actually be lowering your body temperature. A false sensation of warmth may occur because the blood vessels on the surface of the skin become dilated. Actually, more heat can be lost than gained by the "warming" effect.

Do you believe in the sobering up remedies of coffee, a cold shower, fresh air or a run around the block? Time is the only true remedy for reducing the effects of alcohol. The ethyl alcohol must leave the body by oxidation in the liver, and this process cannot be rushed. (The old joke about coffee producing a wide awake drunk is true.) The body needs about one hour to get rid of the alcohol in one average drink.

Do you swear by the old adage that it's mixing your drinks that gets you drunk? The truth is that ethyl alcohol, the intoxicant, is found in all alcoholic beverages. The same concentration of alcohol in the blood is produced from 3 1/2 ounces of wine as from a 12-ounce bottle of beer or 1/2-ounce of 100 proof whiskey, though the volume of liquid differs. So staying with one kind of drink offers no advantage, only the amount you drink can control the degree of intoxication.

Do you believe that you get "picked on" about drinking and driving? There are places where a DWI is considered a worse offense. For instance, in San Salvador, the penalty for DWI can be the firing squad. If you think your spouse would be upset if you got arrested for

DWI consider Malaysia. There, your spouse goes to jail with you if you are convicted of driving while intoxicated.

Do you think the Texas presumptive limit of 10 percent blood alcohol concentration level is too low? Well many countries have even lower tolerance and presumptive limits for driving while intoxicated. Sweden, for example, uses a .05 percent level, and Denmark and Norway, .05 percent.

The Texas Safety Association urges everyone to slow down their drinking and driving during the holidays to a responsible, informed level.

Air Bags Can Reduce Injuries AND Fatalities

AUSTIN—"The question of air bags is settled for the time being, but the question of the traffic fatality and injury rate is far from being settled," said Hugh L. Scott, President of the Texas Safety Association.

"Texas motorists should utilize the restraint systems currently provided in their automobiles if they do not want to purchase air bags," said Scott following Transportation Secretary Coleman's decision that air bags will not be required equipment.

Coleman's decision, after several months of delay and study of the public comment he invited, was that auto manufacturers would not have to equip autos with air bags. Coleman opted instead for a two-year demonstration project by 11 auto manufacturers for producing 250,000 air bag equipped cars in each of the two years.

Scott said, "There is no question that using restraint systems, whether they be belts or air bags, can reduce injury and fatality."

The National Safety Council and the Highway Users Federation have estimated that between ten and fifteen thousand lives could be saved annually if auto occupants would use their belts at all times. The estimate is based on current information on the life saving potential of safety belts for preventing ejection from the vehicle and reducing the occupant contact with the interior of the auto and other occupants.

Closer to home, Texas fatality statistics, collected and reported by the Department of Public Safety, indicate a significant difference in the number of auto occupants killed using or not using restraints. In 1975, there were 1,566 drivers killed who were using no restraints, while only 31 using seat belts and 28 using seat and shoulder belts were killed.

"The number of drivers injured also makes a good life saving case for using belts."

Decorations From The Garden

Your own yard can provide this year's inexpensive but elegant decorations for Christmas.

A landscape horticulturist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service suggests just a sampling of the ways that branches, fruits, leaves and other yard paraphernalia can be utilized to bring in the holiday spirit.

Such items as yaupon, deciduous holly, pyracantha and pine branches can be designed into an attractive wreath, or the branch can be used alone, especially if it is unusual, says Dr. William C. Welch.

Pine cones, lotus pods, catails and cockleburbs can be spray painted in a variety of Christmas colors and added to

the centerpiece of a festive table.

Persimmons, crabapples, pears and quince also provide color for indoor decorations.

Magnolia, yew and pittosporum leaves can be dried or used in their natural greenery to surround a nativity scene or similar setting, adds Welch.

Leaves of magnolia, pittosporum and loquat last longer when used in the dried form. To retain their shape, Welch suggests hanging the leaves, cut stem up, in a cool, dry shady area for a few days or weeks.

The uses of garden greenery for holiday decorations is limited only by one's imagination, contends the horticulturist.

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Q: I'm considering buying a home with money I acquired before I got married. Because the property would not be purchased with money owned jointly by me and my wife, would I have a right to retain ownership of the house if my wife and I later are divorced?

A: A married person's separate estate generally is included among property which is subject to being divided between the husband and wife in a divorce decree. However, in the event the title to the couple's home is in the husband's name, and the home was purchased with funds from his separate estate, the judge could not divest the husband of title to the house.

Q: A small creek flows behind our home, but a neighbor several hundred yards upstream has built a small dam which traps most of the water. Do I and the other downstream neighbors have any right to complain about this dam, and the fact that the neighbor who built the dam is pumping water from the creek to water his yard?

A: State law allows a property owner to build a dam on his property to impound up to 200 acre-feet of water for domestic and livestock purposes. Such a reservoir must be entirely on the landowner's property and the landowner may pump from the creek for purposes such as watering a lawn. A state permit must

be obtained for any reservoir larger than 200 acre-feet or for uses other than domestic and livestock.

Q: I'm 77 years old and would like to claim the homestead exemption from property taxes for persons over 65. However, the deed to my home is in the name of my five daughters, who helped me buy it 21 years ago. Is it possible for me to obtain the tax exemption even though my name isn't on the deed?

A: In deciding whether to grant a homestead exemption from property taxes for a person over 65, the county tax assessor can award the exemption to a person only if the property deed is in that person's name.

Q: Is it possible to amend a birth certificate after it is filed with the Birth and Death Records Section of the State Department of Health?

A: Yes, it is possible to amend a birth certificate in most instances by filing an affidavit swearing to the truth of those sections which require changing. This procedure applies to statistical information as well as other sections on the certificate. The Birth and Death Records Section makes an independent determination, and will either allow or deny the amendment.

Springlake-Earth School News

Springlake-Earth National Junior Honor Society is in the midst of a special collection drive aimed at obtaining greatly needed audio-visual equipment. The program, Campbell's Labels for Education Program, is sponsored by the Campbell Soup Company and offered to public, private and parochial school (K-8). "Between now and March 12 we hope to collect enough Campbell's Soup labels to earn audio-visual equipment," said Mrs. Bill Verden, sponsor. "Our students are saving their labels, and they would appreciate it if friends of the school would do the same."

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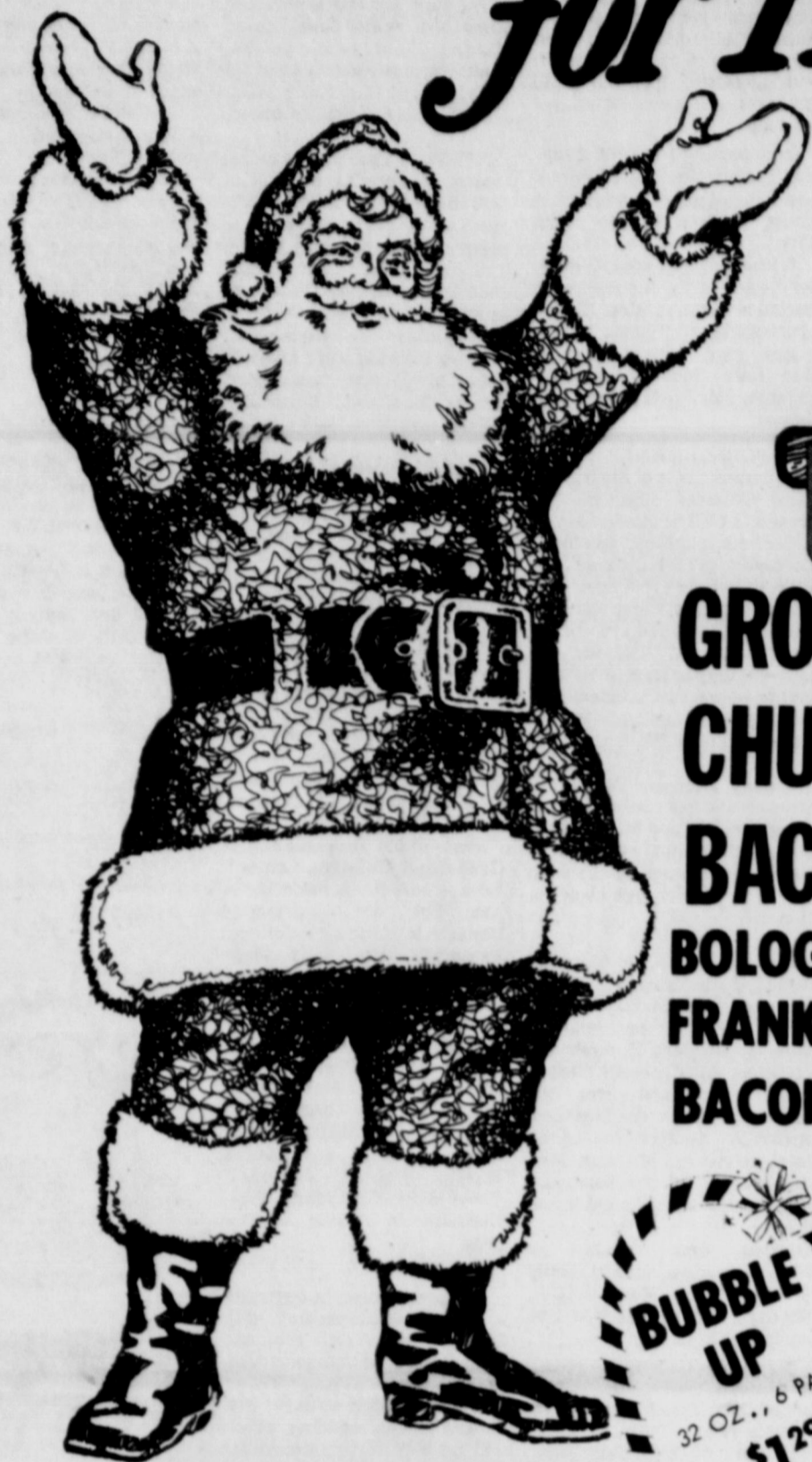
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