

THURSDAY

December 29
1994

ANSWERLINE

Q. Is there a recycling program set-up this year for old Christmas trees?

A. Yes. Collection trailers have been set-up in Colorado City this year. The trees will be used as fish habitat in Lake Colorado City. See related story on page 1 of today's Record.

BRIEFS

New Year's Eve Countdown

There will be dancing, roller-skating and fun, fun fun from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. December 31 at the Ag Barn. The event, sponsored by Atlanta-Bound, is \$3 for singles and \$5 per couple.

4-H Horse Club

The Mitchell County 4-H Horse Club meeting scheduled for January 2 has been cancelled.

Football Yard Signs

All 7th grade through varsity Colorado City football players must turn in their yard signs as soon as possible. The signs were to be taken to the field-house or Wolf Gym as soon as the football season was over. Thanks, Wolves Booster Club.

Colorado ISD

The Colorado Independent School District Tax Office, 1132 Hickory Street, will be closed Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2, 1995.

Driver Education

Driver education classes will begin at Colorado High School on Monday, January 9. There will be a morning and an afternoon class and the cost is \$140. Call Nancy Hanks at Colorado High School, 728-3424.

Overeaters Anonymous

There will be an Overeaters Anonymous meeting at the Roscoe Health Care Center, 201 Cypress, Roscoe, every third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings will be in the lobby.

Alcoholics Anonymous

The Colorado City Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at All Saints Episcopal Church, 3rd and Locust, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Al-Anon

The Colorado City Al-Anon group meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 3rd and Locust.

Mitchell County Hospital Auxiliary

The Mitchell County Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-12 noon and 2-5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 2-5 p.m. All proceeds benefit Mitchell County Hospital.

Community Mission

The Community Mission is in need of furniture—lamps, tables, bed frames, whatever. Call 728-5067 for pick up.

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AROUND TOWN

Happy Anniversary **JESSE & BARBARA MARTINEZ...** **RUBY BRACY** getting organized... **DAVID CASTILLO** mixes Boston coffee... **YVETTE BRITTON** delivery X-mas goodies... **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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Christmas trees to provide a habitat

The Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce and the Colorado City State Park will be collecting your old Christmas trees for recycling by using them to create a new fish habitat in Lake Colorado City.

Pick up points have been designated in Colorado City, Lorraine and Westbrook until January 11.

Trees can be left in trailers located in the parking lots of City National Bank and Mitchell County

problems for the fish if accidentally eaten.

The Chamber adds that it is also important not to turn in trees that have been chemically treated or flocked.

This project will serve to improve the fish habitat at Lake Colorado City as well as reduce the amount of materials going into local landfills.

Habitats such as these trees are targeted toward largemouth bass, crappie and panfish.

Because the lake is man-made it is important to set up artificial habitats for the fish which would not come about naturally.

These habitats will provide fish with places to feed, hide from predators and nest and is intended to maintain and increase the current fish population.

Home Health in Colorado City; south side of Westbrook City Hall; and across from Lorraine City Hall at 201 Main Street.

The Chamber is asking that all trees be completely cleaned of hooks, tinsel and other Christmas decorations that could cause



CITY EMPLOYEES PAT RIDGE AND JULIO GARDNER will be among those working overtime picking up garbage from the holiday weekend. The city is expecting to pick up waste of up to 50 percent over capacity.

New DWI law to go into effect January 1

On January 1, 1995, a new law will go into effect that will save an estimated 100 lives every year in Texas.

Designed to thwart drunk drivers, the Administrative License Revocation (ALR) will automatically suspend the driver's license of anyone caught driving while intoxicated.

Texans for ALR, a coalition of concerned traffic safety organizations, law enforcement agencies, victims' rights groups, insurance companies and other concerned parties announced the new law and a public awareness campaign in a press conference Monday.

The Texas Legislature voted ALR into law during its last session after noting that similar laws are in effect in 37 other states and the District of Columbia.

"It seemed very clear that ALR would save lives," State Senator Judith Zaffirini explained. Zaffirini sponsored the legislation. "It has been an enormous success every-

where it's on the books."

For example, Oklahoma saw a 30 percent reduction in alcohol-related traffic fatalities in 1984, the year after ALR was enacted.

"Minnesota reduced its traffic fatality rate by 50 percent 10 years after implementing ALR," Zaffirini said. "Those results really hit home with us."

Col. James R. Wilson, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said that Texas' roads will be safer because of ALR.

"License suspension as a consequence of drinking and driving should make potential offenders think twice before getting behind the wheel," he said.

Under the new law, if a driver is arrested for DWI and either fails or refuses to take a chemical blood/ breath alcohol test, his license is automatically suspended.

First offenders lose their license for 60 days for failing the test and 90 days for refusing the test.

Repeat offenders lose their license for 120 days for failing the test and 180 days for refusing the test.

Drivers previously suspended for a DWI or intoxication manslaughter conviction lose their licenses for 180 days for failing the test and one year for refusing the test.

The convicted driver must pay a \$100 fee to reinstate his license after the period of suspension.

"ALR is the strongest law a state can enact to save lives by deterring drunk driving. Studies show that the public fears guaran-

teed loss of a license more than the threat of a tough jail sentence or stiff fine," John C. Lawn said.

Lawn is the former chief of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and new chairman of The Century Council, an anti-alcohol abuse organization supported by concerned beer, wine and spirits companies.

"The Council is honored to be a member of Texans for ALR, which helped get this law passed, and to help fund the statewide public information campaign now underway to

boost motorists' awareness that is essential for the law to work to its fullest extent," he said.

ALR has the added benefit of fighting crime without costing the taxpayers money, overcrowding prisons, overloading court dockets or adding to the state budget.

It is a self-supportive program, fully funded by the license reinstatement fees of the convicted drivers.

And according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, ALR will save Texas as much

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Postal rates to increase

The United States Postal Service will again be raising its rates effective January 1 to help cover costs of delivering the mail.

A spokesman for the Colorado City Post Office said postal rates are reviewed every four years and are raised based on inflation within the national economy.

On Jan. 1, the cost to mail a first class letter will go up from 29 cents to 32 cents. The cost to mail a post card will increase a penny, from 19 cents to 20 cents.

Priority mail up to two pounds will be increased to \$3 from \$2.90. Overnight and Express Mail for items up to eight ounces will be increased from \$9.95 to \$10.75.

Certified mail will be increased by 10 cents, going up from \$1 to \$1.10.

Money orders will also be affected by the postal increases, going up from 75 cents to 85 cents.

Local postal employees have been questioned about the new rates and the Colorado City Post Office has already received numerous calls concerning the increased prices.

The postal rate system is expected to be reviewed again in 1998 and rates may once again rise in 1999 to meet the expected inflationary rate.



THIS FOUNTAIN AT THE AMPHITHEATER IN RUDDICK PARK was at one time thought to be an area used to plant flowers. The city soon hopes to have the structure in working condition.

Discoveries made at amphitheater

In preparation for the upcoming bluegrass festival, city personnel have been working to get the amphitheater in Ruddick Park ready and have made several interesting discoveries on the site.

While cleaning the area, work crews have uncovered stone steps, walkways and what used to be a working fountain.

According to Walter Mitchell, the park's caretaker, the theater was built during the Depression as a source of entertainment for local citizens, but as time went on the amphitheater slowly fell into neglect.

"I would say it was around 1930 when all that stone was laid out," he said. "It's really sentimental for

me and I guess the reason I can remember so much is because my daddy helped build the walls and that arch out there [in Ruddick Park]."

In the 1950s, Mitchell said, he could remember a local talent show that was held in the amphitheater almost every Friday night.

"I tell you the community had some real talent then," he said.

Until the recent discovery of the fountain, many citizens thought that the area was simply used to plant flowers, Mitchell said.

After digging up the site and discovering the fountain, Mitchell said he hopes to have it operational soon.

"What I would really like is to

see the amphitheater looking like it did when it was first built," he said.

"When I first started working as caretaker every thing had been neglected for years," Mitchell said. "I'd like to see the park get back to where it was years ago."

In preparation for the festival the city will also add a roof to the back porch of the old caretaker's house in the park, complete the installment of hook-ups for trailers and RVs, and trying to eliminate the grass burrs in the area.

Mitchell added that it would take a few years to totally rid the park of grass burrs, but that in January or February the elimination process would begin.

Minor incidents occur over holiday weekend

Although the Christmas holiday was quiet for most, mischief occurred at both Kelley Elementary and Colorado Middle Schools last weekend.

Kelley was vandalized when 13 windows were broken causing approximately \$150 in damage.

According to Colorado City

Police Lieutenant Pat Taylor, there are currently no leads on who may have broken the windows.

The band hall at Colorado Middle School was broken into during the weekend and thieves stole a compact disc player and caused damage to a window.

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Ad valorem tax may rise

Council members recently voted to raise ad valorem taxes, if necessary, to help pay back the \$7.1 million loan recently granted to the city by the Texas Water and Development Board.

The approval of the raise in taxes is in addition to the recent ordinance calling for new water and sewer rates should they become necessary.

City Manager Steve Shutt said

the resolutions were necessary "in order to guarantee that we would have enough revenue to make payments over our scheduled 20 years of debt."

The increased ad valorem taxes would help to provide for payment of approximately 75 percent of the bond issue, he added.

Currently, the ad valorem tax is 41 cents, but effective October 1995 the rate will be increased 23

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Head coach to be named

Superintendent of Schools Russell Merket said he anticipates having a new head coach appointed by January 3, when he will take his choice to the Colorado ISD Board of Trustees for approval.

Merket said he has narrowed down the applicants from 45 to five, all but one of whom have completed the interviewing process.

Last week Merket had chosen two candidates to be interviewed and has since added three more applicants to the final cut.

The final candidates are all former or current serving as head coaches for high schools in West Texas.

Merket added that board

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OBITUARIES

Frances Robertson Zmeskal

Services for Frances Robertson Zmeskal, 72, were scheduled for 4 p.m. Wednesday at Wheeler Funeral Home, El Campo. Mrs. Zmeskal died Sunday, December 25, 1994 at her home. Survivors include one son, William Fred Zmeskal of Corpus Christi; two daughters, Betty Jo Musick and Ann Herring of Louise, Texas; three sisters, Betty Lou Schroeder of Fairfield, Calif., Lillie Belle of Coahoma and Bonnie Dodson of Louise; two brothers, M.D. Robertson of Coahoma and Vernice Robertson of Louise. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jeffie Robertson and Thomas Robertson.

Thomas Castillo

1905-1994

Services for Thomas Castillo, 89, of Colorado City are scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church, Colorado City, with Rev. Sammy Contreras and Rev. Reyes Franco officiating. Burial will be in Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home. Mr. Castillo died December 27, 1994 at Mitchell County Hospital. He was born January 22, 1905 in Lockhart, Texas. He married Ester Rivas on October 9, 1927 in Bastrop, Texas. Mr. Castillo had been a resident of Colorado City since 1946. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife Ester Castillo of Colorado City; two sons, Johnny Castillo and Tommy Castillo, both of Colorado City; four daughters, Sally Martinez of Colorado City, Caroline Campos of Mesquite, Hortense Sanchez of Colorado City and Ruth Orona of Denton; two brothers, Jim Castillo of Madison, Wis. and Bill Castillo of Brownfield; one sister, Maria Garza of Goodland, Kan.; 27 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Kathy Shannon Mackey

1949-1994

Services for Kathy Shannon Mackey, 45, of Snyder, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Bell-Cybert-Seale Funeral Home with Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cybert-Seale Funeral Home. Mrs. Mackey died Monday at her home following a lengthy illness. She was born August 17, 1949 in Stephenville and married Tommy Mackey in February 1990 in Snyder. She had been a Snyder resident since 1966, working in convenience store management positions. She was a Baptist. Survivors include her husband, Tommy Mackey of Lubbock; one son, Jason Shannon of Snyder; one daughter, Kim Rollins of Snyder; her mother, Marie Gemes of Snyder; two sisters, Glenda McKinney of Snyder and Susan Walls of Colorado City; two stepsons, James Mackey and Steven Mackey, both of Lubbock; one stepdaughter, Gina Mackey of Lubbock and four grandchildren.

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COACH

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members will have the opportunity to question the final candidate at the called board meeting on January 3. CISD's head coaching position was left vacant last month when Mark Howeth submitted his resignation to the board noting that there were differences of opinion between some board members and himself.

DWI

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as \$85 million a year in direct and societal costs (medical, insurance and lost productivity). The public information campaign includes billboards, posters, TV and radio public service announcements, brochures, a law enforcement training tape and a DPS toll-free number, 1-800-394-9913 for information. The campaign is being funded by The Century Council and members of Texans for ALR in cooperation with the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Department of Transportation and Texas MADD.

MISCHIEF

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Taylor said the estimated damage and loss of property was about \$300. "We have all the identification numbers on the property, so if anyone tries to sell it we'll be able to trace it," he said. "The best thing for whoever took [the CD player] to do is to return it to the school." Schools were not the only victims of mischief this weekend as a shelter at Ruddick Park was toppled by vandals. According to Colorado City Police Department figures, vandalism in the city has increased almost 45 percent this year, averaging out to one crime of vandalism every three days within city limits. At the end of November, 98 cases of vandalism have been filed. By comparison, last year's total of reported vandalism incidents was 65. According to Police Chief David Montgomery the increased vandalism is causing tax dollars targeted for other areas to be spent cleaning up and repairing items that otherwise would not need repair. "These people are wasting tax dollars," he said. "What they don't realize is that they're hurting themselves, because it's their tax dollars being spent on this kind of stuff."

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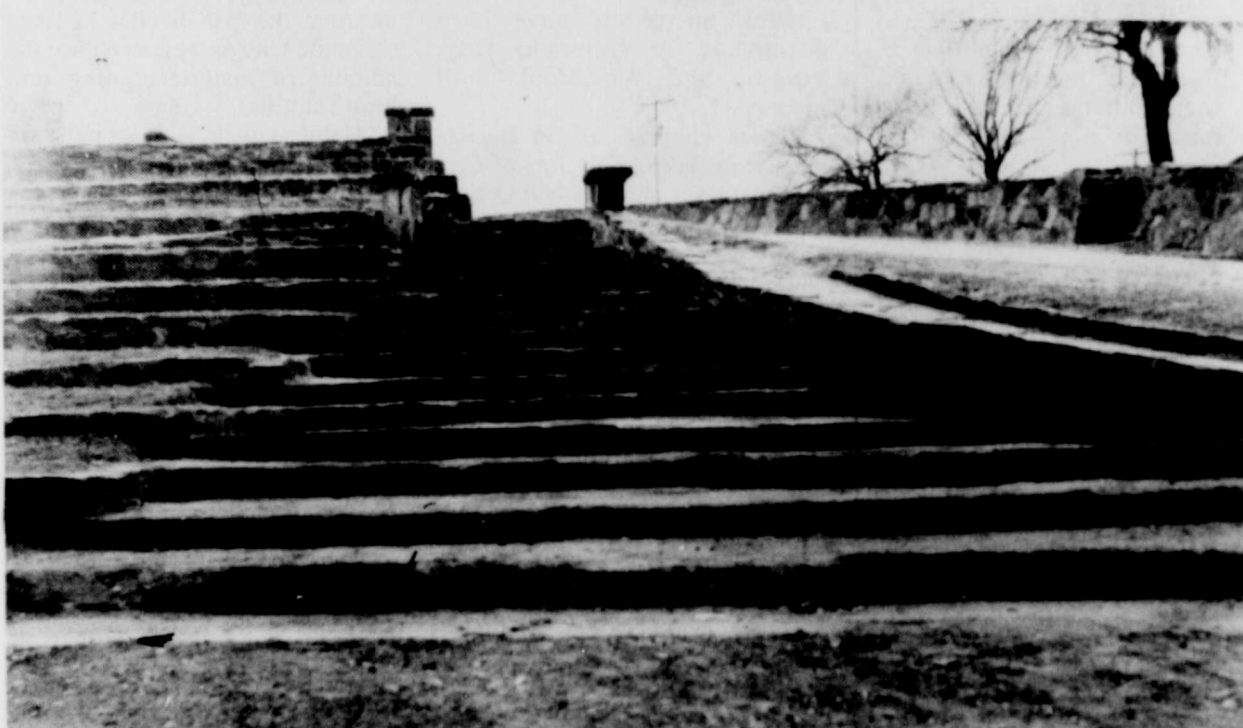
TAXES

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cents to 64 cents. If necessary, the tax would increase an additional 10 cents in October 1996 to 74 cents. Shutt emphasized that these increases will be put into effect as necessary and may not be needed, depending on what is found when the effectiveness of the water and sewer project is studied. "Depending on how revenue efficient the new system becomes, we may not even need the increased ad valorem taxes," he said. He added that he believed the rate increases for water and sewer usage would be necessary for the first few years of the loan. "It really depends on the growth factor of the community," he said. "If the city's revenue from the new system grows, then the rate increases may not even be necessary."



LOCAL CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DONATE their Christmas trees in trailers like this one, found at City National Bank. The trees will be used to create artificial habitats for fish in Lake Colorado City.



THESE STEPS WERE UNCOVERED WHILE CITY EMPLOYEES were cleaning the area around the amphitheater. Many of these stone steps had been buried in the dirt for years.

Bingo fees total \$897 for Mitchell County

Charitable bingo prize fees for the third quarter of 1994 totalled \$897 for local government in Mitchell County, Nora Linares, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission, said last week. The allocations cover prize fees paid by charitable bingo players in Mitchell County for July, August and September of this year. Cities and counties that have imposed the local-option fee receive a quarterly payment equal to five percent of the prizes won by bingo players in their jurisdictions. The payments were part of the nearly \$2.7 million in prize fees allocated to Texas cities and counties this month. All told, 69 county governments received \$1,430,503 in prize fees, and 127 city governments received \$1,265,971. The largest single allocation of prize fees for the third quarter was \$218,564 to Dallas County. The remainder of the top five is:

- Tarrant County, \$161,887.
- Harris County, \$158,144.
- City of Dallas, \$140,720.
- Bexar County, \$115,814.

The Texas Lottery Commission assumed regulatory responsibility for Charitable Bingo in this state on April 1, 1994.

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FIVE GENERATIONS. Mary Russell, center, of Valley Fair Lodge, is surrounded by her family, Lula Leach of Colorado City and Jimmy, Jessica and Micaela Ramon, all of Mansfield, Texas.

News from...

MITCHELL COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

By Joe Raff

The Southern Mesa Cotton Conference will be held on January 16, 1995 at the Dawson County Annex Building, 609 North First Street in Lamesa. This conference will take the place of the traditional Cotton Information Day.

There will be five CEUs offered and the cost of the full-day event will be \$15 if registered before January 9 and \$20 after January 9.

The Southern Mesa Cotton Conference is a direct result of producer requested educational programming. The 1995 conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas Agriculture.

There will be information on the latest production technology for dryland production, insect control, weed control and water management of cotton.

Top-quality speakers from across

the Cotton Belt and the South Plains area will make presentations concerning current research production trials. Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers.

Among the speakers will be Congressman Charles Stenholm; Dr. Mark Lange, Director of Economic Services, National Cotton Council; Woody Anderson, Chairman, Texas Boll Weevil Foundation; Dr. Dan Krieg of Texas Tech University and Dr. Billy Warrick, Texas A&M.

Also included will be Dr. Kater Hake, Extension Agronomist-Cotton, Texas Agriculture Extension Service; Adam Ballinger, publisher, *Fiber News* magazine of Memphis, Tenn.; Randy Rivera, Texas Department of Agriculture, Lubbock and Paulette Zakrzewski, legislative analyst and lobbyist, National Cotton Council, Washington, D.C.

Preregistration forms may be picked up at the Mitchell County Extension Office in the courthouse annex building. The forms must be sent to the Dawson County Extension Office before January 9 with \$15 or after January 9 with \$20.

Again, this conference is worth five CEUs. I'm sure that many of you have received letters from TDA reminding you that your license is about to expire. Please plan to attend this meeting and/or two other meetings in Crosbyton (call Greg Jones at 806-675-2347) and Olton (call Monty Dozier at 806-385-4004).

If you have any questions about the Southern Mesa Cotton Conference, call me at the Extension Office at 728-3111.

CHIEF LONE WOLF

BY JIM BAUM

In early January of 1994, MARI KOLMAN stopped her car at 3rd and Chestnut Streets, got out, walked to the center of the street and picked up a piece of glass, then tossed it where a motorist wouldn't get a punctured tire. Such a nice gesture. I decided right then to duly note every such instance of service to mankind, then report it in this final column of the year. I don't know why I stopped with that one act.

This being the case, by memory, for the third consecutive year, it's been a pleasure to give kudos to friends who in one way or another helped make the year a little brighter. (Not everyone, you understand, but quite a few.)

First, there was the aforementioned Mari. Also, thank you to CONNIE SIMPSON, INEZ HOWELL and SHIRLEY GRIMES, as well as others, who work so hard supporting the Lioness Club blood drives. Thanks JUNIOR SADLER for answering so many questions about Colorado City. Ditto MOMMA OYLER. Thanks STEVE MANNING for your interest in Mitchell County history. (You know, Steve, you would make a good county chairman. I think I'll put a bug in JUDGE RAY MAYO's ear.)

Thank you DORIS MCCLELLAN for your interest in preserving the history of the Spade community. Along those same lines, thank you JOHN BELL for the map of Westbrook during an earlier time. And thanks to IDA MAE KEITH SHAWN of San Angelo for your letter which gave a guided tour of downtown Colorado City.

Then there's VERDA HARDEGREE; thanks for your help on a government test. To DON BROWNE, thanks for the "thumbs up" signal! Thanks also to S.R. WILKINSON, ROBIN HAMMOND, LYNN HARGROVE, PAT MCKINNEY and PRESTON BURCHARD for commenting on the Lone Wolf columns. (Five readers and growing! Well, six if you count my son DOUG, who lives in Nashville. But, EARL PLAGENS makes me buy Doug's subscription to the *Record*, so that's like paying people to read my epistles.)

To DOTTIE ACUFF, thanks for your service to the city. To WALT STAATS, thanks for being fair in trading baseball cards with me. To ELSIE BENDELE, who always has a friendly, *buenos dias*.

Come to think about it, thanks to BILL BARLOW for being upbeat and to SCOTTIE EDGE for not complaining, although he's reached an age he may have an ache or two.

Thanks to the MITCHELL COUNTY MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE for the community-wide Thanksgiving service. We need that. And thanks to good ol' SUE SEWELL for pitchin' in and really getting involved in community activities.

And hasn't it been refreshing to have two newcomers like prison Warden RODNEY COOPER and Assistant Warden JACKIE EDWARDS move into the community and fit in like they've lived here all their lives. (P.S. Jackie: BOB REILY says he can take you either in a marathon or in wrestling.)

Actually, we've had any number of TDCJ personnel really contribute locally. Mitchell County is awfully fortunate.

Thanks to RAY RITCHEY, chairman of the local cotton producers (and all other producers) for taking a bold step in deciding to fight the boll weevil.

Thanks to LIZ CONNELL for a cake, MIKE FLORES for a watermelon and WELDON McMILLAN for blackeyed peas. We also appreciate the help we received from WAYNE OLIVER and BILL CROCKETT in writing the column about Loraine's Lions Club. Thanks to PATRICK PARKER for alerting us to the story about the Beehive Saloon shootout.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

In response to a letter in Saturday's paper, I, too, want to express my appreciation and gratitude for a job well done and a program well prepared by the entire school system, staff and students [and] for their devotion in recognition of the V.F.W. Post 9178 on Veterans Day.

Within the V.F.W. there is no high authority; the authority lies with its members. Some are elected or appointed to perform a specific duty.

Authority is the unity, loyalty and respect that we have for this great organization, of which I am honored to be a member.

I was elected and sworn in 8 December 1994 as Quartermaster. I

will serve the membership with honesty, dignity and respect, not authority which I don't have, "so help me God." One member, one vote.

Respectfully,
Leon S. Devorce

Dear Editor:

To the people at the mission and the V.F.W. who helped the people of Colorado City during Christmas: may their hearts be filled with glory.

We appreciate [their help] a lot Shirley Stafford did a great blessing.

Thanks to everyone who took part.

Bobby Joe McDowell

Ditto BOBBY RHEA and GLADYS HOWARD for stories about the Lone Wolf Drive-In. *Mucho gracias* to STAN MOORE, JAY MCCOLLUM and TANDY CURLEE for breakfasts delivered from the Methodist Men's meetings.

Thanks to BOBBY ORNELAS for doing his job with a smile. Thanks to JUDGE BILL CARTER for the enjoyable hour of just visiting. The same could be said for a fun time talking to former sheriff LEWIS CLAXTON, just shootin' the bull, last March. I never dreamed it would be our final such bull session.

How about BONNIE BOONE, the Colorado City songbird? She drove all the way from Dallas to Midland last summer to represent our town by singing the national anthem. The occasion was Colorado City Night at Angels Stadium. You made us all proud, BONNIE. (And thanks to GOLDA REDWINE for encouraging Bonnie.)

Colorado City was also represented at that baseball game by BIM RITCHEY, who demonstrated his skill with a Frisbee. Bim won an ice cream cone! (Big deal.)

We have to say thanks to SHORTY BOYD for teaching JORY MARTIN how to drive a car. (Or maybe JORY taught SHORTY. Ask MIKE HALLOWAY about that one.)

We want to thank LINDEN SOLOMAN for his help on the Lone Wolf *bracero* column...and thanks to PHYLLIS LANE for her unselfish work with the Cancer Society and the same to MARION CRADDOCK for her efforts with the cancer support group.

We thoroughly enjoyed the cowboy stories we heard from WRIGHT HOCK and FRED MCCLELLAN. (Still need more cowboy stories, though.)

Thanks to SARAH SMITH and GUS ARMSTRONG for the Friday night music at the Villa. (Wish Gus would sing, too.) Thanks to HENRY HOYLE for an all-expense-paid trip to Old Laramie several years ago.

And thanks to ODIE WISE who says he thinks he can find the buried silver out near Westbrook and he's offered to take me with him when he unearths the treasure. (This may be my last year to work for a living!)

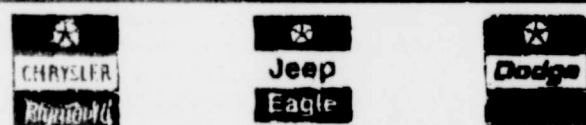
Thanks to MARY LLOYD for her "Tart talking" story at the Oldtimers Reunion this year; to HOWARD QUIETT for his down home country preachin' and to BUDDY CRABTREE for services rendered, thank you.

To BRYAN LEMMER, Lions Club taitwister, thanks, period. (P.S. TOM REES was late again at last week's meeting, Bryan.) To TOMMY DIXON, thanks for all the old photographs you didn't give me.

To LEEANN RAMAGE, thanks for the chauffeur service during the Christmas parade. (It was tough on me, but someone had to ride in a Corvette with a good lookin' woman driving.)

To MARY ANN MCCLOUD, thanks for your interest and encouragement in restoring the Baker Hotel.

Lastly, thank you MR. and MRS. SANTA for turning a watermelon into an electric train. I've never been so surprised in all my life. Excuse me now while I turn out the light so I can see the engine's headlight in the dark.



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LORAINE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

BY BESSIE ANN VAUGHN

"Hello, Wilma. I'm here with a heavy heart. I've been debating with myself all morning as to whether I should tell you what I saw at Mayfield's yesterday, since it does involve Charlie and Mary Beth Kroger."

"Now, Weegie, if this is just gossip, I'm going to run you out of town on a mule. You hear me, girl?"

"No, no, Wilma. I saw them both over by the nuts and bolts section with my very own baby blue eyes."

"Your eyes will be black, Weegie, if you're just making all this up."

"Well, there was Mary Beth leaning way over the table, far enough over for Charlie's face to turn red. Her sweater was real tight and she was kinda batting her eyes, smiling sweetly and giggling, then Charlie said he would meet her at 10 o'clock the next morning. It looked like they had something going on, Wilma. You know what I mean?"

"Yes, Weegie, you're about as subtle as spit."

"I know what to do, Wilma. I'll follow them in the morning and see where they go, then I'll call you. Well, it's not that I don't trust Charlie—but Mary Beth?"

"All right, Weegie. Call me right away."

(At 10:20 the next morning the doorbell rings. Wilma opens the door and there stands Weegie.)

"Well, what are you doing here, you dingbat? You're supposed to be following Charlie and Mary Beth!"

"Ahem—well—ah—ha—well—aha—well, this is where I followed them to, right to your front door, Wilma. They are out at the corral looking at the pony. Mary Beth wants to buy it for her little boy for Christmas."

"Weegie, you come in here, right this minute!"

"No, that's all right, Wilma. I can get on that mule and ride out of town all by myself."

"See you next year!"

The Grady Mitchells had all their children home for Christmas—Raynard and Judy Macha from Lackney, Herman and Penny from Loraine, David came from college in San Angelo, plus Henry, Lisa and Mandy Mitchell. Elnora said they had a wonderful holiday.

Doug Bell and his sons Cody and Lance from San Angelo, along with Donnie and Judy Brown and Ben from Snyder visited with Billie Ruth Abernathy and Julia Green during Christmas.

Jack and Mary Love Allbright from Odessa came last Friday the 23rd for Sybil Walker.

Sybil went home with the Allbrights and had a good three-day visit. She visited with other family members, went to church and had a wonderful Christmas.

Kenneth Brame from Salt Lake City, Utah and Steve and Debbie Zabica, along with Joshua from San Angelo visited with Margaret Brame over the Christmas holidays.

At home over the Christmas holidays with Irene Kidd were Bill and Barbara Long, Brandon Long, Rhonda Tompkins and granddaughter Kelsea Tompkins, all from Savannah, Ga.

Annie Bell Jones from Loraine was there to enjoy family and friends. Also, there were Clovis and Jean Hale from Dallas, Jo Bill and Janette Hale, along with Cody Dane and Dusty Hale from Austin and Irene's brother, M.K. Chandler and wife Morine Hale from Snyder.

Zelma Crenshaw had her son Bobby and his wife Sondra Crenshaw from Odessa, along with Joe and Vickie Gamez from Sweetwater and Bobbie and Wanza Graham from Loraine for Christmas dinner.

Helping to make a wonderful Christmas for Joy Dickenson were her children Kenneth and Ann Robey and grandsons Brandon and Brian, all from Midland.

Iris Preston celebrated the holiday with her children Harold and Susan, Matt and Ben, all from Hardin Simmons in Abilene.

Bill Preston and his family want to wish one and all a Happy New Year and good things to come.

Tharon and Doris Henderson had Brad and Pennie Henderson, Ashley and Morgan from Midland and Jay Henderson from San Angelo, along with Pauline Smiley, for the Christmas holiday celebration.

Verlie Liles and other family members spent Christmas in Midland. Verlie has two daughters and three grandchildren to celebrate with.

"Senior Center News" On Wednesday the 21st, just prior to the noon meal, we had wonderful singing by Gloria and Heather Lucas, and accompanying them on piano was Vida Mae McDaniel.

Rick Lucas accompanied his family and they had lunch with us. We hope they can come again soon.

Ham and Blondie had the pleasure of their granddaughter Charity Cain's company a few days before and during Christmas. We at the center have watched her grow and it's always nice to see her.

We will miss the Duboses as they have gone to South Texas for the winter. If we have one, they plan to stay about three months.

Lily McGee brought one of her leather straps or whips to the center to deliver to someone. She does such a nice job making them. It is an interesting piece of handicraft.

The board of directors, the manager and all the members of the Loraine Senior Center want to wish everyone a happy new year! Please plan on joining us often during 1995—we think you will enjoy a hot, nutritious meal and the social time with friends and neighbors.

Enjoying Christmas with Royce and Neysa Beights were grandson Justin Hughes and his friends Jami Robertson and Stephanie Spears, all students from Texas Tech; Tracy, a daughter from Lubbock, along with Lloyd, Natalie and Morgan Biles, daughter Renee Rogers and Zachery from Garland and grandmother Lula Lefevre from Loraine.

Also coming to the Beights' home from Lubbock were Jim, Terry, Aaron and Jordan Thomous; Bill and Lela Bowles from Rule; Carroll, Joy and Brandon from Waco; Bill and Jo Ellen Hart from San Antonio and Chester Hart from Colorado City.

Next week the Royce Beights' will go to Garland to be with Renee while she has surgery. And this weekend they will babysit with granddaughters Natalie and Morgan while their parents attend the Texas Tech-USC football game at the Cotton Bowl.

"Saga of the Green Snake" George Akin was explaining to some old buddies why he was in the hospital.

He said his wife had brought a bunch of potted plants and hanging baskets into the house to keep them from freezing and it happened that a little green snake had hidden himself in one of those plants and it got carried inside.

When the snake warmed up, it came slithering out of the potted plant and went under the sofa. George's wife, Eva, saw it and let out a great scream.

George was taking a bath at the time but leaped out of the tub and ran naked to see what his wife was screaming about.

Eva told him a snake was under the sofa. So he got down on the floor to look for it and along came his dog, who cold-nosed him.

He thought it was the snake and fainted.

Eva thought he had had a heart attack and called an ambulance.

The attendants rushed in, loaded George onto the stretcher and started to carry him out.

About that time the little green snake came slithering under the sofa and the ambulance men saw it, dropped the stretcher and broke George's leg, and that's why he was in the hospital.

Well, with her husband in the hospital with a broken leg and a snake under the couch, Eva went next door to enlist the aid of a neighbor who had the reputation of being a great outdoorsman. He had camped out with the Cub Scouts last summer.

His wife was at the grocery store and he volunteered to corral the snake.

Armed with a rolled up newspaper, he took a few swishes under the couch and declared that the snake had vacated the premises.

"Thank goodness," declared Eva,

plopping down off the sofa. As her hand dropped to the cushions, it brushed a small, scaly skin, which she immediately realized was her snake.

Screaming, she fainted dead away on the couch as the snake slithered quickly back to the floor and underneath the couch.

Realizing that something needed to be done, the outdoorsman drew upon his meager knowledge of first aid and remembered a demonstration of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation he'd seen.

So, he pushed Eva's head back into proper position and, just as he started the first breath, in ran his wife, carrying a sackful of canned goods she'd had in her arms when she'd heard the screams.

Seeing her husband mouth to mouth with the neighbor woman on the sofa, she immediately slammed the heavy sack across the top of his head.

The crash, scattering cans, brought the fainted Eva up with a start.

She saw the neighbor lying on the floor and his wife bending over him. Eva was sure he was snake-bitten and ran to the kitchen for a bottle of medicinal whiskey, which she started trying to pour down his throat.

His wife, beginning to regret hitting him with the sack, was subdued but did manage to wrestle the whiskey bottle away from Eva, sloshing some on both of them in the process.

About that time, two policemen, summoned by another neighbor after hearing screams and a crash, walked in.

After a sniff of the whiskey aroma from the man and women, the officers listened politely as both women, talking at once, explained

about how a snake had caused it all.

The policemen left with the ambulance that took the still unconscious outdoorsman neighbor with a terrible head wound along with his sobbing wife, who kept telling him she was sorry she hit him on the head with her canned goods.

So now Eva was left there at home and George was still in the hospital with a broken leg.

Eva was not alone, though, because under her sofa was a very scared little green snake.

Doris Henderson reports from City Hall to please deposit your "green" Christmas trees in a trailer directly across from City Hall on the corner of GTE property in Loraine. This will save our landfill space. Trees will be deposited in Lake Colorado City for needed fish habitat.

You may want to resolve to lose weight this year if you hear someone say behind your back:

1. He's fat as a boarding house

- cat.
2. He's fat as a town cat.
3. He's so big he sits down in shifts.
4. She's as big as Dallas.
5. He's big enough to bear hunt with a branch.
6. He's all spread out like a cold supper.
7. She's wide as two axe handles.
8. She'd rather shake than rattle.
- After you've lost a lot of weight you might hear:
1. She's so thin she wears her bra on backwards and it fits.
2. She's frying size.
3. He is scrawny as Ace Reid cattle.
4. She's as thin as Depression soup.
5. She's so skinny you could give her a big red and use her for a thermometer.
6. She's so skinny she shades herself under the clothesline.
7. He has nothing between the horns and hooves but hide.

Happy New Year to all our readers—take good care and see you about town.

HOSPITAL REPORT

Admissions

December 22; Robert Cantu III, Medical. December 23; Janet Worley, Day Surgery. Donald Browne, Observation. Juanita Garcia, Loraine, Medical. Peggy Gonzalez, OBS. Charlie Hart, Medical. Ruby Jenkins, Observation. Lola Inez Oliver, Medical.

December 24; Murray Clark Jones, Medical. December 25; Tammy Ceballos, Medical. Fannie Mickle, Loraine, Medical. December 26; Nancy Gutierrez, Observation.

Dismissals

December 23; Rosa Inez Hock, Swingbed. Carrie Perkins, Medical. Janet Worley, Day Surgery. M.L. Hestand, Medical. Donald Browne, Observation. December 24; Charlie Hart, Medical. Ruby Jenkins, Observation. December 25; Murray Clark Jones, Medical. Robert Cantu III, Medical. Thomas Lewis, Medical. Frances W. Martin, Medical. December 26; Edgar Rogers, Medical. Peggy Gonzalez, OBS. Eva Wallis, Medical. Fannie Mickle, Medical.

OIL & GAS NEWS

A new producer has been brought on line in Mitchell County's Sharon Ridge Field, with Threshold Development Co. as the operator.

Located 10 miles northwest of Colorado City, the well is designated as the No. 9 L.A. Strain.

It pumped 24 barrels of oil per day plus 50 barrels of water. The well bottomed at 1,706 feet and will produce from perforations at 1,512 to 1,620 feet into the hole.

After being labeled as a dry hole, the No. 121 Mary Foster has been recompleted by Parker and Parsley Development Co. in Mitchell County's East Iatan Howard Field, four miles southwest of Iatan.

The well pumped two barrels of oil per day plus 550 barrels of water. Production was from the San Andres/Clear Fork Formation, 2,314 to 3,012 feet into the hole.

Kidd Oil and Gas has plugged and abandoned an unsuccessful new pool wildcat in Mitchell County.

14.2 miles northwest of Westbrook. The well was spudded on September 18 and was drilled to total depth of 8,351 feet. It was known as the No. 2 Betty.

Parker and Parsley Development Co. has given up on its efforts to make producers out of the No. 144 and No. 71 Mary Foster in Mitchell County's East Iatan Howard Field. Locations are nine miles southwest of Westbrook.

Spudded on August 29 and September 15, the wells probed to

dry bottoms at 3,330 and 2,794 feet, respectively.

The No. 4 Wallace has been written off as a dry hole in Mitchell County's Hettie Field, 15 miles southeast of Loraine.

Drilling got underway on May 31 and went to total depth of 7,905 feet with no commercial prospects. The well will be plugged and abandoned.

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