

Christmas Parade Set Thursday At 4:00 p.m.



EDWARD AND LORRETTA BARRENTINE WITH CHRISTINA MARIE



ED AND MARY THOMPSON WITH PAUL EDWARD

Area residents are urged to make plans now to attend the annual Christmas Parade in Talco Thursday, Dec. 13, at 4:00 p.m. The parade will launch the official start of the Christmas shopping season, and is sponsored by the Talco Chamber of Commerce.

Santa Claus will be in the parade and will have candy for the children.

All persons entering floats, decorated cars, or who will participate in the parade in any way are asked to be at City Hall. The parade will go

from City Hall, then downtown and back to City Hall.

All business houses, clubs, churches and school organizations are urged to enter floats or cars in the parade, and should notify the parade marshalls, David Hudson and R. W. Giddens at the Talco City Hall.

Six prizes will be awarded to the best cars and floats in the parade, with \$25 set for the first prize in each category, \$15 for the second prize, and \$10 for the third prize.

Letters To Santa Published

The Talco Times, Bogata News and Deport Times will publish Letters to Santa Claus in the Christmas Edition, Dec. 20. Letters will be published in all three newspapers, regardless of origin, according to Bob Wright, publisher.

P. O. Box 306, Bogata, Texas 75417, or The Talco Times, P. O. Box 157, Talco, Texas 75487, or The Deport Times, P. O. Box 98, Deport, Texas 75435.

Talco, Bogata, Rivercrest School Menu

December 10-14
MONDAY

Sloppy Joes
Seasoned beans
Cabbage slaw
Coconut cake
½ pt. milk

TUESDAY

Veg. beef stew - crackers
Assorted sandwiches
Fruit cup
¼ pt. milk

WEDNESDAY

3 oz. fish portion,
tarta sauce
English peas
Potato salad
Hot rolls
Peanut butter & jelly
1 pt. milk

THURSDAY

Meat balls w brown gravy
Mashed potatoes
Tossed green salad
Hot rolls
Jello
½ pt. milk

FRIDAY

Hamburgers
Potato chips
Seasoned pinto beans
Lettuce & tomatoes
Ice cream
½ pt. milk

TALCO TALK

By Joyce Alexander

MY APOLOGY to Mrs. L. Reed, Mrs. J. C. McGonagil and Mrs. Minnie Lee Gibson. In last week's paper I sent Minnie Lee Gibson off visiting with Mrs. Reed to Hagansport when Marie McGonagil was the one I should have sent. MY FIRST MISTAKE!!!!

The J. J. Smiths are going to California in style—Did you see their pretty new 1974 Le Sabre Buick? The old fashion button hook that Mr. Smith always carries around probably went right along in his pocket to see if those Californians would know what one was. The Smiths aren't going just to enjoy the California sun. Mrs. Smith is going to enjoy her children and grandchildren and Mr. Smith is going to WORK—in a POODLE PARLOR NO LESS.

Good to see Steve Cecil home during the week end after taking sick at school and was taken to the hospital last week.

Mrs. Swope and Don are going to save on the heating fuel this winter by putting new aluminum windows in their home.

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Clements are having a dining area added to their house. Mrs. Clements said it wasn't because they had all that much to eat, but they just didn't have enough elbow room to eat what they did have.

Have heard more compliments about the pretty front door to the Jody Morse new home.

Talco Boys Second In Tournament

After falling behind, 10-4 in the first quarter, the Talco Trojans fought back to defeat Hart's Bluff Bulldogs 34-33 in the opening game of the tournament Thursday, Nov. 29. Leading the scoring for Talco was Marton Savage with 11 points, Kip Stansell hit for 9, Ricky Franks and Elvin Hines had 6 each and Chris Potter added 4. Kip Stansell's 8 rebounds and Ricky Franks

5 steals helped Talco to advance to semi-finals against Bogata.

Talco advanced to the finals by defeating Bogata 38-32 in Saturday's game. Leading the seeking attack for Talco was Kip Stansell with 16 points, Marlon Savage and Jay Morgan added 7 and 6 points. Ricky Franks led all rebounds with 8. High pointer for Bogata was Milton *cales with 19 points.

In the boys' championship game it was Talco 14—Como Pickton 50. Talco couldn't get things going against a strong Como-Pickton team and lost by a lop sided 50-14 Saturday night. Big Craig Fletcher poured in 25 points to lead Como to the championship. Kip Stansell was high for Talco hitting for 6 points in their losing cause. Marlon Savage was named to the all tournament team for Talco.

In the boy's division Como-Pickton won 1st, Talco 2nd and Consolation, Detroit.

Girl's Division

In the girl's division Detroit won 1st, Bogata 2nd, and Chapel Hill won Consolation.

Talco Girls were defeated by a convincing 48-18 by Hart's Bluff in the opening round of the Winfield tournament. Talco trailed 11-8 at the end of the first quarter then Hart's Bluff went to work. Ladonna Woolsey hit 14 points for Talco.

Bogata lost a hard fought game to Detroit 56, Bogata 53 in two overtimes to take 2nd place. Pam Rogers and Karen Pirtle were selected to the all tournament team for Bogata.

Two Area Couples Adopt Infants In November

Two area couples adopted babies in November, both through different sources and

without knowledge of the other's efforts to adopt.

matched with the child during the initial home visit.

Market Activity Increases

Market activity increased in Central Texas and on the Texas Plains during the week, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA. Elsewhere in the Western Region, activity remained about the same level as previous weeks. Both foreign and domestic mill inquiries increased.

Mill purchases, however, were generally limited to cotton for prompt delivery.

Spot cotton prices fluctuated during the week but ended the week higher. Harvesting efforts continued to make good progress in most locations. Rain slowed the harvest in portions of nearly all Western Region states for short periods of time during the week.

The pastor of the First Baptist Church in Deport, Edward Barrentine and his wife, Loretta, adopted Christina Marie Barrentine through Buckner's Orphan's Home in San Antonio. She was born Nov. 7, the Barrentines were notified on Nov. 12, and picked her up on Nov. 13. She weighed 9 lbs. and 11½ ounces. The Barrentines had no waiting period, and were

Ed and Mary Thompson of Bogata, however, have been married for 17 years and had been trying to adopt for six of those years. Paul Edward Thompson was born Nov. 20, weighed 6 lbs. and 13 ounces, and was picked up by his parents Nov. 21. He was adopted through a physician. Thompson is employed by the TTT Hereford Ranch in Bogata.

Gun Auctioned At Parade By P.T.O.

The Talco P.T.O. met Tuesday evening, Nov. 27, in the school auditorium. The program presented was on the schedule and process of teaching grades kindergarten through the third grade.

A gun has been purchased to raffle away at the Christmas parade Dec. 13. The second grade won three dollars for having the highest room count.

After the meeting adjourned, refreshments were served in the cafeteria by the second grade room mothers.

Rivercrest Wins Consolation At North Lamar Tournament

Rivercrest varsity boys lost to Sulphur Springs Nov. 27, 64 to 59, with J. T. Morgan high for Rivercrest with seven free throws and three field goals for 17 points. Other scorers included Rickey Joe Norman with seven field goals and one free throw for 15 points, and Terry Giddens with six field goals for 12 points. High score for Sulphur Springs was M. Wright with 23 points.

Friday afternoon Rivercrest beat Prairiland 91 to 66 in Consolation play. Terry Giddens and Ron Graham both scored 19 points for the Rebels, with Giddens hitting nine field goals and one free throw for his scores, and Graham hitting five field goals and nine free throws. High for Prairiland were Mike Dillard and Bill Dowdy, both with 19 points.

Consolation

To win the consolation prize, Rivercrest defeated Honey Grove 71 to 53 Saturday night. Hitting 53 per cent of the free throws made, four of the team members scored in the double figures. Terry Giddens scored 10 points, J. T. Morgan scored 10, Rickey Joe Norman 11, and Jerry Curties scored 11. Rivercrest girls defeated Robinson 54 to 50 in action

Friday night at home. Sherrie Taylor scored a whopping 25 points with three field goals and 19 free throws. She was followed in scoring by Emma Hines, who scored six field goals and three free throws for 15 points, and Charlotte Montgomery, who hit three field goals and six free throws for 12 points. High for Robinson was Walker with 22 points.

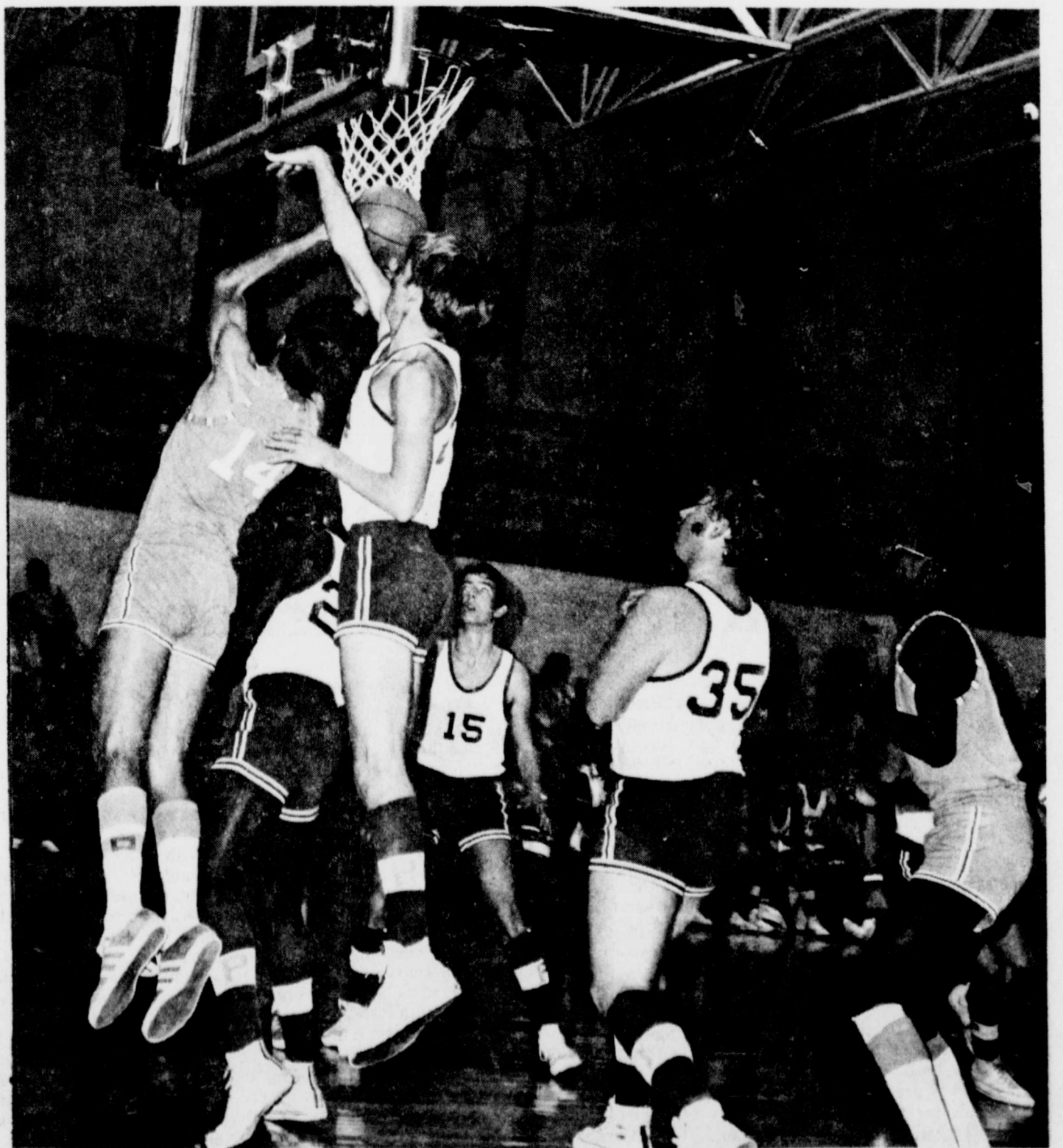
The next night, with the home court advantage, Robinson girls beat Rivercrest 58 to 42. High for Rivercrest was Emma Hines with five field goals and two free throws for 14 points. Others scoring in the double figures were Charlotte Montgomery with 12 points and Sherrie Taylor with 10 points. High for Robinson was Walker with 33 points.

Rivercrest's varsity boys

beat Gilmer Nov. 23, at Rivercrest 79-68. High scorers for Rivercrest were Terry Giddens with 9 field goals and 1 free throw for 19 points, and Rickey Joe Norman with 7 field goals and 1 free throw for 15 points.

With the home court advantage the following night, Gilmer beat Rivercrest 64-49. High for Rivercrest in that contest were J. T. Morgan with 4 free throws for 8 points, along with Jimmy Curties with four free throws for eight points.

Rivercrest lost again on the road against Sulphur Springs Tuesday night, Nov. 27, 64 to 59. High for Rivercrest was J. T. Morgan with 7 field goals and 3 free throws for 17 points, followed by Rickey Joe Norman with seven field goals and one free throw for 15 points.



TWO POINTS—Terry Giddens goes up for two of the 19 points he scored against Prairiland. He is being defended

by Brad Hudson of Patriots. Rebel Jerry Curties, who scored four points in the contest, is at right.

WANT ADS

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CARD OF THANKS

We cannot find words to express our grateful appreciation for the cards, gifts, letters, flowers and telephone calls during my stay in the hospital. Also for your visits, calls and the delicious foods since I have returned home. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Paul and Helen Williams.

For sale, 66 Chevrolet in good condition, Sam Hervey, Bogata, Rt. 1.

GRAVEL HAULING—Kenneth Thomas. Phone 652-4158. d-tfc

BUDDY'S MEN'S WEAR—Home of quality merchandise, 130 Main Street. Phone 427-3155. Clarksville. db-tfc

Card of Thanks
Thanks to all the people who have been so nice to me since I have a broken leg. Good friends mean more than money. Mrs. Max Mauldin.

DO CUSTOM PICTURE framing of all kinds. Highway 271, South Bogata, Annie Lee's Gift Shop, 632-5351. ttc

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WILL TAKE SEWING or Bookkeeping to do in my home. Call Carolyn Ross. 379-2321. dbt-4t

Rummage sale Saturday, Dec. 8, at old Bogata Printing office, 3½ D Western Boots, Tappan Gas Range and Miscellaneous articles.

For Sale, 5 room house on large lot on S. Main St., Bogata, \$3,000. For information see Dixie Rector at 224 S. Sulphur St., Bogata.

I will not be responsible for debts except by me. Raymond Melton.

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Some Rural Road Signs To Vanish

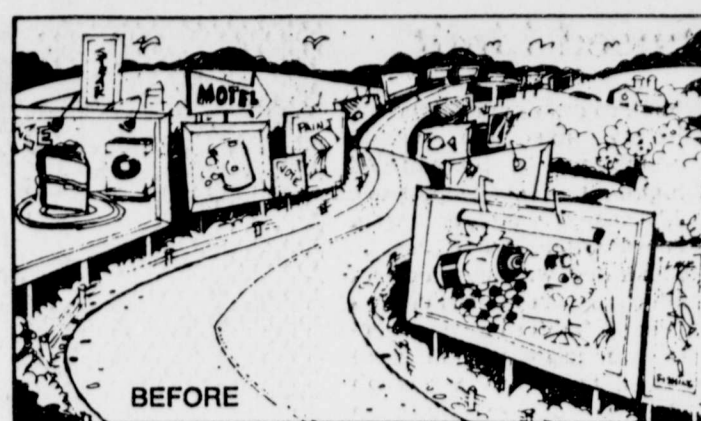
One of the latest demonstrations of environmental concern by a major agricultural firm is the Asgrow Seed Company's decision to minimize the placement of their signs along public roads and highways.

The company will place signs only to mark test plot locations, and to identify dealers in the future, according to Bill Schapaugh, general manager of the firm's agronomic division.

Previously, salesmen and dealers often placed signs where crops were planted with the company's seed along well-traveled thoroughfares, Schapaugh says. This amounted to thousands of signs around the country.

"Although some states are taking action to prohibit or limit placement of signs along public roads, such signs remain legal in many areas," Schapaugh explains. "However, we feel that the trend to scenic beautification is clear and we plan to help lead in supporting this cause on a voluntary basis."

In the past, Asgrow has used three types of signs, including dealer identification signs, small signs for crop variety identification, and larger (40" x 48") road signs containing the familiar company trademark. In the future, these road signs and crop identification signs will be limited to educational crop demonstration locations. Only the dealer identification signs will be used as before.



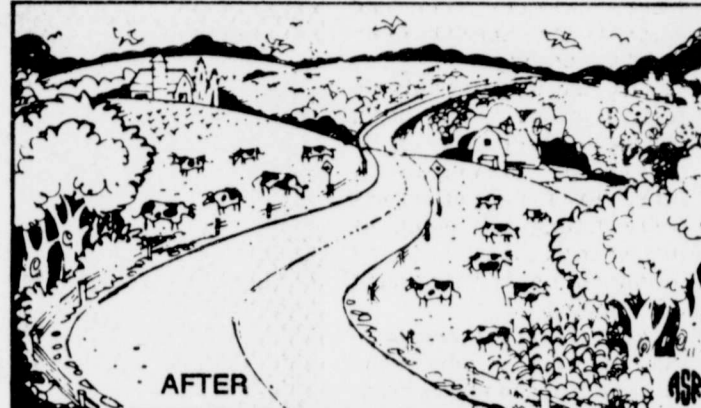
I think that I shall never see

A billboard lovely as a tree.

Perhaps, unless the billboards fall,

I'll never see a tree at all.

—Ogden Nash



These two drawings illustrate what has happened to the scenery along much of America's roadways and what the landscape could look like again if the road signs were removed.

GARDENING Made Easy

By Barrie L. Kridler

Camellia and Sasanqua pretty plants that aren't used much—not near enough any way. These both prefer a little afternoon shade too and soil well prepared with humus. Don't plant peonies deep here. An inch of soil is plenty to cover the roots—more may keep them from blooming. If you received a terrarium last Christmas as a gift, time has probably taken its toll and many of the plants have become overgrown or left the scene. Since the most expensive part of the terrarium is the container, replanting will give you a fresh inexpensive centerpiece for the table or nice room accent.

Start some fragrant paper white narcissus or the yellow and orange Soliel D'Or and white and gold Chinese Sacred lilies in pots or pebbles and water for fragrance come Christmas Day. These are the very easiest of all the bulbs to force in the house and oh, that lovely fragrance on a winter's day! The new Dutch Amaryllis are in now and these will also add holiday color to windows—huge blossoms of red, pink, white and striped shades burst forth in amazing fashion soon after planting. These bulbs all make nice gifts for children or shut-ins as it gives them something to watch each day.

This is the week to start planting your refrigerated tulips and add the others that you haven't had time to plant yet. We have several weeks yet to plant, but with the holidays coming up it is best to get these gardening pleasures done while we have time. It's so rewarding plunking brown sleek bulbs into soft moist soil and dreaming of all the beauty that's deep inside waiting to rush forth come Spring. Peonies and Dutch Iris are

DEBBIE GIEGER

The granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Gieger of Talco and a senior at Everman, Texas, High School, was selected the best performer of 1973 following the school's final football game. Debbie won the weekly award at the first game, and had been selected best of squad for nine times out of a possible ten.

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1972 CHEVROLET 4 door sedan, V-8 engine, air conditioned, power steering, power disc brakes, tinted glass, automatic trans, radio, vinyl roof cover, body side mouldings, whitewall tires and wheel covers. Buy this one at a bargain price. See Morris Tinsley, Jr., Teague & Son Chevrolet Co., Mt. Vernon, Texas. (12-1tc)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY DADDY BILL

'65 CHEVROLET ½ ton, big, heavy duty 6 engine, heavy duty clutch and springs, economical 3 speed transmission, good tires, extra clean cab and body, has been only 5,000 miles since complete engine rebuild. See Charles Teague, Teague & Son Chevrolet, Mt. Vernon, Texas. (11-1tc)

BOGATA PTA STEW supper Friday, Dec. 7th, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Stew, hot dogs, pie. Bogata School Cafeteria.

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About Your Collision Insurance

Gordon parked his car next to an apartment house, unaware that a burglar was taking place inside the building. The burglar leaped from a second-story window, landed on top of Gordon's car, and made good his escape. Gordon, however, wasn't so lucky. His jumped-on car needed \$180 worth of repairs. Was he entitled to collect insurance for the loss?

"Sorry," said the insurance company, "but you are not covered. You do have collision insurance, but this was not a collision."

However, when Gordon took the matter to court, the judge ruled in his favor.

"Collision," said the judge, "means the impact of objects through one of such objects moving against the other"—and this incident fitted that description. Most motorists carry at least some collision insurance. Typically, this covers the damage done when one car bumps into another. However, it has often been held to extend to more unusual situations.

One motorist collected collision insurance when his car hit a mailbox by the side of the road; another, when his car rolled into an open elevator shaft and fell to the bottom; another, when his car rammed into the curb.

Nevertheless, there are limits. In one case, the paint on a man's car was damaged when he ran into a hailstorm. He insisted that this was covered by his collision insurance, because his car had "collided" with the pellets of ice.

But the court decided this was stretching language too far. Tossing out his claim, the court said: "We do not speak of falling bodies, such as sleet or hail, as 'colliding' with the earth. In common parlance, the apple falls to the ground; it does not collide with the earth."

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Poor Operator
Down in Chinatown they have a new telephone operator who's messing things up. She keeps getting Wong numbers.

Farmers Practice Conservation

By: H. B. Wicker

Several area farmers are interested in parallel terrace systems this fall. J. N. Lee plans to terrace a field southeast of Rugby. His water way was shaped and sodded in 1971. Grid mapping has been completed on the Dale Gray farm north of Rugby. Gray plans to shape and sod waterways soon and construct parallel terraces next fall.

Dollars are spent each year removing silt from road ditches, channels and other areas. Silt carries a hidden price tag for everyone. It damages roads, ruins bridges and fills water storage areas in reservoirs. A large percent of the silt is displaced topsoil from unterraced cropland fields.

Terraces help keep topsoil in the field and out of streams and water supplies.

Many acres of cropland in this county are being farmed with no erosion control practices. This has caused such severe erosion in many cases that fields were abandoned. Some fields were converted to pasture. The

land could still be in row crop production had conservation measures been installed. Terraces will reduce erosion by slowing the water runoff, thus causing it to carry less topsoil.

Landowners who are thinking of a terrace system should contact the Soil Conservation Service. Parallel terrace systems can be installed on most fields. But, a good job takes time. The field should be grid mapped to determine waterway locations and to plan the terraces parallel. All point rows can be eliminated on most fields.

Waterways need to be shaped and sodded to grass prior to constructing terraces.

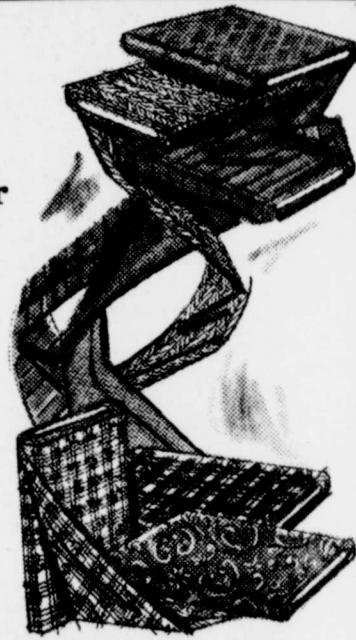
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"Whoever knew truth put to the worse in a free and open encounter?"
—John Milton

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Talco Chamber Of Commerce
TALCO, TEXAS

TMTA Endorses New 55 mph Speed Limit

The uniform 55-mile-per-hour speed limits recommended by Governor Dolph Briscoe today have been endorsed by the Executive Committee of Texas Motor Transportation Association.

Speaking on behalf of the organized truck and bus industry, which represents more than 900 firms across the State, Henry Alexander of Waco, president of TMTA, and executive vice president of Central Forwarding Inc., said that the motor transportation industry has some reservations about truck and bus fuel conservation at that speed limit but that it will comply with the Governor's directive.

"Our industry appreciates the consideration shown them by Governor Briscoe and his staff. We are fully aware of the fact that he has put much time and effort into researching the question of speed limits here in Texas . . . and we also realize that he is faced with the distinct possibility of mandatory national limits within the next few weeks," said Alexander. "We also appreciate his concern for the safety of all motorists in recommending the one 55-mile-per-hour limit for automobiles, as well as for trucks and buses."

Alexander also commended Governor Briscoe for his foresight in not making a hasty decision on a reduction of speed limits. "All Texans should appreciate the fact that the Governor looked at all aspects of the speed limit situation: the cost, safety, traffic congestion and traffic pattern disruptions—as well as, of course, fuel conservation. We would certainly hope that the House of Representatives in Washington will show that same kind of foresight when it considers S. 2589. Our industry feels strongly that the power to set speed limits in the individual states should be left in the hands of the various state governments rather than to the discretion of the national government."

Surely what would work on the more congested seaboard in the East would be impractical in a state the size of Texas."

In endorsing the Governor's announced program, Alexander reiterated, however, what the truck and bus industry has pointed out repeatedly during the past few weeks: their equipment conserves the maximum amount of fuel when it is operated at approximately 60 miles per hour. They contend that lower speeds would in effect demand more fuel from their equipment, since most of it is designed to run most efficiently in high gear at around 60 miles per hour.

Apart from energy conservation, the industry has pointed out that the impact of lower speed limits on scheduling, routing and driver wages will mean serious economic problems, both for carriers and for the shipping and receiving public.

TMTA's Executive Director Terry Townsend, who reinforced Alexander's endorsement of the uniform speed recommendations, also pointed out an additional way in which the truck and bus industry could conserve fuel. Quoting from a report on the nation's energy crisis published earlier this year by American Trucking Associations in Washington, Townsend said that "greater utilization of existing equipment through the elimination of size and weight restrictions could save as much as 31 percent in fuel consumed to provide a given volume of transportation service."

According to Townsend, even a modest updating of size-weight laws could significantly reduce trucking diesel fuel requirements and thereby help ease the energy crunch gripping the country. "The real solution will have to be a nationwide one — through Congress on the Interstate System in particular," said Townsend. "But states have got to get ready

for Congressional action by lifting size and weight restrictions on State-funded highways as soon as possible. It's really a simple law of conservation, and it can be illustrated with one incident which occurred earlier this year in California: emergency overweight permits were issued from July 5 through October 31 so that an increased harvest could be transported from the fields without an increase in fuel consumption.

"I have been advised by the California Trucking Association that seven trucks were able to haul what eight restricted ones could have ordinarily transported—and a 17 percent savings in fuel consumption was realized by those operators who had secured the special overweight permits. In my opinion, those figures indicate that all of us should begin looking immediately to increased sizes and weights . . . especially in light of reports we're getting that available fuel for trucks and buses may be down more than 25 percent this winter."

Texas Motor Transportation Association, which has 921 member companies from all segments of the truck and bus industry, is headquartered at 406 East 11th Street in Austin.

Talco Personals

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Barton over the week end were her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hutching and boys, Wayne, Phillip and Jay, all of Irving and her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Roberts, of Dallas.

Consumers' Corner

Right Toys For Children
Your child may have a well-balanced diet, nutritionally speaking. But does he have a well-balanced diet of activity?

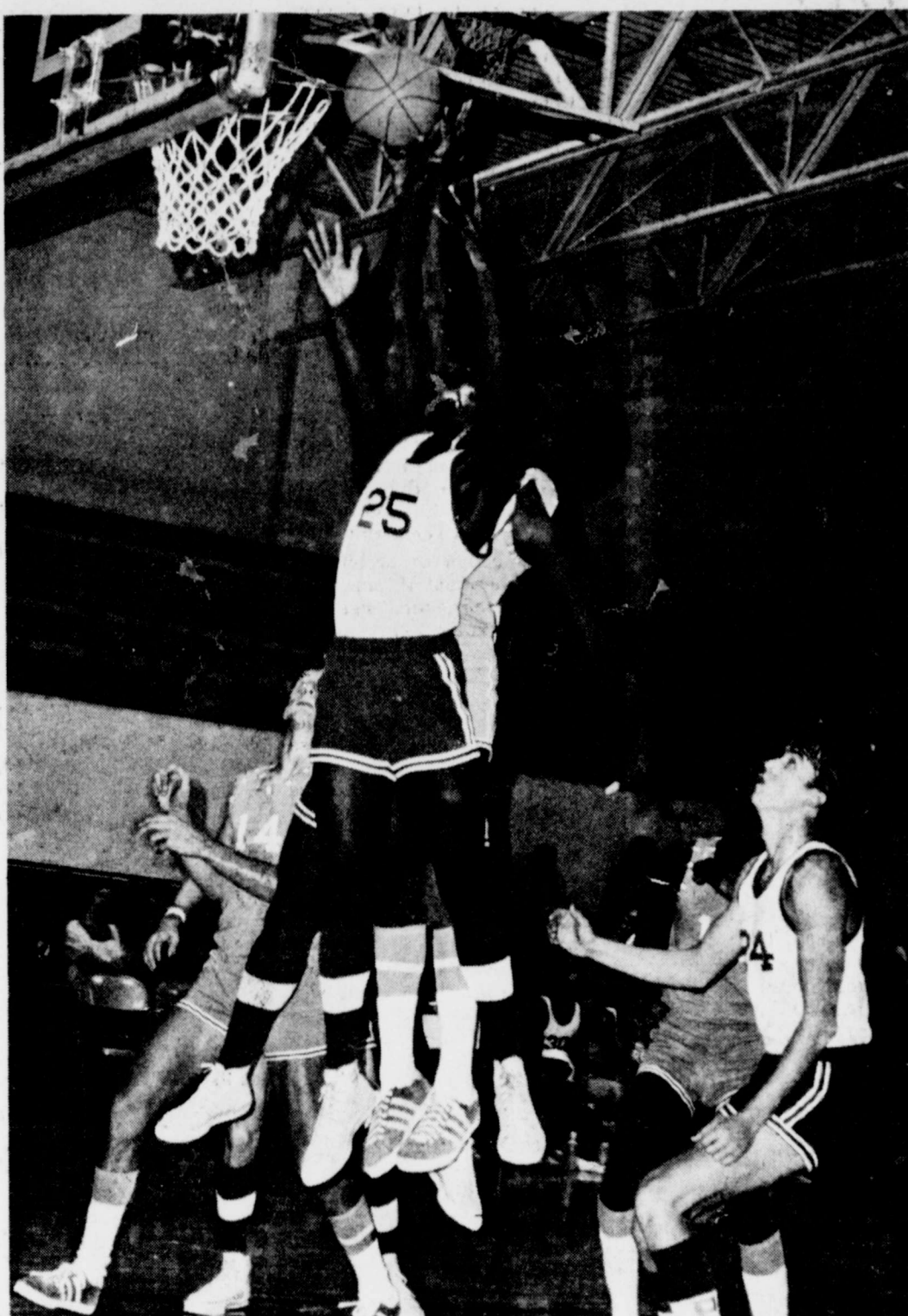
To be well-rounded, a child needs physical activity, creative activity, dramatic activity and social activity. Usually he can get these through his everyday play. And toys are part of that play.

So keep these activities in mind when you're selecting a toy or gift. If you feel your child isn't getting a good "diet" of physical activity, select a toy that makes him use his muscles. Some type of gym equipment may be the answer.

Does he need something to help him express his ideas — to help him be more creative? Paper and paints or clay or blocks will help him do this.

How about dramatic play? This helps a child learn about the world around him by imitating others. Dolls, housekeeping tools, farm equipment, play animals or dress-up clothes are the kind of toys that help a child play the role of a busy adult.

For social activity, a child needs play equipment that encourages him to seek out friends. A ball is an invitation to find someone else to play catch with.



PRAIRILAND REBOUND—Mike Dillard, number 25 for Prairiland, takes possession of the ball after a missed shot by one of the Rivercrest Rebels. Johnny Holt, number 24, was also in for the Patriots. (Staff Photo by Britt Barnard.)

IT'S A FACT! by THOMPSON

In 1902
Kansas banned the common cup from public places . . . becoming the first state to recognize that shared utensils spread disease.

TODAY.
clean, single service items like paper and plastic cups help make food service safe . . . diseases common 60 years ago are rare.



SANTA CLAUS

Will Be In Talco At The

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Thursday, Dec. 13, At 4:00 p.m.

The Talco State Bank

TALCO, TEXAS

Here's Some Christmas Ideas

By Beth Dannheim

Decorate the family mail box standing beside the road—to express Christmas goodwill and cheer. Decorations must be sturdy, compact and able to withstand all kinds of weather.

For an appropriate bow that fits these characteristics, use plastic ribbon or oil cloth.

Also, look in the attic or storage room for items to use. For example, an old kerosene lantern painted green and red—trimmed with a silver and gold bow—adds a lively touch of color.

Or, cover the mailbox completely with red oil cloth. Additional decorations can include pine cones and metal jingle bells.

The possibilities are unlimited—so let your imagination go and create a "family original" this holiday season.

For a little something special during this holiday season, use the following instructions to turn your fireplace into a real conversation piece.

Chemical treatment of material to be burned in a fireplace can result in green, orange, red, blue or purple flames instead of the usual yellow flame from wood. Here are some of the chemicals that will make the different colors:

Calcium chloride can be used to produce orange color flames

Copper chloride — blue flames, Potassium chloride — purple

Strontium nitrate — red flames, lithium chloride — carmine, Copper sulphate — emerald green.

Dry pine cones, small chips or blocks of wood can be soaked in these chemicals for the multi-colored flames. Most of the chemicals can be purchased from chemical suppliers or drug stores. To treat the cones or wood, a plastic pail and an onion sack are needed. The cones or

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After soaking, place the treated material on newspapers to dry and then they are ready for brightening the holiday fireplace.

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- ARIES**
Mar. 21 - Apr. 19 Things were different in the "good old days." Your sign will be touched by the "ever so beautiful past." So, look for an event that takes you into the long ago!
- TAURUS**
Apr. 20 - May 20 If you don't touch the rope you won't ring the bell, it's all that simple! During this week's cosmic cycle — temptation will play a major role.
- GEMINI**
May 21 - June 20 A person's greatest strength is shown by simply having to stand still. And you, Gemini, must resist the urge to make a snap decision, concerning the opposite sex.
- MOONCHILD**
June 21 - July 22 You must avoid being dominated by a personality stronger than yourself. Actually, you are entering a period when you might be deceived, easily.
- LEO**
July 23 - Aug. 22 Errors and miscalculations crisscross your chart. The point? Avoid taking shortcuts and the boredom that's part of repetition. Coverups now, come home to roost.
- VIRGO**
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22 Being over generous is one thing; robbing Peter to save Paul is something again. Apparently, you'll be carried away in an attempt to please one person . . . at the expense of another.
- LIBRA**
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22 Watch what you say at large! Apparently, in an unguarded moment, you might betray a loyal friend's confidence. So, control the urge to talk.
- SCORPIO**
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Self-centered associates will oppose your plans. Meaning? Settle for half, if you can't get the whole. In other words, placate! Tack with the wind!
- SAGITTARIUS**
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 For the want of better words, you might be caught in a conflict of interests. Your chart shows: A possible clandestine meeting or activities shaded with intrigue.
- CAPRICORN**
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19 Don't ponder about plans that are now underway. Keep the fire going in your boilers. It's "Damn the torpedos — full speed ahead!"
- AQUARIUS**
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18 It's no big thing, but a large organization, in one form or another, will dominate this week's activities. Oh, yes! Don't lose the Holiday spirit!
- PISCES**
Feb. 19 - Mar. 20 Stellar patterns tell it like it is! You are prone to instigate a personality clash among your associates. Curb the urge to provoke trouble.

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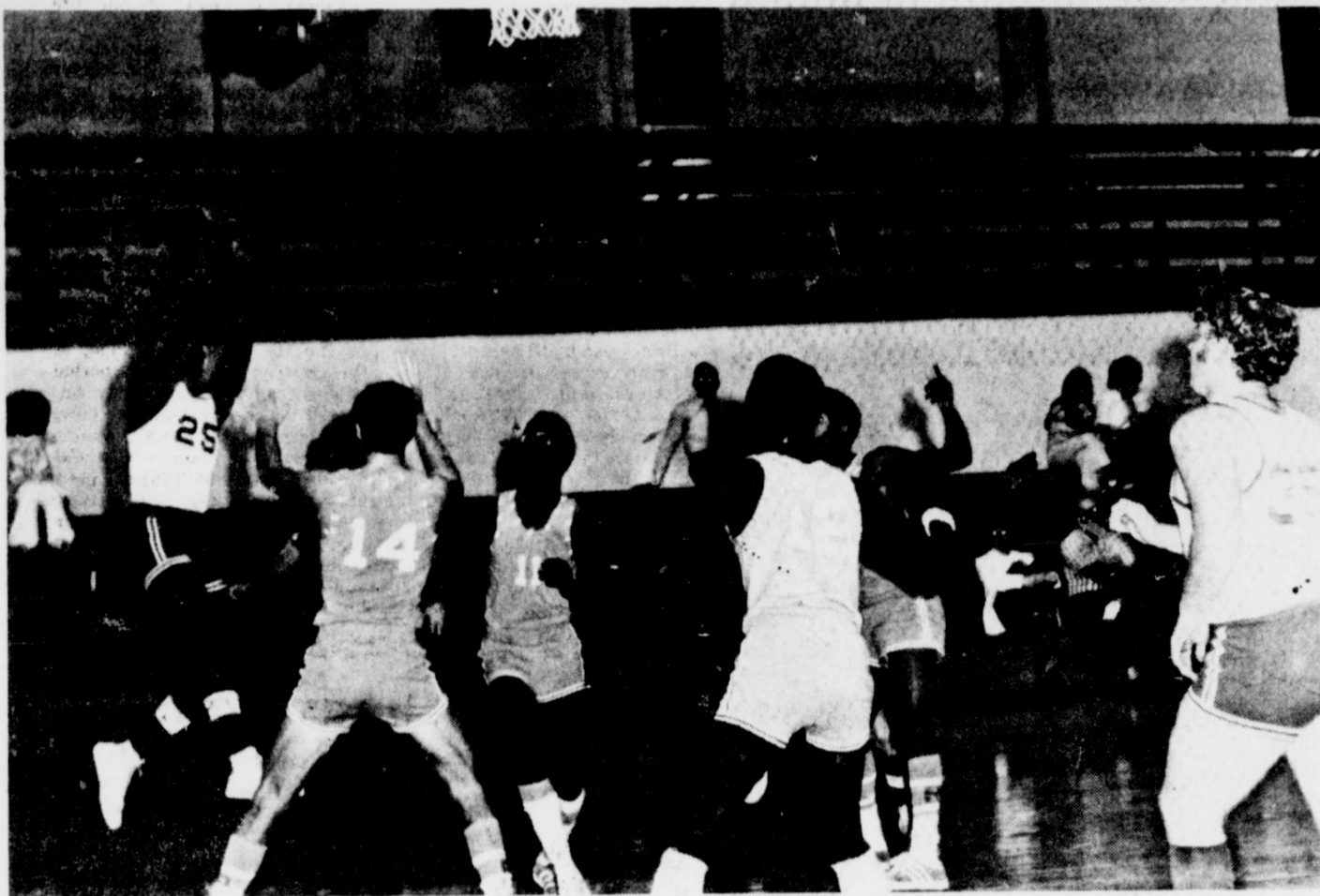
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RIVERCREST DEFENSE—Action at the North Lamar tournament pitted Rivercrest against North Lamar last week end. Rivercrest players pictured above are Terry

Talco-Bogata School News

By: Robert Forsythe & Debbie Pirtle

Rivercrest High School hosted the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's mobile lecture-demonstration program held at 9:30, Tuesday morning, December 4. The program was designed to acquaint the educational community and the general public with the role of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in the exploration of air and space. The program was conducted by Nelson J. Ehrlich, representative from the Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas.

On Tuesday, December 4, the Search for Leadership in Family Living test was administered by Mrs. Holland Bell to the Senior Class. This Betty Crocker Search is a scholarship program as well as an educational experience. An Award will be given to the top ranking student in each high school. Scholarship will be awarded to the highest ranking student in the state.

Superintendent Talmadge Morgan and principals, Larry Tucker, Frank Stubblefield and Robert Giddens attended a Coordinated Vocational Academic Workshop at Region 8 Service Center in Mt. Pleasant on Wednesday. After the Workshop, administrators in the 11 counties making up Region 8 Service Center responded to and discussed Governor Briscoe's proposed state energy plan as it related to public schools.

Administrators and coaches attended a dinner meeting on Wednesday night at the Winnsboro School for the purpose of making All District selections in football. Also, plans were made for the University Interscholastic League spring events.

Annie Sue Goodroe and Marcelle Hall, Plan A aids in the school district, attended a workshop at the Clarksville Intermediate School on Wednesday.

All administrators in the Talco-Bogata Schools meet each Monday in the superin-

tendent's office to discuss the week's activities of the three school campuses and for the purpose of making general improvements in the total school program.

The Board of Trustees of the Talco-Bogata Schools met in regular session at Rivercrest on Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Bonnie Hinson will attend the All-Region Band Contest in Mt. Pleasant Saturday, December 8.

The Student Council Christmas Contest began Monday, December 3. Each class will decorate their room and a winner for the best decorated room will be chosen.

The Rebel varsity basketball team won the consolation prize at the North Lamar Tournament Saturday night, December 1. The Rebelette A girls won the game with Robinson last Friday night, November 30, at Robinson by a score of 54-50. They lost the second game to Robinson Saturday evening by a score of 58-42. The A boys and girls will play Redwater, Friday, December 7, at Redwater.

The B boys will participate in the Ore City Tournament November 6-8. Coach Wood, head basketball coach at Rivercrest comments on his teams progress: "I was real concerned about our defense in our first four games, but we did a real good job against Prairieland beating them 91-66 and against Honey Grove 71-53. Our problem now is height. We will have to play tremendous team defense to be a winner. Our boys' attitude is great after winning consolation at the North Lamar Tournament. We feel that we will win the rest of our games."

Twice As Many!
Of the major languages now current, Chinese has the most users — more than 780 million. English is next, with some 320 million.

Long, Long Distance
To send a radio message — traveling at the speed of light — and get an answer back from the opposite side of the Milky Way galaxy in which earth lies would require 160,000 years.

Giddens, number 14; Jerry Curties, number 11; and Jimmy Curties, number 12.

Diseases Research Aided By Xmas Seals

Medical research is receiving a \$1,127,108 shot in the arm this year, thanks in part to local Christmas Seal contributions.

Mr. Milton Kelley, Northeast Texas Area Program Board member of the American Lung Association of Texas, announced that amount was allocated by local, state and national units of the American Lung Association to underwrite a wide range of investigations aimed at unveiling new information about lung disease. Of this, \$266,368 is earmarked for a nationwide "seed money" research program for young investigators administered by the nationwide lung association.

Designed to aid researchers to begin investigations that may later qualify for support by federal government, foundations or other sources, the 23 grants awarded in the nationwide program range from \$2,000 to \$16,500. Each holds a potential contribution to scientific knowledge far in excess of its cost, according to Mr. Kelley. Research now underway includes:

An investigation of how the body defends itself against influenza infection. Determining why some individuals exposed to influenza do not develop the disease may result in improved methods of treating and preventing flu.

A study of how the lung reacts to foreign substances that cause diseases such as asthma and hypersensitivity pneumonias. Lung changes caused by these reactions will be studied at sequential intervals. A better understanding of the progression of allergic diseases may lead to improved treatment.

An examination of how oxygen influences the production in the lung of a little understood substance that lines the breathing sacs. Lack of this surfactant has been in a broad range of lung diseases including hyaline membrane disease and viral pneumonia. Understanding oxygen's role in surfactant production may provide a basis for improved therapy for these diseases.

An investigation of macrophages, large cells in the lungs that provide a primary line of defense by ingesting and destroying invading microorganisms. A better understanding of how these cells are produced and activated could lead to methods of increasing resistance against bacterial and viral respiratory infections.

Other studies of the body's adaption to a low level of oxygen may have applications in the treatment of emphysema.

PUNCH LINE OF THE WEEK



Delayed From Last Week

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Henry visited Mrs. W. N. Dodd and Mrs. Lora Kelsey Sunday afternoon in the Clarksville Hospital.

Mrs. Sandra Baird of Paris has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Ruby Rodgers, in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhodes. Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Wicks Saturday were Mrs. Christine Wortham of Euless, Mrs. Muri Carr of Dallas and Mrs. Lydia Mauldin of Bogata.

A bridal shower was given in the home of Mrs. Calvin Hancock honoring Miss Debbie Melton. She received many gifts. The hostesses were: Mrs. Dale House, Mrs. Bill Dodd, Mrs. Harvey Jean, Mrs. Sammy Hervy, Mrs. Eunice Pirtle, Mrs. Francis Foster and Mrs. Calvin Hancock.

Mrs. Willie Bickham and her son-in-law, Watkin Kneal of Shreveport were here to attend the funeral of her cousin, Miss Agnes Stephens. They spent Thursday and Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pirtle attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith at Talco.

Mrs. Ivy Kelly of Paris spent part of last week with her sister, Mrs. Mildred Mayfield. They spent Tuesday night at Whiterock in the home of their sister, Mrs. Velma Hill and Mr. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Steward and children, Jannie Kay and Ronnie Lee, spent the week end in Avinger with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Steward.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Dryden of Longview visited Mr. and

Mrs. Gene Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Childers and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ward during the Thanksgiving holidays. They reported their five-year-old grandson, Chuch Dryden, of Longview had been attacked by their neighbors' dog and was in surgery two and one-half hours, seventy-seven stitches were taken.

Mrs. Dale House, Mrs. Drue Pirtle, Mrs. Harvey Jean and Dana and Mrs. Eunice Pirtle were in Dallas recently. Mrs. Jean was Christmas shopping for their store here.

The families of Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Wicks met at the community center at Bogata Thursday for Thanksgiving dinner. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitlock, Jerry and Ricky, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Black of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. James Sperry and Dwayne of Alvarado, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilder and Lesetta of Mesquite, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mauldin, Robert and Denett of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson, Roy Glenn, Mickie and Patricia, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Anderson, Frankie and Kathie, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson and Chad of Seagoville, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Gibbs of Bogata. After lunch Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. George Wicks joined them.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shockey were Thanksgiving dinner guests of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. White, of Bogata.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wright and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bo Wright, of Corpus Christi visited J. O. (Boots) Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dodd during the Thanksgiving

holidays. They also visited Amos' mother, Mrs. John Wright, of Paris.

Miss Johnnie Kyle of Houston spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kyle, and brother, Billy Ralph Kyle.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hervy Thursday were Mrs. Imogene Jones, Stanley, Randy and Terry of Talco, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Blagburn of Charleston, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hervy of Bogata and Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Hervy, Lori and Joe.

Mrs. Nancy Estill and Vickie of Ft. Worth and her daughter, Mrs. Debbie Manning, of Las Vegas, Nevada spent Thursday with Mrs. Estill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Askins. They also visited their grandmother, Mrs. Fred Whitten, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Weisinger of Corsicana and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Weisinger of Longview visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reig Weisinger, during the

Thanksgiving holidays.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Pirtle Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Drue Pirtle of Longview, Mr. Vance Pirtle of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. John Parker of the Bogata Nursing Home, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jean and family, and Miss Marla Miller of Bogata.

Miss Debbie Melton of Bogata and Jim Allen of Grand Prairie were united in marriage at the Baptist Church here Saturday night. Rev. Calvin Hancock performed the ceremony. A reception was held in the church annex after the wedding.

Those reporting to have killed deer here last week were: Dur. Watts, James Pace, John Hardin, Bo Whitney, Mr. Hollister and Edwin Watts.

Mrs. Dianne Booker and Lynn and baby of Whitrock spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Horn.

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Rollins 89 Years Old And Still Deer Hunting

By Nanalee Nichols
Jim Rollins went deer hunting for the first time when he was twelve years old. He took his father's gun and remembers that a lot of trust was put in him to take care of it. He went deer hunting this year too. Jim is 89 years old now, and since that first hunt he hasn't missed many hunting seasons.

For the last 13 years he and some other Deport men have gone down in south Texas

near Fredricksburg to hunt. Jim has always been a good hunter, killing squirrels, and birds as well as deer, but he can tell a pretty good story about hunting too.

He claims that some years ago he was down in the woods around Clarksville, sitting up against a tree, nearly frozen. He felt something warm and moist against the back of his neck, and when he looked around, there was a big buck!

By the time he got over the surprise, the buck had departed.

Jim also says he takes his bean flipper and a sack of marbles with him when he hunts. The theory is that he flips a few of the marbles down into a canyon and it scares the deer out. But, he admits "None of 'em have ever run over me yet!"

He has never kept the antlers from his deer, as

trophies are not what he hunts for. He thinks venison beats steak any day.

His wife, three daughters, and son all enjoy the venison breakfasts he prepares.

By sneaking into the camp kitchen and peering the cook he came up with this recipe. Jim puts the venison into a bowl with salt and pepper, garlic, and a few secret ingredients, then adds a can of condensed milk. He

lets this set in the refrigerator overnight. Next morning he gets up early, flours and fries the mixture, and fixes a lot of cream gravy. "All you need to go with that is a big panful of homemade biscuits," he says, but he won't even begin to reveal the secrets to making those.

Besides being an active hunter, Jim is a prodigious reader. He subscribes to five magazines and several newspapers, all of which keep him well informed on world events.

He has attended the Methodist church in Deport for thirty years, and can remember when he went to countless brush arbor singings. Lots of people can still recall his singing.

Jim Rollins has seen and done a lot in his time. In 1904

he attended the World's Fair in St. Louis, Mo. The round trip cost him \$11.00!

Between all this and farming he leads a full life. When asked if he was going hunting again he replied, "Sure, I didn't get a deer this year." Don't be surprised to see him with one next year, and a few new stories too.

Eating-out Enthusiasts

The increasing number of wives who work away from home whether for pay or in civic activities have influenced living patterns in many ways. For instance, the tremendous growth of the food service industry is due in part to working wives. Not only do they patronize restaurants, tea rooms and hot dog stands during lunch hour, but their influence is responsible for more family eating out at the end of a busy day.

Good Advice

When you are in deep water, it's a good idea to keep your mouth shut.

For And About Teenagers



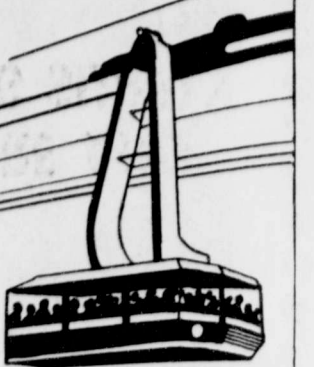
THIS WEEK'S LETTER: How's this for a problem? I am in love with three girls! I used to go with one of these girls, but we broke up. I still write to the other girl, who is a year older than me and in college—but she also goes with two other guys. But the one I really love is right here in the Senior class at my school. The trouble or the problem is that I have never spoken to her, but I'm sure I love her truly. What do you think I should do?

OUR REPLY: That is some problem! We think you are suffering from a rather common ailment in your age group—you are in love with love. The one you really "love" is your favorite because you don't really know her and she has some mystery about her. Once you did get to know this girl, you'll probably see another girl that catches your eye and decide that she is truly the one you love. Take it easy, because you really don't have a problem.

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EXPERIENCED HUNTER—Few men can claim the hunting experience that Jim Rollins has acquired just in the last twenty of his 89 years. An accomplished "teller of tales" as well as hunter, Jim Rollins plans to go deer hunting in south Texas again next year.

GARDENING Made Easy

By Barrie L. Kridler

Rain, rain and more rain seems to be the order—it's been hard on hardy annuals and the mum blooms but it is filling the lakes and raising the water table (which stands about 2 feet above ground level in my back yard!). Lots of the fertilizers you've applied have been leached away so on bulbs, pansies (and other hardy bedding plants), azaleas, camellias, trees and most shrubs a little sprinkling will build up food reserves for the root systems and a big push next spring. Pansies in particular love feedings—often but lightly is the rule here. By feeding

them several times during the winter and spring you can save the time of having to keep the blooms picked. Well fertilized annuals tend not to set seed and putting out a little food every 3 weeks is much simpler than picking dead blossoms.

This warm weather has been great for yard work—you should have a lot of your beds cleared and be ready to put in bulbs and pansies for late winter and spring bloom. So many annuals are still pretty, but be prepared for a hard frost at any time now. All house plants should be in now and all the hanging baskets. A little trimming and pruning on front shrubs will last all winter and present a neat appearance for the holidays. You may want to wait a week and use the evergreen branches in decorating the house—in water they last quite long. Working in the yard is so invigorating at this time of the year—it's a good time for "working off" your Thanksgiving dinner in preparation for Christmas meals!

If your sunny windows look like a jungle and the rooms with windows so full of pot plants that your husband has to use a machete to get to the TV and his easy chair, think of a plant stand to help the situation. They come in all sizes and shapes, have lovely glass shelves in many styles to let light in and the colors and shapes will fit into any room. These make excellent gifts for a "plant lover" who always needs a "little more room" for new acquisitions. With the new light stands even a dark corner of a room can be used for a growing area. We grow lovely plants far from the windows under the fluorescent light stands—there is never a cloudy day with this type of gardening. The tubes are extremely inexpensive to operate as they use very little electricity. The average 4 foot tube run for 12 hours uses less than 3 cents of electricity, and that's a real bargain! Make this a gardening Christmas—those of us who garden know the enjoyment... let's spread it to others. **HAPPY GARDENING!**

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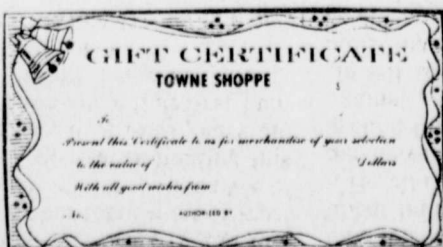
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