

West Texas Rambler

By MEL KING



Dear Santa Claus

Here I am writing you this letter to say I like you. We are going to buy presents Saturday. We fourth graders have our Christmas tree. Will you come and see it? For Christmas I want a barbie doll house and a game of checkers. OK? Santa Claus will you bring me some Christmas cards. My little brother wants a machine play gun and a rail work train for Christmas. Well that is all for now Santa Claus until next Christmas.

Teresa Rios

Dear Santa Claus

Please bring me a baby doll I can cuddle and some candy nuts of fruit. Please remember all the other poor boys and girls and brothers and sisters. I love you

Lona Morie Caswell

Dear Santa Claus

I would like a big doll with long blond hair. I want a music box that holds jewelry and also some fruit and nuts and Christmas candy. Please remember all the other poor little boys and girls. I love you

Catherine Jane Caswell

PEDRO GALVAN MISSION TRIP

Eighty Hardin-Simmons University students will be leaving on an El Paso Mission trip by way of chartered bus, station wagons and cars on Jan. 14 at 8 a.m. For the last several years, H-SU students have interrupted their Christmas holidays to spend time in the El Paso area working in churches and missions.

Students will stay at the Baptist Mission Center in El Paso, sleeping in bedrolls on the floor and cooking their own meals. Mornings will be spent in manual labor: painting and doing repair work. At night teams will conduct revival services in Spanish.

Small crews will get up at 6 a.m. each day to pack lunches, with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and work crews to leave at 8 a.m. At 5 p.m. the crews will return to the Mission Center to clean up and eat supper at 6 p.m. From 7 to 10 p.m. the students will be at the churches. From 10:30 to 11:30 p.m. group sharing will be observed.

There will be eight teams, four of which will be at churches in Juarez and four will be at Latin American churches in El Paso. This will be the third year a team has worked with Manuel Padilla in Juarez. Padilla built his church building by hand.

Those students going include Pedro Galvan of Loraine.

Marshall Walker, head of BSU, said of the trip, "I feel like this is one of the most meaningful things our students do all year long. It gives us a chance to put in practice some of the things we

have been studying and learning about. Our students do a lot of things for others, but each year we are the ones who come back saying we got the most out of the trip."

WAYNE SHAUN REPORTS BOND SALES

Sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds for the first eleven months of 1971 totaled \$137,911.00 in Mitchell County. Of this amount, \$7,006.00 were purchased during the month of November according to Mr. Wayne Shaun, Chairman of the Mitchell County Savings Bonds Committee.

During Nov., Texans purchased \$16,759,888 in Savings Bonds. This represents a 12.3 per cent increase over the same period last year. Cumulative sales for eleven months of 1971 amounted to \$184,622,944 which is 101 per cent of the state's goal of \$181.9 million.

Nationally, Savings Bond sales during Nov. totaled \$457 Million--22.6 per cent above Nov. 1970. Sales for the first eleven months amounted to \$5,038 Million--47.7 per cent above a year earlier.

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REA LOAN FOR LONE WOLF

Congressman OMar Burleson today announced approval by the rural electrification administration of an \$85,000.00 loan to Lone Wolf electric Co-op at Colorado City serving Mitchell, Fisher, Howard, Nolan, Borden and Scurry Counties.

The purpose of the loan is to finance 12 miles of distribution line to serve 100 new consumers. The purpose also is to finance system improvement including one mile of new tie liner and conversion of one mile of existing line to a higher capacity.

JUNIOR HIGH CHORUS GOES CAROLLING

Over thirty members of the Junior High School Chorus entertained many Loraine citizens at their homes Tuesday evening from six to eight p.m. The highlight of their evening came when they visited the Roland Nursing Home and sang several Christmas songs, accompanied by Mrs. K.L. Taylor. The evening was completed with refreshments at the band hall.

SCHOOL CLOSURES TO THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Loraine High School Band and Junior Chorus closed the 1971 school year with two concerts on Wednesday, December 22nd. The morning concert entertained the Kindergarten through fourth grades. While Santa visited them in the afternoon, the band and chorus wound up the school day for the fifth, sixth grades, Junior and Senior High School.

NEAR TRAGEDY STRIKES KENNETH BUTLER HOME

Mr. Tom Graham called at the Butler home Tuesday morning and, thinking Mr. Kenneth Butler and son, Danny, were sleeping late, drove to Colorado City on business. When he returned he again called at the Butler home and receiving no answer the second time, decided to investigate. He found both unconscious from gas fume asphyxiation.

During this time Mrs. Butler was with their daughter and son-in-law in Abilene to welcome their newly adopted baby. She was brought home to find her son and husband recovering in the Root Memorial Hospital at Colorado City.

After X-ray pictures were made to assure that their lungs were clear, both Kenneth and Danny were released from the hospital on Wednesday and are recuperating at home.

SPLATTERS, SPRAWLS, BUT NO SPRAINS

Fifth graders decided to go skating at the Roller Rama at Sweetwater on Friday, Dec. 17th. In order to get the most for their money, guests were invited to share expenses and extra seats on the rented school bus.

All 27 fifth graders were treated to a picnic supper as soon as school was out in honor of Sonja King's tenth birthday. Twenty-eight personally invited guests joined them for the bus-ride and skating trip. They were a gallant crew, many of whom had not been on skates before. They alternated between skates and floor in a variety of positions and conditions, and anyone who could stay afloat two times around was hailed as a skilled skater. It seems a joyous time was had by all and unanimous opinion was that we should repeat the trip again soon. While we were removing our skates to reboard the bus for the trip home, a 72 year old man put on a skating exhibition that made us all decide we might need more practice. Mothers present were Mes: Byrne, Lee and Tarrt.

Mrs. A. D. Crosby of Silverton, Colorado, visited from Thursday until Sunday night with her sister, Mrs. Charles Land. On Sunday they visited with Mrs. Land's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jabus Hall at Ira. Mrs. Crosby left Sunday night for Minden, Louisiana where she will spend the winter.

JULIA TARTT GRADUATES

Julia Jo Tartt of Loraine is one of approximately 62 persons who will be candidates for degrees for December graduation at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.

Julia's parent is Mrs. B. R. Tartt, Box 272.

Julia will receive a BS degree at May 21st commencement exercises in Behrens Chapel.

LT. MCDANIEL BACK FROM VIETNAM

Lt. Mike McDaniel landed in California Thurs. from Vietnam. He had a year's tour of duty. He came to Dallas and was met by his wife, Linda, of Roscoe who has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Trout. He will have a thirty day leave then they will go to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. They will visit in the home of her parents and his during this time (thirty day leave)

PVT. EUSEBIO MORENO JR. COMPLETES EIGHT WEEK TRAINING

Army Private Eusebio Moreno Jr., son of Mrs. Janie L. Moreno, 702 S. 12th ST., Waco, Tex., recently completed eight weeks of basic training at the U.S. Army Training center infantry, Ft. Polk, La.

He received instruction in drill and ceremonies weapon, map reading, combat tactics, military military justice, first aid, and army history and traditions.

His father lives on Route 1, Loraine, Tex.

COTTON HARVEST GAIN MOMENTUM

Wind and sunshine helped to dry fields, and harvesting gained a little momentum in the Abilene territory according to the U.S.D.A., Consumer and Marketing Service.

B.B. Manly, Jr., Officer-in-Charge of the Abilene Classing Office, reports that 5,3000 samples were classed for the week ending Dec. 17 1971. The seasons total is now 17,500 samples classed compared to 311,000 for a seasons total a year ago.

Forty-one per cent of the samples classed were in the white category and 56 per cent were light spotted. Strict Low Middling Light Spotted was the predominant grade at 25 per cent. Twenty nine per cent of the samples classed were called bark.

Predominant staple lengths were 25 per cent, 30; 41 per cent, 31; and 24 per cent, 32. Micronaire readings were in the premium range on 56 per cent of the samples compared to 79 per cent for the previous week.

Strength readings continue to be discouraging thus far this year.

Prices reported this week range from 27.10 to 30.50 cents per pound.

Today American farmers produce 20 per cent more crops on 6 per cent fewer acres than did their fathers. One farm worker now supplies enough food and fiber for 45 people. Only 10 years ago, he was producing enough for 23.

BRIDGE CLUB

The Lorraine Bridge Club met in the home of Dr. and Mrs. B. H. Johnson for their annual Christmas dinner. They had baked turkey and dressing and all of the trimmings. The house was beautifully decorated with a musical Christmas tree and many other Christmas decorations. There were four tables of bridge. They ate first, then played two games of bridge.

Gifts were exchanged from the tree. Those playing were: Mr. and Mrs. Glen Coon, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coffee, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doss of Colorado City, Mrs. Billie Ruth Tarrt, Dr. and Mrs. B. H. Johnson and Hubert Thomas.

Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarrt and Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hamilton.

A good time was held by all.

CLUB NEWS

Mrs. Effie Watkins, president, opened the meeting of the North Lorraine H.D. Club Wed., Dec. 15 in the home of Mrs. Bud Shepherd by reading a poem "Ready for Christmas".

This was the Christmas party for the club and gifts were exchanged from the tree.

Others on the program were Mrs. Tim Johnson with an original poem.

Mrs. Buck Taylor read a sermon from Afton Linger entitled "I am the Christmas Spirit" and Mrs. Effie Watkins also read "The Stranger" by Gaston Joad.

A list of shut-ins were read and each member chose one to do something for Christmas.

Refreshments were served to Mes: Willie Taylor, Watkins, Victor Galvan, T. L. Holman, T. E. Price, Raymond Wheeler, Thomas Riden, Johnson, Ray Wells, Buck Taylor, Jack Linam, Alva Bennett.

Next meeting will be Jan. 5 in the home of Mrs. T. L. Holman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mayes of Bella-Vista, Arkansas, came in Sunday and will spend the holidays with his sisters, Mes: Woodrow Pratt, Hubert Thomas, Claude Neely, H. G. Hallmark, and other relatives.

ATHENAEUM STUDY CLUB

Mrs. T. J. Riden presented the Christmas program of Athenaeum Study Club on Dec. 14. Her talk on "Keeping Christmas", was replete with ideas and practical suggestions for celebrating the birth of Christ.

Mrs. Riden stated that each of us, in our giving at Christmas, can have 3 things to give—time, talents, and treasure. We may share these with less fortunate people and thus bring joy to others and to our hearts as well.

A poem, "The Angels Song", closed the talk. Christmas carols were sung by the group. Mrs. B. H. Johnson presided at a short business session. Mrs. R. H. Bennett gave a report on Co. Federation Roll call—A Christmas Wish, was a fine feature of the program. Mrs. James Walkins was director.

Hostess, Mrs. Bennett served refreshments to 12 members: Bond, Pratt, B. H. Johnson, W. A. Taylor, Meadows, Coon, Hester, C. H. Martin, Green, Walkins, Riden, C. Johnson, and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin visited in Euless with Mr. and Mrs. Don Martin and sons, Randy and Scott.



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NAVY AIRMAN JEFF HAMILTON AT BEEVILLE

BEEVILLE, Tex., Dec. 15--Navy Airman Jeff N. Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal W. Hamilton of Route 2, Roscoe, Tex., has reported to Patrol Squadron Six, Naval Air Station, Beeville, Tex.

He is a 1971 graduate of Roscoe High School.

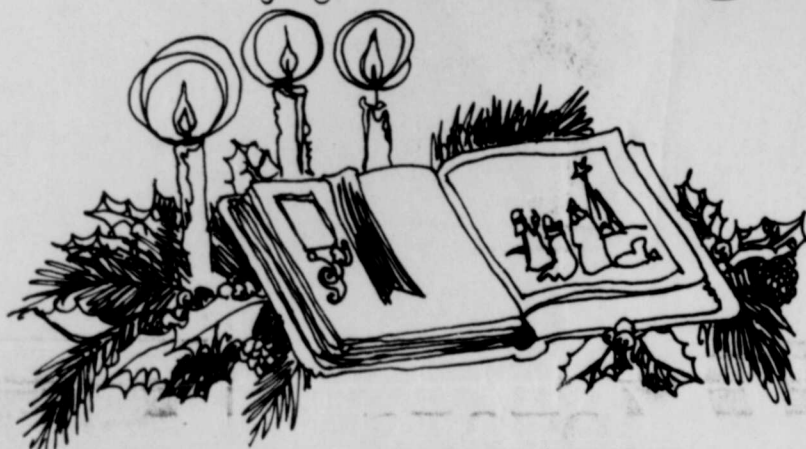
Merry Christmas HAPPY NEW YEAR

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dobbs, Avon Rep. Phone 737-2387



May all the joys of a happy Christmas season be the good fortune of each of our friends. Merry Christmas to you. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brewer and Family

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E.M. CARPENTER HONORED ON 88TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. E.M. Carpenter was honored on Friday, Nov. 26, with a dinner and get-together for the family and relatives, a compliment on his 83th birthday.

Those visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Claud Woods and granddaughters, Rebecca D. Woods of Stanton and Melissa Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laddie Woods of West Monroe, La. Also Mrs. J. W. Moore and daughter, Mrs. Bill Battle and Denease and Darlene.

Others visiting on Friday were Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Carpenter, Lorraine, Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Carpenter of Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hamilton and three sons of San Antonio and Mrs. Ruth Moore.

Those of the family unable to be present were Wesley Woods, Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Moore and family, Anchorage, Alaska and Mr. and Mrs. P.J. Carpenter of Plain Dealing, La., Mr. and Mrs. Ace Lee, Lorraine.

Their visitors on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. L.N. Woods and family of West Monroe, La., and Jerry Woods and daughter, Becky of Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Franklin and children of Carriere, Miss., came in Tuesday night for a weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Graham and with his father, Charles Franklin and Mrs. Franklin in Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Lee returned home last Monday from Houston where they spent Thanksgiving and the weekend with a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Knox and a granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Cornelious.

BOY SCOUTS NEED MONEY

Lorraine has three scout troops: Club Scouts: Pack 1241, Boy Scouts, Troop 1241, Explore Post 1241.

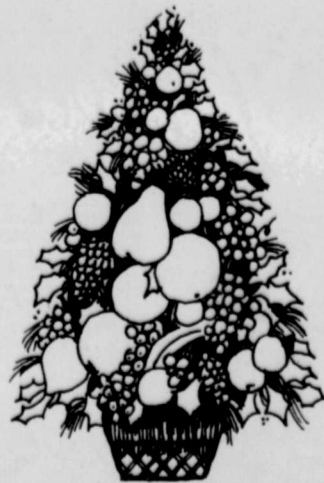
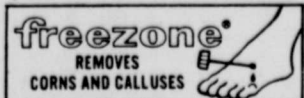
The Scouts would like to thank the North H.D. Club for their \$10.00 Donation, would not it be nice if all churches and civic organizations got behind our local youth?

Budget for 1972
Club Scouts--\$100.00
Boy Scouts--\$400.00
Explore Post-- 00



And speaking of drinking, here's one from Texas. An old drunkard from the Panhandle saw so many pink elephants and purple snakes that he hired a hall and put up a sign "25c. to See the Zoo". A couple of customers resenting the fact that they saw nothing but four bare walls, swore out a complaint. The sheriff took the warrant and set out to make the arrest. The old boy hauled his jug out from under his counter, the sheriff took 3 snifters, . . . and paid him \$1000 for a half interest in his show.

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SGT. NELSON SMITH RECEIVES VIETNAM MEDAL

WITCHITA FALLS, Tex. -- Sergeant Nelson W. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon G. Smith, 955 E. 15th St., Colorado City, Tex., has received the U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service in Vietnam.

Sergeant Smith, a cook, was cited for his outstanding duty performance at Tan Son Nhut Air Base.

He was presented the medal at Sheppard AFB, Tex., where he now serves with a unit of the Air Training Command.

The sergeant, a 1966 graduate of Colorado City High School, attended Southwest Texas State University. His wife, Linda, is the daughter of Merile Looper, 410 E. 42nd St., Odessa, Tex.

Americans spent more than \$100 billion on food in 1970--and about \$68 billion of that was to get food from the farm to your table.

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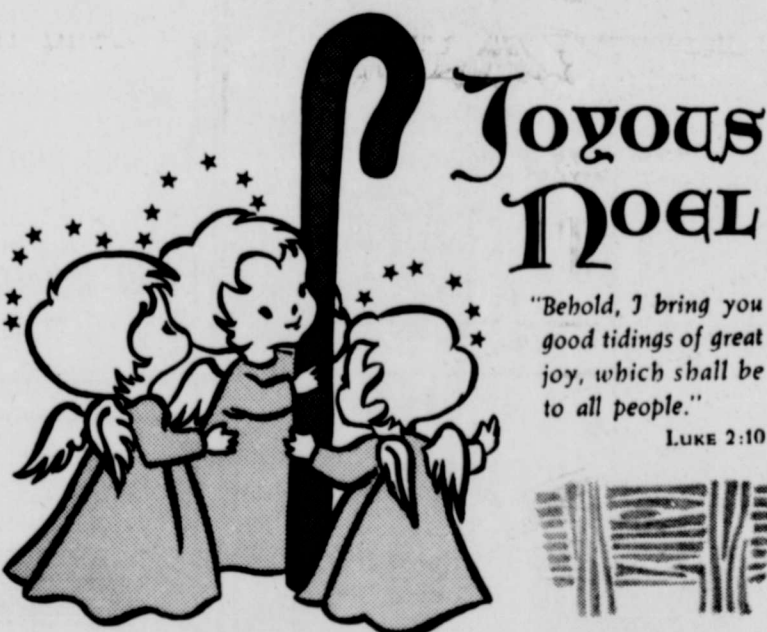
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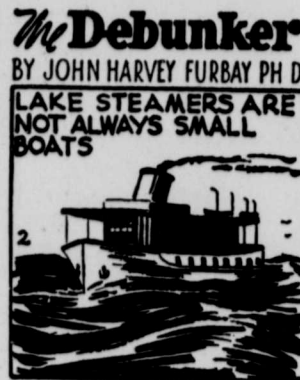
As the glory of this
Holiday Season unfolds, let us share
a prayer for peace. May your holiday be a joyous one.

MITCHELL COUNTY NEWS

Mrs. J. W. King, Sr.
Mrs. Ida Baird

Mrs. Billy Cornutt
Jean King

Docia King
Sonja King
Mel King



Many people think that because a steamship operates on the Great Lakes it is not as large as ocean-going ships. But this can be quite wrong. Some Lake steamships are much larger than many ocean vessels. The Seandee, a Lake steamship, has a 100-foot beam, and the only ocean-going steamships with beams that long are the Normandie and Queen Mary. So it looks like the Lake steamships are not such an insignificant lot after all.



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**LONE WOLF
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MRS. HUMPHREYS TO SEEK TAX OFFICE

Mrs. Pete (Bitsy) Humphreys, deputy in the Mitchell County tax assessor-collector's office, will be a candidate for the tax office subject to voting in the 1972 Democratic Primary election.

Mrs. Humphreys revealed her candidacy last week for the assessor-collector's post which was held by Montie Hardegree until his death last week.

She had been planning to announce her candi-



Bitsy Humphreys

dacy in the 1972 election after Jan. 1, because Hardegree had revealed to his Courthouse staff before his final illness that he would not seek re-election when his term expired at the end of 1972.

"I had discussed my plans with Mr. Hardegree and he had encouraged me to seek the tax office," said Mrs. Humphreys.

"I deeply regret his untimely death both because of friendship and his valuable service to the citizens of Mitchell County.

"Although my original plans had been to become a candidate after Jan. 1 after Mr. Hardegree had announced he would not seek election, I believe it is in the best interest of the tax office to announce my candidacy now.

"My intention is to conduct a campaign wholly upon my own qualifications and experience within the county tax office, and, if elected, to conduct the office in an efficient manner for the best interest of all our county," she added.

Mrs. Humphreys has resided here 35 years, moving here with her family from Abilene. She was born in Clyde.

Dear Santa,

I'm a good little boy, eight years old. Please bring me a pair of spurs, a cowboy hat, electric football game, a G.I. Joe doll, a belt buckle, and some new clothes.

Please remember all the little girls and boys.

Thank you,
Carl Andrews

Her experience includes nine years of service in the Mitchell County Tax-Assessor's Office in every capacity.

Her late husband (Pete Humphrey) sold bread in Lorraine for 35 years and was well liked by everyone.

Mrs. Humphrey is mother of five daughters and one son. She also has 12 grandchildren.



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Christmas Greetings

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Johnson-Terry Clinic
and Staff

Family income buys considerably more food today than 20 years ago, partly because agriculture has become much more efficient, and partly because consumer incomes have risen faster than food prices.

Thurs.-Fri.-Sat.



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is "Chisum"

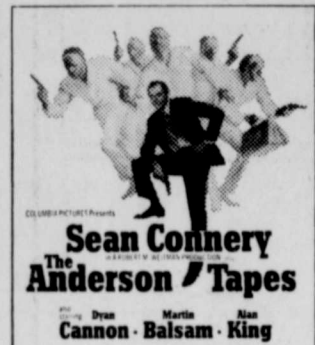
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THAT'S MERRY
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Elsa Freeman



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Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson

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to one and all...
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MISS TEXAS UNIVERSE CONTEST

The Miss Texas Universe Beauty Pageant has established headquarters in San Antonio, marking the first time the event has had a permanent home.

Nicki Stallman, vice president of the state-wide beauty contest, said the 1972 pageant will be held at the Theater of Performing Arts on the grounds of Hemisfair Plaza.

In previous years, the Miss Texas Universe Pageant has been held in various cities. With the opening of headquarters in the Gunter Hotel, however, local pageant directors now have a permanently staffed office to work through in planning the various contests which feed the state-wide event.

Miss Stallman, a beauty queen in her own right, is executive director of the Pageant. She has served as director/choreographer of Miss Texas Universe since 1969, and is now directly involved with working with local franchisees.

"Early indications are that we will have one of the greatest pageants in Texas history," Miss Stallman said. "Enthusiasm on the local level has been tremendous. I feel there will be at least 60 beauties competing for the state crown."



HAVE FUN!
By LEE BRYAN

Clancy, a rookie cop, caught a thief breaking into a jewelry store one dark night.

"Ha," Clancy said. "Caught in the act. You'll do plenty time for this, me boy!"

"Look," said the thief. "I know my rights. I want to call my lawyer. Let me go into that cigar store and call him and have him meet me at the station house!"



So Clancy let the thief go into the cigar store and the thief kept right on going out the back window. Clancy didn't see him until six months later when he met the little crook coming out of a jewelry store with his hands full of rings and bracelets. Clancy grabbed the loot and the looter.

"Ha," Clancy exulted. "I've got you with the goods this time. Come along with me."

"I got to call my lawyer," the crook protested as they passed a cigar store. "You won't fool me this time," said Clancy. "Here. Hold these rings and bracelets and give me your lawyer's phone number. I'll call him!"

The Boss: "What are you doing here? Didn't you read the letter I sent you?"

Office Boy: "Yes, sir. I read it inside and outside. On the inside it said 'you are fired' and on the outside it said 'return in five days', so here I am."

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THANK YOU AT CHRISTMAS

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MARIE BASSHAM, County Clerk
Geneva Bynum Marjorie Wulfjen Joan Beach

One in five jobs in private enterprise in this country is involved in some phase of agriculture from growing food and fiber to selling it at the supermarket.

Farming uses 4.6 million workers -- as many as the combined payrolls of transportation, the steel industry, and the automobile industry.

The winner of the Miss Texas Universe title will compete in the Miss USA Pageant, which in 1972 will be held in Puerto Rico. From there, Miss USA competes for Miss Universe.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coffee spent the weekend
with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barry in
Austin.

They were accompanied by Mrs. Jack Walker
who visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas Gilliland near
Lake Lyndon B. Johnson. Jim Hickman came hom
with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Coffee.



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THE FAMILY LAWYER

Proof by Poll

Science has long played a vital
role in the courtroom. X-rays,
blood tests, photographs, finger-
prints—all are familiar ingredi-
ents in the judicial process.



To a growing degree, yes. As
polling has become more skillful,
courts have become more skeptical.
The fact remains, however, that
the law will take a hard look at
any particular poll before putting
faith in its findings.

To begin with, the poll must
be extensive enough to be sig-
nificant.

In one case, an accused felon
sought a change of venue on the
ground that the local populace
was prejudiced against him. But
the only proof of prejudice was a
poll of a few dozen individuals.

The court decided that such a
poll did not carry enough weight
to make its point.

Nor will the results be persua-
sive if the questioners used "lead-
ing questions." A soap company
claimed in court that the name of
a new chewing gum was so simi-
lar to the name of its soap that
the public would be confused.

To prove it, the company pro-
duced a survey that seemingly did
show such confusion. But the
questions had been slanted to in-
duce the desired answers. The
court decided this poll wasn't
worth much either as a means of
proof.

On the other hand, in a case
involving a charge of false adver-
tising, a carefully conducted poll
was accepted as good evidence of
how the ad was understood by
the average consumer.

And in a case testing the use
of radios on buses, a poll helped
to prove that most of the passen-
gers liked the idea.

Most successfully, polls have
been used in trademark cases to
ascertain how familiar the public
is with a brand name.

Of course, polls will never be
as scientific as fingerprints. But
when the state of the public mind
is at issue, polling can give justice
a kind of help it can get in no
other way.

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Mr. Smith: "My wife asked me for a
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has a man under
it.



Phil Zitzman of Austin came in Sunday and will
visit with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow
Pratt.



Joyous Noel

"Behold, I bring you
good tidings of great
joy, which shall be
to all people."

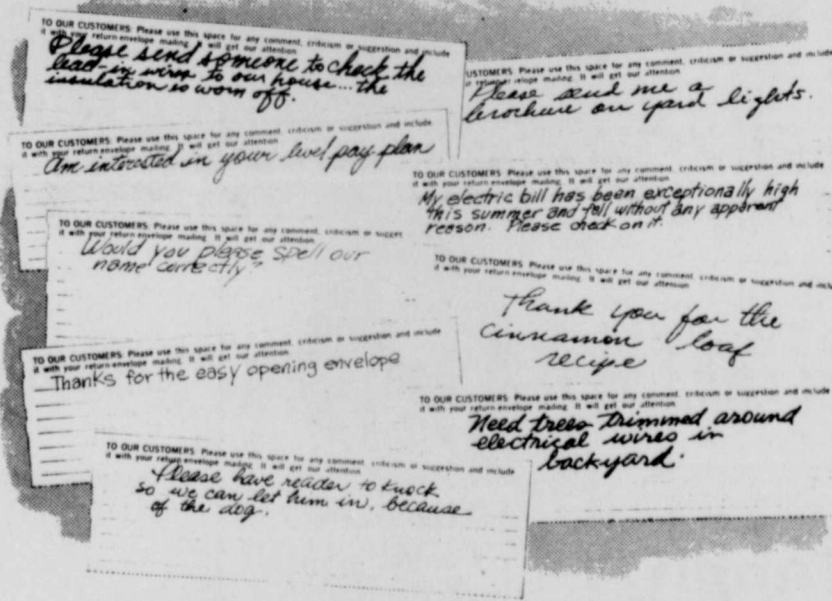
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