Wellington Leader

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City Council Changes Water Contract Terms

The City Council voted Monday, January 5, to change two clauses in the water purchase contract by which Red River Authority of Texas seeks to purchase some of its water from the city.

These changes were necessary in order for approval to be given by the Farmers Home Administration, funding agency for the rural water project.

One change removes the minimum to be purchased, which had been set at 2,500,000 gallons in the original purchase contract. The other change provides that the cost of water secured from any other municipal water supplies will not be considered in setting the price to be paid the City of Wellington.

Approval was given the lighting of Highway 83 from 8th Street north to First, contingent on the county's entering the project on a 50-50 basis. The west side of the highway lies in the city, the east side in the county.

City Manager Glen Taylor

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LAY RURAL WATER PLANS

Plans for the Red River Valley Authority rural water project were discussed in Wellington recently by Raymond Hodges, FHA county supervisor; Willie Knoll, president of the Samnorwood Water System, and Fred Parkey, executive director of RRVA. The Samnorwood Water System loan will be assumed by the RRVA.

Nominations Open for Outstanding Man, Woman

Nominations for Outstanding Man and Outstanding Woman of the year for Collingsworth County are now open, under a program sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

From the nominations made, one man and one woman will be selected for the honor, and they will be announced at the annual chamber banquet Thursday, February 26.

President Sandy Parsons has announced the procedure for making the selection:

Nominations may be made by anyone. The general public will be given the opportunity and shall be urged to nominate for the awards.

Nominations should be brought or mailed to the Selections Committee, Collingsworth Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 267, Wellington by January 20.

Information about the person nominated should include:

1. Name.
2. Length of residence in the county.
3. What the individual has done for the benefit of

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Valentine Page for Grandparents Due

The fourth annual Wellington Leader Valentine pages, featuring pictures of dozens and dozens of grandchildren, will be presented again this year.

This is a special event for grandparents only, and it will be featured in the newspaper issued Thursday, February 12, just before that favorite holiday.

The offer is limited to grandparents and here is what they do:

Bring a picture, preferably billfold size, to The Wellington Leader not later than Thursday, February 5, at 5:00 p.m., along with the youngster's name, the names of the parents and of as many grandparents as the child may have.

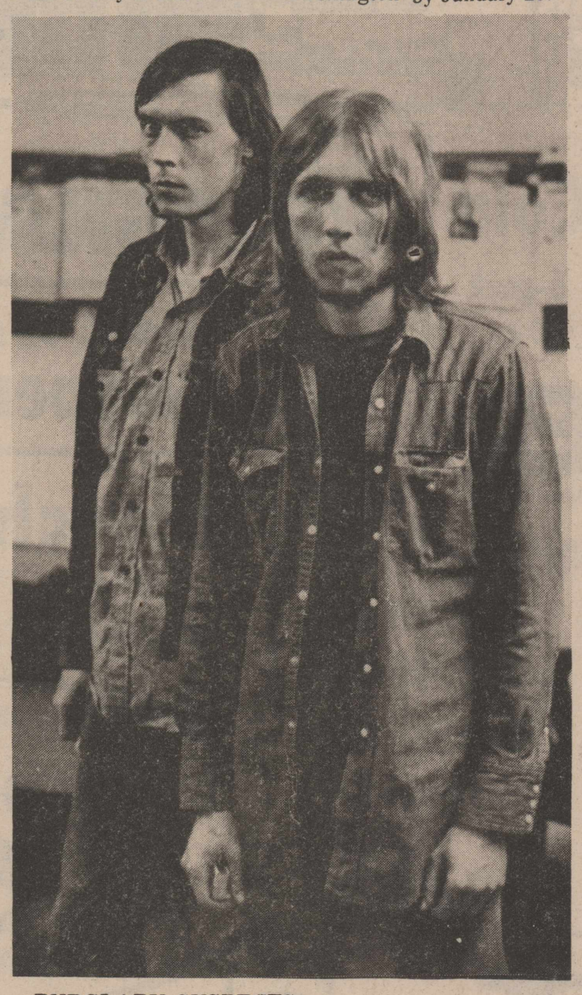
This is for children one day through six years of age.

The child's face will appear on a special Valentine on the greeting page.

Either black and white or clear colored photo's may be used. It is not necessary that the children live in Collingsworth County. They may be living anywhere in the world.

There is a charge of $5.00 per picture and the photos may be picked up following publication.

This is a unique way for grandparents to help their grandchildren say "Happy Valentine" to others in the family. It is also an opportunity for proud grandparents to show readers of The Wellington Leader everywhere that they have the finest, prettiest or most handsome grandchildren to be found anywhere.



BURGLARY SUSPECTS

David Ladd, left, and Morris Lynn Powell are in custody of the Collingsworth County Sheriff's Department on charges stemming from the burglary of Pruden Drug Dec. 19. Bonds were set at $10,000 each by Mrs. Beatrice McKinney, justice of the peace. A third man, James Kirk Douglas, is being held in Borger, and Debra Beene, 18, is out on bond in connection with the burglary, in which a quantity of tranquilizing drugs were taken. Sheriff's Department Photo

Temperature At 11 Degrees

Temperature dropped to a low of 11 degrees Tuesday night and early Wednesday, January 6-7, County Judge Zook Thomas reported.

Measurements were by the official Weather Bureau equipment on the court house yard.

New Johnny Cash Film Due at Quail Baptist

The story is old, but the perspective is up-dated and brought into sharp focus by the new Johnny Cash film, "The Gospel Road", to be shown on Sunday, January 11 at Quail Baptist Church. The showing will begin at 5:00 p.m.

"The film is a blend of scripture-based narratives, and an abundant supply of specially written songs taking place in Israel," said the Rev. Darrell Feemster, pastor.

"You are there walking beside the Jordan and the Sea of Galilee, seeing Him in many human situations that establish a practical and personal rapport with every viewer. You are there, being introduced to the disciples, and experiencing the highly

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Pat O'Hair Asks Reelection

Pat O'Hair has authorized The Wellington Leader to announce his candidacy for re-election as commissioner of Precinct 3, subject to action of the Democratic Primary. His statement follows:

With the cooperation, understanding and good-will of the people of this county, we as a commissioners court, have been able to solve some of the problems facing Collingsworth County in the last several years, for which I am very thankful.

By announcing for re-election for county commissioner of Precinct Three, it is my

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Volunteer Ambulance Service Holds Annual Meeting Saturday

The Collingsworth Volunteer Ambulance Service will hold its annual meeting and appreciation dinner Saturday, January 10, when the year's progress will be reviewed and 1976 plans discussed.

The meeting will be in Bura Handley Community Center, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Louis Finney, who heads the Regional Emergency Medical Services, has been invited to attend and hear first hand how the operation of the Collingsworth emergency facility is carried on, said Bob Watson, president.

There will be a demonstration of the use of the new scoop stretcher which the ambulance service recently received. This stretcher is of the break-down type, and can be used much more effectively in the removal of injured in some instances, such as wrecked vehicles and other tight places.

If the new ambulance, due for delivery in early January, has arrived, it will be on display.

During the short business meeting, the volunteers will cast their ballots for three new directors for 1976-77 and the by-laws will be read and reports given.

Members will be asked for suggestions to help improve the ambulance service.

Directors will meet following the meeting to organize for the coming year.

The Collingsworth County Volunteer Ambulance Service is rated one of the top volunteer services in West Texas, irregardless of the size of the unit, and it has served as a model for several others in the Panhandle area.

Two points always mentioned as contributing to the success of the Collingsworth service are the dedication of the people who work with it--all but one of whom are volunteers. Next is mentioned that the service has kept its financial operations in the black.

Officers serving with Mr. Watson are Marshall Peters, vice-president and Mrs. Margaret Vines, secretary, who is also responsible for all collections.

Directors are Mrs. Vines, Tom Anderson, Mr. Watson, Jimmie Kelso, Calvin A. Hurst and Mr. Peters.

There are approximately 30 volunteer members.

Mr. Anderson co-ordinates the volunteer ambulance program and Johnny Brown is training co-ordinator.

The ambulance service is headquartered at Collingsworth General Hospital. King Bowen, hospital maintenance superintendent and purchasing agent, also serves as the paid ambulance driver and is in charge of ambulance maintenance. Working with him when duties permit is a young hospital aide, Charles Mathis, who volunteers his time.

Approximately 100 persons will be present for the annual meeting and appreciation dinner, Mrs. Vines said.

MRS. ANITA BLANTON

Extension Service Agent Begins Work

Mrs. Anita Blanton began work Monday, January 5, as home extension agent with the Texas Extension Service. She comes here from Zuni, New Mexico, where for three years she was an extension home economist with the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service on the Zuni Indian Reservation.

During this month, Mrs. Blanton said she will meet with all home demonstration clubs and 4-H Clubs to become acquainted with their programs and meet the members.

Before going to New Mexico, Mrs. Blanton taught special education one year in the Post Independent Schools. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics from Texas Tech University in

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Gooch to Judge County Steer Show Jan. 17

Ronnie Gooch, agricultural extension agent for Donley County, will judge the annual youth steer show Saturday, January 17.

County Agent Don Reeves said that Gooch has judged livestock shows here several times in the past and is regarded as one of the outstanding young judges of the southeast Panhandle.

He, himself, has an outstanding 4-H Club livestock program in Donley County, Mr. Reeves pointed out.

Following the show here January 17, Collingsworth County calves will go to the Amarillo Livestock Show which begins the following Monday.

WHS Teams to Meet Silverton, Wheeler

Wellington Skyrockets and Rockettes travel to Silverton Friday, January 9, then on Tuesday, January 13, the Wellington teams will host Wheeler. For the Skyrockets, this latter will be a crucial game and may well determine the winner of the first half of play.

"As it looks now, it will be a tight race for the winner of the first half of district play," said Coach Robert Hicks. "Four teams are in position to win or tie right now. Claude and Wheeler have a 3-0 record in district play, Memphis and Wellington are 2-1. I feel the game with Wheeler here next Tuesday will probably decide the outcome of the first half."

This will be the second meeting for Wellington and Wheeler, the Mustangs having edged the Rockets 50-49 Saturday night at the Canadian tournament.

The Skyrockets dropped their first district game to Memphis, 52-46, then came back to defeat Shamrock 61-50 and Clarendon 63-51.

Of the two district leaders, Wheeler has defeated Shamrock, Memphis and McLean, while Claude won over Clarendon, Silverton and Shamrock.

Besides its win over Wellington, Memphis has defeated McLean but also lost to Wheeler.

The Rockettes will meet a

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Senior Citizens Move Into Their Own Remodeled Home

Senior Citizens, Inc. of Collingsworth County, who have operated their successful organization for more than two years, are now in a building of their own, completely remodeled, at 704 East Avenue.

It is their third location, and by far the best suited for their recreational and activity needs.

The Senior Citizens building also serves as the office for the Collingsworth-Wheeler Counties Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

To begin the project, Senior Citizens, Inc., of Collingsworth County was chartered with the State of Texas as a non-profit organization and a 5-man board of directors elected, with each director also holding an office.

Jim Wood is president; Oliver Young vice-president; Elmer Haralson, secretary; Henry Langford, treasurer; and John Bishop, publicity chairman. Mrs. Jean Reynolds, RSVP secretary, meets with the board and does their bookkeeping--free of charge.

This taken care of, members began their fund-raising campaign last summer, and with the help of the community, raised $2,000 with which to buy their building, from Paul Spillman.

Additional funds came through a $2,500 grant from Human Service and Human Development, a federal agency. Many of the members volunteered work during the remodeling. The ceiling was lowered and the 25x100 foot building finished with wood paneling. Kitchen cabinets were built into one area, and beside them a refrigerator and stove were installed, so that food can be prepared when needed.

Carpeting was laid in the front of the building and tile will be put down beyond this. Some fluorescent lights were installed. Some work remains to be done, although the organization moved in several days ago.

"A great many people volunteered work or gave us supplies," Mrs. Reynolds said. The front was remodel-

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Basic Education Classes Now Offered on All Grade Levels

Wellington basic education classes have openings for more students on all levels--from those who are preparing for the GED test to those who do not read or write.

All of this is offered free to the students. Materials, workbooks and other required supplies are furnished.

The classes meet each Monday evening from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the high school. Mrs. Bob McAlister, high school faculty member, is the instructor.

Each student enters the class at his own level and he may come in at any time of the year. He progresses at his own speed.

"Right now, we have students from 17 to 60 years of age," said Mrs. McAlister.

"Some are here to brush up on subjects to take the GED test. Last year we had a number of students who did this. Some want to learn one subject, such as English, better.

"We have places for those who can't read at all. This is an excellent opportunity for them since they can advance at their own pace and receive individual assistance.

"We would also like to have some of those with whom English is a second language."

These classes are offered under a program of the Texas Education Agency, through PESO. To keep these classes at Wellington, an enrollment of 15 is necessary with an average weekly attendance of 7.

"Many of our students come into the classes feeling they cannot pass the work but as soon as they are into it, what they learned while in school comes back to them," Mrs. McAlister said.

Those students who are working toward the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) take the test here in Wellington at any time they believe they are ready for it, without much waiting time. These are given by Mrs. Melvin Cardwell, who schedules the tests when several people feel they are ready.

Rites for Mrs. Juanita Bratcher Conducted Friday

Mrs. Juanita Bratcher, a Wellington resident 15 years, died in Thomas Nursing Center about 7:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 31. Although she had been in ill health, her death was unexpected. She had lived in the nursing center a month.

Mrs. Bratcher was born at Dallas August 5, 1894, the daughter of George W. and Georgia Walker Isbell.

A retired seamstress, she came here from San Angelo.

Mrs. Bratcher was a Baptist.

Funeral services were conducted at Kelso Chapel Friday, January 2, at 2:00 p.m. Officiating were the Rev. C.R. Hankins, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, and the Rev. Elvis Pitts, pastor of Faith Baptist Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Kelso Funeral Home.

Pall bearers were Wayne Cummings, John Nash, Jerol Morris, Hezze Jones, Ernest Maxwell, and U.S. Bolton.

Surviving Mrs. Bratcher are a daughter, Mrs. Estella Emmert of Orange; a sister, Mrs. Viola Keesling of Mangum, Okla.; three brothers, R.H. Isbell of Wellington; George W. Isbell of DeRidder, La. and Ted Isbell of Oildale, Calif.; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Keller Retires From Church Post

Mrs. Harold Keller, secretary for First Baptist Church 16 years, has retired from that position, but will remain in other capacities on a part-time basis.

Mrs. Jim Forrester, who has worked in the church office for a year and a half, has been appointed church secretary, succeeding Mrs. Keller, the Rev. Roy Collins, pastor, announced.

In her new position, Mrs. Keller will continue to be in charge of the church books and handle its financial reports.

Mrs. Forrester's work has been on a part-time basis to this point. During several years that she and her husband lived away from Wellington, she was employed by an office supply firm in Tucumcari, N.M., and later she worked for The Wellington Leader and in the business office of the Wellington Independent School District.

For several years before beginning work for the church, she remained at home to care for her small children. As church secretary, she will be employed full time, Rev. Collins said.

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Collingsworth County and its citizens.

4. What organizations does the individual belong to; what offices has held; how much he or she participates in civic, social, religious and youth activities.

5. Other pertinent information to determine the value of this man or woman to the community.

The five-member Selection Committee will abide by these rules in their selection:

1. The recipients of the awards shall have lived in Collingsworth County at least five years.

2. The recipients shall have actively participated in two or more of the following activities: civic, social, religious, or youth.

3. No director of the Chamber of Commerce shall be eligible during the year of service on the board.

4. No previous recipient shall be eligible for the award.

5. An elected or public officia shall be eligible, but under no condition shall his or her activities which have any connection with his or her usual duties of office be considered by the selection committee. Only activities which are entirely beyond the usual duties of office shall be considered. However, his or her participation as a member of an elected or appointed civic board, such as school or hospital board, may be considered as civic participation.

6. All other regulations other than those already stated shall be left to the discretion of the selection committee.

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strong opponent in Silverton Friday, as that team has back all its players from last year and is one of the stronger girls teams in the district. Wheeler and Wellington are playing about alike and neither has won a district game.

Coach Bruce Dollar has one of the younger teams of District 2-A, with most of his players either freshmen or sophomores.

Top scoring honors go to sophomore Kloette Camp, who after the first 14 games is averaging 21 points per game. She played in only four games last year before undergoing knee surgery.

Ranking second is Pam Ingram, freshman, who is averaging 13.7 points per game. Third high is Lee Ann Sessions, a sophomore, who is bringing in 9 points per game. However, Coach Dollar is moving her to guard position because of her hustle and ability to get the ball downcourt. "We have had too many turnovers," he commented.

Lee Ann played guard position for the first time during the Canadian tournament last week end and after two games was picked for the all-tournament team. Replacing Kloette at forward will be Kathy Trimble, a junior, who played B team basketball last year.

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pointed out that West Texas Utilities Co. will install mercury vapor lights, like those lighting the highway from 8th to 15th streets, for $3.70 each per month. Twelve lights would be required for the one half mile stretch.

The council also approved diagonal parking for a one-half block area on East Avenue, between 7th and 8th Streets, in front of the newly acquired Senior Citizen Building. In making the request, the organization pointed out that it is difficult for some of its older members to park parallel.

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desire to be a part of this constructive commissioners court in helping solve some of the difficulties confronting us now.

Collingsworth County should never become dependent upon Federal handouts and grants, but should be kept on a sound basis so that when these Federal giveaways are ended, we will have good local government, locally planned, locally supported and locally financed.

The people of this county have been good to me, and if re-elected I shall continue to give the best I have to my county.

Your support, influence and vote will be appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Wilkerson spent Christmas week in San Antonio with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. K.V. (Patsy) Willard, Vance and Billy Ray. Also visiting in the Willard home were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Rogers and Glenn, a brother of Mrs. Wilkerson.

Car and Train Collide Here Tuesday Night

Three young people escaped with only cuts and bruises when the car in which they were riding was in collision with the engine of a Ft. Worth and Denver train, which was entering Wellington from the south.

The three were identified by Deputy Sheriff Richard Keller as Richard Sanders, 19, his sister, Tammy, 14, and a friend, Debra Ann Bergvall, 11.

The accident occurred about 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, January 6, at the railroad crossing on 15th Street.

Deputy Keller described Sanders as shaken up but not hurt; Tammy Sanders received bruises and small lacerations, and Debra as having multiple lacerations about the face and head. Both girls were hospitalized at Collingsworth General. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sanders are the parents of Richard and Tammy, while Debra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Bergvall.

Highway Patrolman Jackie Gunnels led the investigation, assisted by Sheriff John Rainey and Deputy Keller, Steve Vines, J.R. Nelson and N.E. Childers.

The car was described as a total loss.

Quail Season In County Ends January 31

The Quail season ends in Collingsworth and Wheeler Counties Saturday, January 31, State Game Warden Dennis Thomas reminded hunters this week. "But don't go hunting Sunday," he reminded.

The season in these two counties is set by the State Legislature and ends two weeks ahead of that in the remaining Panhandle counties.

Mr. Thomas said that most hunters in Collingsworth County have had good luck as long as they are hunting with dogs. Moisture conditions through the year have resulted in a lot of high grass and good cover, and it is hard to flush the birds without dogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Southerland and baby spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Bailey of McLean.

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SUNDAY
10:15 a.m. Sunday School FBC
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship FBC
6:00 p.m. Bible Study in Book of Daniel FBC
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship FBC

MONDAY
7:00 p.m. "Jot"
7:05 p.m. Sunday Morning Worship FBC
8:00 p.m. James Robison Presents

TUESDAY
7:00 p.m. "Punto" Spanish
7:05 p.m. Luz para un mundo en tiniebles
7:30 p.m. "La Respuesta" Spanish

WEDNESDAY
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service FBC
8:00 p.m. "Jot"
8:05 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship Service FBC

THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. "Jot"
7:05 p.m. Viewpoint
7:30 p.m. "The Answer"

FRIDAY
7:00 p.m. "Jot"
7:05 p.m. Keys to Christian Living—Paul Bellington

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charged emotional trial before Pilate.

"Adding to the effectiveness of "The Gospel Road" in its endeavor to convey reality for this day are the fascinating treatment of the Crucifixion, making this tragedy an event of significance that reaches from its own time across the years to take on meaning for all men of all ages; and the songs and background music of Johnny Cash and other outstanding musicians, whose contemporary style is not out of keeping with the story...a story that reveals that His darkest day has become our brightest," the pastor concluded.

"The Gospel Road," distributed by World Wide Pictures, was conceived and produced by Johnny Cash and his wife, June Carter Cash.

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ed along modern lines.

Activities of these lively and youthful senior citizens is varied and includes both valuable services and recreation. This is carried out by 118 volunteers. Anyone 55 years or older is eligible for membership.

Any day, Monday through Friday, from a dozen to two dozen or more people may be carrying out a number of activities. There are tables for dominoes or other games.

Quilting engages a number of the women. It is one of the sources of income for Senior Citizens, Inc. for the quilting is done on a custom basis, or quilts that have been made are sold.

Senior Citizens also conduct the free blood pressure clinic each month, a project headed by Mrs. Ernest Harwell, a long-time laboratory technician with Collingsworth General Hospital. Other members assist.

The telephone reassurance program is the newest projects. Members are attempting to get the names of those senior citizens who live alone, and a telephone committee calls them once a day, just to see if they are all right.

Some of the members have worked at the Collingsworth County Library and the Satellite Training and Work Center.

Most have had experience at various kinds of fund raising, and they have put this talent to work in the Red Cross, Cancer Crusade and Salvation Army drives. They have hemmed sheets for the Volunteer Ambulance Service, and they have done volunteer work at the Chamber of Commerce.

One of their outstanding activities is with those their own age or older--but who lack their own stamina, residents of Thomas Nursing Center. Here they play games with the residents, read to them, answer letters, or just sit and visit.

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1972 and has done graduate work at Texas Tech and Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado.

The family returned to Texas, Mrs. Blanton said, to be nearer the area in which her husband, Ed Blanton, works as a distributor for KBD hair care products. The couple has two sons, Bruce, a senior in high school, and David, an eighth grader.

There was no extension home economics on the Zuni reservation when Mrs. Blanton was assigned to the post, and the program she introduced was unstructured, including work with special interest groups. No home demonstration clubs in the traditional sense were organized. Studies which the home economist set up with the Zuni women included such programs as nutrition, consumer education, and off-reservation travel.

Much other work was with the youth on the reservation and Mrs. Blanton also directed nutrition education in the Gallup-McKinley Schools, working with 75 teachers, who in turn gave instruction to some 600 students.

Another phase of her program was with the low-income housing project on the reservation, principally giving instruction on maintenance and home care.

Mrs. Blanton speaks warmly of the Zuni Indians, who still follow traditions and a way of life handed down from generation to generation by word of mouth, for there has been no written language.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Blanton were born and grew up at Cheyenne, Oklahoma. At Post, he served on the city council, was a board member of the United Methodist Church, a member of Texas Jaycees and chosen the Outstanding Jaycee for service to the community. He has been a board member of the Federal Housing Authority, scoutmaster, commander of the American Legion Post, member of the Zuni Lions Club and a FFA Honorary Chapter Farmer.

The older son, Bruce, is an Eagle Scout and Scout of the year, on the All Area Football Team from McKinley County. He lettered in football and track. He was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, FFA State Farmer, Delegate to the FFA Washington Leadership Conference this year, local FFA president and District FFA vice-president. He was a delegate to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

Bruce was a delegate to Boys State in 1975, Student Council representative and on the executive board of the National Honor Society.

David also is an honor student and was treasurer of the Zuni Greenhand Chapter and delegate to the National FFA Convention at Kansas City. He lettered in football and basketball.

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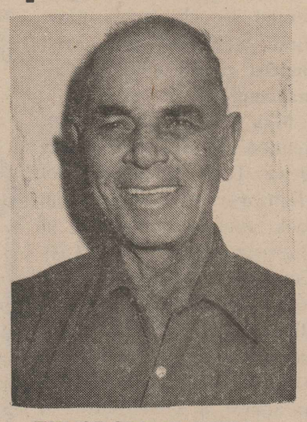
Ressell Retires From Highway Department

CHILDRESS--The retirement of Theodore R. Ressell, maintenance construction supervisor in Benjamin, has been announced by Childress District Engineer Lewis H. White of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

December 31, 1975, marked the end of a 26 year highway career for Ressell, who went to work for the Department in 1950 in Benjamin as a semi-skilled laborer.



THEODORE RESSELL

Ressell was promoted to maintenance foreman and transferred from Crowell to Wellington in 1965 where he was responsible for highway maintenance activities in Collingsworth County and the northern portion of Childress County.

He returned to Benjamin as maintenance foreman for Knox County in 1970.

Ressell was honored with a retirement party on his last day of employment, December 31, 1975. The party was held at the Childress District office. He was presented with an acetylene welding and cutting set and a tool box by his fellow employees.

"We are losing a valuable employee," said District Engineer White.

"Mr. Ressell has done an outstanding job and has done his share of upholding the fine tradition of the Department.

Ressell stated that for the most part his 26 years with the Department had been pleasant.

"All the people I've worked with and for have been very nice people." he said.

"Any success I've had as maintenance foreman is due to the outstanding employees I've had working for me."

George R. Wall, Childress assistant district engineer and former resident engineer in Munday, stated that he had enjoyed his close association with Ressell over the years.

"I know Theodore as well as anybody with the Department, and I can truthfully say he has been a devoted and capable highway man."

Asked about his retirement plans, Ressell emphasized that he was only going to do what he wanted to do.

"I've got plenty of work to do around my place and will do some fishing from time to time," he said.

Ressell and his wife, Ruth, plan to remain in Benjamin.

The Ressells have four children--Mrs. W.T. (Jo Etta) Cartwright of Benjamin; V.T. Ressell of Clovis, N.M.; Mrs. Jack (Katherine) New of Seguin; and Ronnie of Benjamin.

Ressell was born in Petrolia and attended Fairview School in Thrift, Texas.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hill and sons, Rocky and Kevin, of Jacksonville, were holiday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hill, and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Floyd and Suzanne. Rocky Hill, a graduate of Wellington High School, is now a student in Jacksonville Baptist College.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bunch of Lake Tanglewood and her mother, Mrs. Ileta Thomas, of Amarillo, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hill. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Hill are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Prigmore of Willow, Oklahoma, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hill Saturday, December 27. They formerly lived in the Aberdeen community.

Christmas holidays lasted through Friday, January 2, for Mrs. Mattie Childress, for on that date, a granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Foote returned to their home at Waco. Others visiting were a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Nite, Greg, Kelley and Pam of Amarillo. Joining the group to visit were a sister, Mr. and Mrs. David Peters, and Mrs. Tom Parker of Wellington, along with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Ressell and daughters, Loretta and Debra of Dickens and Minnie Tooms of Borger.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bawcom, Butch and Sheri of Boys Ranch spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bawcom. Mr. and Mrs. Dodge and family and Mr. and Mrs. Leamon Bawcom and family joined the group for an early celebration of Christmas.

Christmas Day guests in the Howard Crosby home were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crosby, Kent and Larry and Lee Lacy of Shamrock, Mrs. Alta Tyler from Thomas Nursing Center. On Saturday Mrs. Crosby's brothers and sisters were visitors. They were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Clay, Muleshoe, Mrs. Lena Young of Lamesa, Rev. and Mrs. T.L. Arnold of Silverton, Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Hair, Quail, Mrs. Bill Clay from Hedley, Mrs. James Colson, Lubbock Horace Clay and Mrs. Alta Tyler of Thomas Nursing Center.

Mrs. Ira Page of Clarendon visited her brother, Paul Bell, and her aunts, Mrs. Andy Y. Bell and Mrs. Warren Carter Monday of this week.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zook Thomas during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Darden and Susan from Lorenzo; Tim Thorton of Tulia; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bennett from Lubbock, Mrs. Opal Stonfill from Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Nicholson of White Deer; Mrs. Florene Cotter of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. John Alf Thomas, LaVonda and Lindy; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lindsey, DeJon and Dianna; Teddy McLain, Jerry Mallow and E.W. Clement.

Guests of Mrs. Jack Lowry during Christmas were her three children, Capt. and Mrs. Neal Lowry, Rodney and Stephen of Pine Bluff, Ark.; Dr. and Mrs. Joel Lowry, Landon and Melanie of Vernon. Joining them were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schaub, DiAnna, Lowry and Russell of the Lutie community.

Cotton Market Price Drops

Local market prices dropped 1½ to 2 cents per pound this week according to T.J. Proske, in charge of the Memphis Texas Cotton Classing Office. Trading was active until mid-week when prices began declining. Growers sold mixed lots composed mostly of grades 52, 42, 32, and 33; staples 30 through 32; and 3.0 and higher mike for 45.00 to 48.00 cents per pound. Some lower grade, low mike cotton brought as little as 36.00 cents while a few higher grade, premium mike lots brought up to 50.00 cents.

Growers received $80 to $90 per ton for their cottonseed.

Grade 42 predominated in this weeks classing accounting for 36 per cent. Other major grades were 32 with 16 per cent, 43 with 15 per cent and 33 with 10 per cent. One fourth of the samples classed were reduced in grade due to bark or grass content. Staple 31 was the predominant length comprising 46 per cent. Staples 32 and 30 made up 33 and 17 per cent respectively. Micronaire readings were similar to last weeks with 21 per cent miking 3.5-4.9, 17 per cent miking 3.3-3.4, 37 per cent miking 3.0-3.2, and 22 per cent miking 2.7-2.9.

Approximately 20,000 samples were classed for the week ending Friday, January 2. This brings the season's total to 135,000 for the Memphis, Texas area.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tarter had their children as guests during the Christmas holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Del Risley, Jyll and Derek of Amarillo.

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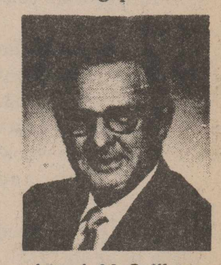

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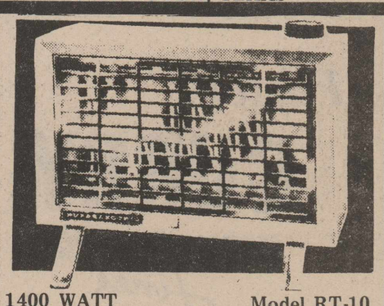

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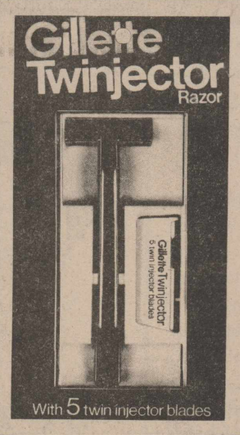

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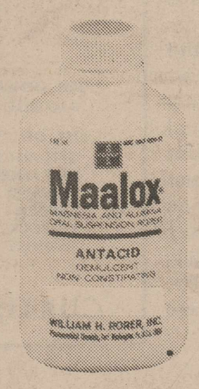

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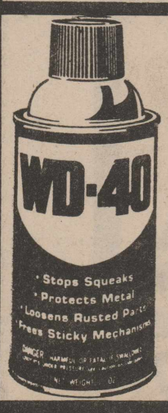

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Collingsworth Was an Active and Dynamic Place Throughout 1975

Collingsworth County was a lively and progressive place to be during 1975, as shown in the pages of The Wellington Leader. Its people and organizations won honors. More of its bright young folks came home to establish their place in the community. Scattered through the year were new building and remodeling projects. Our financial condition was solid.

The Skyrockets won the District football championship the first time since 1963, and nothing in many years has served to unite the whole county so solidly and spontaneously.

Collingsworth was indeed a good place to be in 1975!

JANUARY 1975

The county began 1975 with a good supply of moisture...District Judge Robert E. Montgomery was appointed the Panhandle area representative to the Commission on Judicial Manpower and Resource Allocation...Samnorwood Eaglettes earned the Division II championship in Amarillo American Legion Basketball tournament...Allsup's Convenience Store was robbed by a masked man holding the young clerk at knifepoint...Dr. Mark Fires bought Wellington Veterinary Hospital.

The Collingsworth Volunteer Ambulance Service was called the best in the Panhandle...The City announced it would gravel all streets in the Flats, where most of Wellington's black residents live. Quenton Bowen was the first baby of 1975...Bob Goforth was remodeling Cherokee Inn Restaurant...

Mark Fourmentin showed the Grand Champion Steer at the Youth Calf Show...Stan Tate had the reserve champion...Sandy Parsons became president of the Chamber of Commerce... Bank assets were near $22 million, an all-time year-end high...Kenneth Moore was named executive vice-president of Wellington State Bank...Collingsworth General Hospital had the highest patient census since it has been under county operation...

The county Bi-centennial Committee began its search for projects, with Henry Sullivan elected chairman... Joe Terry ended a 50-year banking career...Work began on the new sanitary landfill...116 county youngsters were vaccinated against mumps in the first such program...Someone removed honey from the hives which Troy Johnson and Don Hall had at Quail...High Plains Paving of Plainview and W.D. Turner Construction Co. of Lubbock, received a joint contract to seal coat 30 miles of state and FM highways.

FEBRUARY 1975

Ground-soaking rains fell through the county...Kenneth Wyatt, western artist, was the Chamber of Commerce banquet speaker. Awards went to: C.T. Hubbard, community service; Deskins Wells, lifetime community service; Jimmy Barber, outstanding sales and service, and John Robert Henard, outstanding rancher...The county Historical Museum set its budget at $2,545...

Lenora Oatman and Tommy Caldwell were Mr. and Miss Quail...Wellington school administrators and coaches were re-elected... The Cemetery Association was 25 years old...

The Skyrockets won the District 2-A Basketball title...Six calves from Collingsworth were shown in the Houston Livestock Show... Lone Star Gas requested a rate increase...The Firecrackers won the District 2-A 8th grade championship...

The first Career Day, featuring some 20 visiting speakers, was held at Wellington High School...A blustry snow storm gave the county its third consecutive white week end...Seven Masons received pins; Ernest Griffith of Denton, 50 years; Dick Sweat, Deskins Wells, W.R. Breeding, John Glasscock, James Field and Virgil Breedlove, 25 years.

La Paisana Chapter, DAR, began recording all Collingsworth County burials...Burglars took equipment from locked barns of the O.L. Hartman Farm at Quail and Wayne Reynolds farm near Dodson.

MARCH 1975

A free blood pressure clinic for senior citizens was begun by RSVP...Shane Tarver, Edward Thomas and Kathy Kersten were on the 2-A All District basketball teams...Cub Scouts held their annual Blue and Gold banquet...The county and city approved the final contract for the Combined Law Enforcement Program... The Men's Progressive Organization was formed by black men of the county, with C.R. Cooper president... Every Quail high school student was a member of one of its basketball teams... Mrs. Cecil Masten headed the cancer crusade...

A 12-unit apartment complex was announced for Wellington...Classroom teachers were re-elected and three long-time teachers retired, Mrs. Ben Ratliff, Mrs. Rufus Sweat and Mrs. Sam Thompson...The Red Cross Bloodmobile received 108 units of blood. David Peters became a 7-gallon donor...Jake Maxwell and Auther Jones opened their Big Bluff Motocross Track...

Lori Collins was chosen Miss Wellington...Kiwanis honored Glen McLain for his contributions to scouting... Burglars took tools and 13 cans of weed killer from Warrick's Inc....The Texas State Historical Committee approved an official marker for Wellington's first brick building (Brownings Shoe Shop)...Ministerial Alliance sponsored an Easter Cantata, "Hallelujah!" What a Savior" and Kiwanis held its Easter Egg Hunt...Mark Wischkaemper and Cindy Watts won the county spelling bee...Quail and Dodson ex-students held their annual reunions.

APRIL 1975

Ambulance service dispatch was transferred to the sheriff's department...Sandy Covey held a one-man art exhibit...Lillie Church disbanded after 70 years of service to the area...

Wind damaged buildings and irrigation equipment in several parts of the county... The National Guard unit went on desert training Operation Gallant Shield, at Ft. Bliss...David Moore was indicted for the shooting deaths of James Davis and C.B. Roland...The grand jury returned 6 other indictments...Wellington's girls were in the 2 A track meet...

The Commissioners Court approved a population survey for the county...Men's softball league was formed and renovation of Marian Airpark field began...Senior boys tennis teams swept district 2-A competition... Salt Fork SCD held its annual land and grass judging contest...Myra Hays was nominated for state B&PW Club Outstanding Woman honors and Linda Brewer for District Young Career Woman...WHS tennis and track teams competed for regional honors...County Commissioners upped tax valuations 20 per cent...Betty Burba was valedictorian and Sallie Tarver salutatorian of Wellington High School...Johnny Roberts used a wheel barrow to roll $500 in pennies up to the city state bank...The trucking industry earned $2,659,947 in the county in 1974, TMTA announced... Former Wellington residents at Ft. Worth held their annual reunion.

MAY 1975

Bank assets passed $23 million, an all-time first quarter high...Narcotics valued at $600 were taken in the burglary of C&H Pharmacy. Narcotics valued at $300 were taken in another burglary ten days later... Texas Tech kicking specialist Brian Hall was the sports banquet speaker...USDA reports set the 1974 county cotton total at 26,238 bales...

County wheat prospects were good...Cablecom General was awarded a 15-year non-exclusive cable TV franchise...Richard Fourmentin was elected VFW commander...

Judge R.L. Templeton published his first book, "Cannon Boy of the Alamo"...the city asked a temporary injunction against Lone Star Gas to prevent a rate increase...Forty three seniors were graduated from the three schools...Interest was growing in slow-pitch softball...The Bicentennial musical, "I Love America," was announced for March 16-18, 1976 with Benny Kilgo director...Larry Oldham was named Man of the Year at West Texas State University ...Collingsworth General Hospital received Joint Commission accreditation, but improvements were urged.

JUNE 1975

Wellington was picked as one site for filming the life of Woody Guthrie, "Bound for Glory". (This was later cancelled.)...Harvesting started on the best wheat crop in years...Panfork Christian Service Camp was opened by 1st Christian Church...Dennis Holland of Dodson was the new Division IV commander... The league's first 3-day softball tournament was held with the trophy going to an Amarillo team...A Shamrock man was killed in a car-cycle crash on the unopened lane of US 83 north of Salt Fork...Fire destroyed 100 acres of wheat on the John Sherman farm at Arlie... Charles Waugh, 1st Christian church minister, went to Paramount Terrace Christian Church Amarillo...

Kiwanis presented Bob Watson its Distinguished Service Award...Pat McAlister was general chairman of the county fair...Water and sewer rates were increased...Collingsworth was designated an official Bicentennial County. The new section of Highway US 83 from Wellington to Lutie was opened...A sand storm heavily damaged cotton in some parts of the county...

Rain and sand heavily damaged county cotton around June 20...Night officer Wilson Porter arrested two young men, one a juvenile, attempting to enter C&H Pharmacy...Hay Camp Country Club held a two-day golf tournament...Myra Hays, with FHA 38 years, was honored on her retirement...

JULY 1975

The county's Bicentennial plans were announced to include events at the county fair: flag raising ceremony, guest speaker, country store, centennial booth, a prelude to 1976 events...Panfork Baptist Encampment began its three-weeks summer session...

Samnorwood School held its 40th anniversary reunion ...seal coat was applied to 35.74 miles of state and FM highways...Contruction began on the new Sagebrush Apartment Complex...A new self-storage business was announced...

Renovation of the Youth Livestock Barn was begun with Billy Moseley chairman The CC bought new holiday lights for 8th Street...Doyle Messer, Quail Vo Ag teacher, was honored by state Vo Ag teachers for 25 years service...

Bank assets neared 24 million...the Ambulance Service received a $22,808 grant from Panhandle Medical Service Systems, Inc...General Telephone Co. asked a 29 per cent rate increase... Linda Coffee was the 1975 Farm Bureau Queen...

Four and one-half inches of rain fell and the new drainage system just north of Wellington carried it off with flying colors...

Three community reunions were held: Loco-Arlie; three community, Lillie-Salt Fork-Marella; and Nicholson ...The engineering firm of Biggs and Mathews, Inc., Wichita was selected to prepare the preliminary report on the rural water project to serve south Collingsworth...Father B.A. Erpen became priest of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

AUGUST 1975

The Combined Law Enforcement Program was opened...Pioneer Park was officially open...

Lanier Insulation, a new businesss, opened...The Historical Museum selected bicentennial projects: a bookshelf, receiving the East Ward School Bell, a docent program...275 attended the Wellington Ex-students 24th annual reunion...Greenbugs were damaging the cotton crop...

Fifty-three Skyrockets reported for practice...Collingsworth General Hospital was one of 40 in Texas to enter the Skilled Nursing Care Program...The Three Schools opened...First Methodist Church held a big community barbecue...Stacey Neeley was Lions Club Sweetheart...The City received $11,500 reimbursement on its new sewer disposal system, completed several years ago, paid by the Environmental Protection Agency...

Charles Coffee, formerly of Wellington, was charged in the shooting death of Jackrabbit Mills...First Baptist Church held its note burning ceremony, cornerstone leveling and heard the Rev. Glenn Hickey, missionary to Brazil...Lucy Sullivan represented the county in the Wheatheart contest...Earl Shamblee's Cafe, which he had operated 35 years, burned when struck by lightning...Collingsworth Family Service Center was opened.

SEPTEMBER 1975

The Collingsworth County Fair was held, with flag—raising ceremony, address by Buddy Forbis, parade, livestock show, community exhibits, art exhibit, Pet Show, Old Settlers reunion, country store, barbecue, livestock show, terrapin race and horse show...

The Skyrockets defeated Hollis Tigers and began their season...Approximately 80 children were treated at the free speech and hearing clinic...Representatives of Baptist Churches in 9 counties requested the Commissioners Court to include paving of the Panfork road on its program...Arla Felts resigned as county extension agent to become Potter County Agent...

Mrs. Rob Isbell retired after 18 years as county Librarian...An attempt was made to burglarize the National Guard Armory. The FBI was called in...

OCTOBER 1975

Ivan Dement, Inc., was awarded the contract to widen US 83 from Lutie to Elm Creek Hill on a bid of $1,369,733...Harvesting the county's sunflower acreage started...

The Soil Conservation and Crop Tour was held...Farm Bureau had more than 600 to attend its annual barbecue... Kiwanis named Bill Spillman Kiwanian of the Year...Greenbelt Bankers held their fall banquet in Wellington...Firemen held their annual Open House... Jake Leach became Kiwanis president...Sagebrush Apartments and U-Stor-It were opened...Cablecom added three channels for TV viewers...DiAnna Schaub was the new Miss Samnorwood...

An Industrial Planning Seminar was held for business leaders of three town, Wellington, Shamrock and Childress...65 pigs were stolen from the Montgomery Hog Farm in the southwest part of the county...Thurman Crownover of Dodson ginned the first cotton...12-year-old Tim Taylor of Quail presented one of his paintings to Congressman Jack Hightower...

Tommy Thomas was elected president of the Golden Spread Chapter, Texas Nursing Home Association...Tami Boswell and David Baumgardner were the 4-H Gold Star girl and boy...PTO held its annual carnival...Carroll Nunnelley was elected Farmers Union President...

A capacity crowd attended the merchant seminar on shoplifting and hot checks... Ed Thomas, formerly with the Wellington SCS office, was promoted to assistant administrator for SCS in Washington, D.C.

NOVEMBER 1975

New uniforms were ordered for That Skyrocket Band...

Mrs. B.M. Sims was appointed to the West Texas State University Board of Regents...Quail community honored Mrs. Dollie Mae Wilson on 40 years of teaching...Ida Beth Stice was Samnorwood Carnival Queen ...The county and state rejected the proposed new constitution...Mrs. Jerry Nix attended the National Girl Scout meeting...Six inches of rain fell at Dodson...

Chamber of Commerce held a Labor Survey...

Skyrockets won the District 2-A Football championship and barely lost to Sanford-Fritch in bi-district ...First Baptist Church began color TV broadcasts on a week-long basis...Dedication of the historical marker at the O'Neil Building, Wellington's first brick business structure, was held with descendants of pioneer E.T. O'Neil attending...Wellington JV tied for the 2-A football championship...General Telephone began direct dialing service ...Skyrockets won 16 places on the All-District team... Cotton harvest was under way...Dr. James Hanson, director of Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, was speaker at the annual County Historical Museum meeting.

DECEMBER 1975

Tom Wilkins announced plans for Wellington Friendship House, a senior citizen project with condominium type options...Lois Simpson signed a contract for publication of her first book, a bulletin board plan for teachers...The Bicentennial Sing Song was held...Chamber of Commerce announced three Christmas Trades Days...

The School Bands and choir presented the Christmas concert...Eight young musicinas won regional honors...Henry Wells was elected Chamber of Commerce president; Lyman Daniel and Mrs. Barney Glenn, vice-presidents, Billy Moseley, treasurer; Dr. Mark Fires, Bob Bell and Mrs. Bill Hall, directors...

WHS Speech Class presented its children's play; First Methodist and First Baptist choirs gave Christmas cantatas...

Mrs. Haskell Manuel headed the Salvation Army Drive; Texas Department of Highways and Transportaion took over maintenance of Pioneer Park...The City Council agreed to sell water to the Red River Authority... Ritz and Kiwanis gave their annual Kiddies Christmas Show...James Herring was awarded a certificate of Merit for outstanding soil conservation work...

The County had its first White Christmas in several years...Four Pampa-Borger persons were arrested for burglarizing Pruden Drug of tranquilizing drugs valued at $300...

Collingsworth Property owners had paid $570,714 in city, state, county, school and hospital taxes.

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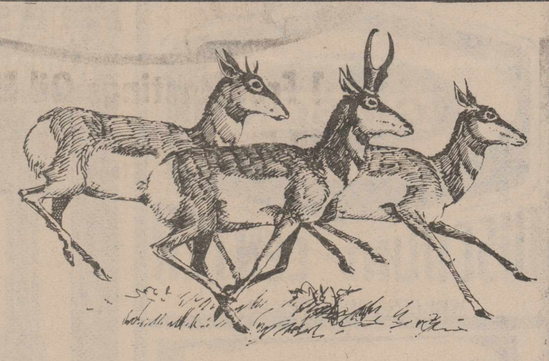

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Rockets Second in Canadian Tourney

Wellington Skyrockets placed second in the Canadian invitational basketball tournament, losing to Wheeler by only one point, 60-59, in the finals Saturday, January 3.

The Rockettes lost their first two games and were out of play.

Wellington and Wheeler were tied 47-47 with a minute to go, when the Mustangs scored to lead 49-47. The Rockets came down court and again tied the game. The Rockets had a chance for the last score, but lost the ball on a bad pass. Attempting to get it back, Wheeler was fouled and made one free throw with 20 seconds left, 50-49. Wellington again had the ball at the three second mark but were unable to get in the open and make a toss.

Edward Thomas scored 19 points, to bring his tournament total to 61. Jessie Davis had 10, Neal Cochran 8, Shane Tarver and George Brewer, four each and Winfred Sherrill two. Robert Wills had 18 for Wheeler.

The Skyrockets opened the tournament with a 60-33 win over Miami. Taking an early lead, Wellington continued a steady advance through the game. Thomas had 21 points, Brewer 12, Sammy Gonzales, 10, Tarver 9, Sherrill four, Davis and Cochran two each. Miami's high point man was Gashina with 8.

The second round game saw Wellington defeat Canadian 66-39. Again, the Skyrockets took an early lead and enlarged it through the game.

Thomas scored 21 points, Tarver 20, Gonzales 10, Sherrill 9, Cochran four and Brewer two. Canadian's Mike Armstrong had 10.

Wellington Rockettes drew the strong Miami girls as their first opponent and dropped the game 60-39. Wellington trailed only 22-17 at halftime, but they were never able to pace their opponents.

Carla Brogdon of Miami was high point player. For Wellington, Kloette Camp scored 21 points, Pam Ingram 16 and Kathy Patterson three.

In consolation play, Wellington again drew a strong B team, Briscoe, as an opponent, and lost 59-40.

Kloette had 18 points for the Rockettes, Pam 15, Lee Ann Sessions 6 and Debra Wood two. Brenda Meadows scored 41 points for Briscoe.

Three Wellington players were chosen for the all-tournament teams, Lee Ann Sessions, playing at guard for the Rockettes, Edward Thomas and Shane Tarver of the Rockets.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Horton spent Christmas in Arlington with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Alvin Horton and John Ed. While there, they attended the wedding of a niece in Jacksonville.

Phone Excise Tax Dropped January 1

The excise tax on telephone bills will be reduced 1 per cent--from 7 to 6 per cent--beginning January 1, 1976, as a result of the fourth step of a 10 year reduction.

The tax elimination was enacted as part of the Excise, Estate and Gift Tax Adjustment Act of 1970 calling for successive 1 per cent reductions in the excise tax on telephone bills on the first of each year, until the tax expires on December 31, 1981.

General Telephone customers paid an estimated $2.1 million less in Federal Excise Taxes on telephone bills during 1975 because of the 1 per cent reduction in the tax beginning January 1, 1975.

Based on the 1975 excise tax of 7 per cent, General Telephone will have collected an estimated $15 million from customers by the end of 1975.

The excise tax on telephone bills was first imposed by Congress during World War I as a "temporary" measure. Although repealed briefly after the war, the tax was reinstated during the depression and has continued ever since at varying rates as high as 15 per cent on local service and 25 per cent on long distance calls. From 1954 until 1971, it stood at 10 per cent.

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John Farris, 23 miles north of McKnight to Hall County Memorial Hospital, Dec. 12.

Cornelia King, 1305 Arlington to Collingsworth General, Dec. 4.

W.A. Colson, 716 Graham to Collingsworth General, Dec. 4.

George Roberts, 1602 Ellison to Collingsworth General, Dec. 5.

Sophrinia Thompson from Collingsworth General to Thomas Nursing Center, Dec. 12.

Riley Dunson, Wellington Clinic to Collingsworth General, Dec. 12.

Mrs. Roland Jenkins, 1711 Ellison to Collingsworth General, Dec. 12.

A.G. Tyler, two and one-half miles east of Wellington to Collingsworth General, Dec. 15.

J.C. Emmert, 1100 West Avenue to Hall County Hospital, Dec. 15.

Rowena Thigpen, from Dr. Jones office to St. Anthony's Hospital, Amarillo, Dec. 1.

Minikin Young, 406 Ennis St. to Veterans Administration Hospital, Amarillo, Dec. 10.

Bill Langford, 1511 Amarillo St. to Collingsworth General, Dec. 17.

Mrs. Arthur Hudson, one-half mile north of town to Collingsworth General, Dec. 20.

C.R. Barnett, Thomas Nursing Center to High Plains Baptist Hospital, Amarillo, Dec. 22.

Jim Harris, Collingsworth General to Thomas Nursing Center, Dec. 22.

Robert Saldana, accident scene 15th and Dallas Street to Collingsworth General, Dec. 23.

Jim Harris, Thomas Nursing Home to High Plains Hospital, Amarillo, Dec. 24.

C.R. Barnett, High Plains Hospital, Amarillo to Thomas Nursing Center, Dec. 24.

Jim Harris, High Plains Hospital, Amarillo, to Thomas Nursing Center, Dec. 31.

Mrs. Ella Stephenson, 1101 El Paso to Collingsworth General, Dec. 31.

Amarillo Bank Promotes Sims

Amarillo National Bank has announced the promotion of Mark Sims to vice-president.

Sims is the husband of the former Cherry Lewis, who teaches at Emmerson Elementary School.

A member of the mortgage loan department of Amarillo National six years, Sims has a business degree from West Texas State University and is a graduate of the National School of Real Estate Finance at Ohio State University.

He is on the board of the Southwest Amarillo Chapter of American Business Clubs and is secretary of the Associate Council of the Texas Panhandle Builders Association.

The couple lives at 4420 Evelyn, Amarillo.

Mrs. Rufus Sweat spent Christmas with her children, Don Paul Sweat and Mr. and Mrs. James Coley and Cristal of Dallas, and Mrs. Doris Lowrie and children of Irving.

Free Clinic To Be Jan. 12

A free clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for Monday, January 12, at the Community Action Center, 612 East Avenue.

The hours are 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Protection is against polio, diptheria, lock jaw, whooping cough, measles and rubella, according to Harry DeSha, health program specialist, Texas Department of Health Resources, Amarillo.

Rev. and Mrs. T.E. Emmert of Derby, Kansas visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmert, this week.

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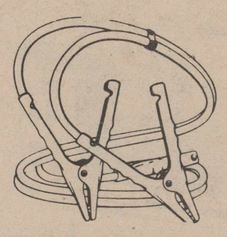

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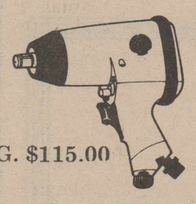

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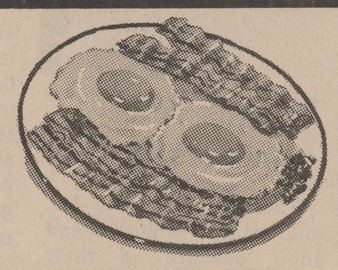

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Mr., Mrs. Esdle F. Bartlett Honored on 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Esdle F. Bartlett, 1411 Amarillo Street were honored with a reception given by their family to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary, on Sunday, January 4 at their home. This was four days after the anniversary date, December 31.

Guests were greeted by their son's family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lynn Bartlett and their children Don, Kim Lynn, Kaylynn, and Joe Lynn Bartlett.

The gold and white antique registration table featured photographs of the couple when they were married in 1925. Alternating at the registration table were Mrs. Ozro Bartlett, Mrs. Pearl Aaron, Mrs. L.M. Bartlett and Mrs. Bryan Denley.

The reception table was laid in a white net and draped tule with sheer gold lace bows with wedding bells over a white satin under skirt. The table featured a four-branched silver candelabra with gold and yellow daisy poms enhanced by leather leaf and babies breath and a three tiered white and gold wedding cake. Crystal and silver appointments were used. Alternating at the reception table were Mrs. Earl Clark, Mrs. Virgil Patterson, Mrs. Jerry Settle and Mrs. John K. Cameron. Others in the house party included Mrs. Joe Bartlett, Mrs. Ron Hoeft, Mrs. Wayne Cudd, Mrs. Richard Nall, and Miss Jennifer Swannie.

Approximately 200 guests called between the hours of three and five o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Bartlett was married to the former Marguerite Fuller on December 31, 1925, in Wellington. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Fuller and had come to the Buck Creek community in 1907 from her birthplace, Whitney.

She attended the first school at Buck Creek, then moved to Wellington, where she completed high school. Mrs. Bartlett attended West Texas State at Canyon and a business college in Denver, Colorado.

A former Collingsworth county clerk, she served two two-year terms, from 1929 to 1932. She has been secretary of First United Methodist Church since 1955.

Mrs. Bartlett is past president and presently a member of the Excelsior Club, Belles Lettres Club and United Methodist Women.

She is past matron and now a member of the Wellington Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett are members of the Collingsworth County Historical Museum.

Mr. Bartlett was born at Bridgeport, and came to Collingsworth County with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. P.L. Bartlett, in 1905. They had lived for a short time at Altus, Indian Territory.

Of his 70 years in Collingsworth County, Mr. Bartlett looks back on an adult lifetime spent in farming and ranching. He is now retired.

His family first moved to the Lillie community, where he grew up. After he and Mrs. Bartlett married, they lived in the Crossroads community until 1944, when they moved to Wellington. Besides his own farming interests, Mr. Bartlett worked for the Donegy Estate from 1936 to 1946.

During the time they lived at Crossroads, Mr. Bartlett served as a school trustee until the district was consolidated with the Wellington district.

He has served on the official board and board of trustees of First United Methodist Church at various times, and was on the board of trustees when the present building program was initiated.

Mr. Bartlett has been generous in his support of many other worthy causes and institutions, one of his favorites being the Wellington Cemetery Association, of which he was a member of the board for many years.

Out of town guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Shannon of Knox City, Mrs. J.S. Shannon of Munday, Mrs. Jim Fuller of Olton, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Gibson of Springlake, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Cain of Springlake, Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Clark of Bowie, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Cameron and family of Amarillo, Mrs. Ron Hoeft of Pendleton, Oregon; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bartlett of Boardman, Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. Jack F. Coleman and Mrs. Albert Coleman of Lonoke, Arkansas.

Following the reception Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Bartlett hosted a buffet dinner at the Bura Handley Community Building Clubroom for some 40 members of their family and out-of-town guests. The white - clothes tables featured gold streamers, bronze mums and white wedding bells and gold branched leaves. Arrangements of bronze mums, yellow and white daisies and candles were on the head table. Organ music was provided by Earl Lynn Bartlett and visiting by all followed the dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Winford Scott and Lisa of Morton spent Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ray Scott.

Anderson to Address NRTA

Tom Anderson, minister of the church of Christ, will be the guest speaker for the Collingsworth County Chapter, National Retired Teachers Association, Tuesday, January 13.

The meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. in the Greenbelt Electric Directors Room.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Jack Lowry and Mrs. Jim Lowe.

All retired teachers are eligible for membership are invited, according to Mrs. Lowry, who is president.

REBECCA ANN GRAVES

Rebecca Graves, Mark Gunson Plan Valentine Day Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Graves of Samnorwood are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Ann, to Mark David Gunson of Shamrock.

Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. William Gunson, who live in Colorado.

The couple will be married Saturday, February 14, in Glen Davis Memorial Methodist Church at Dozier at seven in the evening.

Miss Graves is a senior in Samnorwood High School, while her fiance received his education in the Denver, Colorado and Shamrock schools.

Mr. and Mrs. James Roy Fulcher and Brian and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Campbell, Suzanne and Brad of Arlington were Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Campbell. The Duane Campbells also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hanna, and the James Fulcher family visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fulcher.

ON A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Esdle F. Bartlett, seated, are seen on their 50th wedding anniversary, with their son, Earl Lynn Bartlett and his family. Standing are Don Bartlett, a sophomore in Texas A&M University, Earl L. Bartlett holding his youngest son, Joe Lynn, Mrs. Earl L. Bartlett, and Kim Bartlett. Between their grandparents are Lynn Bartlett and Kalynn Bartlett. Below, the honored couple are seen with their anniversary cake.

Whites Note Anniversary

The four children of Mr. and Mrs. P.J. White honored their parents on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary Tuesday, December 23. The event was held in the White home.

The anniversary cake was served with punch.

Mr. White and the former Rosa Patterson were married in Wellington Dec. 23, 1950. They have lived here all of their married life.

Present were the honored couple and their children, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Merrell, Clay and Warren Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Rod White and Shannon, Pat White and Lisa White.

Others attending were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Patterson, and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chanslor and Michelle of New Orleans, La.

Holiday Guests In Hughs Home

Christmas holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hughs were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hughs, Matt and Marcus, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Holiman, Tanya and Stacy of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lynn Feemster, Chad Lynn and Mrs. Bill Hunter of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parker, Mrs. Amma Lois Beaver, John and Kriss of Mangum, Okla.;

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Parker, Mrs. Sherry Kay and Sheila Giddens of Edmond, Okla.; Sammie Parker, Weatherford, Oklahoma and Mrs. S.F. Hughs of Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Lowry of Little Rock, Calif., visited during Christmas with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Odean Lewis, Sr. Mrs. Lowry will be remembered as Erlene Wilson, who attended Wellington Schools in 1935.

Mrs. Dale Coleman of Dumas was a business visitor here Tuesday, December 30.

Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Smith were guests for several days of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith and Kelly.

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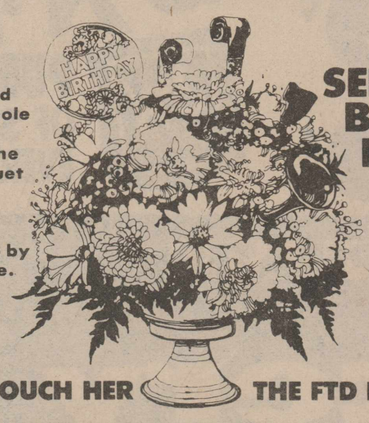

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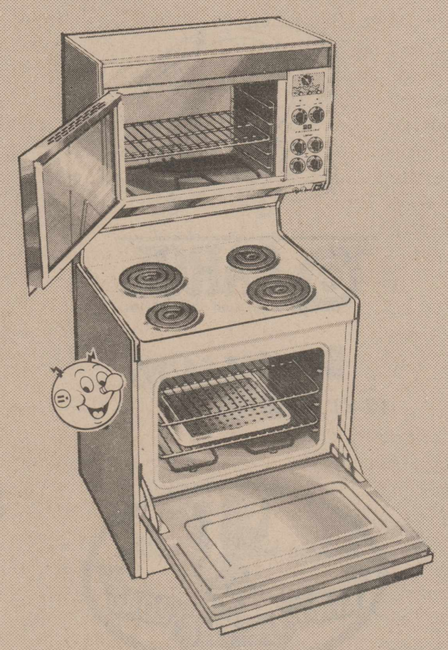

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MR. AND MRS. FRANK BOYLES

Anniversary Reception Given Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyles

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyles, 805 Bowie Street, who observed their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, January 3, were honored with a reception on that day in Bura Handley Community Center.

The hosts were their children, Mrs. Pauline Bias, Mrs. Gordan Bird of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Bill Carr of Albany, and Richard (Billy) Boyles of San Angelo.

Besides the immediate family, all brothers and sisters of both Mr. and Mrs. Boyles were present for the anniversary celebration, along with her only living aunt, Mrs. Effie White of Knox City, who is 86.

Mr. Boyles' sisters included Mrs. Walter Gentry of Wellington, Mrs. I.W. (Ola) Tinney, Mrs. Virgie Atkinson and Miss Opal Boyles of Pampa and Mrs. R.L. (Mag) Moore of Amarillo.

Mrs. Boyles' family included Walter Gentry of Wellington, Mrs. Paul (Agnes) King of Holliday, Mrs. Georgie Knowles, Miss Mary Ruth Gentry and Claude J. Gentry of Amarillo, and Frank Gentry of Olivehurst, Calif.

The serving table was laid with a lace cloth over gold, and the centerpiece was an arrangement of gold chrysanthemums. Grandchildren served or assisted, including Bonita Bird, Phyllis Bird, Linda Carr, Terri Carr, Amy Boyles and Darrell Bird.

Gift tables were covered in gold. One was centered with two pot plants which were gifts, and the other with a single gold rosebud in a vase. Other flowers used in the celebration were hand made of gold silk.

Guests called between two and four in the afternoon.

Mr. Boyles was married to the former Lorena Velma Gentry on January 3, 1926, in Wellington. They farmed in the Swearingen community until 1970, when he retired and they moved into Wellington. They retain their membership in Faith Baptist Church, where they have long been active.

Besides their four children, the couple has 7 grandchildren, the six who served at the reception and another grandson, Rudy Bias of Wellington.

Mrs. Boyles was born at Stephenville, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Gentry. The family came to Collingsworth County in 1913. Mrs. Boyles attended several schools here and graduated from Wellington High School in 1925. She then attended Wayland College.

Born at Ada, Oklahoma, Mr. Boyles was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Boyles, and came with them to Hall County when he was 5 years of age. He received his education in Hall County and moved to the Buck Creek community in 1922.

Out of county guests included Miss Mary Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Moore, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burns, Mrs. Ellen Souder, Mr. and Mrs. Claude J. Gentry, Ruth Page, Ed Baum, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Knowles and Mrs. Georgie Knowles of Amarillo;

Mr. and Mrs. I.W. Tinney, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Tinney, Miss Opal Boyles, Mrs. Virgie Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cantrell of Pampa; Leta Ledbetter, Mrs. William J. White and Mr. and Mrs. Gordan Bird and family of Wichita Falls;

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mitchell of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gentry of Olivehurst, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carr and family of Albany; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Atkinson and family of Panhandle; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wells of Canyon; Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Canada of Hedley;

Mrs. Effie White of Knox City; Mr. and Mrs. Paul King of Holliday; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Boyles and family of San Angelo; Major and Mrs. Charles A. Bridley and family of Omaha, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gentry and family of Garden City, Kansas; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilshire and family.

Mitchells Here For New Year's

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mitchell of Spade were here for New Year's with his mother, Mrs. H.G. Mitchell, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Monty Mitchell of Marella.

This was also the Edward Mitchells' 35th wedding anniversary. They were married by the Rev. J.P. Neal at the parsonage of First Baptist Church in Wellington and left shortly after that to make their home on the South Plains. She is the former Merle Palmer, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Palmer of Plainview observed their 60th wedding anniversary only a few days earlier.

Patterssons Host Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Patterson were hosts at a Christmas Eve dinner with their four children and all of their grandchildren present.

These included Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson, with their daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blevins and Candace of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Kirk Patterson;

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chanslor and Michelle of New Orleans, La.;

Mr. and Mrs. P.J. White and children, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Merrell, Clay and Warren Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Rod White and Shannon, Pat White and Lisa White.

Children of Raymond Wards Gather for Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ward were hosts for a family reunion which brought together all of their nine children on Christmas Day. Present also were 15 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

The family dinner was held at the Heritage Room.

Visiting and picture taking were highlights of the afternoon. It was the first time in several years all had been together.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Neil Powell of Tulia; Rev. and Mrs. John Henry Ward and Lisa of Carlsbad, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Barnett, Charlotte and Hank, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lister, Sherry and Carla of Amarillo; and the Rev. and Mrs. L.T. Huntress, Mark Tanya and Andy of Pensacola, Fla.

Those from Wellington were Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Watts and Melanie; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Patterson, with Mr. and Mrs. James Howard Jones and Shane of Amarillo, Kathy Patterson and Kirk Patterson;

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hernandez, Rhonda, Cindy and Tammie and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ward.

Joining them was Mr. Ward's mother, Mrs. W.H. Ward of Caddo, Oklahoma.

Couple Wed At Wichita

Mrs. Lorene Tolleson became the bride of M.J. Holland Monday, December 29, at two o'clock in the afternoon. The ceremony took place in Calvary Baptist Church, Old Windthorst Road, Wichita Falls. The Reverend Herb Smith officiated.

Attending the couple were Jimmie Tolleson, son of the bride, Mrs. Luella Lowder and Mrs. Joe Fields of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Holland is associated with the IBM Department of Southwestern Drug Corp., Wichita Falls, while Mr. Holland is with the Texas Department of Mental Health-Mental Retardation at its Vernon Center.

After a short wedding trip to Dallas, the couple will live in Vernon.

Mrs. W.C. Lewis Has Reunion

All the children, grandchildren and three great-grandchildren were visitors during the Christmas holidays in the home of Mrs. W.C. Lewis.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. William H. Lewis, Molly and Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Rivest Landry and Jason and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Good, Norman, Marvin and Melanie from Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmye Cole of Canyon; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lewis, Mark, Steve and Tim, Miss Cecilia Smith of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis from Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Terry, Randy and Kevin, Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Taylor, Alecia and Melissa, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis and Kaci, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cummins, Kerri and Scott of Hollis, Okla.

O.B. Raburn Children Visit

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Raburn during the Christmas holidays were their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Raburn and Tawn of Houston, their son, Tony, and their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ruffett and son, Duston, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Raburn, Tommy and Janice, all of Dumas;

Mr. and Mrs. Don Raburn, Jill and Steven of Dallas; Mrs. Allene Taylor of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Randall Raburn, Robin and Kent of Mustang, Okla., and Mrs. Sam Raburn's mother, Mrs. Pete Harris of Dumas.

Christian Women Meet

The Christian Women's Council of First Christian Church met in the home of Mrs. Kenyard Poteet for the Christmas party. Mrs. Zook Thomas assisted Mrs. Poteet as hostess.

Carols were sung and cards were mailed to the shut-ins. Secret pals were revealed and new pals drawn for the coming year. The love offering was given to the summer vacation bible school at Pan Fork Baptist Encampment.

"The Untagged Gift", a prayer, was presented by Mrs. Thomas, the president. "A Child has come from Heaven" was given by Mrs. Bill Lindsey; "This Is His Day", Mrs. Benny McDanel; "Christmas Glow", Mrs. Larry Kane and "An Old Fashioned Christmas", Mrs. Tommy Powell. DeJon Lindsey sang "I Saw Mommie Kissing Santa Claus."

Refreshements of dips and chips were served to Mrs. Emil Kersten, Mrs. Lindsey, Mrs. Sandown Smith, Mrs. Jack Sanford, Mrs. Charles Darter, Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Raymond Neeley, Mrs. McDanel, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Glenn McLain, Mrs. Charles Waugh from Amarillo, and the hostesses Mrs. Poteet and Mrs. Thomas.

Mrs. Ratliff Entertains Class

Mrs. Ben Ratliff had Christmas open house for the Fidelis Sunday School Class December 14 from three to five p.m.

Christmas decorations were used through the entertaining rooms, including a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

The following members called for fellowship and refreshments: Mr. Bill Boston, Mrs. Tom Caterlin, Mrs. A.B. Clark, Mrs. Guy Clement, Mrs. Emmett Cook, Mrs. Riley Dunson, Mrs. Bob Jones, Mrs. Bill Langford,

Mrs. Belle Laughter, Mrs. Agnes Martin, Mrs. O.B. Raburn, Mrs. Otis Roberson, Mrs. Willie Smith, Mrs. Anna Mae Thomas, Mrs. Henry Davidson.

A gift was presented to Mrs. Ratliff, the teacher of the class.

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Mrs. Creed Entertains

Mrs. D'Ett Creed entertained guests during the Christmas holidays.

Visiting from Lubbock were Mr. and Mrs. Milton Roach and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Dale Roach, Beveraly and Connie Roach.

Other guests were Mike Herring of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. John Farrar and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lynn Farrar and Sammie all of Amarillo; Mrs. Florence Farrar of Memphis, Mrs. Bonnie Duncan and boys from Canyon and Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Farrar of Wellington. Mrs. Farrar assisted Mrs. Creed as hostess to the group.

Maberrys Hold Family Reunion

The home of Mrs. Laura Maberry in Borger was the scene of a family get-together during the Christmas holidays.

Children and grandchildren going from the Samnorwood area were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy R. Breeding, Randy and Crystal, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Graves, Rebecca and Ravenna.

Other children and their families joining them were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stice and Will of Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Pardue and Billy Ray and J.J. of Denver City; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Willians, Debbie and Clint and Mrs. Billy Maberry, Stormy and Misti of Borger. A grandson, Dusty Johnson, who attends Texas Tech, came from Lubbock.

Billy Maberry, a career navy man, is presently stationed in Japan.

Who's New in the Wellington Area

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Killian are the parents of a daughter, DeLanea Lynn, born January 4 in Collingsworth General Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 9½ ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Hartman and Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Killian. Great grandparents are Mrs. Emma Young and Mrs. J.A. Killian.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy J. Turner are the parents of a daughter, Angela Renee, born December 29, at Collingsworth General Hospital. She weighed seven pounds and three ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Turner of Samnorwood, Mrs. Helen Graves of Amarillo and Kenneth Graves of Houston.

ADD A LITTLE EXTRA TOUCH to fall's knee-hovering tailored dresses by accessorizing them head-to-toe with a pretty scarf or dickey at the neck, underscored with a new lower-heeled pump. Left, a navy classic pump adds a simple but elegant touch to a grey knit shirtwaist with yoke neck. At right, a honey-colored slingback pump with bands of leather crossing the open toe is the perfect footnote to a geometric design dress, wrapped up with a fringed scarf.

Loyd Langleys Holiday Hosts

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Langley were their children, Capt. and Mrs. Ben Carson, Anthony and Stephen of Ft. Campbell, Kentucky; Mr. and Mrs. Cary Don Neeley and Curtis of Quail; Mr. and Mrs. Terry Bratt and Dana of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

These relatives and friends were also visitors in the Langley home during Christmas: Mrs. Mary Clay and Alvie Clay of Hedley; Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Dawson and Jill of San Antonio; Rev. and Mrs. Porter Arnold of Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Delbert White, Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Langley, Donna and Randy; Mr. and Mrs. Denny Marcum, Leann and Lori; Mr. and Mrs. John Carson all of Quail; Candy Carson from Gainsville; Miss Sheri White and Cary Van Baakel of Amarillo;

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bratt and Newley of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Langley, Mr. an Mrs. Mark White and Justin, Mr. and Mrs. Aubery Stuckey, Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Messer and Mrs. Lonnie Neeley all of Wellington.

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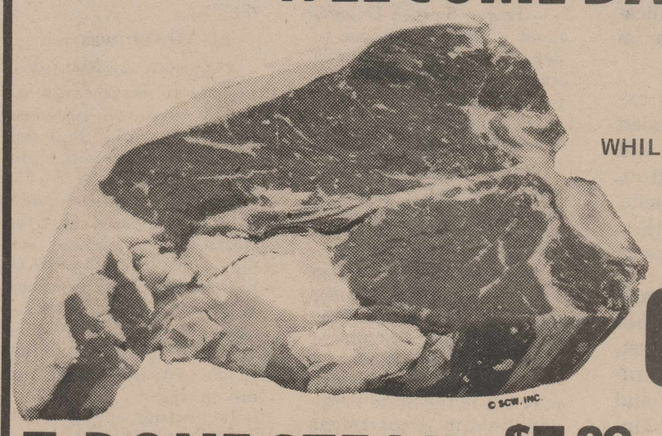

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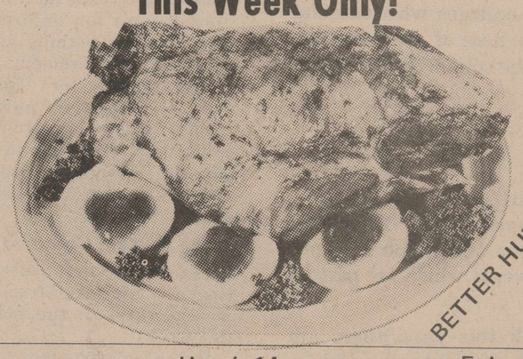

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AN EARLY VIEW OF SOUTH SIDE OF SQUARE

The first brick building built in Wellington, which now houses Cecil Browning's Shoe Shop, is visible in far left foreground. An historical marker was dedicated at this site November 22, 1975. First Baptist Church is in the left background and Charley Glenn's house is in center on what is now West Avenue. (Photo date unknown.)
(Photo courtesy Collingsworth County Museum)

We Can Offer Education Above High School Level

As 1976 gets under way, business and community leaders are taking a renewed look at industrial development of the Wellington area. They will look at many things and one will be educational facilities available or which may be secured.

We have three fine secondary schools in which we take justifiable pride and which prepare their graduates well for either college or technical training.

But we also have other resources on which to draw, and none of these should be overlooked.

Texas State Technical Institute and Amarillo College of Vocational Arts also will bring extension courses to Wellington, depending on need and our co-operation. An industrial prospect will take a sharp look at this, for it means a labor pool can be trained here at home, a big plus for Wellington. It also means possible retraining and upgrading employee capabilities.

TSTI courses in business subjects are offered here regularly under the sponsorship of Community Action Program and we now take them for granted.

Clarendon College is offering 5 extension courses in Wellington at night for the second semester, taught by regular instructors identical to courses offered on campus.

Community Colleges feel their day has come, and CJC is a growing two-year college, eager to upgrade itself and make its mark in Panhandle education. It will be to our advantage to encourage its growth.

Many of these two-year colleges establish extension centers in near-by towns. If we show need and desire and cooperation, Clarendon College will bring even more of these courses to Wellington. Some courses would require residence enrollment, but adult students already in the program find they are working off a nice block of hours here at home.

In addition to these, Wellington offers basic education classes, to prepare those who have not graduated from high school to take the GED test. The student progresses at his own rate, and this offers opportunity for those who do not read and write at all, or for whom English is a second language.

We do not have to limit our educational resources to these schools. With the present trend to take the college to the students, there are other accredited two and four year colleges who can and will offer extension courses here if we have the need and work it out with the school's administration.

To Honor in 1976

Happy Bicentennial Year!

This is going to be a great year. It will be marked by many celebrations and much recognition of the great men and events which are part of the national heritage.

But, as we go through this year, there are other occasions we will and should be remembering.

For some it will be a year of family remembrance. I will remember, for example, the story of my grandfather. He was a seasoned veteran although still not 18 years old when a neighbor remarked while he was at home on furlough, "I never thought I would see Capt. George Timmons grandson in a rebel uniform."

National heroes are in no danger of being forgotten but let us not forget to honor the memory of the true builders of a great nation; the next door neighbor who built a home, loved his wife and children, worked at his job--left his job or business to take up arms for his country when the situation required and came back home to take up again as nearly as possible to where he left off--took part in civic activities, supported his church, voted for the candidate and the party of his choice, paid his taxes and seeking to make things better for his family left the nation and the world a little better than he found it.

Paul Timmons in The Amarillo News

STATE CAPITAL *Highlights* AND *Sidelights*

by Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Significant new legislation took effect in Texas January 1.

The acts were passed by the legislature during 1975 with effective dates postponed until start of the new year.

Among the new laws are the following:

—Authority for the Department of Public Safety to cancel licenses following a hearing of automobile inspection stations which are caught requiring unnecessary repairs or equipment.

—Power for the Department of Public Welfare to regulate homes, nursery schools, private kindergartens and child placing agencies for teenagers with special problems. The regulations already have met with controversy from kindergarten operators.

—A requirement that certificates of titles be provided for boats over 14 feet long and for motors of more than 12 horsepower. Purchasers must send necessary forms and a manufacturer's statement of origin to the State Parks and Wildlife Department before new titles will be issued on payment of a $2 fee.

—Placement of new strip mining regulations (coal, lignite and uranium) in hands of the Texas Railroad Commission for enforcement through permits and restoration requirements.

—Provision for Texans to donate parts of their bodies as "anatomical gifts" for transplant purposes by signing a special statement on their drivers' licenses.

Tag System Changed

Texas car owners are getting new auto registration notices through the mail this week.

Instead of sporting new metal license plates, vehicles will be tagged with small strips of reflective material. Bicentennial red, white and blue stickers are to be fixed to the upper left-hand corner of the five-year plates issued a year ago.

For the first time since World War II, Texans will use old license plates. Plans call for annual reissue of the same plate numbers for the foreseeable future for periods of at least five years at a time.

Beginning in 1978, Texas will go to a year-around registration system. The validation sticker will indicate the month of issue for each car. Registration will occur during every month of the year, similar to present procedures for vehicle safety inspection. The month-of-issue will remain the same for the life of the vehicle.

Insurance Growth

Seventeen new insurance companies organized in Texas during the last year, and 54 more firms from other states were granted authority to do business here.

State Board of Insurance new annual report shows 1,724 companies are now under the agency's regulation. There are more than 97,000 licensed insurance agents.

AG Opinions

A sheriff is not entitled to a fee for an unsuccessful attempt to serve process, Atty. Gen. John Hill determined in a recent opinion.

The same opinion concluded county or district clerks may not assess fees for service as costs prior to the successful performance of service. A clerk may require security for such fees or an affidavit of inability to pay costs prior to issuing any process.

In another opinion, Hill said state agencies may enter into contracts for non-assessable insurance policies with mutual insurance companies without violating the constitution.

New Appointments

Comptroller Bob Bullock named Randall B. Wood to succeed the late Ervin B. Osborn as his chief clerk and deputy comptroller for tax administration.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe appointed Thomas L. Clinton of Lubbock as 99th district judge succeeding Judge Howard C. Davison, also of Lubbock, who resigned. Clinton has been serving as Lubbock County court-at-law No. 2 judge.

Briscoe appointed Sally J. Cooney of Houston and reappointed Joe H. Golman of Dallas to Texas Cosmetology Commission.

He appointed John H. Butts of San Augustine to the Sabine River Authority of Texas, succeeding D. N. Beasley of Hemphill.

Webb Gas Fields Merged

Texas Railroad Commission has ordered consolidation of 13 gas fields in Webb County into a single field designated Laredo (Lobo) Field, effective February 1.

The order involves at least 100,000 acres. Temporary field rules adopted for 18 months will be reviewed at a hearing during July 1977.

Fields to be consolidated are Clark Ranch (Midway), Clark Ranch (Wilco and Wilco West), Hubberd and Hubberd East, Laredo, South, (Wilco 6250 and 6800, 7000 and 7250), Zachry Ranch (Midway), KAD (6100) and KAD (6730).

The commission acted on application of Gulf Oil Corporation.

Short Snorts

Veteran State Senate Secretary Charles Schnabel faces a grand jury indictment on charges of theft from the state and misconduct.

Republican Alan Steelman of Dallas has entered the U.S. Senate race.

A federal judge here delayed a ruling on cattlemen's suit to lift a brucellosis guarantine.

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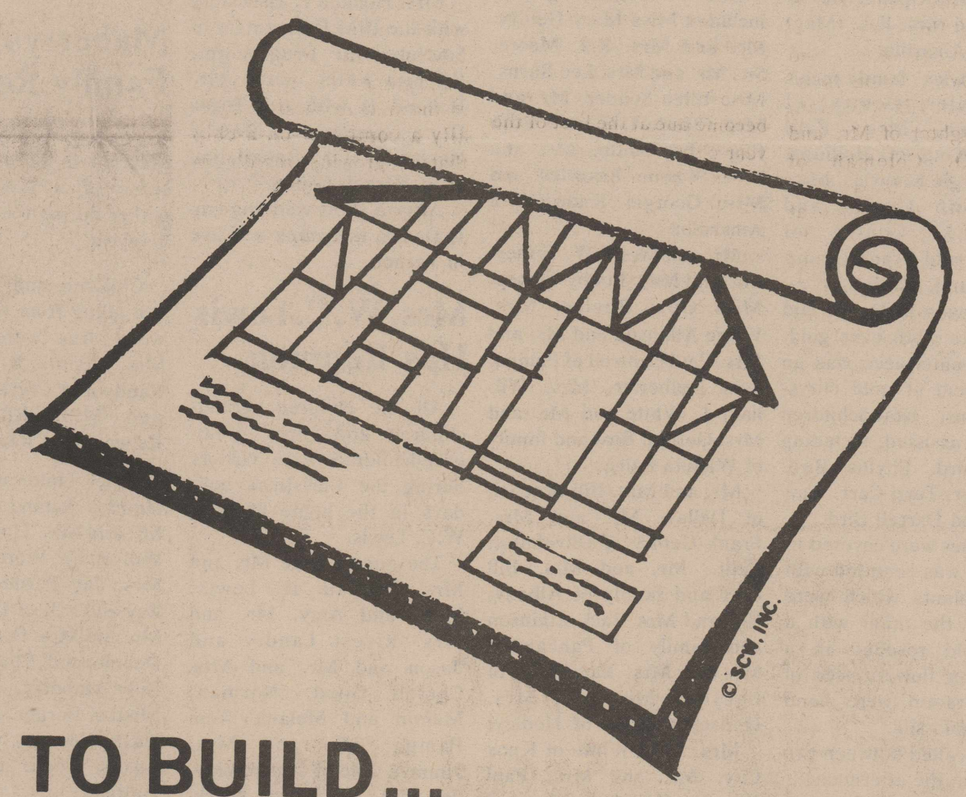

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License Stickers Go on Sale Feb. 1

For the first time since World War II, Texas drivers will not buy a full size vehicle license plate, Mrs. Frances Williams, assessor-collector of taxes, has reminded Collingsworth owners.

Beginning in 1975, the state instituted a new system of issuing new metalic plates every five years, and issuing rectangular stickers for the years in between.

And 1976 is the first year in which the stickers will be used.

Plates bought a year ago had the year "75" imprinted in the upper left hand side of the plates. This year, a sticker bearing the year "76" will be issued and these are to be placed in the rectangular impression in the upper right hand side of the plates already on the vehicles.

Each year thereafter, stickers will be placed in alternating sides of the plate.

Mrs. Williams said stickers for Collingsworth County have been received but they will not be issued until after Feb. 1.

The renewal fee, however, is exactly the same as in past years, for the license cost is determined by the weight of the vehicle.

Notices for license certificate renewals like those for the voter registration, will be sent out by the state shortly after the first of the year. These certificates must then be taken to the county tax office where the fee will be paid and the certificate processed.

Those who either lose their certificate or come from out of the county should bring some proof of ownership, such as the vehicle title in order to be assigned a sticker, Mrs. Williams pointed out.

The stickers are designed to be separated from a paper backing and directly placed on the license plate. Those stickers placed on the wrong side of the plate by accident should not be peeled off, as it is the only one available and will still be considered legal.

Cost of the passenger vehicle stickers is the same as last year: $12.50 for vehicles weighing up to 3,599 pounds; $22.50 for those weighing between 3,600 and 4,500 pounds; and $30.30 for those weighing over 4,500 pounds.

The cost of personalized plates, which may be ordered, is about $10 above the normal charge. These contain messages of up to 6 letters or numbers.

The main objective of the 5-year license plates is to save an estimated $10.5 million if sales remain at previous levels, and to simplify purchasing procedures by easing the first of the year onslought of those buying plates. Much like the vehicle inspection sticker system, license plate renewals will rotate on a 12-month basis from there on out since the stickers will be good for a year from the date they are purchased.

No longer will all renewals become due at the first of the year only.

Also remaining on an annual basis are the personalized plates and mobile home plates. These will be stamped and issued each year.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kitchens of Pryor, Oklahoma, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. U.S. Kitchens, and his aunt, Mrs. Iva Hollingsworth.

Charles Roberts Receives Degree

Charles R. Roberts, Jr., recently completed the required course of studies for a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education at Texas Tech University.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts of Samnorwood. His wife, Jan, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Coleman of McLean. She is a May candidate for graduation at Texas Tech.

A 1971 graduate of Burgess High School in El Paso, Roberts attended Clarendon Junior College before transferring to Texas Tech.

He is now employed by Stratford Independent School District as a vocational agriculture instructor.

On Wall Street

By Bob Hill
Lentz, Newton & Co., Members
New York Stock Exchange

There's a hot new television game in town--the video game which enables the owner to convert his television set into miniature athletic fields for about $100 and up per unit. The manufacutrers can't keep up with the demand, even at a production rate of 3,000 units per day by Atari, maker of Pong, sold exclusively through Sears at this time. Magnavox, manufacturer of Odyssey and pioneer in the television games field says it is also approaching 3,000 units per day.

The machines are operated by integrated circuits which are getting cheaper and more powerful. One circuit manufacturer is planning to produce an integrated circuit next year which will control as many as seven different games at a price comparable to the one-circuit games selling today. Another company, already a major power in the integrated circuit field, is planning its own video game to be introduced next year.

Now, the big question is whether the entry of semiconductor manufacturers will bring about the same bloody competition that hit the calculator and digital watch markets shortly after both of those products were introduced.

Atari and Magnavox both consider the video games to be more complex and rapidly advancing in new technology. Also, the semiconductor components represent only 20% of the cost of a video game, compared to 60% of the cost of an electronic calculator.

Much of the growth in the video game industry is keyed to the microprocessor, literally a computer-on-a-chip that is growing rapidly in power and dropping sharply in price. At the moment, microprocessors are used extensively in coin-operated games, but they are too expensive for home video units. One television manufacturer is holding talks with semiconductor manufacturers about incorporating a video game in the television set.

Ideas are multiplying rapidly for games in which microprocessor circuits generate TV pictures that players can manipulate with a move of a lever or turn of a knob. One new game is the home version of a fast selling coin-operated game called Tank, in which operators blast at each other.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ward left Wednesday, Dec. 31, to return his mother, Mrs. W.H. Ward, to her home at Caddo, Oklahoma.

Ray Beattie Dies Dec. 24

A former Rolla community man, Ray V. Beattie, 63, of Ft. Worth, died Wednesday, December 24, in the Veterans Administration Hospital, where he had been a patient four months.

Mr. Beattie was a security guard with the Pinkerton Agency and moved to Ft. Worth six years ago from Amarillo.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S.I. Beattie, he was born at Sunset and came here as a youth. He was a veteran of World War II, and lived here a number of years after returning from service.

He was married to the former Mildred Baker of this county.

Funeral services were conducted December 27 at Owens and Brumley Funeral Chapel in Bowie, and burial was in the Smyrna Cemetery near Sunset.

Survivors are his wife; three children, Mrs. Diane Medley of Ft. Worth, Mrs. LaDonna Faye Wilson of Quanah, and Jimmy Ray Beattie of Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Arizona; a sister, Mrs. Faye Smith of Irving; and two brothers, Jay Beattie of Amarillo and Robert Beattie of El Centro, Calif. and 7 grandchildren.

Lunchrooms

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Monday, Jan. 12: pizza, corn in cream sauce, mixed greens, sweet sour, carrot sticks, fruit, ½ pint milk.

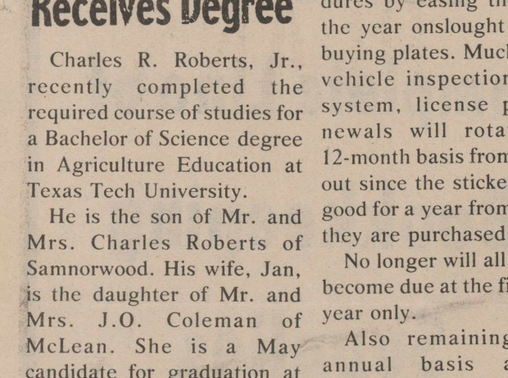
Tuesday, Jan. 13: beef stew with potatoes, tomatoes, onions, carrots, tossed salad, fruit, cornbread, ½ pint milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 14: barbecued chicken, whipped potatoes, tossed salad, stewed apricots, hot rolls, butter, ½ pint milk.

Thursday, Jan. 15: beef—vegetable soup, crackers, cheese toast, tossed salad, pumpkin pie with whip topping, ½ pint milk.

Friday, Jan. 16: fish sticks, ketchup, Mexi-corn, green beans, cherry tarts, bread, ½ pint milk.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Mauldin and Jeff of Oklahoma City, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mauldin of Bridgeport spent Christmas with the men's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Mauldin. The Richard Mauldins also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Holton.



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Norwood Teams Play in Amarillo Tournament

Samnorwood girls lost their bid for third place in the Amarillo American Legion Basketball Tournament Wednesday, December 31. Samnorwood Boys lost in the consolation finals bracket Wednesday also.

Two players, Cindy Coleman and Clifford Oldham, won spots on the All-Tournament team. The girls played in Division II, the boys in Division III.

The Eaglettes won their opening game Monday against Bovina 60-50, taking an early lead and never allowing their opponents to get closer than 6 to 8 points.

Tuesday, however, the girls lost to Hartley 67-53, although playing was much better than the score indicated. With only four minutes to go, the Eaglettes fouled out their third player of the game. Since there are only 8 girls on the squad, the team finished the game with only five players on the floor. This game saw Cindy Coleman play both forward and guard positions, cutting her scoring potential.

Playing for third place Wednesday, the Norwood girls lost to Kress 62-51.

"We didn't play real well, but we played some good teams, and we had a good time," said Coach Kenneth Martindale.

Samnorwood Eagles lost their first game to Grace Christian of Amarillo, and Tuesday defeated Kress 52-48.

Going for the consolation title, Norwood lost to Happy in a Wednesday game.

Hospital Notes

Visiting Hours:
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Troy J. Turner, obstetrical, was admitted Dec. 29 and dismissed with baby girl December 31.

Mrs. Susan E. Stephenson, medical, admitted Dec. 30.

Elsa Martinez, medical, admitted Jan. 2.

Mrs. Shelton Nunnelley, medical, was hospitalized Jan. 2.

Mrs. Gary Killian, obstetrical, was admitted Jan. 4.

Mrs. Milford Harris, medical, was admitted Jan. 5.

Patients admitted earlier and dismessed since Dec. 29:

Robert Saldana, Dec. 29.

Mrs. Roland Jenkins, Dec. 29.

Mrs. Nola P. DePauw, Dec. 30.

Mrs. L.C. King, Jan. 2.

RSVP News

Mecca Manuel

Christmas is over and already we have started another new year.

We have moved into our new location even though everything is not completed. The floor tile is not yet on the kitchen. We will set a date for our open house just as soon as everything is finished. We are anxious for everyone to see our new building, and we surely do appreciate everyone's help to make this dream come true.

Wednesday, January 14 will be the free blood pressure day. Please note our new location is one block north of the Wellington State Bank.

The monthly birthday luncheon will be January 21st and everyone who is 55 or over is welcome. All you need do is bring a covered dish.

Those having birthdays in January are Grady Fenley, Willie Smith, Mrs. Drury Lacy, Mrs. Lula Mae Simon, Mrs. Addie Scott, Mrs. Rufus Sweat and Chester Wadley.

We are still quilting at the center. You furnish everything, and we quilt it for you and bind it for $15.00.

There is a lot of flu among our senior citizens, and we wish everyone a speedy recovery.

Quails Split Double Header with Irish

Quail Quails defeated Class A Shamrock 62-49 in a game played Saturday, January 3, at Quail. In the other half of the double header, Quail Bobwhites dropped their game to the Lassies 59-39.

These games were originally scheduled between Shamrock and Samnorwood, but the latter team cancelled due to team injuries. Quail, scheduled to play Hartley, who also cancelled, got together with Shamrock for the evening.

The Quails jumped to a 19-2 lead over the Irish by the end of the first period. Each team scored 15 points in the second period for a 34-17 half time score. Shamrock outscored Quail 14-10 in the third period, and each team made 18 points in the final period.

"We had a real good first quarter and then matched them the rest of the game," remarked Coach Bill Wilson.

Gary Wischkaemper was the game's high point player with 32 points, while Ramsey had 18 for Shamrock.

The Quail Bobwhites trailed only two points, 13-11 at the end of the first period, and the score was tied 20-all at half time. After this good first half, Quail girls were able to score only 10 points in the third period to Shamrock's 22. The final period saw the Lassies add 17 points to the Bobwhites 9.

Cindy Pike of Shamrock was high point player with 20, while Kathy Guthrie scored 17 for Quail.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Lowry over Christmas was their son, Boyd Neal Lowry of Gordon.

Miss Rose Shadid, Miss Marie Shadid and George Shadid visited cousins, Dr. and Mrs. T.F. Dakil and family in Altus, Oklahoma, on Christmas. There were 24 present.

Mrs. Bledsoe Still Improving

Mrs. Hugh Bledsoe remains in a Flagstaff, Arizona, hospital recovering from second degree burns received in a butane explosion in the family's camper.

Mr. Bledsoe said after talking with her Monday night, January 5, that she is getting along about as well as could be expected. Her doctor told Mr. Bledsoe that it will be a week or 10 days before she can be released.

Mr. and Mrs. Bledsoe were enroute to California for Christmas with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bledsoe, when the accident occurred December 22. The Dan Bledsoes remained with his mother after Mr. Bledsoe returned to Wellington.

Mrs. Waddell Bailey had her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bailey of Nocona, as guests last weekend.

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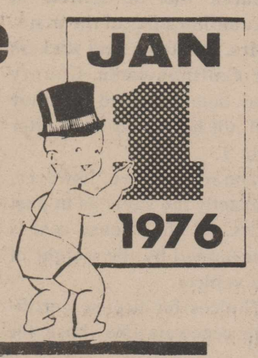

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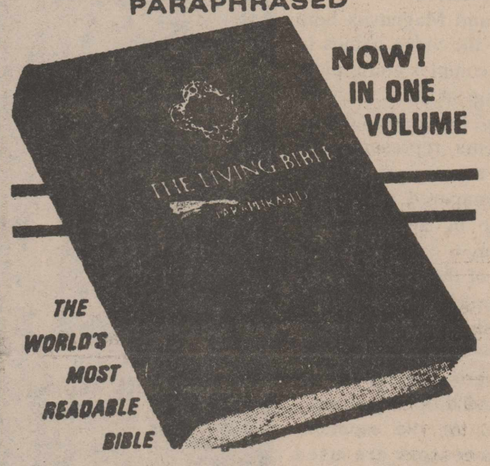

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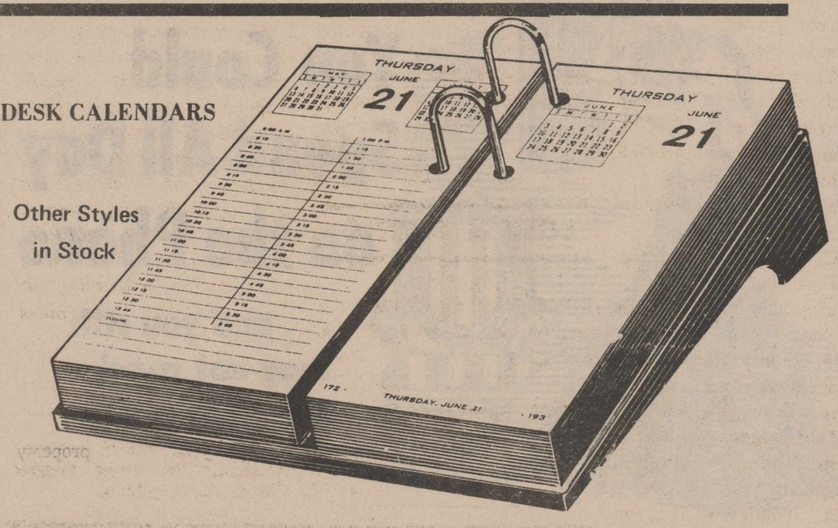

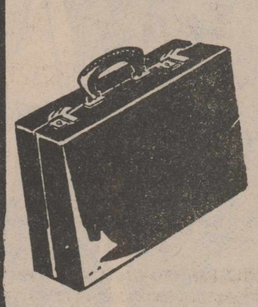

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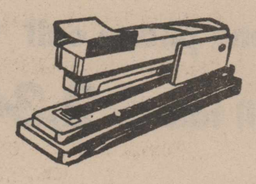

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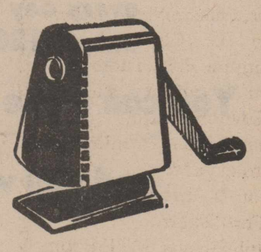

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Personal

Weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gentry and Miss Patsy Gentry were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gentry, Laura, Liza, and Blaine Bratcher of Garden City, Kansas; Tony and Troy Gentry of Clarendon; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gentry of Olivehurst, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul King of Holiday; Leta Ledbetter of Wichita Falls; Mrs. Georgie Knowles of Amarillo; Major and Mrs. Charles Bridley and Cathy of Omaha, Nebraska; Mrs. Ellen Souder of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cantrell of Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bird and family of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Hair were in Perryton for Christmas with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Timmons and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Havron had as visitors during the Christmas weekend their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Etsel Havron; great-grandson, Michael Morris and great-granddaughter, Michelle Morris of Amarillo; Norman Havron of Fort Gordon, Georgia and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Gibbons and Debbie of Borger.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cristy and their two sons from Seminole visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cristy during Christmas.

Mrs. J.M. Strong has returned home after spending a number of months visiting in the homes of her children, following hip surgery which she underwent last summer. While away, she visited with these children: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Robert STrong of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Strong of Deming, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strong of Alamogordo, N.M.; and Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Cook of Roswell, N.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Rudy and Verna Gail were in The Dallas area after Christmas visiting their sons and brothers. In Lewisville they were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald R. Rudy, Rhonda Rae and Rayannie; in Fort Worth they visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rudy and David; and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rudy and sons in Arlington. They had Christmas on New Year's Day with the Jim Rudy family. The Ronald Rudy and Joe Rudy family were in Wellington to celebrate Christmas with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rudy and David also visited her mother, Mrs. Beatrice Thomas, and her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thomas and family during Christmas.

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Donald Wilfong, Dodson, Ford pickup.

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A.J. Fires, Wellington, Chevrolet pickup.

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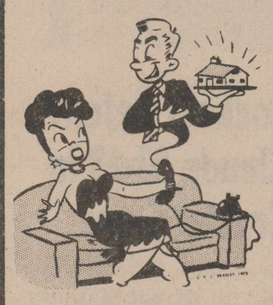

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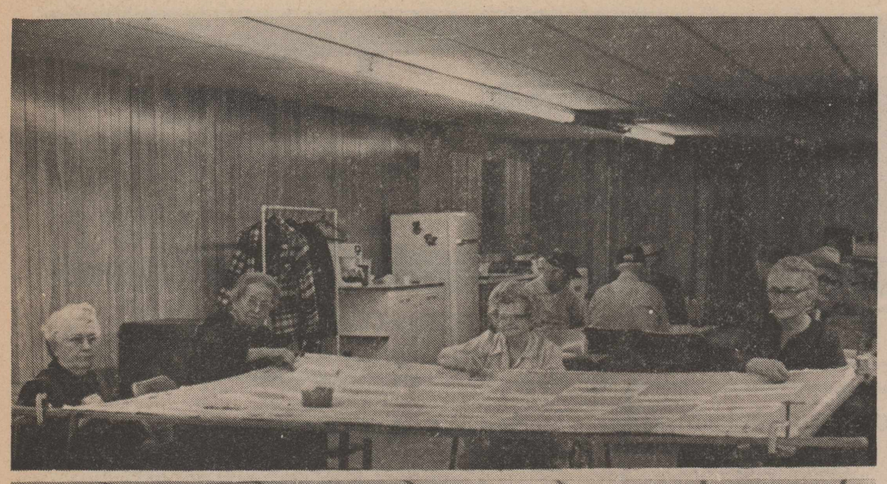


Citizen Alerts Officers of Stolen Vehicle Brought Here

A concerned citizen who contacted the sheriff's office was responsible for the recovery of a pickup stolen in New Mexico and arrest of the suspect.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Richard Keller said the office received a citizen's phone call at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 2.

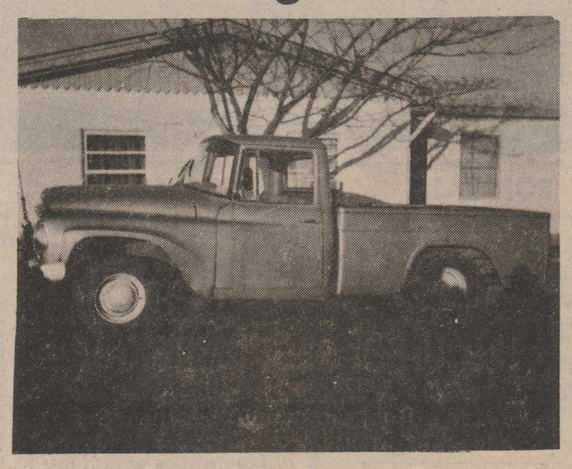
A check was run on the pickup through the Texas Crime Identification Computer in Austin, which ties in with the National Crime Identification Computer in Washington.

If the tag on the suspect vehicle matches a tag of a car stolen in the United States, the computer will send a teletype message back to Wellington and a copy to the regional office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Dallas, Keller explained.

In this case, the pickup had been stolen from Hobbs, N.M.

The suspect was in Oklahoma at the time, but he returned to Collingsworth County early Saturday morning, and Keller and Steve Vines arrested Billy Don Knight, 43, a white male who had been using an alias in Hobbs. He was born in Memphis, according to the deputy sheriff.

Keller says that Knight has already said he will not waive extradition, and if New Mexico does not extradite him, the FBI has entered the case and a spokesman said they will charge him under the Dyer Act, which covers the transportation of stolen vehicles across state lines.



PICKUP RECOVERED

Collingsworth County Sheriff.s Department recovered this pickup which was stolen at Hobbs, N'M', on a tip from a private citizen.
Sheriff.s Dept. Photo

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Otis Roberson during Christmas were their daughters, Mrs. Patsy Graves and family and Mrs. Dawson Brown and family of Amarillo.

Cotton Harvest Totals 22,674 Bales Monday

Collingsworth County ginnings totaled 22,674 bales, to Monday afternoon, January 5, according to County Agent Don Reeves.

While much of the cotton is out, an estimated two to three thousand bales remain in the fields.

Growers were using all available strippers and trailers Tuesday ahead of the cold front which struck in the evening.

Don't just store it away and forget it—sell it with a classified ad in The Leader and use the money to buy something you need.

SENIOR CITIZENS HOME

Senior Citizens, Inc., of Collingsworth County are in their new home at 702 East Avenue. Here are some of their activities. At top, Mrs. C.R. DeArmond, Mrs. W.E. Brewster, Mrs. Jewell Goodnight and Mrs. Rebbie Snider are quilting. Center, a group of members enjoy games of dominoes and 42. Below, Jean Reynolds, RSVP secretary, also coordinates Senior Citizen Inc. activities.

Rockets Defeat Claude 83-63 in Crucial Game

Wellington Skyrockets traveled to Claude Tuesday evening, January 6, to take an 83-63 victory over the Mustangs.

This was a major contest for the Rockets, since Claude posted a 3-0 record in district play up to that point.

This was also a tough game for the Rockets who trailed 20-11 at the end of the first quarter and again 40-39 at the half way mark.

Wellington was ahead only two points, 57-55 at the third period.

"It was a tough game until the fourth quarter, and then we had to win this to stay in the district. We had to beat them to have any chance at the first half top place," said Coach Robert Hicks.

Edward Thomas was high point man with 36, while Jeff Forbes scored 31 for Claude.

Wellington Rockettes lost to the Claude girls 46 to 25.

Mrs. Kate Newman has returned from El Paso, where she was called by the illness of a daughter, Mrs. Marguerite James, who underwent surgery. She was accompanied by another daughter, Mrs. Alice Lee of Pampa.

Amarillo Bank Names Harrison

A former Wellington man has been named a new vice-president of the Amarillo National Bank, president Tol Ware has announced.

He is Stanley Harrison, son of Mrs. Neva Harrison, now of Amarillo, and the late Earl Harrison.

A member of the marketing department, he has been a staff member for 11 years. Mr. Harrison graduated from Wellington High School in 1963 and attended Amarillo College.

He is secretary-treasurer of the Amarillo Chapter of American Business Club and a director of Camp Fire Girls and of the Amarillo chapter of the American Institute of Banking.

Harrison and his wife, Annette, have two children.

Ministers Plan 1976 Activity

The Collingsworth Ministerial Alliance held its first breakfast meeting of the new year on Tuesday, January 6, in Cherokee Inn Restaurant.

The Rev. Steve Dolloff, president, directed the meeting.

The calendar of services for 1976 was set up at Thomas Nursing Center and TV programming of a morning devotional through First Baptist Church channel.

Present were Benny Kilgo of First Baptist; the Rev. Andres Rodruguez, Mision Bautista Monte Sinai; Rev. Dolloff, Fundamental Baptist Church; Rev. A.R. Vaughan, Assembly of God; and Rev. J.L. Harrison, Nazarene Church.

The children of Rev. and Mrs. A.R. Vaughan spent the Christmas holidays with them. They were Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Vaughan and Vince of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Lewis and Cindy of Hamlin, Dr. and Mrs. Ted Vaughan of Columbia, Missouri and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Vaughan, Lisa and Shelly of San Antonio. Other guests were their grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Vaughan of Houston, Mike Lew, and Velva Vaughan, both seniors at Texas Tech in Lubbock and Teddy Vaughan, a sophomore at the University of Missouri. Dr. Vaughan is a professor at the University of Missouri.

Group Here Bratcher Rites

A group of out of town friends and relatives were here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Juanita Bratcher.

These included her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Emmert of Orange; also Mr. and Mrs. O.F. Keesling of Mangum; George Isbell of DeRidder, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Isbell, Mrs. Anna Mae Spears and Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Wright of Amarillo; and Mr. and Mrs. U.S. Bolton of Seaside, Calif.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Colson were their children, Mr. and Mrs. James Colson, Marita and Billy of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Colson, Dewayne, Tina and Carmen of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Colson and Lonnie of Wellington. The James Colsons and Ronnie Colsons also visited Mr. and Mrs. Horace Clay, parents of both the women.

Guests in the Eddie Smith home during Christmas were her sisters Mrs. Rosie Scott of Sweetwater; Mrs. Lois Stout, Madill, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Horman Richardson from Gould, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Don Townsend and children of Guymon, Okla.; Mrs. Polly Cannon and Kim of Wellington; a niece, Miss Carol Merkin from Sidney, Australia, and Bart Smith.

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