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History of the Arts & Crafts Show

It was fitting that the 1979 annual Arts and Crafts Show be dedicated to the memory of Blanche Davis, for she put so much of her time and talent into creating the event and contributed each year to its ongoing.

"She was so talented, outgoing and so much fun to work with," said Billie Whitlow, who worked right along with her. "And I surely miss her."

The first Arts and Crafts Show was held in the Tinkle Building on South Main St., Dec. 7-8 of 1973. It was called "Christmas Bazaar," and was sponsored by the Ladies Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Davis was named chairman, and made arrangements for showing of the articles entered. She and Emma Marks and Mrs. Whitlow attended a similar show at Stephenville.

There were five categories in the bazaar: Christmas decorations, Christmas baking, arts and crafts,

and Christmas gifts. Entrants were to bring their handicrafts to be judged on Friday. Those who wished to place their entries on sale could do so on Saturday, but each individual was responsible for selling and displaying her own items.

Billie Whitlow assisted Blanche in making arrangements and under her direction resident members of the arts and crafts club of Merrill's Nursing Home had a booth at the bazaar. They had already held their own show at the home and have continued a booth at the Arts and Crafts Show each year.

Winning exhibits were awarded ribbons. Ribbon winners included:

CRAFTS

1. Mrs. Jack Patton, Wingate
2. Mrs. Ralph Arnold
3. Mrs. W. C. (Bud) Davis

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

1. Friendly Neighbors Club
2. Merrill Nursing Home
3. Mrs. Freddie Bredemeyer

CHRISTMAS FOODS

Coffee Cakes: Mrs. Bill Minzenmayer
Decorated Cake: 1. Mrs. Erwin Ueckert; 2. Mrs. Wanda Brewer, Wingate.

Candy: Mrs. Bill Buchanan

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

1. Mrs. Lee Choate
2. Mrs. Ralph Arnold
3. Mrs. James Bomar

ART DISPLAY

1. Mrs. Dewey Chestnut
2. Mrs. Dick Dunlap
3. Mrs. R. K. Russell

Because of the high interest shown in this first bazaar, the Ladies Committee planned a bigger and better show for 1974. Mrs. Davis was named chairman of the Woman's Committee and Mrs. Whitlow was chairman of the fair committee. The name became the Arts and Crafts Fair and the time was changed to November 8-9, and held in the Barnes TV building on North Main.

Wanting some new ideas for promotion of the Winters event, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Whitlow attended arts and crafts fairs in the Highland Lakes area. Spending the first night in Mason, they attended the show there the next morning before going to Llano, Buchanan Dam, Kingsland, Marble Falls, Burnet, Lampasas and San Saba.

"These places were all close together and we made them that weekend," said Billie. "It was beautiful fall weather and the art show at Buchanan was held outside. But we received more help at Kingsland where we learned to make display tables more attractive. We also got the idea of selling refreshments and using a banner. Blanche sketched one that was displayed and came home to make it for our fair," said Mrs. Whitlow.

For that second show, Mrs. D. C. Bissett was in charge of booth assignments. Entry fee was \$1.00 and each exhibitor furnished tables and covers and was required to label for sale with name and price.

Mrs. W. F. Minzenmayer was in charge of the bake sale. Coffee, pie and cake could be purchased on the premises.

Other members of the committee were Mrs. Dewey C. Chestnut, paintings; Mrs. Lee K. Choate, handicrafts and Mrs. Bobby Airhart, registration.

Before the Arts and Crafts Fair in 1975, held at 127 North Main, in the former Beauty Center building, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Whitlow and Frances Campbell went back to the Lakes area and spent the night at the Davis cabin on Lake Proctor.

This was the year that the Women's Committee started operating a concession stand during the two days showing under the direction of Mrs. Campbell. Fifteen exhibitors had entered the show at the first of the week.

In 1976, by Tuesday 21 organizations had registered for booths at the Fair held in the old Winn's building, in conjunction with the Fall Festival activities promoted by Winters merchants. The arrangements were the same for 1977, except homemade stew was added to the menu for sale.

By 1978 more space was available in the Community Center and 35 booths and displays were open during the two-day fair, and more than 500 people regis-

tered. By now a number of men were displaying arts and crafts.

The bazaar was held in conjunction with the Town and Country Sale events by Winters merchants. Door prizes were given at intervals. It was a lively show under the direction of Sandy Griffin. Frances Campbell was chairman of the foods committee.

A total of 326 exhibitors from a wide area reserved space at this year's show, again held in the Community Center. Door prizes were given hourly. Brenda Killough was the capable chairman.

Something new was added. It was the display advertising the proposed Z. I. Hale Museum.

Mrs. Lee Choate, Kingsland chairman, writes that plans are being made in the Highland Lakes area for the Bluebonnet Trail Arts and Crafts shows next year. A good place to go for ideas and inspiration. Isn't it thrilling to live in a community of progressive and creative people?



MERRY CHRISTMAS
May every day of your holiday be filled with smiles. Happy thanks to all.
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Sandra Radford

The Winters Enterprise

Poster Winners

Winters Fire Chief Marvin Bedford Friday announced the names of the winners in the annual fire prevention poster contest, sponsored by the Winters Volunteer Fire Department. Top winners' posters will be entered in the Hill Country Firemen's Assn. contest.

PRIMARY DIVISION
Kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2
 First: Chris Matthews, Grade 1; teacher, Mrs. Marthiel Russell.

Second: Dawn Dinger, Grade 2; teacher, Denise Heaton.
 Third: Clarence Collins, Grade 1; teacher, Janice Staggs.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION
Grades 3, 4, 5
 First: Elizabeth Bowden, Grade 4; teacher, Miss Sarah Parker.
 Second: Jill Traylor, Grade 5; teacher, Mrs. Jo Olive Hancock.
 Third: Heather Brown, Grade 3; teacher, Mrs. Nina Hale.

JUNIOR HIGH DIV.
Grades 6, 7 and 8
 First: Ketta Lou Walker, Grade 8; teacher, Patsy Roach.
 Second: James Kevin Grant, Grade 6; teacher, Randy Loudermilk.
 Third: Chance Blackwood, Grade 6, teacher, Tom Roach.
SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION
 Teacher, Mrs. Cheryl Sneed
 Richard Arrendondo, Louisa Cortez, Paul Clairday, Junior Reyna. All were winners.

Have Soil Tested Now

Fall and winter are good times for farmers and ranchers to have soil tested, says Allen Turner, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. At present, Extension Service laboratories are processing soil samples as soon as they arrive, and reports are mailed within five to seven days. Use of a new computer program has helped speed

up reporting. However, waiting until near planting time to have soil tested can result in not having results when they are most useful, cautions Turner. In addition to getting a prompt reply from the laboratory, sampling well in advance of planting allows time to obtain needed fertilizers. In many instances, wet soil during winter may hamper collection, so the agent advises fall sampling. Since wet soil adds to shipping costs, samples should be air-dried for a

day or two. They should not be heated, however, since heating some soils to high temperatures fixes potassium so that it cannot be tested by normal laboratory procedures. Pint boxes, mailing cartons, history sheets and instructions for collecting and mailing samples are available from the county Extension office. Study sampling instructions and follow them as closely as possible, advises Turner. To get reliable information from a soil test, the sample must be as nearly

representative of soil in the field as possible. For a representative sample, make a composite by taking a core or slice of soil from 10 to 15 spots in fields not larger than 40 acres. Letting one sample represent fields as large as 100 to 200 acres only gives general information. For specific information the sampling unit should be uniform. The exact size will depend on a number of factors, including soil variation. To sample soil properly, divide the field or farm accord-

ing to the type of soil as well as past and future cropping practices, suggests Turner. Take enough time to collect a good sample and fill out the information sheet as completely as possible. Contact the county Extension office for details on how soil tests can supply information that will help you make greater profits from fertilizer use.

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O'Conner

Do you have a busy holiday schedule? Have friends over for a hot 'n hearty holiday breakfast or brunch. Now is the best time to do it. Marketing specialists with the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) note that abundant supplies of pork mean attractive prices to you for bacon, ham, sausage, and chops. What a warm awakening for good friends the aroma of fresh perked coffee and a platter-full of brown pork sausage along side steaming waffles make.

Try thick country-style bacon strips served with piping hot pancakes covered with maple syrup. For crispy bacon that's done just right: put the strips in a skillet and cook over a moderate heat. Do not let the fat smoke. Turn the bacon frequently and pour off the fat as it accumulates. When done as desired, remove and drain on a paper towel. Besides being good tasting, pork is also high in nutritional value. A serving of cooked pork provides a generous amount of high quality protein as well as substantial levels of all the B vitamins including thiamine, riboflavin, niacin and the important

mineral iron. Here are some special recipes sure to please your neighbors, friends and guests.

Sausage Cake
 1 pound country sausage (uncooked)
 1 egg, beaten
 2 teaspoons soda
 1 teaspoon nutmeg
 1 cup black coffee (strong)
 1 cup pecans
 1/2 cup raisins or chopped dates
 3 cups brown sugar, firmly packed
 3/4 cups sifted flour
 3 teaspoons baking powder
 2 teaspoons cinnamon
 2 teaspoons vanilla
 1/4 teaspoon salt

Mix sugar with sausage; add egg. Sift dry ingredients together and add to sausage mixture alternately with coffee. Add vanilla and beat well. Add dredged fruit and nuts. Pour into well greased tube pan. Bake in 350° F. oven for 1 1/4 hours. Delicious with hot coffee.

Bulk (Rolled) Pork Sausages and Cinnamon Apple Slices
 Waffle batter
 Shortening
 Brown Sugar
 1 cup crumbled bulk pork sausages
 Peeled apple slices
 Cinnamon

Prepare waffle batter for 4 large waffles, then stir in pork sausages. Meanwhile, melt shortening in frying pan, add peeled apple slices and generously sprinkle with brown sugar and water. Cover pan and simmer apples until tender, remove cover and cook apples until glazed and browned. Sprinkle with powdered cinnamon. Bake sausage waffles until golden brown and serve with hot cinnamon apple slices, lots of butter and syrup.

Merry Christmas

Wishing you all the blessings of a joyous holiday season. Sincere thanks one and all.

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JOY at Christmas

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U-M SS Class Christmas Party

The United Methodist Friendly Ladies Sunday School Class held their Christmas party in the home of Hallie Sims. Four ladies from Ballinger were guests and sang several songs. Judy Hollaway installed officers for the coming year. Hostesses were Beulah Shaffrina, Hallie Sims, Hazel Badgett, Ella Mae McMillan, Margurite Mathis, Zelma Lee Lange, Beatrice Traylor, Lula Belle Leeman, LaBell Michaelis, Marie Neely. Others attending were Pauline Mayhew, Ethel Bridwell, Lily Rose, Lucille Hill, Louise Good, Bessie Baldwin, Ethel Harkins, Thelma Ledbetter, Jo Arnold, Addi Beth Stanley, Gladys Wilson, Eva Wright, Lou Esther Gerhardt and Lillie Marks.

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Versatility is the key—they can all be made from the very same recipe! These wholesome Fall treats feature the great flavor combination of all natural chocolate Mini Chips and canned pumpkin. The mini loaves and muffins are delicious served warm, spread with cream cheese or butter. For an extra taste treat, frost the cookies with "Mini Chip Cookie Frosting."

Warm your family's heart with these delightful harvest breads.

HARVEST MINI CHIP BREAD
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
1 cup canned pumpkin
2 eggs
2-1/4 cups unsifted all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
3/4 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup milk
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate Mini Chips
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Cream butter or margarine and sugar in large mixer bowl until light and fluffy. Add pumpkin and eggs. Blend on low speed of mixer. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda,



This chocolate chip and pumpkin combination is quick, versatile, and easy to prepare. It can be used for breads, cookies or muffins.

pumpkin pie spice and salt; add alternately with milk to pumpkin mixture. Beat until well-blended; stir in Mini Chips and pecans. Spread batter into three well-greased mini loaf pans or spoon into greased or paper-lined muffin cups (2-3/4-inches in diameter) 2/3 full. Bake at 350° for 40 to 45 minutes for mini loaves or 20 to 25 minutes for muffins. Three mini loaves or 22 muffins. For Cookies: Spoon bat-



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Excitement grows as each new sign or symbol of this cherished holiday appears. Rehearsals begin for Nativity plays at schools. Christmas cards are addressed and closets are piled high with mysterious packages. Store windows glisten with dazzling displays and forests of fir and spruce appear on every corner. Parties are planned and tempting delights are cooked and baked. Carolers appear filling the air with lilting holiday tunes and the local community tree is decorated and lit. Finally ornaments are tenderly and nostalgically unpacked, stockings are hung with anticipation. Surely those are sleigh bells jingling faintly in the distance!

The many legends that surround Christmas add to its aura of magic and mystery. If bees can hum psalms, animals speak and cattle kneel in their stables, then surely any miraculous happening is possible! And so the excitement mounts!

This wonderful time of merriment is also one of profound reverence. Churches in cities and country byways hold midnight services to celebrate the humble birth of Christ. It is the season of worship and rejoicing. Set apart by its majesty, mood, and magic, Christmas stands eternally outside time.

As Christmas day approaches it seems that everyone is waiting for something to happen! All are caught up in the spirit of what-might-be. At long last we know what all the preparation and waiting means . . . the miracle of Christ's birth which happened almost two thousand years ago, happens again in the hearts of people everywhere!

Christmas is cherished as a religious holiday of unparalleled importance honoring the birth of Jesus Christ, by Christians the world over.

For those of other faiths, this beloved holiday happily expresses universal good will, cheer and the spirit of brotherhood.

And so Christmas, that magical season of music and wonder, belongs to everyone!



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	50	40	30	20	10	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60
Calm	50	40	30	20	10	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60
5	48	37	27	16	6	-5	-15	-26	-36	-47	-57	-68
10	40	28	16	4	-9	-21	-33	-46	-58	-70	-83	-95
15	36	22	9	-5	-18	-36	-45	-58	-72	-85	-99	-112
20	32	18	4	-10	-25	-39	-53	-67	-82	-96	-110	-124
25	30	16	0	-15	-29	-44	-59	-74	-88	-104	-118	-133
30	28	13	-2	-18	-33	-48	-63	-79	-94	-109	-125	-140
35	27	11	-4	-20	-35	-49	-67	-82	-98	-113	-129	-145
40	26	10	-6	-21	-37	-53	-69	-85	-100	-116	-132	-148

Little Danger for properly clothed person. **Increasing Danger!** **Bold Figure** Danger from freezing of exposed flesh
 GREAT DANGER!
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THEN and NOW

THEN: As far back as 1960, our demand for gasoline exceeded our domestic supply. That year, we needed over 125 million more gallons than we had.
NOW: Today, our trucking industry is continuing its long-term efforts to save energy through a voluntary program of buying and using fuel efficient optional components. The Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association reports that the Department of Transportation estimates the U.S. truck industry has saved over 2.6 billion gallons since 1973.

Be Prepared For Tax Audits

While most people worry about the once-a-year income tax filing deadline, a Texas A&M University accounting professor reminds that Internal Revenue Service auditing is a year-round affair.
 In addition to reiterating that honesty is the best policy, Dr. Larry Crumbley has two suggestions for anyone about to be audited: Never send or give original records to the

IRS, and if a special agent is conducting the audit, get a lawyer. the original documentation, there is the risk of the agent losing it," he says.

Crumbley advised making copies of records and giving them to the agent or the IRS. "If you give

at Christmas

May all the precious little things that mean Christmas bring joy to you and those you love and cherish. Thanks.

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ENERGY ANSWERS

Tips To Save You Money

What's the cleanest, safest, cheapest energy "source" we have? You, an energy conserver! And you are also the key to saving your money. These suggestions are designed to help you be penny-wise by not being

fuel-foolish.

Take an energetic look at your home. You can realize real economies by caulking your windows and weather-stripping your door. Storm windows and doors may be worth their cost in comfort and cash saved. Insulation in attic, exterior walls, floors over unheated or uncooled spaces, air ducts and water pipes helps hold down winter heat loss and summer heat gain.

Cut down on senseless waste: get into the habit of turning off lights, radios, television and other appliances when not in use.

Take showers instead of tub baths. Repair leaky faucets. Lower the thermostat setting on your hot water heater, and use cold water whenever you can. Run full loads in the dishwasher and washing machine, and use heavy appliances early in the morning or late in the evening.

Replace your heater or air conditioner filter as recommended, and use a clock thermostat to turn them down when they're not needed. Don't heat or air-condition unused rooms. And dress for the season—good, warm clothes in the winter; light ones in the summer.

Get on the right road to saving money by eliminating unnecessary automobile trips and driving at steady moderate speeds. Keep your car well-tuned and the tires properly inflated. When you

can, join a carpool, or use public transportation. When you purchase a new car, choose one that's more energy-efficient for your needs.

Can conservation stop the energy crisis? No, but it can slow the fuel drain, providing more time to find more oil and gas, and to seek alternate sources.

New Year's Eve Dance

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 Public Invited

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PIGGLY WIGGLY

Antique Cards Illustrate Santa Claus's Merry Mythical Excursions

Santa's mode of transportation wasn't always as lightfooted as his eight happy reindeer. Matter of fact, Santa didn't meet up with Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Comet, Blitzen, Donder, Cupid and Vixen until 1822, when Clement Clark Moore penned his popular poem "The Night Before Christmas."

Before the Reformation, Dutch children pictured St. Nick riding about on his pony

"Swarte Piet" (Black Pete). The Pennsylvania Dutch turned the animal into a white mule and called the rider Kriss Kringle!

Antique cards in the Hallmark Cards Historical Collection, show Santa riding everything from a rocket ship to a "Penny-farthing"—essentially a unicycle with a small back wheel. The father of the American Christmas card, Louis Prang, showed Santa pedaling through the snow with a holly branch in hand and reindeer in pursuit.

Santa himself has been portrayed in many shapes and sizes. He is alternately pictured in Christmas archives as a white bearded, priestly looking man, a black bearded buccaneer, a roly-poly elf and a gaunt old man!

Whatever his means of transportation, Santa is Santa, beaming and jolly, and Christmas would surely not be the same without him!

Legend of The Lamb

There is a beautiful legend concerning one of the creatures in the stable where the Infant Jesus was born. It seems that there was a little lamb sharing the Blessed Child's first abode. As the animals all gazed in silent adoration upon the Holy Babe, this little lamb felt badly because it had no gift to offer the Newborn King.

Suddenly the lamb noticed how thin the Babe's blanket was. Surely the Infant must be cold! The straw upon which He rested offered very little warmth. The little lamb knew then that there was indeed something it could offer to this Holy Child. Quickly, the lamb nestled by the Child, sheltering Him from the cold.

Warmed by the animal's shaggy coat, the Christ Child smiled and touched the little lamb. According to the legend, the lamb's coat was suddenly transformed into soft, curly wool. And that is why, the legend says, all sheep now bear a warm and woolly coat. . . as a symbol of a special gift offered by that little lamb on the first Christmas night.

Blackwell

The United Methodist Women of the Blackwell United Methodist Church met Monday, December 10th at 8:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Cecil Smith with nine ladies present, with Mrs. Smith as hostess and Mrs. Abe Lanier (president) as co-hostess.

Mrs. Lanier called the meeting to order with a prayer, which was voiced by Mrs. John English.

A short business meeting was held, at which time the minutes of the last meeting was read by Mrs. Josie Hipp, in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Gene Cole. The minutes stood approved as read and the treasurer, Mrs. John McReory, gave her report.

Mrs. Smith was in charge of the program, which was entitled, "Do-it-yourself Christmas Celebration", and she asked each one to tell of "her most happy Christmas" as a child and pictures from long ago were shown by each one. It was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Smith then read a very good Christmas story and prayer, and Mrs. Terry Barrett read a Christmas story, which was also enjoyed very much. Mrs. Barrett then passed out the program books for the new year, which are entitled, "Dimensions of Mission" Program Resources.

This was the last meeting for this year, so the next one will be January 14, with Mrs. McReory in charge.

Christmas carols were then sung by the group and the dismissal prayer was voiced by Mrs. McReory. Refreshments of cheese sandwiches on party slices of bread, potato chips, fruit cake topped with whipped cream, white mints, divinity candy and hot spiced tea was served by the hostesses to Mes. Ida Oden, Fannie Mae Wilson, Savannah Thompson, Josie Hipp of Bronte, Lanier, Smith, McReory, Barrett and English.

Blackwell had a very cold spell to blow in late Tuesday afternoon with sleet and freezing rain Wednesday and Thursday, so the Wednesday night service, The Women's Missionary Union, which was to be Thursday afternoon and the Sunday School Christmas which was to have been Friday afternoon were all cancelled due to the ice and muddy weather. The Blackwell Church of Christ canceled their Sunday night service due to the cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Patterson visited in San Angelo last Friday with her brother and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eckles and daughter, Dawn. Mr. Eckles was just home from another stay in the St. John Hospital and was reported to not be feeling too well.

Mr. and Mrs. Eckles want to have their Christmas dinner next Saturday, December 22. His brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Eckles and daughter, Della Kay of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs.

Grady Patterson and granddaughter Shandra of Blackwell will be the only ones of his family to attend as they have received word that their sister, Mrs. Jewel (Marie) Turner and her husband who moved to Oklahoma recently, is not able to come for the Christmas holidays as they had planned.

Fannie Mae Wilson and Savannah Thompson visited Mrs. Wilson's sister, Ruby Pinckard and other patients in the Bronte Nursing Home last Friday. Savannah Thompson visited a very good friend, Maurine Braswell for the first time since she has come to the Bronte Home after spending 5 weeks in the Baptist Memorial in San Angelo and she is so happy to be back home in Bronte with her friends. They also attended the birthday party that afternoon with Mrs. Green and Mrs. Brown having birthdays.

Fannie Mae Wilson accompanied her grandson and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson and children, Terri and Chad of Nolan to her son and his wife's home. They are Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilson of Sterling City. They were having their Christmas tree Saturday night and Christmas dinner Sunday with all of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's children and grandchildren there, and her son and his wife presented her with a new T.V.

The Challenges Sunday School Class of the Blackwell First Baptist Church had their Christmas program, Christmas tree and luncheon on Tuesday, December 18th at 2:30 p.m. in the Oak Creek

Lake Home of Mrs. Grady Patterson, with 19 members and one guest attending. Mrs. Patterson acted as hostess and Mmes. Vernon Ramsey, Eula Nabors and Ninnie Kinard acted as co-hostesses.

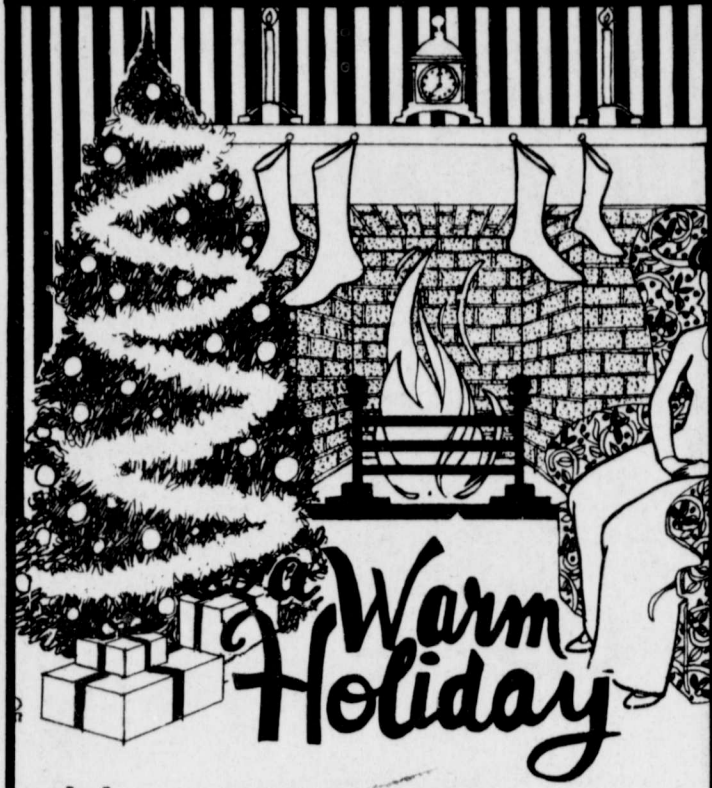
Mrs. Patterson opened the program by voicing the prayer and then welcomed all for their presence.

Mrs. L. O. Lemon gave the Christmas story and then read "A Christmas Prayer". Mrs. W. T. Hagler read an interesting Christmas poem, and Mrs. Ramsey recited a poem from memory, entitled "A Little Boy named Tom", which was enjoyed by all.

The closing prayer was voiced by Mrs. Lemon.

Numbers were then drawn and gifts were handed out by Mrs. Buddy Trull and Mrs. Lemon. The door prize, a set of table mats, was won by Mrs. Arnold. Mrs. Lemon passed Christmas cards to each one in her Sunday School class and then gave each one attending a towel to hang on cabinet doors. Her class gave her a Christmas card for being their teacher, and last she was handed a box, gifted as all the others, but when she opened it all it contained was another card. When she looked inside, she saw it contained money for her from her class members.

Then all went to fill their plates with all of the Christmas Goodies. Those attending were, Mes. Bill McReory, Arnold McReory, Gordon Montgomery, Thelma Smith, Cecil Lewis Smith, Veola Douglas, W. W. Walters, C. W. Murray, Olin Corley, Kay Corley Charley Strickland, Ben Noble, Kinard, Nabors, Hagler, Trull, Lemon and one visitor Savannah Thompson. Later the Rev. Buddy Trull and Grady Patterson came in and ate later.



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A Christmas Present For Mary's Teacher

*"Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was white as snow,
And everywhere that Mary went
The lamb was sure to go..."*

Her full name was Mary Sawyer and she lived on a farm in Sterling, Mass., during the early years of the 19th century.

She was the family favorite. Her father adored the girl, and enjoyed taking her on long walks around the 150-acre farm.

It was during one of these strolls, in the spring of 1814, when 5-year-old Mary encountered the lamb destined to make her famous.

There were two newborn lambs in the sheep pen. One was full of life, but the other was frail and seemed to lack the strength to survive. Mary adopted the little lamb, bottle fed it, and nursed it to good health. She loved the little white creature, and named it Snow.

In the fall, Mary began to attend classes at the Redstone School, a half-mile from her home. Before leaving for school in the morning, she always dropped by the sheep pen to pet Snow. The lamb often attempted to follow her, but Mary closed the gate before the animal got loose.

One morning, Mary's brother, Nathaniel, left the gate open to see if the lamb would follow her. It did—all the way to the little red schoolhouse.

Miss Polly Kimball, the teacher, allowed her scholars to play with the animal for a few minutes, then locked Snow in a shed at the rear of the school for the rest of the school day.

There was a budding poet in the class named John Roulstone, and he took great delight in the friendly creature's antics that happy school day. At Christmas that year, John, who was only 13, decided to write a poem about the lamb as a gift for his teacher.

All of the students brought "special Christmas surprises" to the school for Miss Kimball. The girls baked cookies and cakes or made aprons. The boys tried their hand at carpentry.

In those days, practically all Christmas gifts were labors of love, made by hand. Young Roulstone's was a poem.

It went:

*"Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was white as snow,
And everywhere that Mary went
The lamb was sure to go.*

*He followed her to school one day,
That was against the rule.
It made the children laugh and play
To see a lamb at school.*

*And so the teacher turned him out
But still he lingered near
And waited patiently about
Till Mary did appear."*

The boy gave Miss Kimball a copy of his poem. It is believed he gave her the only copy of the poem. Four years later, while a divinity student at Harvard University, John Roulstone collapsed and died in class one day. He never knew he had written a poem that would become a classic.

The years flew by, and Miss Kimball's Christmas poem remained buried beneath a pile of papers in her desk drawer. In time, the teacher married and went away. But the poem remained in the desk drawer at the Redstone School.

In 1830, Mrs. Sarah Joseph Hale, editor of *Godey's Magazine for Ladies*, revealed to her subscribers she was busy at work on a book of poems. She requested readers to send poems to her. One arrived in the mail from Mary's home town of Sterling. It was from the teacher who had replaced Miss Kimball. The teacher's name is not known.

"My offering is about a child and a lamb," wrote the teacher. "I do not claim authorship. I found the poem in a desk drawer when I first arrived at the school where I now teach. It is a sprightly little verse. Please use it as you see fit."

Sarah Hale decided the poem needed some additional verses to give it "a moral." She added three verses to the Roulstone original:

*"And then he ran to her, and laid
His head upon her arm,
As if he said, 'I'm not afraid
You'll keep me from all harm.'*

*'What makes the lamb love Mary so?'
The eager children cry.
'O Mary loves the lamb, you know,'
The teacher did reply.*

*'And you each gentle animal
In confidence may bind,
And make them follow at your call,
If you are always kind.'"*

Parents recited the verse to their children back then, when the book was first published. They still do today.

Coastal Bermuda Hard To Beat

Coastal bermudagrass is still hard to beat when it comes to producing a volume of hay or grazing, maintains Allen E. Turner, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Runnels county producers will want to give it close consideration when contemplating their choice of a bermudagrass for next spring.

Among the many factors that must be considered when choosing the best bermudagrass to plant are production potential, digestibility, planned use, availability of planting material and cost.

There is only one advantage that some bermudagrasses have over Coastal, Turner says. That is digestibility. When winter hardness is added for consideration, only two equal or exceed Coastal—Tifton 44 and Oklan. Depending on availability and cost, these bermudagrasses may provide better animal gains and be more desirable for a producer's pasture.

Production potential seems to be a major concern of many individuals. Research has shown Coastal is still the top forage producer, he says. While many types out-produce Coastal during the year of establishment, it outperforms them in succeeding years.

Digestibility is the one factor where Coastal falls short, especially with stocker calves during midsummer. Coast Cross I, Callie, Tifton 44 and Oklan all exceed Coastal in percentage digestibility. Coast Cross I and Callie have shown a lack of winter hardness in Central and North Texas while Tifton 44 and Oklan are winter hardy types.

The choice a producer is faced with is whether the need for improved digestibility offsets the slight decrease in production that occurs with the other improved bermudagrasses, Turner points out.

Increased digestibility means increased animal performance because the animal can get more digestible nutrients from each bite. Mature cows can and have done well on Coastal bermudagrass pastures. However, stocker calves have a difficult time maintaining acceptable weight gains on Coastal during midsummer.

The availability of planting material and cost will certainly influence a producer's decision, Turner adds. Planned use is also of considerable importance.

If these grasses are not

going to be used intensively, much of their advantage will be lost. There is no advantage to putting effort and expense into establishing an improved bermuda, then doing nothing to encourage its production.

Many acres of Coastal bermudagrass have been established but are never fertilized or managed. This leads to the way to invasion by weeds and undesirable grasses and poor production. Proper management is necessary for peak performance of Coastal, contends the agent.

Greetings to All!

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Windmill Country

By Jerry Lackey



As Christmas, 1979 approaches, I am reminded of the holidays of the 1950s. Those days were pretty bleak in ranch country. It was hard enough managing to buy a few sacks of cake to keep the livestock from starving. Thus, gala holiday festivities were almost nil.

I can recall with symptoms of nostalgia the times when we literally had prayer meetings for rain. This winter is much the same. Chester Kenley came back to San Angelo from a weekend at his Crockett County ranch and added: "It is so dry, I don't want to go back."

Deer hunters have had a hard time fencing out livestock from pens with corn and maize this season while deer have managed to get fat on a bumper crop of acorns and liveoak leaves. Pecans have been plentiful and cheap giving game and livestock another diet, with a little bit of work.

The holiday season shutdown the mohair market early this year. Bevie DeMouville of San Angelo, says there is "about one and a half million pounds of mohair left in Texas warehouses." It will remain there until after New Year's 1980 for sure as no trade is expected for the rest of the year.

Yet, other natural fibers have experienced a good year. Wilburn Jeschke, operator of the Veribest Cotton Gin, was one of the last to finish with the autumn cotton inventory. "Farmers had a much better year than they expected with production way above average even on the dryland cotton," he said.

Spanish Oak, Sumac, Elms, and Cottonwoods among other trees have colored our holiday views with beautiful panorama as we travel despite the drought. And despite the uneasy situation around the world, the cost of inflation and energy right down to having to pay out our nose for "things" to play Santa Claus, many of us have so much to be thankful for this Christmas season.

Sam Ault, a retired New Mexico ranchman and stuntman for John Wayne, says: "Boys, if you don't have your health, you ain't got nothing, I don't care how wealthy you are."

As public relationsman for West Texas Rehabilitation Center, Sam's statement rings in my ear everytime I tour one of our campuses. It comes home as I visit a friend in a hospital or say goodbye to a friend at a funeral home.

I have friends who are hurt at Christmas time if they are not invited to every cocktail party or can't have a newer car or finer house than another friend. I get to feeling sorry for myself sometime because I

have a left leg that pains me.

Yet, when I see some little boy at the ReHab Center that has no left leg, I am thankful for the pain that tells me I have a leg. When I witness the frustration of an elderly person stricken with a stroke trying to communicate, I am thankful I can talk.

When I step into my Chevrolet and drive home to our modest frame home in a middle-class section of town, I don't envy friends in a Cadillac driving into their garage with automatic openers at the end of a brick home on the hill. I am thankful that our home has heat, running water and a new coat of paint.

A few weeks ago, I was given a tour of the Texas Lions Camp on a hill in Kerrville by Nolan Underwood, a blind man, who walked briskly across the tree-lined grounds of 540 acres and pointed out the many vocational and craft training classes being given to rehabilitate the blind.

Nolan found every walkway and every doorway in the 22 buildings on the campus and carefully explained the many skills being taught the blind in order to get them back into the routines of life's journey. They were learning to cook, to sew, to build chairs and stools to paint and varnish, to type and read... all without the use of eyes. It was most impressive.

I left thankful I can see and pleased that the blind see things in many ways better than us with 20/20 vision.

But, most of all, like Sam Ault, I am glad my family and I have our health at this Christmas time. I am so thankful that God has given me the opportunity to use my talents, however limited, not to pile up great wealth for myself but to help the less fortunate and the handicapped by way of the West Texas Rehabilitation Centers in San Angelo, Abilene and Snyder.

To me at this Holiday Season, it is a joy being a humanitarian... what a gift. After all, giving is what Christmas is all about. God gave us Jesus on this date and as we recall the scene on that night in a stable with sheep and livestock around, when wisemen came with gifts, we know in our hearts "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Merry Christmas!

Bret Harte Story Tells Of Western Christmas

A poor mountain cabin housing a group of rugged characters forms an unlikely setting for an excellent Christmas story by Bret Harte, famed for his writings about the Gold Rush days. Set in 1862, in the Sacramento Valley, "How Santa Claus Came to Simpson's Bar" is considered one of Harte's best stories.

The story centers around a little boy, Johnny, who is ill in bed on Christmas Eve. His home is a poor cabin at Simpson's Bar, a cluster of similar cabins huddled around a little store, situated on Table Mountain. Little Johnny is wise beyond his years due to his rough-and-tumble environment but when he hears about Santa Claus, he is mystified. So when Johnny's father comes home with some drinking companions, Johnny asks his father a very natural question. Just who is "Sandy Claws?"

His father brushes the question aside but one of the other men, Dick Bullen, is moved by the boy's ignorance. He borrows a mare, Jovita, and sets out to find some Christmas presents for the youngster. Unfortunately for Dick Bullen, it's not a propitious time to run errands. It's been raining heavily, and the river has overflowed its banks, while the creek is impassable. He reaches his destination, the town of Turleville, where he wakens some disgruntled shopkeepers to do his last-minute shopping. The return trip is even harder for poor Dick. When he gets to the creek, he finds it has become a river. Undaunted, Dick discards his coat and boots and saddle and rides the mare bareback through the rushing waters. It is dawn before he reaches the mountain cabin at last; when he arrives he is half-naked and exhausted. But he has carried his cargo of toys to their destination and he tells Johnny's father to place the gifts in Johnny's stocking. "Tell him Sandy Claws has come," he says, and so ends a marvelous story written in the best tradition of Bret Harte.

The Tree

Christmas is here:
Winds whistle shrill,
Icy and chill.
Little care we;
Little we fear
Weather without,
Sheltered about
The Mahogany Tree.

— William Makepeace Thackeray (1811-1863)

Christmas Seals fight lung disease.



Ag. Dept. Not Loaning Money But Guaranteeing Farm Loans

The state will not be loaning money for agricultural land purchases, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown recently stressed in an effort to dispel misinformation surrounding the recently approved Family Farm and Ranch Security Program.

"We have been receiving a great number of calls since the amendment was approved November 6," Brown said. "Many have been told that the state will be loaning money at six percent interest while, in fact, the state will not be loaning money at all."

"Under the provisions of the program, \$10 million in bonds will be issued with the proceeds being used to guarantee loans offered by already-established sources in the purchase of farm and ranch land," Brown said.

Applicants will need to locate their own financing at the best interest rate they can negotiate, Brown explained. He noted that the emphasis of the loan guarantee program is in allowing financial institutions to extend credit to young farmers and ranchers who may not have the necessary collateral or down payments now being required for agricultural land purchases.

"This program will allow many young people in the coming years to enter farming and ranching who could not af-

Half of Cotton Grown in Texas In 16 Counties

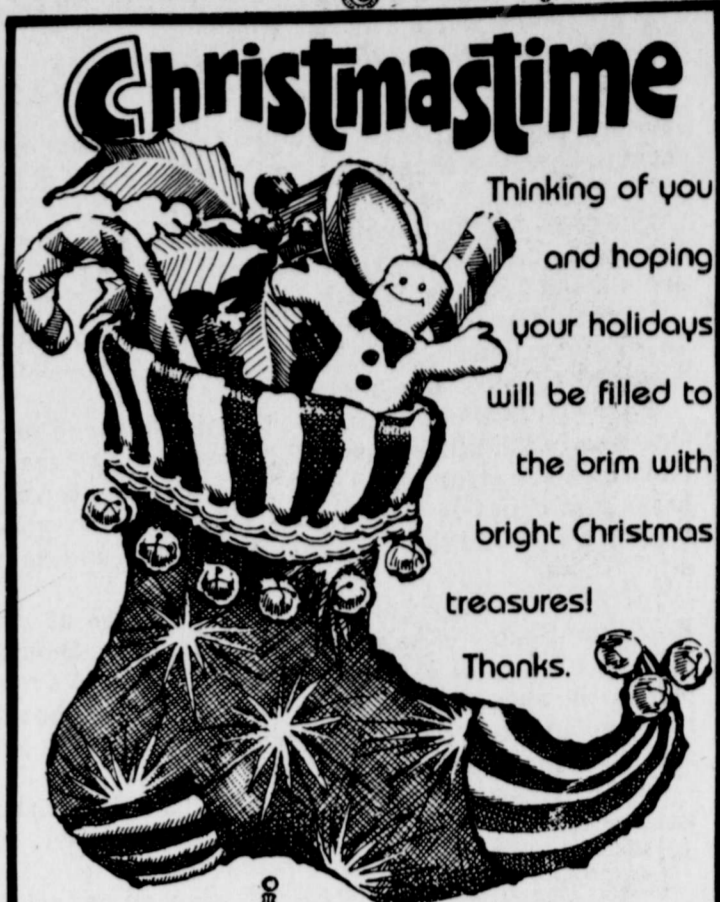
Nearly half of the state's projected 5.7 million bale cotton harvest this year is being reaped in 16 southern High Plains counties, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown has announced.

Bailey, Lamb, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Gaines, Dawson, Andrews, Martin, Howard, Midland and Glasscock counties are expected to produce 2.6 million bales of cotton, a regional increase of more than one million over last year's harvest. The 1979 production is expected to be the biggest statewide in 30 years.

County yields should average 404 pounds per acre, up from 259 last year. More than 3 million acres are anticipated for harvest.

According to Commissioner Brown, the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service sees this year's crop as 50 percent higher than last year's and four percent above 1977's. If figures are realized, the 1979 crop will be the largest since the 1949 production of 6.04 million bales.

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As we remember that first Christmas night, so long ago, we are moved by its wonder and hope that His eternal life and presence will continue to enrich our lives.

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Legends Surround Custom Of Trimming The Christmas Tree



The Christmas tree and the ornaments we hang on it are German in origin and legend dates them back many centuries. St. Boniface, an English missionary who Christianized the German Druids in the 7th century, supposedly toppled a holy oak of the pagans with a single blow on Christmas night. Behind the oak was a small evergreen, which the missionary explained was a holy tree, and a symbol of endless life. St. Boniface decreed that the fir was to be recognized as the tree of the Christ child.

Another legend tells that Martin Luther improvised a Christmas tree in an effort to explain to his wife and children, the impression the night sky made on him. He placed lighted candles on the branches of a fir and saw myriad stars in them!

German settlers brought the Christmas tree custom to America where it became popular in the early 1800's. The custom was so unique that for some years churches and private businesses often set up decorated trees and charged admission to view them.

Craftsmen in the Thuringian Mountains in Germany started production of delicate glass ornaments to decorate their evergreens in the mid-1870's.

By the turn of the century, the Yule tree moved from the church auditorium into the home and tree trimming became a family tradition. Electric lights and tinsel replaced candles, but many traditional trims, like popcorn and cranberry garlands, still grace fragrant trees.

Today our tree trims are as varied and personal as our people. Corn husk dolls and ornaments have been "rediscovered", and quilted, patchwork stars, animals and figures are gay and popular. Trees are hung with frosted pine cones, yarn figures, miniature toys and glazed cookie dough ornaments. In this land of endless creative talents there's no end to the imaginative directions tree trimming takes.

The wonder of Christmas is enhanced by this lovely custom and we share the special beauty it brings to a bewitching, festive season.

From the top: Glass tree ornament, probably an early image of Santa, c. 1900. "Silver" color glass duck ornament, c. 1900-1910. Dog's face on three sided glass ornament, c. 1900. Photographs courtesy of The Oakland Museum History Dept.



Business of Month

Winters Farm Equipment, Inc., was named "Business of the Month" for December by the Winters Chamber of Commerce. Accepting the traveling plaque were E. E. Thormeyer and son Arnold Thormeyer.

A loan package for the Chrysler Corporation is being readied now for floor action in both the House and Senate. And the Strategic Arms Limitation Agreement, without question, the most important document to be considered in our lifetime, will receive Senate attention in coming weeks. Debate on this issue will be long and hard — as it should be.

On balance, this first session has shown moderation, in my view. The real tests will be provided in the next session, however, when economic issues, including major tax legislation and Social Security will occupy Congressional attention.

But for now, Congress seems to have read the public's mood correctly — and has acted accordingly, in a more responsible fashion.

THE ULTIMATE TOUCH

Christmas card senders who want to complete the seasonal appearance of their greetings are using postmarks from Christmas, Florida; Santa Claus, Indiana; Snowball, Arkansas; and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. They send their addressed cards to the postmasters for mailing and postmarking.

CHRISTMAS STILL MOST IMPORTANT

According to a survey conducted in thirty cities, Christmas is the most meaningful and important holiday to Americans. The study also reports that the values of Christmas are as profound as ever and there are no signs of youthful anti-traditionalism.

Reports from Washington

A GO-SLOW CONGRESS: GOOD FOR THE COUNTRY

As the final weeks draw near for the end of this first session of the 96th Congress, a consideration of the work both finished and unfinished seems in order. An objective assessment of the Congress so far would have to conclude that it may be remembered more for what it did not do, than what it did.

Frankly, that may be for the good of the country. When this first session convened in January, there was every indication it would follow in the footsteps of its predecessors, heaping new programs and policies on the country without giving much thought to the cost, or to whether the country needed such proposals.

Very quickly, however, it became clear this Congress might be different. It might approach the people's business in a more responsible fashion. In my view, this Congress has shown it may have a better understanding about the real needs of this country.

Numbers, alone, tell part of the story. Just before the Congress recessed this summer for its August work period, the House of Representatives had introduced some 5,922 bills. Senators had introduced 1,962 measures.

What's so important about these figures? They represent a 36% decrease over a similar period in the last Congress. During this time period, as well, only 631 bills had received attention by one or both houses. That is fully one-third less than for the same period in the 95th Congress.

This Congress has considered, however, some of the most important legislation any Congress has considered. Depending on what happens between now and adjournment, set for mid-December, a final tally sheet on the work of this session would have to be viewed as mixed. Energy is a good example. There is little disagreement over the need to implement a comprehensive energy policy. It must, however, balance the need for conservation and the lowest possible price, with increased domestic supply. Most importantly, it must reduce our excessive reliance on oil from the Persian Gulf. The events of recent weeks in Iran underscore this point dramatically.

But the President, and this Congress, still have major differences over a means to the end. Still to be decided is the outcome of the Administration plan for a "windfall profits tax." Congress also has before it proposals for an energy security corporation, an energy conservation package, and major legislation for synthetic fuel development.

Uppermost in our minds must be the fact that domestic conservation alone will not relieve our dependence on energy from unreliable foreign sources. Domestic supply is our only assured supply — and the only means for regaining energy self-sufficiency here at home.

Reluctance to initiate new programs is evident in the number of other major pieces of legislation still pending in the housing area, for example, and in banking, and in a major effort to revise the criminal code. Important legislation in the health, environmental and consumer areas also seems likely to be delayed to the next session.

Some of the most controversial legislation will be considered in the last weeks remaining.

Ag Programs Attract Women

A growing number of women are entering non-traditional fields in agriculture—at least that is the trend at Texas A&M University, which has the nation's largest agricultural enrollment for a single campus.

Thirty-one percent of the students enrolled in Texas A&M's agricultural programs are women. Animal science, wildlife and fisheries sciences and agricultural economics are the most popular degree programs for these women. Next in popularity are the more traditional fields such as horticulture, food science and technology and floriculture.



GREETINGS

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Christmas Inspires Interesting Customs

Charming customs add to the beauty and meaningfulness of Christmas in Bulgaria. The kravai, a large round cake decorated with pastry birds, flowers, and a cross, is brought out with the appearance of the first star on Christmas Eve. The cake is lighted with a candle, and incense is burned while prayers are offered. Then the father and mother of the household break off a piece of cake for good luck.

On Christmas Day, the Yule log is brought in by the father, while other members of the family sprinkle him with corn. This is to insure good health for all and a bountiful crop. The corn is also placed in a stocking and sprinkled upon the doorstep to insure a happy new year. The Yule log is then lit and the children of the family make wishes as they strike the log.

After church services, Bulgarian children receive their gifts from Grandpa Koleda, the equivalent of our Santa Claus. The parents in turn receive gifts from the last

day of the year.

In Rumania, on the day before Christmas, young boys visit neighboring homes to sing a Christmas greeting, Colinde. They are rewarded with apples, cakes, and coins by the listeners. The singing visits begin at dawn and last until after sunset. One can imagine some rather stuffed little boys at the end of the day!

In an ancient Rumanian custom, villagers gather at a river bank clad in biblical costumes, to sing Christmas carols. A young boy is selected to break the ice that has formed upon the river and a wooden cross is thrown into the water. A scramble then ensues, for the rescuer of the cross is assured of good fortune in the coming year, according to the custom.

Just as in other parts of the world, feasting is an important part of the holidays in Rumania. Roast pig is the center of attraction of the holiday table. It is served with turta. The latter is a cake made of layers of thin, dough, shaped to form leaves, and symbolic of the Infant Jesus' swaddling clothes.

Yugoslavia also has some interesting customs with which to celebrate Christmas. On the day before Christmas, the men in Yugoslavian families rise early to look for a Yule log, the Badnyak.

This is no simple task, for many strict customs must be observed in bringing in the log. It must fall toward the east at the moment of sunrise and its branches must not touch another tree, as that would mean bad luck in the year ahead.

When the log is brought in, the men are greeted with singing and food. Later, fire is made and the family gathers around the log to await the arrival of the polaznik, a village lad. He must be the first to enter the house on Christmas morning. As he enters, he throws a handful of grain at each member of the family, asking a blessing as he does. The log is then struck so that many sparks will fly into the air; this means many sheep and other livestock for the household.

The polaznik next throws some wine on the log, leaving a coin at one end. This assures the family of prosperity in the coming year. After the ritual of the log is completed, the polaznik is feted by the grateful family for the rest of the day.

In Mexico, colorful customs add to the festive atmosphere of the holiday season. The most popular custom, as far as the children are concerned, is the tradition of the pinata. This is an earthenware bowl, decorated to resemble animals usually, and filled with fruit, candy, nuts, and coins. The pinata is strung up and the children gather around it as one youngster is blindfolded. The blindfolded one now takes a swing at the pinata with a stick. If he can't break the pinata, another youngster attempts. At last one of the children breaks open the earthenware bowl and its contents spill out for the delighted youngsters.

Customs may vary from country to country, yet they all have one common denominator... a joyfulness of heart, in celebration of that most wonderful of seasons... Christmas.

Christmas Facts And Fancies Around The World

The Christmas Seal originated in Denmark in 1903 when a Danish postal clerk decided to ask people to buy a special Christmas stamp to help raise money for sick and needy children.

The world's largest Christmas wrapping, 42 feet long and seven feet in diameter, was constructed as a showroom display at a garage in Essex, England, according to the Guinness Book of Records. It took two weeks to build and concealed a Ford Escort car.

Flowers are among the most popular Christmas gifts throughout the world, ranging from the traditional evergreen wreath in northern Europe to the gay floral tributes used to decorate for South America's Christmas Fiestas. With Interflora, the international affiliate of FTD, it is possible to send a floral holiday greeting to almost any country in the world in less time than it takes to send a Christmas card!

Jolly old Santa Claus is not the only one delivering gifts at Christmastime. In Scandinavia, they are brought by little gnomelike



creatures called "Yule Men," who are said to live hidden in the attic all year long. In Italy, they are left on Epiphany Eve (January 6th) by a wrinkled old woman called Befana, whose arrival is announced by a bell. The Magi, the three wise men, bring gifts to Mexican children who, instead of hanging stockings, place their shoes on the windowsill.

One of the longest Christmas celebrations in the world takes place in Sweden, where the holiday lasts an entire month. It begins on December 13th with Saint Lucia's feast day, and ends on January 13th Saint Knut's Day, when children "plunder" the Christmas tree, eating all its candies and cookies before removing its ornaments and carrying it outdoors with a song.

USDA Proposes Measure To Help Food Stamp Applicants

Elderly and disabled people would be able to apply for food stamps at the same time they apply for Supplemental Security benefits (SSI) under rules proposed recently by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The new rule would make it possible for the Social Security Administration, which administers SSI benefits, to also accept food stamp applications. People applying for SSI would be able to apply for food stamps simultaneously if everyone in the household is applying for or receiving SSI benefits, and no one is already receiving food stamps.

The proposed rule, which implements a provision of the 1977 Food Stamp Act, could take effect as soon as next summer.

Currently, SSI recipients who want to apply for food stamps must go through a separate procedure. "This has placed a real burden on people who are elderly or disabled," said Assistant Secretary Carol Tucker Foreman. "It may also be a reason why many elderly and disabled poor do not currently participate in the food stamp program. Processing food

stamps and SSI applications jointly should be of real assistance to these people."

The proposed regulations were published in the Federal Register on Friday, Dec. 7. Comments on the proposal must be received by January 22, 1980, and should be sent to Claire Lipsman, director, program development division, family nutrition programs, Food and Nutrition Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250.

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Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus!

A little girl's curiosity has led to a bit of Christmas philosophy that has since become a Christmas classic.

One day—in December—in 1897, Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the New York Sun.

"I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. My papa says, 'If you see it in the SUN, it's so. Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?'"

Because we believe the reply with its message of keen, spiritual insight deserves reading again and again—we show it here. It was written by Francis E. Church, a writer for the old Sun.

Here it is:

"Yes, indeed!"

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think nothing can be which is not compre-

hensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginia. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children or men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real? . . . Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God—he lives, and he lives forever—a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

—Francis E. Church.

America's First Carol Written For Indians

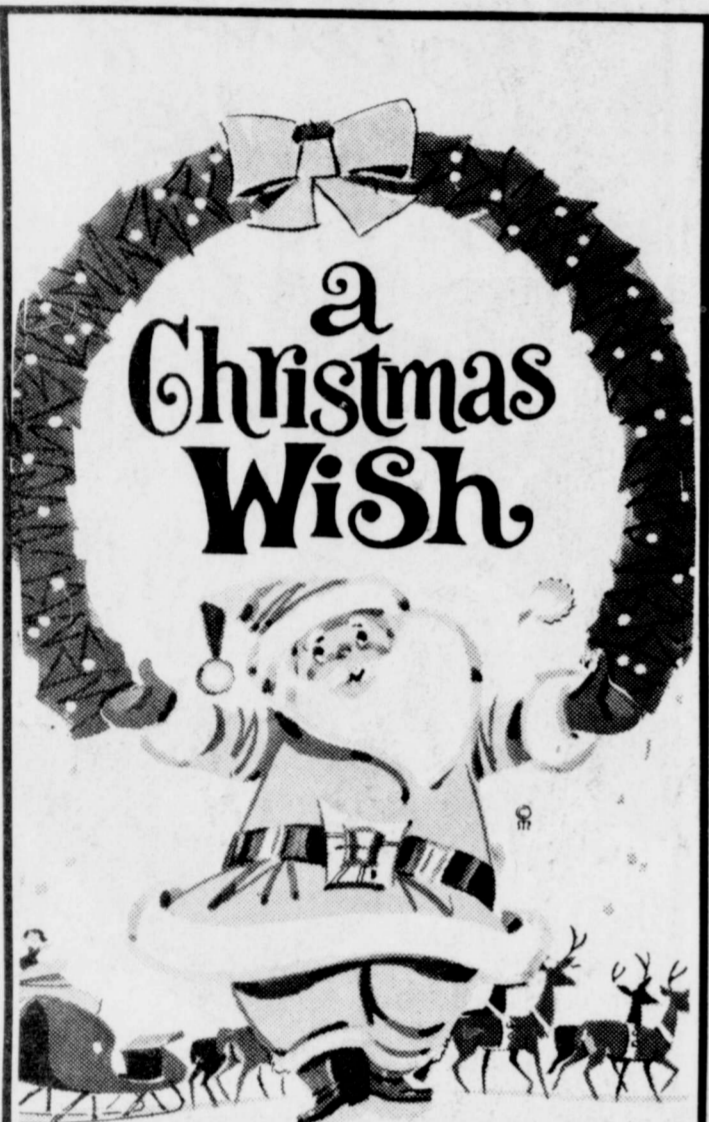
As far as it is known, the very first Christmas carol composed in America was written for an Indian tribe by their missionary priest. The priest, Father Jean de Brebeuf, was born in France in 1593 and came to the New World in 1626 to spread the Gospel of Jesus.

Preaching Christianity to the Huron Indians, Father Brebeuf sought to convey the meaning of Christmas to his parishioners by composing a carol that the Indians could sing in their own language. The priest selected a popular 16th century folk song from France, "Une Jeune Puceile," for his tune and wrote new words for the Indian worshippers.

The French priest had been very impressed by the Hurons and their comprehension of the Nativity. In his writings, he de-

scribes how the Hurons had built a small chapel of cedar and fir branches to house the manger of the Christ Child, and how they prepared themselves to receive the Infant Jesus into their hearts on Christmas Day by performing some sort of penance. He wrote, "Even those who were at a distance of more than 2 days' journey met at a given place to sing hymns in honor of the newborn Child."

Father Brebeuf wrote the lyrics to his carol in 1641; on March 16, 1649, he was martyred by the Iroquois, along with other prisoners. But after the villages of the Hurons had been destroyed by the Iroquois, the surviving parishioners of Father Brebeuf resettled near Quebec, preserving the carol along with their tribal traditions. Later on, the Catholic Mohawks, who had settled south of Quebec, learned the hymn from the Hurons. The carol has since been translated into English, retaining a few of the original Indian words.



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She was the first to notice a strange light in the sky. The other shepherds around the campfire paid scant attention to the girl and her flock or to the night-black dog at her feet.

Rachel adjusted the shawl which had slipped backward on her head, then drew it more tightly around her shoulders. Nights could be chilly in these Judean hills. She turned so that her back rested against the furred warmth of the dog. The light brightened and fused with the thousands of stars in the clear night until it shone on the shadowy figures of the sheep with a brilliance like moonlight. But there was no moon.

There was a cry from one of the other shepherds who had moved away from the brightness of the campfire and saw for the first time the unearthly light in the heavens.

"It is the judgment," shouted one.

"The judgment!"

"The judgment. Fall on your face. Your sheep will

be scattered."

Rachel was sorry they seemed so afraid. She got up from her knees and walked toward the men, surrounded by light.

"Don't be afraid," she said. "There is nothing to be afraid of. Remember the psalm: 'Praise ye the Lord; praise ye Him, all His angels; praise ye Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars of light.'"

One shepherd got to his feet and pointed toward the sky. "Did you ever see anything like that before? I don't like it. It's an omen. Something will happen. Something terrible."

Why is it men understand so little? Rachel thought. A woman knows instinctively, perceiving more than she sees, hearing beyond the sounds of the night. Was that a voice echoing her thought? The murmurings in the air intensified and one shepherd shrieked again, "The judgment is coming closer. The wrath of God is upon me."

"Fear not," a voice as triumphant as Rachel's own spirit spoke from the midst of the light. "I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very night in David's town, your Savior was born—Christ the Lord."

The shepherds looked at each other and at Rachel. They could not understand. But Rachel repeated, "Christ the Lord? How did it happen? How shall we know Him?"

The angel's voice spoke with compassion for their finite minds that found it so hard to accept the simple truth. "This is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Rachel heard the words. They flowed over and around her as if she had been hearing them for a long time, as if she had always known that this is the way the Messiah would come. Her heart sang the words as the sounds of the night rose to a crescendo of praise until it seemed that the very heavens were rejoicing in a new psalm, "Glory to God in the highest heaven!" And they faded again to a quiet murmur: "And peace on earth to men—with whom he is pleased."

Rachel felt the dog's cold nose touch her hand and she stroked his neck. The light was gradually absorbed by the darkness again, and the stars pricked through, sparkling with a newly polished brilliance.

"Did you hear that?" one of the shepherds called to her. "The Savior, the Savior's come at last. And right here in Bethlehem. We must go into town immediately and find him."

"But the sheep," Rachel cried. "How can we just go off and leave the sheep?"

"We?" laughed the shepherd. "This is for men to whom the angel spoke, not for a simple shepherdess."

Rachel looked again at the stars where the light had been. "Peace on earth to men," the angel had said. But surely it meant 'mankind,' not merely 'men.' And joy to 'all the people.'

"I shall go," said Rachel firmly.

"And what about the sheep? You said yourself you couldn't leave your sheep. You can look after

ours, too," he finished with a sweep of his arm to encompass the flocks barely distinguishable in the starlight.

"My dog will care for the sheep. He will watch over them all until we return. It is not far; westward less than an hour's journey."

Rachel heard them muttering and in the reflection of the firelight, they shook their heads. They were rough men who tolerated her because her dog was useful to them and they had none of their own. But they did not see her as a woman, not indeed as a human being with thoughts and feelings, but only as a shepherdess, a tender of sheep like themselves, but of a lower order, not one of them in any sense. They would never let her go with them.

But they were not unkind. "We'll bring you back some straw from the manger," they joked, hardly knowing what they said in their excitement. "The angel spoke to us. We're expected to go. Come on, let's hurry."

Rachel stood watching them until they disappeared in the darkness. In spirit she walked with them, running a little to match their long strides. If only she were a man. If only she could see the child in the manger. The angel had spoken to them all. And she was the first one to see the light appear and to hear the heavenly voices. Wasn't that a sign that the Lord expected her to see the child, the good news for the world?

Why should she obey the shepherds? True, they were men; they were older. She was only a girl. She had been taught carefully that men make the decisions; that women do as they're told. She sank down by the fire and poked at the embers. She threw a branch onto the coals and soon a twig blazed with a quick, vigorous flame. Smoke curled around the branch, and with a puff, a lick of fire enveloped the branch. Rachel watched without seeing, her thoughts in Bethlehem. The longing to be in Bethlehem swelled within her until it burst into defiance.

She called to the dog. "Take care of the sheep for me. I won't be gone long."

She started walking as fast as she could in the darkness, stumbling occasionally on the uneven slope. After a few minutes her steps seemed to be echoed by sounds behind her. She could just see blurred shapes and then the unmistakable bleating of a lamb.

"No!" she cried. "Take them back. Take them back."

But the black dog herded the flock, following Rachel at a leisurely distance. How could she make him understand that this time the sheep must not follow the shepherdess?

"Stay there," she ordered. But the sheep paid no attention and the dog crossed behind them, keeping them together in his expert fashion, following his mistress. Each time she tried moving forward he would stir the flock from their grazing and follow her.

Now she could see the town silhouetted on its plateau against the western sky. Stars disappeared into the gray light, all but the brightest one. Somewhere beneath that sky, below that star, was the child in a manger. She was near enough to see the city, to hear a cock repeatedly announce the coming day. But she could not take the sheep into the town. And they would not stay here without her.

To be so near and not to see the Savior... Rachel's eyes burned with unshed tears and she leaned against her staff. Why were privileges given to

some and denied to others?

The dawn wind brought her no answer. Just a few people would see this child tonight. But if he really was the Savior, his life would make a difference to the world. Many others, in the years ahead, stretching to infinity, would come to know about his birth. But she had been one of the first to know and one of the first to praise.

The sheep depended upon her, especially the least ones. The only gift she could offer the Savior was the simple one of continued devotion, of service in His name.


The star, still bright above Bethlehem, shone its benediction upon her as she turned back to her sheep.



Silent Night

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NOTICE OF WATER CONTROL DISTRICT DIRECTORS ELECTION THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RUNNELS
To the resident qualified voters of Valley Creek Water Control District:
TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 19th day of January, 1980, at the places, in the manner, and for the candidates for the office of said district, as set forth in the attached copy of an order for directors' election, duly entered by the Board of Directors of said above mentioned district on the 19th day of November, 1979. Said Attached Order for Director's Election is made a part of this notice for all intents and purposes.

FRANK K. ANTILLEY
President,
Board of Directors
DUNCAN HENSLEY
Secretary,
Board of Directors

ORDER FOR DIRECTORS ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)
On this the 19th day of November, 1979, the Board of Directors of Valley Creek Water Control District convened in regular session open to the public with the following members present, to-wit:
Frank K. Antilley, President; Mardell Shedd, Vice-President; Carl W. Moore, H. O. Polk, Lester Schaefer, John W. Bird, Duncan Hensley, Secretary; and the following absent: Edd Poehls, constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings had by said Board of Directors was the following:
Whereas on the 19th day of January, 1980, there will be elected 4 directors for this district;
Whereas this Board by order dated the 19th day of November, 1979, established the procedure for candidates who desire to file for said election;
THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VALLEY CREEK WATER CONTROL DISTRICT:
That an election be held in said district on the 19th day of January, 1980, for the purpose of electing 4 directors to the Board of Directors of said District;
That said election shall be held at the following places 2 in said District, and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers for said election.
1. For Election Precinct at Old Drug Store Building, in Wingate, Texas, within said District with D. F. Bryan as Presiding Judge.
2. For Election Precinct at Crockett Garage Building, in Norton, Texas, within said District with Dave Compton as Presiding Judge.
The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on election day be open from 7 o'clock a. m. to 7 o'clock p. m.
D. F. Bryan is hereby appointed Clerk for absentee voting. The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at Wingate, Texas, within the boundaries of the above named district and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least eight hours on each day for absentee voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. on each day for said absentee voting. The above described place for absentee voting is also the absentee clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent.
The following named persons have duly filed as candidates for said election in accordance with the above mentioned order for election procedure in Directors Election passed by this Board, and their names shall be placed on the ballot for said election in accordance with a drawing held by the Secretary of this Board in the following order:
None.
Notice of said election shall be given publication of a copy of this order once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which the district is located, or if none is published in said county, in the nearest county thereto; the first publication shall be at least 21 days prior to the date of the election, and not more than 35 days prior thereto. Immediately after said election has been held, the officers holding the same shall make returns of the result thereof in triplicate, one being retained by the Presiding Judge, one delivered to the President of this Board, and one delivered to the Secretary. The ballot box and other election records and supplies shall be delivered to the Secretary at the office of the District and be preserved as provided by law in said office.
It is further found and determined that notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting was posted in accordance with the terms and provisions of Art. 6252-17 at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of this meeting and that the terms and provisions of said Article 6252-17 have been complied with and copies of said postings and

return shall be attached to this order and become a part thereof. The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted AYE: John W. Bird, H. O. Polk, Carl W. Moore, Mardell Shedd, Lester Schaefer, Duncan Hensley, and the following voted NO: None.
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 19th day of November, 1979.
FRANK K. ANTILLEY
President,
Board of Directors
ATTEST:
DUNCAN HENSLEY
Secretary

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AVISO del DISTRITO de CONTROL de AGUAS MEJORAS ELECCION de DIRECTORES EL ESTADO DE TEXAS CONDADO DE RUNNELS

A los residentes votantes capacitados del Distrito Control de Aguas y Mejoras:
TOMEN NOTA que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el dia 19 de January de 1980, en los lugares, en la forma, y por los candidatos al puesto de dicho distrito, como lo indica la copia anexa de la orden de eleccion de directores, debidamente asentada por la Junta Directiva del ariba mencionado distrito el dia 19 de November de 1979. Dicha Orden de Eleccion de Directores anexa se considera en todo caso se parte de este aviso.
FRANK K. ANTILLEY
Presidente,
Junta Directiva
DUNCAN HENSLEY
Secretario,
Junta Directiva

ORDEN de ELECCION de DIRECTORES EL ESTADO DE TEXAS CONDADO DE RUNNELS

En este dia 19 de November de 1979, La Junta Directiva del Departamento de Control de Aguas y Mejoras Valley Creek Distrito de Control de Aguas se convoco en reunion regular, abierta al publico con los siguientes miembros presentes, a saber:
Frank K. Antilley, Presidente; Mardell Shedd, Vice Presidente; Carl W. Moore, H. O. Polk, Lester Schaefer, John W. Bird, Duncan Hensley, Secretario; y los siguientes ausentes: Edd Poehls, constituyendo un quorum, y entre otras actas tomadas por dicha Junta Directiva se encerro la siguiente:
En vista de que en este dia 19th de January, de 1980, seran elegidos 4 directores para este distrito;
En vista de que esta Junta por orden fechada el 19 dia de November, de 1979, establece el procedimiento a seguir por los candidatos que deseen clasificar en dichas elecciones;
POR LO TANTO, SE ORDENA POR LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DEL DEPARTAMENTO DE CONTROL DE AGUAS Y MEJORAS DE VALLEY CREEK.
Que se lleve a cabo una eleccion en dicho distrito el 19 dia de January de 1980, con el proposito de elegir 4 directores a la Junta Directiva de dicho Distrito;
ue dicha eleccion se lleve a cabo en los siguientes lugares 2 en dicho Distrito, y que las personas a continuacion se nombran son designadas oficiales para dicha eleccion.
1. Para el Precinto Electoral en el Edificio Drug Store en Wingate, Texas, dentro del mismo Distrito con D. F. Bryan como Juez Presidente.
2. Para el Precinto Electoral en el Edificio Crockett Garage en Norton, Texas, dentro del mismo Distrito con Dave Compton como Juez Presidente.
Los sitios de votacion en cada uno de los lugares arriba designados se mantendran abiertos el dia de eleccion de las 7 a. m. a las 7 p. m.
D. F. Bryan se le designa Secretario para Votacion Ausente. La Votacion Ausente para la eleccion arriba citada se llevara a cabo en Wingate, Texas, dentro de los limites del mencionado distrito y dicho lugar de votacion ausente permanecera abierto por los menos ocho horas diarias para votacion ausente no siendo sabado o domingo o dia festivo oficial de Estado, principiando 20 dias y continuando hasta el cuarto dia anterior a la fecha de dicha eleccion. Dicho lugar de votacion permanecera abierto entre las horas de 8 a. m. y 5 p. m. en cada dia de votacion ausente. El lugar arriba descrito para votacion ausente, es tambien la direccion postal del secretario ausente a la cual podran ser enviadas por correo las solicitudes para boletas electorales como tambien regresar las boletas con votos.
Las personas nombradas a continuacion se han registrado debidamente como candidatos para dicha eleccion de acuerdo con la arriba mencionada orden para procedimiento de eleccion en Eleccion de Directores aprobada por esta Junta, y sus nombres seran colocados en la boleta para dicha eleccion y de acuerdo con un sorteo que se llevo a cabo por el Secretario de esta Junta en el siguiente Orden: None.
Aviso de dicha eleccion se hara por medio de publicacion de una copia de esta orden una vez por semana durante tres semanas consecutivas en un periodico de circulacion general publicado en el condado en que se encuentra este distrito, o si no se publica ninguno en dicho condado, en el condado mas cercano; la primera

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to Order of Sale entered on October 25, 1979, by the United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, Civil Action No. 3-75-1419-H, entitled SURETY INDUSTRIES, INC., f/d/b/a SURETY LEASING COMPANY, INC. vs. O. T. HINDS vs. SURETY INDUSTRIES, INC. AND CHARLES S. CHRISTOPHER, the U. S. Marshal shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on Tuesday, the 5th day of February, 1980 between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. of that day, at 205 North Sanders, Winters, Texas 79567, the following described real and personal property, to-wit:
1. The following ten tracts of land, and all plants, buildings and property situated therein, which are described as follows:
TRACT NO. 1: All of Block No. 1 of Armbrecht Addition to the City of Winters, in Runnels County, Texas, Save and Except 75 feet by 99 feet out of the S.E. corner thereof reserved by J. R. Dry, et ux.
TRACT NO. 2: 22 feet by 209 feet, formerly a part of Majestic Street in Winters, Texas, lying adjacent to said Block 1, of Armbrecht Addition to the City of Winters, in Runnels County, Texas. (Such quit claim deed being dated February 28, 1955, recorded in Volume 290, Page 421, Deed Records).
TRACT NO. 3: All of Block No. 2 of the Armbrecht Addition to the City of Winters, in Runnels County, Texas.
TRACT NO. 4: All of Block No. 3 of the Armbrecht Addition to the City of Winters, in Runnels County, Texas, subject to easement or dedication by Winters Manufacturing Co. to City of Winters, as to the West 50 feet of said Block No. 3, as a street.
TRACT NO. 5: All of Lots Nos. 5, 6 and the West 1/2 of Lot No. 7, in Block No. 18 of Dale West Addition to the City of Winters, in Runnels County, Texas.
TRACT NO. 6: All of Lots Nos. 3 and 4, and the South 74 feet of land off of and entirely across the South ends of Lots 1 and 2, all in Block No. 17, of Dale West Addition to the City of Winters, in Runnels County, Texas.
TRACT NO. 7: All of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block No. 7 of the Armbrecht Addition to the City of Winters, in Runnels County, Texas.
TRACT NO. 8: Certain parts of streets adjacent to Blocks 1 and 7 of Armbrecht Addition to the City of Winters, in Runnels County, Texas, all described in a quit claim deed from the City of Winters to Winters Manufacturing Company dated May 28, 1958, recorded in Volume 302, Page 312, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, such lands being briefly described as follows:
(a) That part of Majestic Street which abuts the south line of Block 7 of Armbrecht Addition its full length;
(b) That part of N. Sanders Street, lying between the south 1/2 of Block 7, of Armbrecht Addition, and the south 1/2 of Block 17 of Dale West Addition.
TRACT NO. 9: Being that part of the East 1/2 of Armbrecht Street which lies adjacent to and abutting the South 1/2 of Block 7, of Armbrecht Addition to the City of Winters, in Runnels County, Texas, and also the East 1/2 of the intersection of Armbrecht and Majestic Streets in said Armbrecht Addition; and being publication oebra ser por los menos 21 dias anteriores a la fecha de elecciones, y no mas de 35 dias anteriores a la misma. Inmediatamente despues de que se haya hecho dicha eleccion, los oficiales a cargo de la misma deberan reportar los resultados de la misma en triplicado, una copia la debera retener el Juez Directivo, una copia sera entregada al Presidente de esta Junta, y una copia sera entregada al Secretario. La urna electoral y demas documentos electorales y provisiones seran entregadas al Secretario en las oficinas del Distrito para ser conservadas como lo estipula la ley en dicha oficina.
Ademas se ha encontrado y determinado que aviso de la fecha, lugar y asunto de esta junta fue colocado de acuerdo con los terminos y provisiones del Artículo 6252-17 por lo menos 72 oros anteriores a la hora programada para esta junta, y que los terminos y provisiones de dicho Artículo 6252-17 han sido conformados y que copias de dichos avisos y resultados seran anexadas a esta aorden y forman parte de la misma.
Habiendose dada lectura a la orden arriba mencionada, se hizo la mocion y fue secundada para er aprobada. Despues, al llamado sobre esta pregunta, los siguientes miembros de la Junta votaron afirmativamente: John W. Bird, H. O. Polk, Carl W. Moore, Mardell Shedd, Lester Schaefer, Duncan Hensley, y los siguientes votaron negativamente: None.
PASO, APROVO Y ADOPTO este 19 dia de November de 1979.
FRANK K. ANTILLEY
Presidente,
Junta Directiva del Distrito de Control de Aguas.
CERTIFICA:
DUNCAN HENSLEY
Secretario

A Story for All Time, The Blessed Birth

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." LUKE 2:7
Christians all over the world give prayerful thanks to God for the miracle of the manger. At Christmas, in church services and in private devotions, they turn again and again to the wondrous story of that Holy Night in a spirit of thanks and humility.
They recall humble shepherds, first witnesses to see and adore Jesus, herald angels singing their divine message, the Star that shone in the East guiding the Wise Men on their royal journey to Bethlehem.
The first Christmas lives anew in every word of its sacred and inspiring story. The words echoing across the ages bring comfort and a solemn sense of the meaning of the holiday and its universal message.
At services in small churches and grand cathedrals all over the world, midnight masses, vesper services, choir singing, censers exuding clouds of incense, and reverent prayers will celebrate Christmas.
Christ's life provided a



THE NATIVITY (Center panel of an altarpiece.) Tempera and oil on canvas, transferred from wood. Painted by Gerard David, Flemish artist. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Jules S. Bache Collection, 1949.

Have A Merry Christmas



May the Holy Spirit illuminate your holidays.
JACK FARMER & STAFF
RUNNELS COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR

lesson for all. His legacy to mankind is summed up in His words (John 15:11) "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you."

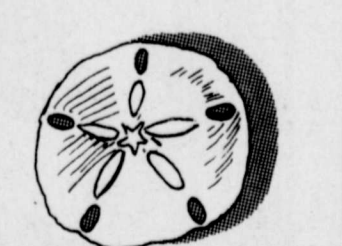
greetings



Reaching out with thanks for your patronage. You can depend on us for service and for the sincerest wishes of this happy season.
S. T. ANDERSON, AGENT
MOBIL OIL AND LP GAS

described in a quit claim deed from City of Winters to Winters Manufacturing Company dated October 2, 1957, recorded in the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas.
TRACT NO. 10: Being all of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and the East 60 feet off of and entirely across the east end of Lot 7, all in Block 8, Armbrecht Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas, according to the map or plat of said addition, now of record in the office of the County Clerk, Runnels County, Texas, to which plat reference is here made for further and more complete description.
2,300 shares of the common stock of Surety Leasing Co., Inc., par value \$10 share, evidenced by Certificate No. 001 in the name of C. S. Christopher.
3. All fixtures, equipment, vehicles and other personal property of Wintex Industries, Inc., located in its factory in Winters, Texas, together with all work in progress and working inventory of Wintex Industries, Inc.
Executed this 12th day of December, 1979.
CLINT PEOPLES
U. S. MARSHAL
BY: Tommy G. Heatherly
Chief Deputy
U. S. Marshal
(Dec. 24, Jan. 3, Jan. 10, Jan. 17)

Sand Dollar Legend



These strange and beautiful shells tell the story of Christ's suffering and His glory. The Easter Lily shape at the center of the sand dollar represents the Star of Bethlehem which guided the shepherds from afar. The five holes represent the five wounds of Christ. On the back the Christmas Poinsettia, in outline, reminds us all of His birthday. Five Doves of Peace and Good Will appear when the shell is broken apart. This fascinating creature from the sea is referred to as The Holy Ghost Shell because of the legend attached to it.

Tarleton State Low In Cost

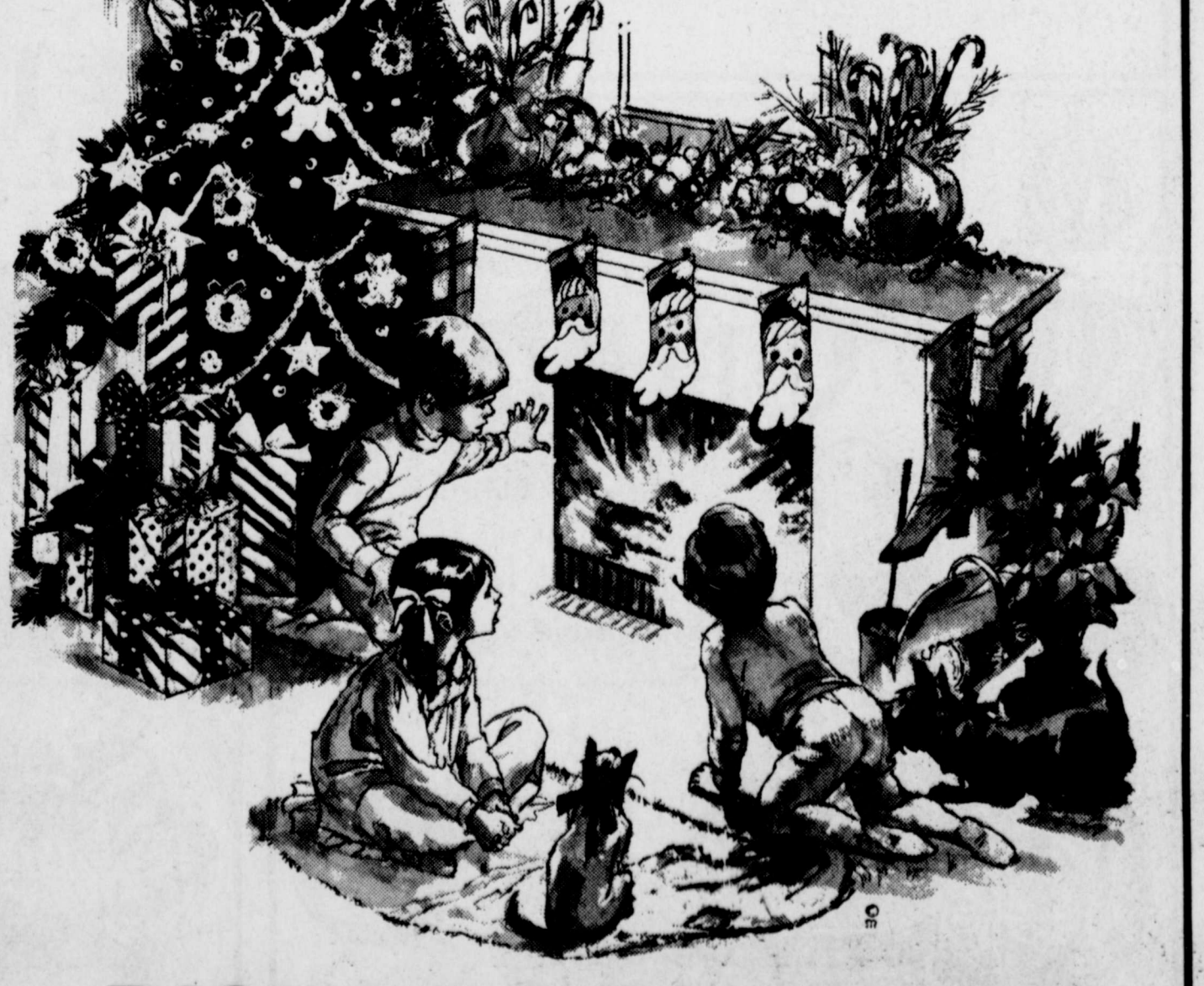
Tarleton State University, part of The Texas A&M University System, is on a Bottom Ten list—but glad to be there.

According to the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, Tarleton State is ranked among the least expensive colleges in the nation in terms of tuition and required fees.
Tarleton required a median charge of \$374 per student this year, the survey indicated.

VERSATILE PATRON SAINT
In addition to doing yeoman's work at Christmas, St. Nicholas is charged the patron saint of pawnbrokers, bankers, sailors, maidens and schoolboys!

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As all the cherished customs of this magic holiday surround our special friends, we know it's time to extend our sincere Yuletide wishes to you all. May the thanks we send your way add to the happy hours of your holiday.



BISHOP BOYS FORD

225 Exhibits For Stock Show

Young livestock and poultry exhibitors have registered at least 225 animals for the annual Junior Livestock Show, scheduled for Jan. 6-7.

The show, sponsored by Winters livestock Assn., will be held in the Winters school vo-ag barns.

The lamb show will be held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 6, with the rest of the show scheduled for Monday, Jan. 7.

The Livestock Assn. will serve a barbecue dinner at noon Jan. 6 in the Winters Community Center, at \$3.50 per place.

Young exhibitors will show 95 pigs, 88 lambs, 20 steers, one heifer, about twelve capons and about nine rabbits.

R. Q. Marks is general superintendent of this year's show. He will be assisted by Raymond Schwartz.

Division superintendents include: Swine, Joe Pritchard and Paul Airhart; lambs, R. T. O'Dell; steers, Hollis Dean and Calvin Helm; Poultry, Frank Carter; and rabbits, Mrs. Dan Miller.

J. E. Ensor, sheriff of Coke County, will be the lamb show judge. Other judges have not been announced.

The annual show is open to any FFA student or 4-H Club member in the Winters Independent School District.

Silver Tinsel - Mystical Symbol

There is an old and appealing legend about Christmas tinsel. A poor peasant woman with many children was able to trim her tree with only the humblest things... nuts and berries and whatever else she was able to hoard through the year. She worked late into the night making her tree as lovely as possible. Then while she was asleep spiders crawled from branch to branch leaving a trail of lacy webs over them all.

As a reward for her devotion the Christ Child blessed her tree and all the spider webs turned to glistening silver!

Girls' JV Undefeated Thru Tuesday Night

Winters High School girls' Junior Varsity basketball team have gone through the pre-Christmas season undefeated. They have defeated Jim Ned girls two times; Wylie three times; Hawley, Roscoe, Anson, Merkel, Colorado City and Ballinger.

In their tilt with Colorado City Monday night, the WHS JV girls took the honors 46-18.

SCOREBOARD				
Winters	12	10	16	8 46
Colorado City	6	6	0	6 18

The girls took on the Ballinger girls Tuesday night, winning that contest 34-27.

SCOREBOARD				
Winters	8	6	13	7 34
Ballinger	8	6	10	3 27

High scorers were Melody Murphy with 8, and Rosalinda Vera, 8.

Bill Hendrix Died In Abilene Wednesday

W. N. (Bill) Hendrix, 65, died at 10 p. m. Wednesday in West Texas Medical Centers in Abilene following an illness of one week.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Friday in Winters Memorial Chapel with the Rev. James Gehrels, Baptist minister, officiating.

Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Mr. Hendrix was born Jan. 20, 1914, in Kaufman County. At an early age, he moved to Runnels County, settling on a farm northwest of Winters. He had lived in Winters for the past 40 years. He was a carpenter.

He married Lillian Searbrough at Winters, Nov. 14, 1936.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Mike Hendrix of Tuscola and David Hendrix of Sweetwater; two daughters, Rozannie Bradford of Hobbs, N. M., and Thelma Hubnik of Austin; three brothers, Jess of Ganado, Eugene of Houston, and Charlie of Las Cruces, N. M.; a sister, Elsa Hendrix of Ganado; three grand-

children and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Allen Jackson, William E. Modisett, Charles Matthies, Luther Smith, Dawson McGuffin and Rex B. Miller.

Prof Combats Math Anxiety

The fear of math seems to develop during the junior high and high school years, says a Texas A&M University mathematics professor.

Dr. Norman W. Naugle notes that younger pupils, usually through the sixth grade, can do math problems with just a little help. Somewhere in between something happens and people lose their interest in math, says Dr. Naugle. Later in life, this creeps up as math anxiety and causes some students to fail math courses even though they may be perfectly capable in other areas.

To combat math anxiety, Naugle has developed a self-paced program for those who may not have as an extensive high school math background as other students and who may need to work at a slower pace.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



Wul I think I'll jst call it a nite!

BE SURE THAT DEATH
TAKES A HOLIDAY
TOO

Drive Carefully!

JOY TO YOU

Men living as brothers in a world at peace... that is our wish at Christmas. Thanks one and all.

BEDFORD INSURANCE
MARVIN BEDFORD MARGARET BALDWIN
GEORGE MOSTAD

Christmas is . . .
Santa and Dasher, Blitzen and bows,
Carols, candy canes and Rudolph's red nose,
Stockings and tinsel, garlands and toys,
And days that are filled with bright
Christmas joy!

**STRICKLAND
REAL ESTATE**

Have A Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas

Count our very warm wishes for a holiday without measure, among your gifts this Christmas. Thanks for being our friend.

BOB LOYD LP GAS
Bob Loyd - Gene Wheat

**HAVE A GOOD
OLD FASHIONED
CHRISTMAS**

Chugging in loaded with holiday treasures and pleasures for all our friends. With warm thoughts of you we say thanks.

HEIDENHEIMER'S

Merry Christmas

May your Christmas be adorned with the special joys and holiday treasures this happy season brings. Sincere thanks to our many friends.

John's International

HOT MEET

May your Christmas be one to treasure always.

**BEAUTY CENTER
Merle Norman
Cosmetics**

**Peace on Earth
Goodwill toward Men**

We hope the glowing Spirit of Christmas will brighten every day of your holiday and its holy light always shine in your heart. Thanks to all.

MANSELL BROS.
Hwy. 53 West