

Hospital district board hears good, bad news

The Mitchell County Hospital District board of directors heard both good news and bad news at its regular meeting Tuesday night.

The bad news came during approval of the annual audit report which showed that for the fiscal year which ended Sept. 30 expenses were up and revenues were down - something that the board already knew.

The good news came during approval of the monthly financial statement which showed that during November, the hospital made a profit of some \$54,000. And, because of increased patient load, Administrator Richard Murphy predicts an even better financial report for December.

Joe Morren, CPA, who presented the annual report, suggested that the hospital improve its billing process, explaining that as of Sept. 30, there

were some \$400,000 in charges that had not been billed.

Morren also said that the Medicare Cost Report was not filed on time and that Medicare was holding payments due on claims because of the delinquent report.

Murphy said that the Medicare Cost Report, prepared by a Lubbock firm which specializes in that type of accounting, has been sent in and that the problem has been corrected.

Murphy said that the payroll has continued to increase even though the number of employees has been cut in recent years. He said that even though there are fewer employees, there are more skilled ones on staff and that means extra money.

"For the past 60 days, we've been looking real close at what we charge for services and goods,"

he said, explaining that the hospital charges much less for some items than surrounding hospitals.

In presenting the financial report to the board for its approval, Murphy said that "the November report was real good and I'm excited about seeing December's report."

November saw a \$54,000 gain, and Murphy expects "December to be a whole lot better."

In addition, the hospital district owned nursing home (Valley Fair Lodge) made \$4,000 in November.

In other business, the board approved requests to advertise for bids for X-ray room equipment, a C.T. scanner and life pack equipment.

Murphy said that some of the present X-ray room equipment is so old and outdated that it is difficult to find replacement parts when needed.

He said that the quality of the X-rays has declined and new equipment is needed.

The board gave permission to advertise for bids for C.T. scanner after Murphy explained that the portable C.T. scanner which comes to the hospital once a week in an 18-wheel trailer is not what the physicians on staff would prefer using. He said there are several C.T. scanners on the market and companies offer various purchase, lease/purchase or lease programs. He said there is room in the hospital to place such a scanner if the board approves a bid.

The board also gave permission to Murphy to investigate the possibility of the hospital district going to a self-insurance program for worker's

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Q. Please tell us what is done with drugs and money confiscated in drug raids.

A. The drugs are confiscated by law enforcement agencies and are destroyed after they have been used for evidence. State law allows district attorneys to file motions for judges to award other seized property, such as money and motor vehicles, to the counties in which they are seized.

Briefly

CISD tax office

The Colorado Independent School District tax office will be open Friday, Dec. 29, for those who wish to pay their taxes before the end of the year.

Library closing

The Mitchell County Library will be closed the week after Christmas and will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Office closed

The district office of State Rep. Robert Junell is closed for the holidays. The office will reopen on Jan. 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Prenatal care

Are you pregnant? Do you need help planning for early prenatal care?

For assistance, contact the Texas Department of Health Prenatal Clinic, 505 Chestnut Street, Suite A, Colorado City. Call 728-5796 for an appointment.

Hunter wins ham

Gloria Hunter of Hermleigh won the ham given away by the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 9178.

"We extend our sincere thanks to all who participated," said Estella Rivera, auxiliary president.

Around Town

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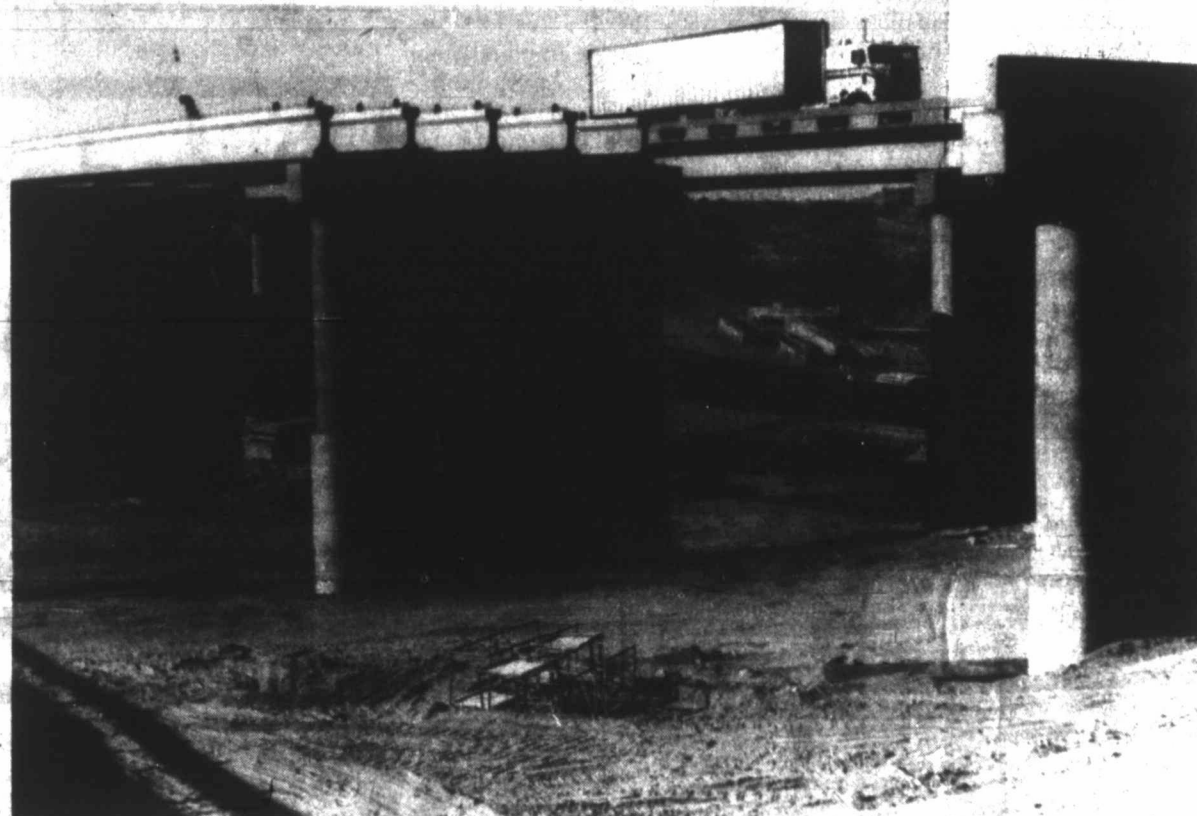
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SPANNING THE RIVER - Construction on the east-bound bridge of Interstate 20 spanning the Colorado River is still progressing. Two-way traffic is being routed on the newly built west-bound bridge until construction is completed. The new bridges replace the original ones built when the interstate bypass around Colorado City was constructed.

Legislative leader to speak at banquet

Gib Lewis, speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, will be the featured speaker at 81st Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce banquet set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12.

A number of awards will be presented at the banquet including the B&PW Woman of the Year, Chamber of Commerce Farm Family of the Year and Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Past recipients of the Citizen of the Year award are Bill F. Carter, 1988; L.B. Elliott, 1987; Marion Bassham, 1985; Jim Baum, 1984; Rev. Monte and Virginia Jones, 1983; Barbara Gray, 1982; Tandy Curlee, 1981; Olson Sweat, 1980; Loyd Ledbetter, 1979; J.O. Dockrey, 1978; Murrell Blessingame, 1977; B.B. Hardee, 1976; C.C. Thompson, 1975; Eddie Piland, 1974; Charles L. Root, 1973; J. Ralph Lee, 1972; Colorado City Playhouse, Inc., 1971; Bobby Lemons, 1970; Joe E. Bell, 1969; James F. Kelley, 1968; Don Benson, 1967; Gus D. Chesney, 1966; Mrs. Bob Reily, 1965; Gus D. Chesney, 1964; and Harry Ratliff, 1963.

Master of ceremonies for the banquet will be Jim Baum. Reports will be heard from outgoing chamber president Gary Parker and incoming president Lee Woods. Other newly elected officers are Sheila Plagens, president-elect; Tony Turner, second vice president; and David Hoover, treasurer.

Tickets are \$12.50 each and may be purchased from the chamber office, City National Bank,

First National Bank or any chamber board member.

Lewis, a 17-year member of the Texas legislature, was part of a blue ribbon commission created in 1985 to undertake a comprehensive study of the state's system of higher education which resulted in the passage of House Bill 2181 during the regular session of the 70th Legislature. This bill is designed to enhance the efficiency of operations of Texas' higher education institutions.

Lewis is only the second individual in Texas history to be re-elected as presiding officer of the House of Representatives for four terms. His previous three terms as speaker have coincided with an unprecedented downturn in the Texas economy. Nonetheless, while resisting major increases in state spending, Lewis' leadership was a key factor in the passage of legislation to combat crime, strengthen ethics laws, toughen laws against drunk drivers, improve health care for the aged and indigent, and combat cancer.

Lewis continues to be a staunch advocate of the Texas highway system, as well as a champion for the development of sound economic policies aimed at enhancing the business climate.

Nothing serves as a better indicator of Lewis' conservation interests than his exotic game ranch, the "S03". Specimens of rare sheep and deer, emu, llamas, buffalo and even a zebra roam the 600-acre spread which is located on the northern reaches of Texas Hill country.



Gib Lewis
...to be banquet speaker

Unemployment rate climbs to 8.3 percent

Mitchell County's unemployment rate for November climbed to 8.3 percent with 327 of the county's 3,961-member labor force out of work.

According to figures released by the Texas Employment Commission, the county's labor force declined by 31 from the previous month and the number of unemployed increased by 27.

The October jobless rate stood at 7.5 percent, the lowest to date for 1989. There were 300 jobless residents in October.

The overall jobless rate for Texas was 6.9 percent, up from 6.0 percent last month. A total of 575,300 Texans were seeking work during November, a slight decrease from October.

Unemployment rose between October and November in all of the 27 major metropolitan areas for which data are currently available. The largest increases oc-

curred along the border, while Bryan-College Station, Lubbock, Austin, Amarillo and Dallas continued to be below the Texas rate.

According to Jon Hockenyoys of Texas Perspectives, Inc., there appear to be two main factors causing the rise in unemployment rates. The first is seasonal. With the labor force expanded during the holiday season, cautious hiring on the part of many retailers meant that more people were counted as unemployed than in previous months. On a more fundamental basis, the drop in manufacturing jobs, especially durable manufacturing positions, means that there are more skilled unemployed workers. As a result, the number of continuing unemployed workers has increased due to the fact that skilled workers tend to be more patient

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UNEMPLOYMENT

	October	November
Mitchell County Unemployment	7.6%	8.3%
Total Labor Force	4,012	3,961
Total Employed	3,709	3,634
Total Unemployed	303	327
Texas Unemployment	6%	6.9%



CHRISTMAS BASKET - DPS Trooper Frank Costabile, left, and Police St. Pat Taylor prepare to take a food basket to a needy family for Christmas. The basket was donated by the Mitchell County Law Enforcement Officers Assn.

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compensation. Murphy said that the hospital district currently spends \$22,000 every quarter for the coverage. Because of the increased cost from the past years, Murphy said many hospitals have gone to a self-insured program and several others are considering it.

Permission was given for a non-participation dental plan for employees. Murphy said the hospital will not have to pay for any of the insurance, but that it will be payroll deductible for those employees who choose to take it.

The board also extended associate staff privileges for emergency room coverage to Kirk Harris, a second-year intern from Lubbock who has in the past filled in on the week-end for emergency room. Murphy said that "when and if we need him" in the future, Harris will already be approved by the board.



OFF TO NATIONALS - The Colorado High School cheerleaders, shown here during a recent performance for their classmates, will be in Dallas Thursday competing in the national cheerleading contest. Members of the group are Sandy Lamb, Mendi Conner, Debbie Gardner, Tammy Blair, Jo Ann Ornelas, Bridgett Bridgford, Melissa Rivera, Kendra Ritchey and Brittany Bridgford.

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in the job search process once they have been laid off.

Area counties and their unemployment rates for November include Coke, 2.9 percent; Howard, 6.7 percent; Nolan, 7.4 percent; Scurry, 6.2 percent; and Sterling, 4.2 percent.

Weather Report

Date	High	Low	Pct
Dec. 23	15	10	.00
Dec. 24	36	10	.00
Dec. 25	57	19	.00
Dec. 26	65	19	.00

Rainfall this month15

Lake Levels:

Colorado City Lake2061.40'

(Full at2070.03')

Sage Champion2077.50'

(Full at2083.00')

(Official NWS records maintained at TU Morgan Creek Power Plant, Lake Colorado City)

Observatory is star attraction

Perched atop 6,791-foot Mount Locke in the Davis Mountains of West Texas, the University of Texas McDonald Observatory ranks as one of the world's great places to "Star Party."

What do you do at a "Star Party"? Gaze at myriads of lights so bright across the sky it seems Tinker Bell has just strewn her magic dust. Or peer through telescopes at Saturn and its rings and ponder whether anyone there is peering back.

Did you know that "shooting stars" are not stars at all, but merely bits of cosmic dust or even satellite parts that burst into brief, extinguishing flames after entering the earth's atmosphere?

Did you know that some planets' orbits are more eccentric than others, or that there really are such things as black holes where everything vanishes, even light?

Those are the kinds of things you learn at "Star Parties," hosted at the observatory visitor center either by Robert Shepler, wittily bizarre director of public affairs, or Mark Bridges, charming publicist and lay astronomer.

Each appears to relish the philosophical questions that creep into "Star Party" conversations as guests peer heavenward and wonder aloud just how far the universe extends beyond the lights their unaided eyes can see.

When things get too deep, Shepler recommends, "Indulge your philosophical fears with a gut-level acquisition."

Translation: Go buy something and support the observatory's efforts.

The McDonald Observatory is, after all, a serious contender in world astronomical circles. The observatory is home to both 82-inch and 107-inch telescopes. The 107-inch is currently the thirteenth largest in the world. When the observatory was dedicated on May 5, 1939, the 82-inch was the second largest in the world.

"The 82-inch was very important for learning about our solar system and the planets and moons, and was a leader in stellar spectroscopy," Mark Bridges said. "From it we learned much about the life cycle of stars."

But size is not everything in astronomy. The clarity of the West Texas skies, the freedom from city lights and air pollution, the Davis Mountains' altitude and Texas' southerly location make this a fine place to study the heavens. The surrounding mountainous expanse ain't bad to look at, either.

By 1992, this site will be home to a 320-inch telescope being built in a joint effort between U.T. and Pennsylvania State University. When it is dedicated it will be second in size only to a 390-inch, computer-activated-mirror telescope in Hawaii being built by two California universities.

"But our 320-inch will be the best in the world for spectroscopic survey, that is, isolating the frequencies of visible light and producing the colors of the spectrum," Bridges said. "By analyzing spectrographs we can learn about the chemical composition of objects, their speed of rotation, radial velocity, distance from earth and more. Approximately 70 percent of what astronomers know about the universe is learned through spectroscopy."

The McDonald Observatory's 107-inch telescope pioneered the world's first laser-ranging of the moon. From the observatory site, laser beams are "shot" at five mirrors placed on the moon by U.S. and Soviet space expeditions. The reflected laser-light is received on earth by the observatory's telescopic detectors and timed accurately.

"From laser-ranging measurements, we can determine changes in the earth-moon orbits and predict the tidal effects of those changes. We also can measure the wobble of the earth's rotation on its axis and possibly predict climate changes," Bridges said.

One Wednesday each month, the public is allowed to peer through the eye-piece on the 107-inch telescope, however, reservations are required. Written requests must be submitted, and there is currently a six-month waiting list.

"Really, you can see better through the smaller telescopes at the visitor center," Bridges said. "They are visual telescopes designed for the eyes. The larger telescopes are made to gather light and disseminate data. For research bigger is always better, but for the eyes, not necessarily."

The University of Texas plunged into astronomy in the early 1930s after receiving \$826,000 from the estate of William J. McDonald, willed to the university for the purpose of building an observatory. (The original donation was more than one million dollars, but McDonald's heirs contested the will and legal fees took the difference.)

Approximately 100,000 guests tour the observatory annually, many who also are visiting the Fort Davis National Historic Site, Davis Mountains State Park, Prude Guest Ranch, Balmorhea State Park, Museum of the Big Bend, Marfa Ghost Lights, Terlingua Ghost Town, Lajitas on the Rio Grande or Big Bend National Park.

In addition to the observatory's

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, post-sundown "Star Parties," guided tours at 2:00 p.m. in winter and at 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in summer demonstrate how the 107-inch telescope moves and the protective dome rotates, that is, if the telescope is not being used by astronomers. All tours are free, however the once-monthly public viewings through the 107-inch telescope require a fee.

Nearby lodging accommodations include Fort Davis' historic Limpia Hotel (915/426-3237), the Prude Guest Ranch (915/426-3202), the unique pueblo-style Indian Lodge in Davis Mountains State Park (915/426-3254) and Marathon's wonderfully refurbished Gage Hotel (915/386-4205; Giddings C. Brown, general manager and *cocinero primero*).

For information on the McDonald Observatory, write P.O. Box 1337, Fort Davis, Texas, 79734, or call 915/426-3263.

For a free copy of the 248-page Texas State Travel Guide, call 800/888-TEX. It's the most complete guide to Texas cities, parks, forests and lakes.

'Country Crafted Texas' features rural artisans

(AUSTIN)--"Small town Texans with big talents--talents that can and have put some badly-needed cash dollars into rural communities--are encouraged to participate in the Texas Department of Agriculture's 'Country Crafted Texas' program," Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower announced.

The program was implemented by TDA in 1987 to help rural artisans earn additional income.

"It's time we let our urban cousins in on what most rural Texans already know--that country kitchens and barnyard workshops across the state are turning out a wide range of beautiful, handmade craft items," Hightower said. "Not only do Texas artisans produce quality quilts, shawls and wood carvings, but such unique items as handmade dulcimers, custom boots, barbed wire earrings and old-fashioned furniture."

"Increased exposure leads to increased sales for rural craft makers

who lack substantial promotional budgets and who have not previously had access to urban markets. While crafts have been produced in rural areas for a long time, they have been made primarily for local markets, limiting the growth potential of crafts as a rural industry in Texas."

"TDA does not serve as a sales representative for participating artisans. Each artisan maintains his or her financial independence and is free to make individual arrangements with wholesale and retail buyers. The project serves as a new marketing channel through which urban buyers can contact rural producers directly," Country Crafted Coordinator Linda Aguirre said.

"To qualify for a listing in the directory, each artist or artisan must live and work in an area of under 25,000 population and must produce original work. No items made from commercial kits are permitted. Beyond that, the program is open to diverse artisans."

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LAMB KILLS DEER - Kamie Lamb, 12-year-old daughter of Bennie Lamb and Darlene Lamb, shows the deer she killed Tuesday morning south of Colorado City. This was the first deer the seventh grader has killed.

Use precaution when giving

COLLEGE STATION-- Christmas is the time of year when people are more likely to give than receive--an attitude many charities can count on. It's a time when charities receive most of their annual \$55 billion or more in contributions.

Although most charities are bona fide, some organizations may masquerade as charities when they are not, according to Nancy Granovsky, family economics specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"This especially becomes a real problem around Christmas time, when there are a lot of appeals through the mail and televisions," Granovsky said. "People get caught up in the spirit of giving and don't clearly understand how their contributions are being spent."

Granovsky advises taking precautions before making contributions:

*Avoid contributing to groups that refuse to tell you what they're doing with the funds they collect.

*Appeals through the mail should provide information on the types of programs the charity offers and a clear understanding of how funds will be used. An appeal should not be disguised as a bill or invoice.

*If you receive merchandise through the mail, you do not have to pay for it. It is against the law for a charity to ask for money for merchandise sent through the mail that you did not order.

*Always contribute by check,

and make the check payable to the charity--not the person accepting the money.

*Keep your canceled check as a record of your contribution for tax purposes and reference.

*Beware of telephone solicitations. Don't feel pressured to give money on the spot. Legitimate charities will be glad to wait for a contribution.

*If it's a door-to-door solicitor, ask for identification.

The Better Business Bureau can provide a list of local charities, and two private agencies can provide information on national organizations. These two agencies rate charities according to their use of funds, fund-raising practices, public accountability and ethics, Granovsky said. For information, write to the Philanthropic Advisory Service, Council of Better Business Bureaus, Inc., 1515 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22209, or the National Charities Information Bureau, Inc., 19 Union Square West, New York, N.Y. 10003.

"When you're giving money away, you should also be aware that tax-exempt and tax-deductible are not the same," Granovsky said. "Exempt means the charities don't have to pay taxes. Deductible means you may claim your contribution as a deduction on your federal income tax return."

Granovsky said a charity can be tax-exempt and tax-deductible. However, if it's only exempt, you may not be able to claim a deduc-

tion on your return. Check with a tax consultant to be sure.

"It's fine to give in the spirit of the holiday season, just be careful," Granovsky said. "Make sure you're giving to a legitimate charity and that you're satisfied with how your contribution is being spent."

Here's where to write your elected officials

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GIANT STOCKING - Marcus Jr. and Mark Molina, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Molina, are dwarfed by the huge Christmas stocking they won from Sonic Drive-In.

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Pesticide dealers urged to renew licenses for '90

(AUSTIN)--Business owners and managers who sell restricted pesticides in Texas must renew their licenses by January 1, 1990, or face penalties, Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower said.

"For the first time, the Legislature has given the Texas Department of Agriculture the ability to charge penalties to those people who are late renewing their licenses," Hightower said. "This is a consumer protection regulation. The users of these pesticides--who are most often the agricultural producers of Texas--need to know that the businesses they are buying their pesticides from have current licenses. Having a current license means that the dealer is up to date on the information needed to properly store and distribute pesticides."

Notices have been issued to persons holding current licenses, reminding them that renewals are due. To make renewal less complicated than in the past, dealers can retain their old license number rather than obtaining a new one each year.

"TDA inspectors will be making the rounds in January to be sure that dealers have current licenses," Hightower said. "If they don't, we will issue an order that prohibits any additional sales and we will pursue additional enforcement actions if they have sold or continue to sell restricted pesticides."

The licensing requirement applies only to businesses that sell restricted pesticides--pesticides that are on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency restricted-use list, those with active ingredients that are restricted by the Texas Department of Agriculture and those listed by TDA as regulated herbicides.

Hightower said that TDA inspectors will check for strict compliance with the law. Restricted pesticides can only be

sold by licensed dealers to persons holding current applicator licenses or certificates. Sales to unlicensed persons are illegal.

"We're also going to be enforcing our own version of the open container law," Hightower said. "It is against federal and state laws to sell pesticides in anything other than the original, unopened manufacturer's container."



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Loraine Personals

...by Lois Phillips

I thought we could tell you today that T. J. Green Jr. was home but not yet. They changed some of his medication and wanted him to stay a while longer. Sharon said maybe Thursday. I know how anxious he must be as well as Dorothy. They both like being at home and having family altogether especially on holidays. Maybe it won't be long now.

Bea Looney had company for Christmas, her sister and husband from El Paso came to visit. On Christmas Day they picked up Mary Coffee, Mattie Neely and Joy Dickenson and went to Colorado City to eat. I am sure that made a lovely day for all concerned, at least they didn't eat alone and it is a lot more fun when several go along.

Chrystone Hall finally got to go see her son and his family after several tries. Jimmie and Barbara live in Scotsboro, Alabama. Chris and his family are there also. Kyle is in college close by and will graduate soon, get married and start a new job. Iris says they are all on cloud nine and she hopes they stay that happy.

Harold Ray, Susan and the boys came to see Iris over the holidays. They also visited with Susan's family, Dr. Joe Terry and his other children and their families. They are all planning to go home today.

Irene Kidd and Annie Bell Jones had their kids for Christmas, Billie J. and Barbara Long their daughter and son. The daughter brought her latest heart throb with her. His name is Seaborn Tompkins. This group are all from Savannah, Georgia. Billie J. is Annie Bell's son and Barbara is Irene's daughter. They plan to make the trip home on Friday before it turns cold.

Clovis and Jean Hale and sons from Austin are visiting their mothers and grandmothers Punk Hale and Irene Kidd.

Christmas Eve the group picked up Punk from Valley Lodge in Colorado City and all went to Roscoe to have Christmas with Leroy and Deana Troutt and their family.

On Christmas Day the Hales and Longs visited Irene Kidd. All sounds like fun doesn't it? Also the M. L. Chandlers and family visited. The Hales will go home today.

Gus Armstrong has been real sick for several days. I guess he had what everyone else has.

Estelle Lee is still in the hospital. George Jr. told me she might

get out today. She has had double pneumonia and has been real sick. Sure hope she is better by now.

Joey Lucas came home for Christmas and is visiting his parents Top and Modess Lucas and his brother and family Rick, Gloria, Heather and Ryan. I think he is going back to Houston on Friday. His school started January 2.

Ann Browning, Roland and Patsy Graham went to Ballinger to visit Billie, Ruth and Reta Kelley and had Christmas dinner with them.

Doug and Clara Foshee had both of their families with them for Christmas. Doug said it was a lot easier for them to come here than it was for them to try to go and see everyone.

The Beaty's came for Christmas, also Chris. He had had the flu and his mom took it so she wouldn't come and expose the rest of us. Donnie had to work during all this because of the water lines in Colorado City and out around the lake. We had a nice Christmas though and Elba Mae Evans went home with the Beatys to be with the kids while they were out of school. The Everett Haggertons came late in the afternoon after their kids and grandkids had gone home.

The Loraine Nursing Home had their Christmas party on December 21 for their patients, their families and friends, also the volunteers who do so much for the resident members at the home.

The recreation director told me she was real impressed with the employees. She said they went home after hours, dressed and came back to help out, all above and beyond duty. The employees work all year at different money making projects so that all their people will have a gift even if they don't have anyone around to see to them.

The director said everyone had a wonderful time and the employees worked hard to see that this could happen for everyone. This is so nice for people to care that much.

Hi Eva, hope you and the rest of the family are all well and had a nice Christmas. We love you all and wish you could come out and visit a while.

The George Lee Jrs. almost had a bad thing happen to them in the early hours on Christmas Eve. They had some pipes wrapped with heat tape outside their trailer house and it somehow caught

fire, but the firemen got there before any damage could be done. They had a little smoke throughout their house but it soon was gone. They removed their clothes and went to work on the smoke odor in the house and soon had it cleared out. We are real happy that what could have been a disaster turned out so well. By the way George Jr. is one of our firemen.

The Glenn Sanders were in Alpine for the holidays.

I have another sad note also. Doyle and Liz Mayes are almost certain that their son Billie is in Panama. I sure hope that business can be over soon and everything settles down. I am so sorry for the families who have already lost loved ones in this business. I have also been told that one of the Vasquez girls is down there also. May God bless you young people and your families while you serve down there. We are proud of you.

Grady and Elnora Mitchell's daughter and husband came for Christmas. Herman and Penny and their children went to Georgia to spend Christmas with her parents.

Christmas visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Graham were a son Master Sergeant Carl Eldon and Mamie Graham, Chrystal and Brent of Knob Noster, Missouri; a daughter, Al and Jean Riley, Dusty and Jay of Carrollton and another daughter, Wayne and Joyce Childs of Big Spring.

My neighbor Bessie Ann Vaughn has been sick for two weeks, but is feeling a little better now. Her son and family came for Christmas.

My gate keeper came by this morning. I enjoy visiting with him. He and his young son are always ready with the papers. Thank you Boyds.

I have several people out of town for the holidays. I'll tell you about their visits after they return.

Happy New Year to each of you.

Trees can be recycled

COLLEGE STATION--After Christmas, don't make your last gift one that goes to the dump. Instead of throwing your Christmas tree away, figure out a way to recycle it to benefit the environment and save space in landfills.

Many communities, faced with limited room in their landfills, are collecting trees and shredding them for use year round as mulches and soil stabilizers.

The idea makes perfect sense, said Dr. Michael Walterscheid, forester with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. One Christmas tree occupies the same amount of landfill space that eight shredded trees would. "And if the shredded trees are used in landscaping," he said, "that's better yet because they don't wind up in the landfill at all."

"A project like this saves a tremendous amount of landfill space," Walterscheid said. "For example, one city of about 70,000 people saved 1,000 cubic yards of landfill space last year." That's equivalent to over 160 dump truck loads.

Along the Texas coastal area, 4-H club members will be collecting trees to use as sand dune stabilizers, said Charles Moss, Extension marine agent in Brazoria County.

Christmas trees have been used successfully along beaches to rebuild dunes, which serve as barriers to the sea surges created by hurricanes and storms, he said.

"The dunes protect inland property from contamination by salt water," Moss said.

The fragrant foliage of Christmas trees can be stripped from the branches and snipped into small pieces for potpourri, said Dr. Peggy Owens, Extension consumer expert. Branches can be used in floral arrangements. To restore the fragrance, add a little oil of cedar or pine.

A Christmas tree stand in the garden or backyard could serve as a bird sanctuary during winter. Orange slices can be used to attract birds seeking shelter, said James Chandler, Extension forester.

"Trees stacked to form brush piles at the edge of a field or forest can provide shelter for such small animals as rabbits and birds," he said.

Another option is to use trees as homes and nesting areas for fish in small lakes, Chandler said. Trees can be grouped together and tied to concrete blocks, then dropped into the water.

Although some people burn

their trees in fireplaces, he said, it's not a good idea. Pine contains a lot of tar and resin, flammable

substances that can build up in a chimney, increasing the risk of a chimney fire.



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December 24	
Patients Dismissed	December 22
Maria Herrera, City, medical; Robert Culpepper, City, medical.	
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Mona Worley, City, medical; Gretchen Bradfield Maddox, City, medical; Sandi Taylor, City, medical; Allen Curtis, City, medical; James Baker, City, medical; Dolores Munoz, Loraine, medical.	
December 24	
Emma Hernandez, City, medical; Angela Sanders, City, medical; Rashad Walihall, City, medical.	

Oil & Gas Report

Pumping 75 barrels of oil per day on an open choke, the No. 1509 Southwest Westbrook Unit has been completed in Mitchell County's Westbrook Field.

The well will produce from a set of perforations at 2,968 to 3,170 feet into the wellbore. Besides the crude oil, it made 114 barrels of salt water.

Union Texas Petroleum Corp. of Houston is the operator.

Camelback Energy Corp. has plugged and abandoned a depleted oil producer in Mitchell County's East Westbrook Field. Located about four miles northeast of the Westbrook townsite, the well was known as the No. 1 Ritchey "A". Bottomed at 3,579 feet, it was located in the T&PRR Survey Section 24 Block 28. It had produced from the Clearfork Formation.

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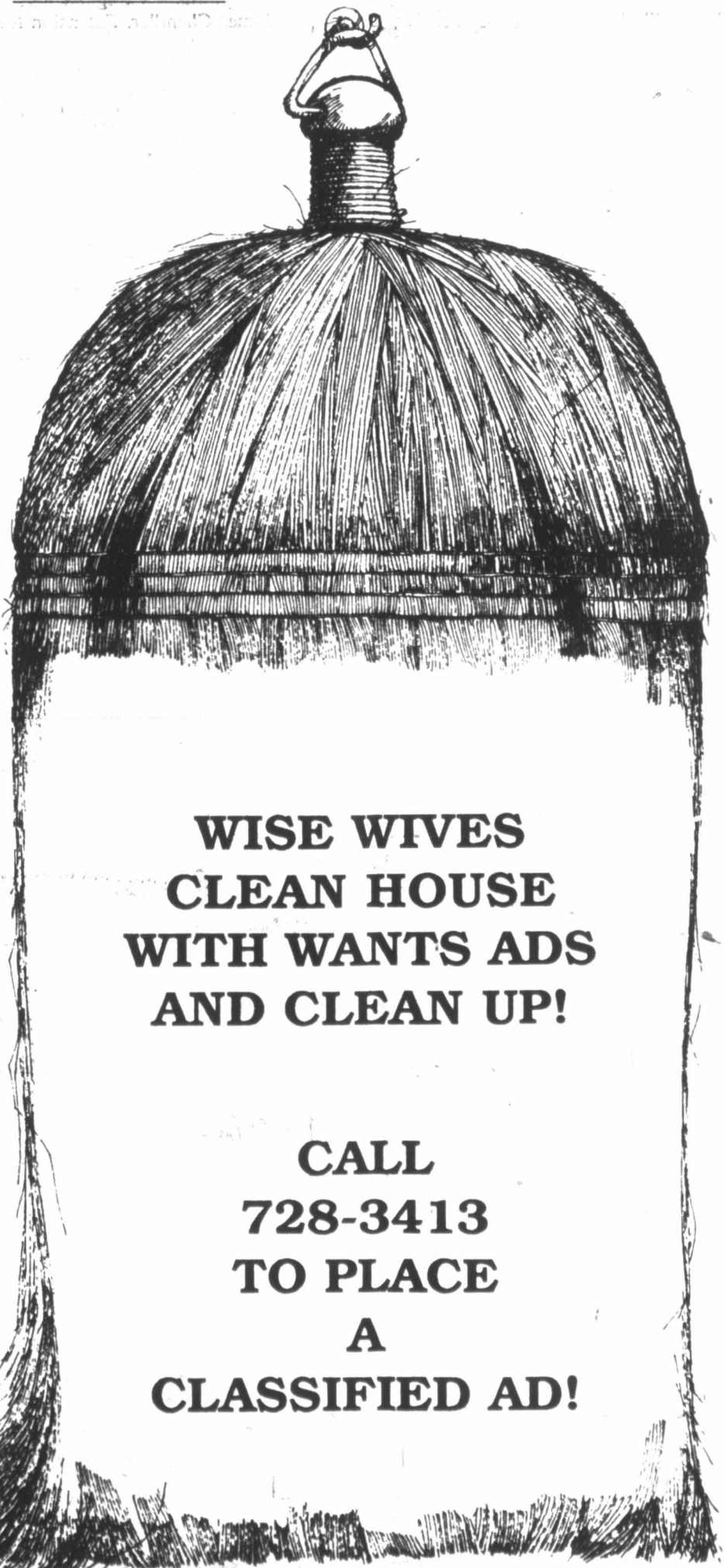
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Check those perishables

COLLEGE STATION--Arrival of a Christmas gift package may generate excitement for family members, but if it contains food, check it out carefully.

If it is marked "perishable," and you are not certain of the treatment it has received, you may have to discard it for safety's sake. Dr. Al Wagner, a food technologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said

whether the food is safe will depend on what it is, how cold it is, and how it was packaged.

"Gift food companies typically freeze perishable food solid so that overnight delivery in cold weather guarantees it will arrive still cold," he said. "But what can't be guaranteed is having someone at home to receive the food and refrigerate it."

Wagner said in Texas you can't

count on cold weather either, and perishables that sit in a delivery truck, mail box or on the front porch on a warm December afternoon may quickly thaw and become hazardous.

Calls received by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's national Meat and Poultry Hotline in the 1987 holiday season showed that the greatest number of calls about mail-order foods concerned smoked or smoked and vacuum-packed hams and turkeys.

"Many consumers don't understand that just because meat has been smoked, doesn't automatically mean it's cooked. In addition, all meat--cooked or uncooked--should be shipped with an ice source to keep it at or below 40 degrees Fahrenheit, just like a refrigerator," Wagner said.

He said consumers also should check the label to see if the product contains preservatives. In a cured product, such as a ham, the preservatives will aid in protecting against spoilage if it is left out for a short time.

"Thorough re-heating before serving is an added safeguard, but no guarantee against the bacteria that cause food-borne illness," Wagner said. "If you have any doubt about a fresh or a cured food, better discard it."

He said consumers should look for the following before eating mail-order food products:

*Fresh or cooked meat, poultry or fish should arrive frozen or still hard in the middle. If never frozen, it should be cold to the touch.

*With the exception of dry-cured hams, baked hams and most canned hams need refrigeration and should arrive cold.

*Hard, dry sausages, such as pepperoni and hard salamis don't require refrigeration. Thuringer, summer sausage and others do. If the label says "keep refrigerated," the sausage should be cold.

*Cheese should not contain mold, unless the mold is part of the product, such as blue cheese.

*Cheesecake should be frozen solid.

Wagner said if the food product requires refrigeration and isn't frozen or cold, don't serve it. "The food could give your family the unwanted 'gift' of the flu-like symptoms that come from a food-borne illness."

According to USDA figures, the mail-order food business is a \$1 billion a year industry.

For consumer problems and complaints, contact the nearest office of the Food and Drug Administration.

The USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline (1-800-535-4555) or your local county Extension home economist can answer questions about mail-order meat and poultry.



THOMAS LOREN REES JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rees of Colorado City, graduated from the Texas Tech University School of Law during ceremonies Dec. 16. Jack Hightower, Associate Justice of the Texas Supreme Court, was featured speaker at the ceremony.



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