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Somethin' to Think About by Jannette Wilkerson "THANKS DAD"

December the 17th is a very special day! It was my Daddy's birthday. Some years ago I wrote a poem for Daddy and gave it to him for his birthday. He hugged me and said, "You're a good kid, Wasp Nest." I never thought, at that time it would be read at his funeral, but I felt proud because I knew he liked it.....

He has more titles and names than any man -- Deacon, Director, Chairman, Trustee, Vet, Farmer, Rancher, Charter Member, Trusted Neighbor, and Cowboy, just to name a few.

The things he's done for his community are evident in the "First" Church, Hospital, School, and R.E.A., he is unmatched in his breed of cattle, horses, and his love for the land.

I can remember when he would get up in the middle of the night to go out and doctor a neighbor's cow or horse and wouldn't even accept payment because he knew times were hard.

I've seen him kneel and pray with someone who had lost a loved one, or comfort a friend with a hail battered cotton crop.

I've seen him suffer great pain and at the point of death -- with a smile and look in his eyes of "I'm gonna be alright, so don't worry."

I've heard him proclaim an overwhelming love and faith in God and humanity -- when his struggle for a step or a good deep breath were almost impossible.

I've heard him say that a good rain and sunshine were the greatest gifts our God could give, and every living, growing thing was our responsibility.

I've seen him touch a cotton sprout, and a rose with a reverence of love, pride, and tenderness.

I've seen him lend a helping hand to a newborn calf or colt, that would be envied by a skilled surgeon.

I've seen raw courage in the face of a deadly tornado as he got his family to safety in a cellar, and was almost pulled out while he remained to hold the cellar door.

I've felt a calloused hand and felt a warm, bright smile in a quiet and troubled time. I know that all of this is more than God ever expected from one man. But the titles and names I cherish the most are: Husband, Daddy, Grandad, PaPa, and even Great-Grandad.

I've seen him kiss my Mama and hold her hand and laugh, and tease and joke 'cause they are so close and so much in love.

I've heard him sing about Joe and Wrangler, and of Ole Strawberry Roan, and tell stories about his youth and cowboy days.

He taught me how to ride a horse, drive a pickup, plant a rose bush, break a colt, back a trailer, count to ten in Spanish, and even draw an elephant from behind.

He taught me so much more that can never be expressed -- like how to pray, and how to love, and how to be honest with myself and others, and how to give, how to be generous with my time, talent, or money, and how to have faith in something I cannot see or touch, how to sing, holler, and be happy. All this I tried to learn and failed so badly so many times, but I still try because I had the best teacher ever blessed by heaven.

So I have seen and heard and felt the grandest human being on earth -- He's the strength we draw on when things are tough, the shoulder we cry on, the

San Angelo gets most of Eldorado's out-going dollars!

Schleicher County's Economy Growing at Pleasing Rate

by Jim McWilliams

Last week we ran a headline story saying "Millions of dollars leaving Eldorado every month."

The statement was true. Schleicher County residents, businesses, and ranchers spend over a million dollars every month OUTSIDE Schleicher County. The major portion of the money goes into the San Angelo economy, and the Express News wanted to know why.

WHY ARE DOLLARS LEAVING

We talked with several businessmen in Eldorado and they gave us several reasons why shoppers tend to spend their money in San Angelo rather than in Eldorado. And we found that some ideas the Eldorado consumers have are valid, but some are not.

The survey turned up three reasons most given by businessmen and consumers in the County:

1. A greater selection of items
2. Lower prices
3. Item unavailable in Eldorado

These three reasons were the dominant reason given to us for money leaving Eldorado and two of them are true. But one is not always correct. Granted, there is a greater choice of consumer products, and some items like new automobiles cannot be bought in Eldorado. But the notion that prices are always lower in San Angelo is NOT TRUE.

SOME PRICES ARE LOWER IN ELDORADO
A spot check of prices for the same item or service in Eldorado and San Angelo brought some rather interesting results:

A Beauty Salon's shampoo and hair cut that costs \$10 in San Angelo, is only \$4.50 in Eldorado.

A name brand CB radio sells for \$84.95 in San Angelo, but only \$74.95 in Eldorado (when both are sale priced).

A 13 inch color television set was advertised in San Angelo for \$319.95 and advertised in Eldorado for \$299.95; both were major brands.

In fact, one Angelo TV dealer looked at the ad in the Express News and said (about Jerry's TV Service) "that man has a good price on that set."

On the average, greenhouse plants are less expensive in Eldorado than in San Angelo when you find them on sale in both towns.

But on the other hand, food prices seem to be, and some are, lower in San Angelo than in Eldorado. The chief reason is the non-name brand items (or store-brands) advertised in San Angelo.

"When name brands are compared," says Granvil Hext, we are seldom higher on our advertised specials."

The Express News did a comparison and found Nice & Soft bathroom tissue (4 rolls) for 78c at Buddies, but Charmin was 79c at Hext. Duncan Hines layer cake mixes (18 1/2 oz. box) was 59c at Hext and 68c at Safeway. Gladiola Flour (5 lb. bag) was 91c at Safeway, but Gold Medal Flour (5 lb. bag) was only 79c at Hext.

So, on advertised specials you may draw your own conclusions, we did!

The Express News concedes that the selection is greater, but brand for brand some prices are lower in Eldorado. So, if a greater selection is worth a higher price then you can afford to shop where ever you want.

UNTAPPED MARKET

There are some items that are unavailable in Eldorado. One is a new car.

San Angelo's Lincoln-Mercury dealership owner Jerry Frederick feels a great need to advertise in this market. He said "If my ads in the Standard Times brought me as much business (per dollar invested) as the Express News, then I couldn't order enough cars. I would have to have a shipment every day."

The Eldorado customer is a valued individual in San Angelo. Valued precisely for the reason he or she shops there: SELECTION.

A San Angelo merchant told the Express News, "We are not the only appliance store in San

wisdom we depend on, and sometimes even the heart we break -- He's the answer to a prayer in boots, hat, and a red pickup.....Thank you Daddy, I Love You!!!!!!

This joyous time of year seems to bring closer the sadness for that special person you'll miss this Christmas. But the precious gift they left in your heart will make you happy your life was touched by their love.....

And that's something to think about all year.....

Economy Growing

Angelo. But we advertise in Eldorado's local paper because we want them to know that their trade is important to us. And we want them to know that we regard the Express News as an important news media to your city."

SCHLEICHER COUNTY'S GROWTH

During the past three to five years, Eldorado has experienced a gradual but steady growth due to the oil and gas exploration in the County. This growth has brought people and dollars to improve the County's economy.

The growth can be measured in a number of ways. The First National Bank of Eldorado was our first target to find a trend.

In 1969 the bank's local deposits were 4 million 300 thousand dollars. As of this month, local deposits are over 9 million dollars.

This upward trend in local deposits indicates one of two contentions: either the local residents of Schleicher County are doing tremendously better financially, or there are more individuals and businesses in the County today than there was in 1969.

The bank believes that the figures point to a combination of both.

With greater exploration for oil and gas, the County's population has grown with oilfield workers and service companies like C.C. Lease, Western Company, Eldorado Instruments, and Jackson's Joint Service to name just four.

The rancher shares in the exploration when he is paid a percentage of the well's income. This money is usually used to buy more stock and stock related products.

Eldorado Wool Company owner Billy McCravey accounts for the growth this way: "My business is better this year than ever before, and I don't know why. And that scares me!"

Two other local merchants are characteristic of Schleicher County's growth. One is Jerry's TV Service and the other is McCalla's Department Store.

Jerry Jones started his TV repair shop in his garage in his spare time. He was the only one who

worked in the shop.

Three years ago he moved to his present downtown location, and has three employees besides himself.

Business this year is the best he has ever had. In TV sales, Jerry said, "This year is way above cont'd. p. 7 see Economy

Swine Flu clinic/today

The second Swine Flu Clinic is set up today, Thursday, Dec. 16, from 4-6 p.m. only at the Memorial Building. It is important that everyone who has not received the immunization be present.

Of special note is that all those who received the first shot and are between the ages of 18-24 ONLY must receive a second injection today. People over 24 need ONE INJECTION ONLY. If you are in doubt about this please check with us because the State has sent us a list of those who need the two injections.

Anyone who missed the first shot is welcome to get their makeup shot at this clinic.

County lets bid for fire truck & patrol car

Commissioners Meador, Christian, Jones, McCalla and Judge McWhorter met for the regular session of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court Monday. The following items of business were discussed and acted on:

(1) The Court approved the right-of-way easement previously requested by General Telephone on the County road in front of the Eldorado Wool Warehouse. The telephone company requested the right-of-way easement to lay a telephone cable along the road right-of-way. The Court made the easement subject to provisions set out by the Court.

(2) The installation of a telephone extension to the office of the Justice of the Peace was approved.

(3) Sheriff Orval Edmiston appeared before the Court to give the status of the proposal to find assistance in answering emergency calls when he and his deputies cannot be contacted. Sheriff Edmiston said that at this time negotiations for salary were under consideration and that final action on the proposal could be made later. He also submitted information concerning liability insurance for law enforcement officers for the Court's consideration.

(4) In the afternoon session the Court moved to advertise bids for a new loader for County road work, a new fire engine for the Eldorado Fire Department, and a new patrol car for the deputy sheriff.

School Board conducts multi-item session

The Schleicher County School Board met Monday evening for its regular monthly meeting.

Appearing before the Board were high school principal Robert Jay and elementary principal Walter Wallis.

Mr Jay presented a brief summary of statistical items concerning the high school enrollment. He said that currently the enrollment is down a little from where it stood this time last year. The current high school enrollment now stands at 282 students. Attendance for the first twelve weeks has been very good, holding steady around the 97% attendance level. Mr Jay also gave a summary of the number of students involved in school related activities. He said that there were 55 students participating in the FFA program, 77 students in the FHA, 99 high school Band students, 28 junior high Band students. There were 53 high school boys that participated in football and 34 in junior high. There are presently 66 students involved in high school basketball and 64 in junior high basketball.

Mr Wallis presented an overview of the elementary school. He presented the Board with overall test results that showed the overall performance of the elementary

students for the year 1975. He continued his presentation with a brief summary of the teacher assignments and recent curriculum changes that were instituted this year.

The Board acted on several business items presented to the Board. Mr Whitaker was given authority to investigate cost and type of material needed to install three speed control bumps in the street between the gymnasium and the school.

The Board passed the motion that gave Mr Whitaker the authority to schedule non district games with those Class A and AA teams that are in close proximity with Eldorado. The teams will be scheduled for the 1978 & 1979 seasons.

Mr Whitaker informed the Board that recent overhaul of the boiler in the gymnasium was necessary. The cost involved in the overhaul was \$1,200.

The Board approved an increase in mileage paid for school business to 15c per mile plus gas.

The Board members were treated to a Christmas steak dinner prior to the business session. The meal was prepared by members of Miss Owens homemaking class. Board members present at the meeting were: Mort Mertz, Billy Williams, Kenith Homer, Earl Lloyd, Lynn Meador, Bill Ray, and Dr Jim Brame.

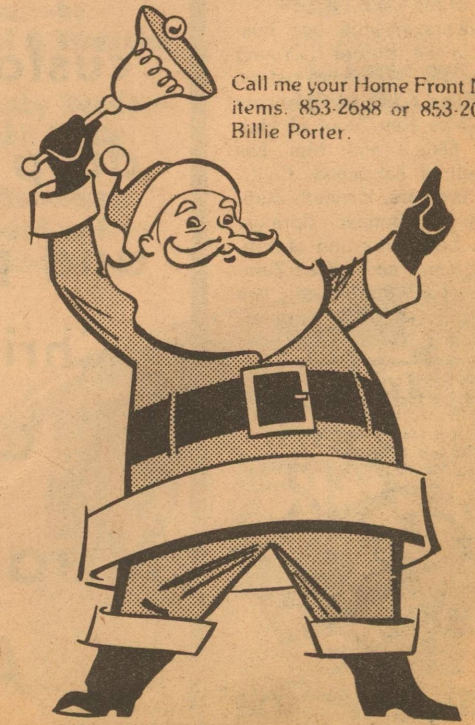


Home Front News

Mrs Penny Bland, Mrs Molly Wyatt, Mrs Helen Blakeway and Mrs Marylue Olson attended a Christmas Dinner Tuesday in Kerrville of the Hills Country Porcelain Art Club. Mrs Olson won the door prize - a lovely china bonbon dish.

Mrs Carrol White entertained the Wednesday Bridge Club Wednesday, Dec. 8th for a luncheon at 12:30. Three tables of members were present. Mrs Leslie Baker won high score. Mrs Luke Thompson won Bingo.

Mr and Mrs Jose Gonzalez of Union City, Calif. visited with Mr and Mrs Gavino Castro and family for three days last week. Mrs Jose Gonzalez is the cousin of Mr Gavino Castro. They were overjoyed to see each other after 42 years. Mr and Mrs Jose Gonzalez plan to visit other relatives in Texas for the next two weeks and return home.



Call me your Home Front News items. 853-2688 or 853-2032 Billie Porter.

Mr and Mrs Sammy Hodges of Big Lake, Mrs Essie Alexander of Ozona, Mrs Dave Locklin of Sonora, Mrs Linda Taylor of San Angelo, Mrs Dick Runge of Menard, Mr and Mrs Sherwood Barker of San Angelo, Mr and Mrs Roy Thorp of San Angelo, Mr and Mrs Bill Kouns of Midland, and Orvis Porter of Tampa, Florida, attended the funeral services for Mrs Charles Young on Sunday.

Robert and Jannette Wilkerson spent last week in Dallas where Robert attended a Security Bit Seminar at the Le Baron Hotel.

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OBITUARIES

MARILYNN JOINER
 Marilynn Joiner, 77, of San Angelo died Sunday in the Clinic after a brief illness. Funeral services were held yesterday in the Robert Massie Riverside Chapel with burial in the Fairmount Cemetery. Mrs. Joiner was born April 29, 1899 in Evant and was married to Grover Joiner March 2, 1918 in Henderson County. They lived in Eldorado 20 years and had lived in San Angelo three months. Survivors include a son, Ben Joiner of San Angelo; a brother, Richard McClendon of Roanoke, Alabama; a sister, Mrs. Frances Hall of Weslaco and three grandchildren.

MARIE YOUNG
 Services were held Sunday afternoon for Marie Young, 71, who died Friday in the Schleicher County Medical Center Nursing Home. Funeral services were held at the First Christian Church in Eldorado with graveside services held Tuesday in Oklahoma City. She was born August 3, 1905 in Industry, Kansas. She was married to Charles Young November 17, 1927 in Emporia, Kansas. She had lived in Eldorado 20 years. Mrs. Young was a charter member and one of the organizers of the First Christian Church of Eldorado. She was an avid Church worker until her recent illness, having served several terms as president of the CWF. Survivors include her husband; a son, Buford C. Young of Worland, Wyo.; three sisters, Mrs. Ray Cocklin of Oklahoma City, Mrs. Ken Stout of Hulbert, Okla., and Mrs. Les Gruwell of Lakewood, Calif.; three brothers, Kenneth Zumburn of Bonner Springs, Kan., Leo Zumburn of Emporia, Kan., and Alfred Zumburn of Hartford, Kan.; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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 Jim and Fannie O'Harrow

CARD OF THANKS
 For every expression of your sympathy and for every act of your friendship - cards, food, flowers, visits, memorials, and most of all for your prayers - we wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude. She belonged to you as well as to us, and the response of her community was overwhelming.
 The Family of Corinne R. Robinson

CARD OF THANKS
 Our thanks to the wonderful people of Eldorado for their generosity, concern and friendship extended in the loss of our loved one. The abundance of food, flowers, phone calls and other deeds overwhelmed us. We deeply appreciate each act of love and kindness shown and especially for your prayers. God bless you all.
 Charles F. Young
 Mr and Mrs Buford C. Young and family
 Mr and Mrs Clay Porter

CARD OF THANKS
 I want to thank my many friends for the many expression of your love and friendship through your visits, prayers, cards, telephone calls during my recent illness and stay in the hospital. So many of you came to see me and could not be admitted to my room - for these expressions of kindness I am deeply grateful. It is my prayer that God may be as close to you in your time of need as He has been to me. Thanks again and God bless you, my friends.
 Truett, Mildred and family

We would appreciate it if our customers would drop by our office and pick up your Christmas Desk Calendar.
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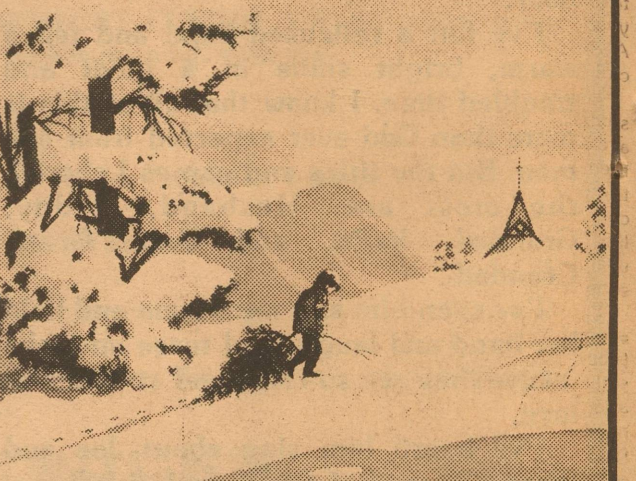
ABOUT THE BANNER

We would like to say a special word of thanks to Mrs. Rita McWhorter for her help with our banner. When we started making plans for our newspaper, we decided that we wanted something special that would say something about West Texas. Rita, as you know, has always been able to capture the feeling and flavor of our area in her paintings. And when we asked if she would do something similar for us, she graciously consented. We think you will agree, that again she has not only done an outstanding job, but has contributed greatly to our newspaper's image.

FAITH REVEALS A WINTER-WHITE WORLD AT REST

When the bright leaves of autumn are gone from the trees
 And the branches are suddenly bare,
 Soon the mirror-like ponds will be starting to freeze
 As the cold winter wind fills the air;
 While the glistening white of a snowfall so deep
 Paints a beautiful scene at its best,
 In the cycle of nature when life goes to sleep
 And our weary old world is at rest.
 You will learn through your Church what the winter is worth,
 As you gaze at the snow-covered land:
 It's the promise of God for new life on the earth,
 In the spring that will soon be at hand!— Gloria Nowak

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."
 — I John 4:11



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<p>ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH Callender & Mulberry Billy Daniels-Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00am Morning Worship Service 11:00am</p>	<p>ST. LUKE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH East Street Box 129 Charlie May-Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45am Morning Worship Services Held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each Month at 11:00am & 4:00pm.</p>	<p>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC CHURCH Highway 277 North Father Richard Gagnon</p> <p>Saturday Mass (in English) 7:00pm Sunday Mass (in Spanish) 9:00am Wednesday Mass 7:30pm</p>
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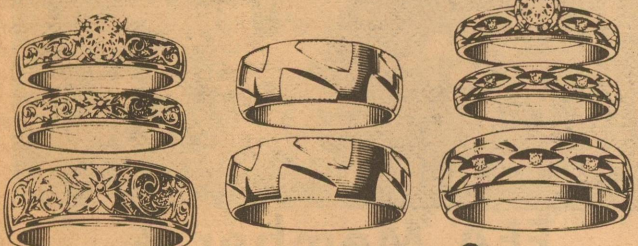
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Decisions?

COLLEGE STATION—Deciding how, when and where to spend holidays is a chief cause of conflict for many young families each year. Mrs. Ilene Miller, a family life education specialist, says.

"As much as we enjoy and look forward to being with our families during the holiday season, it is often difficult and exhausting to travel with little ones during the holidays."

This specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, suggested some alternatives.

"First, decide if the trip is really necessary. Trying to visit one or both sets of in-laws during the holidays may be difficult, especially if your families live some distance apart. Perhaps alternating Christmas visits or alternating Christmas and Thanksgiving visits with the two families will help ease tension and allow for a more relaxed and enjoyable time together."

"Another alternative is to invite both families to celebrate Christmas at your home for a change. This may be a good solution if you have the space and if too many other relatives are not normally involved in your holiday plans. And if you have large, bulky gifts for the children such as a bicycle, doll house or rocking horse, then a Christmas at home might be easier to plan this year," she said.

SHORT NOTES



Joy Daugherty made all star on the Intermural Basketball team at ASU.

The Art Club met last Thursday to paint cans for candy for shut-ins and rest homes for Christmas.

We had another grass fire on the McAshan or Barton ranch Saturday but very little damage was reported.

CB buddy of the Lady Hummingbird's reported the deer poachers were getting bad on Toe Nail trail around Ft. McKavett. It seems he and his son got an 8 point buck on their lease, hung it up in camp, went back out to do some more hunting and returned to camp to find some one had stolen the buck.

Happy Anniversary to the Glenn Clark's and happy birthday to Glenn.

Dobbs (Bob cat) Bradford reports two huge red fox trapped on the McGregor ranch.

David Whitfield and Michael Terrell spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr and Mrs Glenn Clark. Also Mr and Mrs Walter Ray from Ft. Sumner, New Mexico were here for a short visit.

Mr and Mrs Glenn Clark visited in the home of Mr and Mrs Rastus Cypert.

Art Club

The Christoval Art Club will meet this week in the basement of the Methodist Church at 2 p.m. We will be making candy to fill boxes which will be delivered to the shut-ins of Christoval.

First Methodist Church

The Christmas dinner and Candle lighting service was enjoyed by the Christoval community last week. The U.M.W. of the Church made ornaments

for the Christmas tree. These ornaments were hand cut and shaped into Christmas symbols. They are called Christmas. The spirit was high as carols were sung and we enjoyed the candle lighting service where each person lit their neighbor's candle. The service closed with the impressive act of singing "Silent Night" by candle light.

Recipe Corner

Turkey Devine

For that leftover turkey cook according to package directions until tender - 2 10 oz packages frozen broccoli.

Drain and place spears crosswise in 13x9x2 inch baking dish. Melt in saucepan 1/4 cup butter. Blend in 1/4 cup flour. Add and stir constantly until mixture thickens - 2 cups chicken broth. Stir in 1/2 cup

heavy cream, 3 tbsp sherry, 1/2 tsp salt, and dash of pepper. Pour half sauce over broccoli. Top with 3 - 10 slices turkey, cooked. To remaining sauce add 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese. Pour sauce over chicken, sprinkle with more cheese. Bake 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until hot. Broil just till sauce is golden brown. Serves 6-8.

Batter Rolls

Soften in 1/4 cup water - 5-10 minutes - 1 pkg active dry yeast. Combine 1 cup milk, scalded, and cool to lukewarm, 1/4 cup sugar and 1 tsp salt. Add and beat well - 2 cups of flour. Add and beat well - 1 egg to yeast mixture. Stir in 1/2 cup shortening and enough flour to make stiff batter. Beat until smooth. Cover, let rise 1 hour. When batter is light, stir down. Drop by spoonfull into greased muffin tins about 1/2 full. Let rise 30 min or until double in size. Bake at 375 degrees 20-25 minutes. Makes 24 rolls.

German Fruit Cake

Cream together 3/4 cup butter, 2 cups sugar, 4 eggs. Sift together 3 cups flour 1/2 tsp allspice, 1/2 tsp nutmeg and 1/2 tsp cinnamon. Add dry ingredients to creamed mixture alternately with 1/2 cup buttermilk, 3/4 tsp soda, added. Fold in 2/3 cup cherry preserves, 2/3 cup apricot preserves, 1 cup chopped pecans and 1 tsp vanilla. Bake in greased and floured 10 inch tube pan at 325 degrees for 1 1/2 hours. Cool 15 minutes before removing from pan.

COUNTRY WISDOM

Moon signs in the kitchen! With the holidays ahead, baking is best done in the signs of Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn the movable signs. Soak hard-shell nuts in salt water overnight. They will break open easily and the kernels will shell out whole.

FIREWORKS! FIREWORKS!
December 15 through January 1
Warm days, at Nita's Drive-in. Cold days at the Thorn residence in Christoval.
Corkey Solomon

Ham Prices Likely to Increase

COLLEGE STATION—Ham prices are likely to increase as a result of heavy Christmas demands in Texas grocery stores, Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt reports.

In other pork buys, Boston butt roasts continue to offer real values and end pork chops and loin-end roasts are features in several markets, this consumer marketing information specialist reports.

"Specials on steak cuts make beef a very favorable choice. Other featured beef specials include ground beef, corned beef, chuck cuts, round steak and beef liver."

The poultry market is back to normal after the Thanksgiving holiday, and some markets have whole frivers at the top of their ads, along with frozen parts," she said.

Mrs. Clyatt is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

remain at current levels until after the first of January, she said.

At the vegetable counters, cabbage is still inexpensive. Bulk turnips are a good choice, price-wise and carrots and sweet potatoes are also good buys. Other economical choices are winter squash, potatoes and onions. Any features on green peppers and celery are particularly good values now, the specialist reported.

Apples continue to be plentiful. Jonathan and Delicious are the key varieties this year.

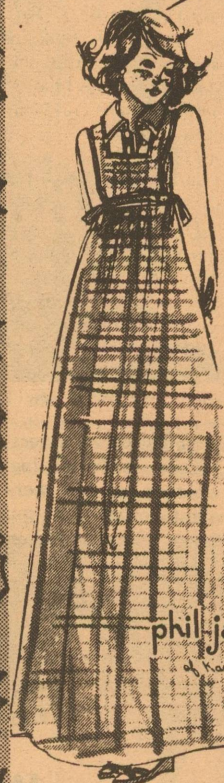
Other economical fruits are grapes, bananas, pears, oranges, tangerines, tangelos, Texas grapefruit, and cranberries," she said.

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COLLEGE STATION—For agricultural producers having their soil tested, each soil sample should represent up to 40 acres of cropland, says a soil chemist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

However, a recent survey by the U.S. Department of Agriculture showed that the national average was 144 acres for each sample tested in 1975 and the Texas average was almost 630 acres per sample. "This low rate of sampling in Texas points up the need for more soil testing," says Dr. Charles Welch.

Two to four years is generally often enough to sample for routine soil tests except under high annual fertilization and intensive production, notes Welch.

"Fall is a good time to take soil samples. Sampling early allows adequate time to get results and enables producers to make plans for obtaining fertilizers needed for next year's crop," says the Texas A&M University System specialist.

Many farmers take their own samples. However, in some areas, power sampling equipment is available and reduces the time and effort required to collect samples. Power sampling equipment is especially useful in collecting subsoil samples for nitrate tests.

"For those taking their own samples, a spade or sampling tube, a clean plastic bucket, soil sample boxes and information sheets are all that are needed," Welch says. "Instructions for sampling as well as additional information on soil testing are available from any county Extension office."

A representative sample should be taken from each field on which information is needed. Problem areas in the field should be sampled separately, Welch adds.

Your Social Security

The Social Security Administration is asking for comments by the public on the question of how much information should be disclosed from social security records, according to Franklin Upp, manager of the San Angelo social security office.

Mr. Upp said that the agency needs to change its regulations governing disclosure of information to make them conform with the Privacy Act, the Freedom of Information Act, and the new Government in the Sunshine Act.

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"An important issue underlying these laws is the basic conflict between the public's right to know and the right of privacy of the people whose records are kept by Social Security," Mr. Upp said. "We will need to resolve that conflict in our regulations and we want the public's help."

The Social Security Administration published a "Notice of Intent" in the November 22, 1976 FEDERAL REGISTER.

Single copies of the notice are available at the San Angelo Texas social security office at 2213 Sherwood Way, Mr. Upp said.

Interested persons have until January 6, 1977 to submit their comments. They should mail their comments to Commissioner of Social Security, P. O. Box 1585, Baltimore, Maryland 21203.

After the Social Security Administration has considered the letters it has received and the results of public hearings it will hold in San Francisco, Kansas City, Mo., and Philadelphia, the agency will publish proposed regulations on disclosure of information. The public will again have an opportunity to comment on the proposed regulations before they become final.

Up until now, the Social Security Administration has asked for public comments only after publishing proposed regulations. The "Notice of Intent" reflects a new priority to assure that the public has an opportunity to take part in the formulation of policy at an earlier stage.

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Eldorado Hat Dance



Mrs. Stigler's 3rd grade class doing the Mexican Hat Dance in their Tuesday Dec 14th. The program was entitled "Christmas Around the World."

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Open House at the museum Sunday at 1 p.m. till? There will also be a membership drive for the coming year. Dues are \$2.50. Everyone is invited to come by and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere of days gone by!

The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN—If you're among the many Texans who haven't finished Christmas shopping yet, you may be close to panic as you battle the crowds in stores and shopping centers to hunt for something "just right" at a reasonable price.

Our Consumer Protection Division attorneys say "panic buying" almost always results

in later dissatisfaction—either with the product or with the price you had to pay for it.

It's still not too late to get organized, though. You may find that a few simple precautions can help to prevent mistakes that could cause you to start off the New Year in a department store exchange line. Or what's even

worse, in line for an emergency loan to pay off debts.

The first and foremost step, say our attorneys, is to make a realistic decision about how much you can spend on remaining Christmas gifts. You should arrive at a total for all gifts and holiday expenses that is compatible with your budget—don't make financial commitments you cannot meet!

This means that if you charge purchases at several stores with extended payment plans, you must be able to meet the minimum required payments at each store, plus be able to meet your other monthly bills.

Next, make a list of everyone you need to shop for and allocate a certain amount to spend that will keep you within your budget. This will make shopping easier, since you can eliminate any gifts over that amount. Stick to your list when you shop; however, if you can't find an item or if you spot a good bargain on another, be flexible and take advantage of it. Just

be sure it is a bargain.

If it's on sale, it may be marked "not returnable" or there may be a notice that "all sales are final." Even if an item isn't on sale, though, you should check the store's return policy before buying something that may need to be exchanged or returned later. Stores are not legally required to refund money, exchange merchandise, or accept returned goods for credit unless the item is defective or is not as represented.

If you find your gift list exceeds your funds, you may want to try cutting back a bit. Some families or groups of friends draw names for Christmas. Or you might like to make some simple gifts, if not too pressed for time. Talented cooks often give homemade holiday foods and special baked goods. This is a nice gesture, but if you're trying to save money, you should first figure up the cost of ingredients. Quite often, that delicious fruitcake may end up costing more (and taking much more time!) than a "store-bought" gift.

Our attorneys also suggest that you ask yourself some searching questions before setting out on a last-minute shopping spree. Your answers could spell the difference between a Christmas you'll enjoy remembering and one you'll try hard to forget.

—Is this a gift someone really needs or can use?

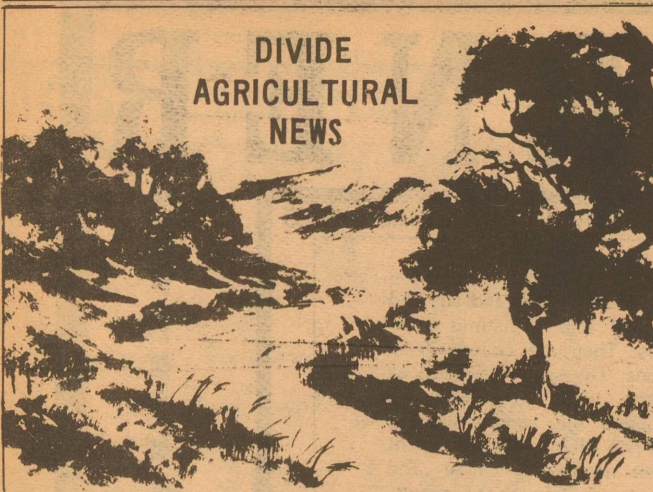
—Am I paying more than I can afford for a gift because someone "expects it"?

—Am I sacrificing quality for quantity in my buying?

—Will I end up paying double for a gift that I've charged when all the carrying charges are added?

—Will it take me until next Christmas to pay for this one?

—Will my Christmas spending mean my family and I have to do without some necessities during the New Year?



DIVIDE AGRICULTURAL NEWS

by Ronnie Mittel County Executive Director, Schleicher County ASCS

DISASTER PROGRAM

Cotton producers whose yields are below normal due to adverse weather conditions may be eligible for a low yield payment. As soon as harvest is completed, but not later than 15 days, a producer should file a low yield payment request and turn in his cotton production data. Any cotton not harvested must be appraised by the county office. All farms filing for a low yield payment will be visited to verify that a disaster has occurred. Disaster payments will not be made until after January 1.

WOOL INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Signup is now underway for incentive payments on wool and unshorn lambs. The time is short based on the number of producers who still need to file their application. Gather up your shearing information that we need and take care of this matter at your earliest convenience.

1977 ACP

Because of the publicity and interest in the Wind Erosion Control Program whereby 80 percent cost share assistance is offered on certain practices, most producers have overlooked the fact that December is the month to sign up for assistance on conservation work you intend to do in 1977.

COTTON RESEARCH & PROMOTION REFERENDUM

Ballots have been mailed to those producers who are eligible voters. Ballots must be returned during the period December 13 - 17. The ballots will be counted on December 22.

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ADVICE FROM YOUR COUNTY AGENT

By Jerry Swift

How About Deer For Dinner?

COLLEGE STATION - A weekend with the boys, the lure of the hunt, or the call of the white-tailed deer often fall short of justifying Dad's hunting expenses to Mom in the family discussions each year. But, results of a Texas A&M University study may give Dad some new ammunition in his argument in favor of the value of his hunting. He can tell Mom he is off to bring home some quality meat for the dinner table, and if he follows the study results closely, he will not be exaggerating.

Often the quality of the deer meat the hunter brings home is just not up to many family taste standards, and determining a way to improve this deer meat taste was one of the goals of the study.

The study on white tail deer was conducted on two ranches near Hondo in Southwest Texas. Involved were Joyce Hosch, Dr. Ranzell Nickelson II and Dr. Milo Shult, all with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Dr. Zerle Carpenter with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. Researchers specifically sought information on the influence various slaughtering and handling practices have on the quality of deer meat.

In the study, 30 animals were collected on a special permit from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Five factors involved in the slaughtering and handling of the deer were chosen to determine their effects on the quality of venison, said Hosch. These included sex, delayed skinning, stress, delayed field dress and cold storage aging. Six treatments were conducted which contrasted such factors as whether the deer were killed instantly or stressed (gut shot), skinned immediately or later, skinned aged or not aged, frozen or whether the animal was male or female. Various tests were conducted to determine the quality of venison from each treatment

group," she said. "These included taste panel tests, equipment quality evaluation and bacteriological analysis of the meat."

Several patterns emerged from the research as to meat quality. Hosch said the taste panel evaluations in the study indicate that methods of handling or slaughtering can greatly influence venison quality.

The sex of the animal is an important factor in determining how intensified (gamey) the flavor of the deer meat will taste. Male animals were shown to rate higher in "gamey" taste.

"She said an increase in intensity of flavor was noted in female animals aged for one week in a cooler. "However, the flavor intensity produced by the aging did not appear to be the same as the 'gamey' flavor associated with the male animal. This aging process definitely produced a more desirable flavor," Hosch said.

The taste panel employed in this study preferred the aged female animal over the intensively flavored of the aged male animal.

Significant differences were also noted between the stressed or excited animals, gut shot, and the other groups," she said.

The study revealed also that in venison, a problem with "dry" deer meat, is enhanced by aging the deer before skinning it. It was found that aging of the carcasses significantly increased tenderness.

The aging process in the cooler not only retards and extends rigor (rigor mortis), but tends to increase the water holding capacity of the meat," Hosch pointed out.

Obviously, the fact that deer meat is superior to that of the buck is not of utmost importance to many hunters because they are after a prize buck trophy.

But, some alterations in attitude might be necessary in the future, limited Charles Ramsey, an Extension Service wildlife specialist. "The doe popul-

ations in some areas need to be thinned," he said, "and our hunters need to take them out."

Doe permits are issued to landowners by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, and does may be hunted in counties where such permits have been issued. The Commission annually publishes a hunting guide with full details on deer hunting.

What Ramsey suggested is that the hunter consider fulfilling two goals. He can get his trophy and make his wife happy also with quality deer meat by bringing home a doe as well.

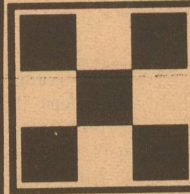
The issue is not over minuscule amounts of meat either. In 1973 more than 10 million pounds of boneless white tail deer were harvested by Texas hunters. This figure translated into the cost of ground chuck beef at that time would place the value of this deer meat at more than \$16 million.

With food costs still on the increase, deer meat is becoming more of a legitimate meat source. And besides, bringing home some quality meat makes the difference from home and out of hunting equipment more palatable to Mom.

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Tanya Leggett



FFA Member & Chapter Sweetheart

Tanya Leggett, 17 year old daughter of Mr and Mrs Billy Williams has been selected chapter sweetheart of the Eldorado FFA Chapter.

Tanya has established a new record for the Eldorado FFA Chapter as being the first active member of the Eldorado FFA to be selected Chapter Sweetheart. This is Tanya's second year to be enrolled in vocational agriculture and to be an active member of the Future Farmers of America. Unusual activities performed by Tanya include driving a

farm tractor, hauling grain during the harvest season, and hunting game animals. She competed along with the nine other sweethearts from the schools in the Concho FFA district for the Concho District Sweetheart title.

A two-year member of the Eldorado FFA chapter conducting team, she has been a member of the livestock judging team and has fed steers for the past several years. Tanya has been active in 4-H work in Schleicher county for a number of years.

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November Weather Joined The Forces Arrayed

Against Screwworms

MISSION, Dec. 1. Cool November weather added another force to efforts being made to reduce the massive screwworm population that tormented Texas livestock this year, says a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) veterinarian. Other forces working against this live flesh eating parasite are primary livestock care by owners, sterile flies produced at the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) laboratory at Mission, and still more sterile flies produced in Mexico by the joint Mexico-U.S. Commission for Eradication of Screwworms.

Dr. M. E. (Cotton) Meadows, Jr., is director of the Screwworm Eradication Program. He says the 1,988 November screwworm samples from 115 counties brought the year's Texas case total to 29,070. This compares to 16,278 a year earlier, and 90,567 by the same time in 1972.

Screwworms are larvae of the screwworm fly which deposits eggs on wounds in warm blooded animals. As eggs hatch the tiny maggots enter the wound to feed on live flesh.

The Program is based on the fact female flies mate only once in their lifetimes. Specially reared and sterilized flies are released among wild populations. When enough fertile to sterile matings occur eradication is reached.

Screwworms were found in most Texas counties during the warm months of 1976. Cool weather is forcing them back into their warmer over wintering area of south Texas.

"This allows the Program to concentrate its efforts on eradicating the pest in this much smaller area," explains the screwworm fighter. Most of the Program's sterile flies are now being distributed in this reduced area.

At the same time, flies produced in Mexico are being distributed in parts of that country adjacent to the Texas border.

"With cooperation by all involved - livestock owners, County Agents, Texas Animal Health Commission, the Program, and some help from the weather - we should have a chance to eliminate screwworms from the W. U.," says Meadows.

School NEWS

The Elementary Choral Group will present a Christmas program tomorrow December 17, at 1:00 P.M. The choir is under the direction of Mrs Beth Ann Eckman, the elementary music teacher.

Santa Claus and his helpers, the Bev McCormick Post of the American Legion will have a Christmas party for all county children at 1:30 P.M. on Wednesday December 22 at the elementary gymnasium. All children through 12 years of age are invited to come and get a bag of candy from Santa. The event is an annual affair the Legion post has provided for the county children for many years.

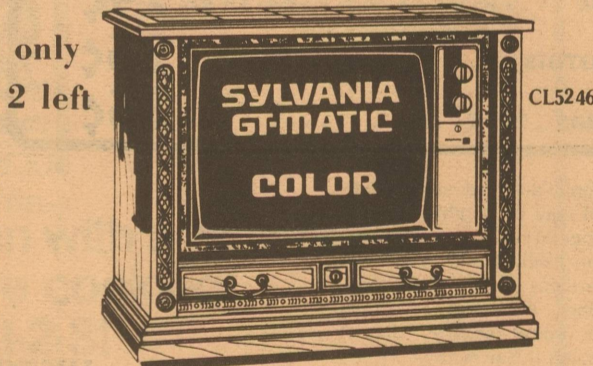
The Christmas School recess will begin at 2:30 P.M. Wednesday December 22. Classes will resume on Monday January 3 at the regular time.

The ELDORADO EXPRESS NEWS is very interested in the activity of YOUR Church, club, or organization. All you need is a phone call to the EXPRESS NEWS and your activity will be in your HOMETOWN Newspaper. Call 853-2032 to report your social event.

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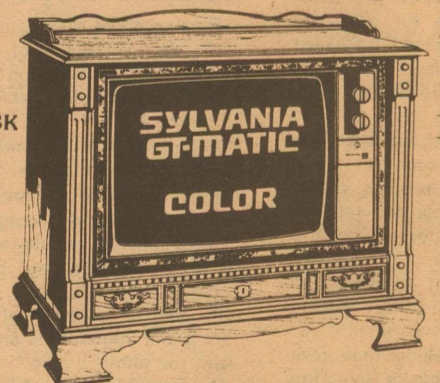


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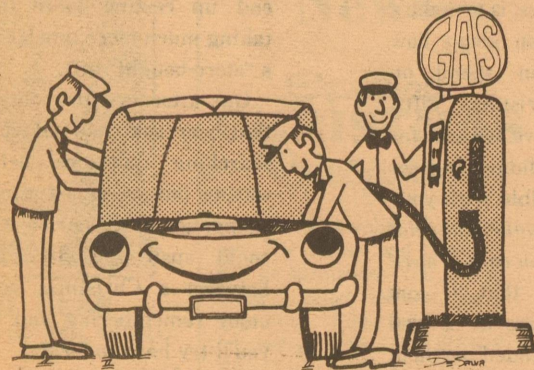
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LOCAL BIRTHS



Mr and Mrs Wayne McGinnes announce the birth of a son Eric Ryan who was born December 14, 1976 at 12:53 a.m. The boy weighed 7 lbs 10 ozs. Grandparents are Mrs Peggy Cloud of San Angelo, Mr Charles Cloud of San Angelo and Mr and Mrs Elton McGinnes of Eldorado. Great grandparents are Mr and Mrs J. H. Wilson of Briggs, Texas.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security representative from San Angelo, Peter Gonzales, is here today, Thursday, Dec 16, at the Court House, to help with any problems or answer any questions concerning Social Security.

The Neighborhood Center will have its annual Christmas Party for the underprivileged children, Monday December 20, 1976 at 5:00 p.m. The Party will be for children up to 10 years of age.

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The social security payments are a partial replacement of pre-retirement earnings. Social security pays about \$3.7 billion a month to retired workers and their wives or husbands—and about \$737 million a month to older widows, widowers, and dependent parents of deceased workers.

Eligible workers can start getting their full social security retirement benefits at 65, or reduced benefits as early as 62. Widows and dependent widowers can start getting reduced social security survivor payments at 60, or as early as 50 if they're disabled.

Assets account for 17 percent of the income of older Americans, according to the social security study. Other sources include private pensions, 6 percent; other government pensions, 4 percent; public assistance, contributions from friends or relatives, etc., 9 percent.

The Social Security Administration is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

BANK CENTS

From the Management and Staff of **The First National Bank of Eldorado**

When you and your family take your shopping dollars out of your town to shop or save, do you know what it does to your own tax payments? For every dollar you and your family spend in our town, that same dollar multiplies itself by a minimum of three to one. Each of these dollars spent pays part of your tax load. If every one in this beautiful city of ours spent all of their spending and savings dollars outside, our taxes would increase by 3 times per year. It is not the intention of this bank to tell you where to shop or save, but, when thinking about going out of town to shop please remember this message.

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Eldorado School LUNCH MENU

Monday Dec 20th

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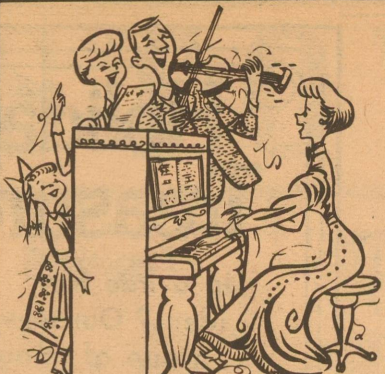
Tuesday Dec 21st

Beef Tacos with Cheese
Pinto Beans
Lettuce & Tomato Salad
Cornbread
White Cake/White Icing

Wednesday Dec 22nd

Sandwiches, Tuna, Chicken Salad, Ham Salad, Pimento Cheese, Peanut Butter
Potato Chips
Pork & Beans
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Christmas & New Years Holidays



AROUND THE HOUSE

and OTHER PLACES

by Nancy Lester County Extension Agent - Home Economics

The Schleicher County 4-H Food Show was held Sunday, Dec 12th in the Memorial Building. Fifty 4-H club members participated. Judges for the show were 4-H leaders from Ozona, Mertzon and Sonora. Local 4-H leaders who helped with the show were: Lola Squyres, Janet Powell, Patsy Kellogg, Jo Ann Turner, De Ann Coates, Janelle Hausenfluck and Patty Steed. A Big "Thank You" goes to Jim Squyres and Bob Lester who set up the tables for the show and also to Jim McWilliams and John Pitts who put up the tables after the Food Show. Jim McWilliams was also on hand to take pictures of the Food Show winners. If Jim took your picture and you would like to have a copy of it you can go by the Express office at the end of this week and look at them. He can make larger pictures for you. Food Show cookbooks are still available at the County Extension Office for \$1.00.

The Grand Champion Winner of the sub-junior division in the show was Wendi Dunagan. Reserve champion went to Kelly Squyres. Honorable mention awards were won by Belinda Turner and Michelle Kent. Blue ribbon winners in the sub-junior division were: Jennifer Patton, Tina Dacy, Heather Wilkerson, Jeff Patton and De Ann Minica. Red ribbon winners in the sub-junior division were: Devonna Coates, Jill Hicks, Regina Minica, Joanne Kessler, Ashley Johnson and Becky Schrier.

Jill Pitts won Grand Champion in the junior division of the Food Show. Lori Patton was awarded reserve champion. Honorable mentions ribbons were won by Sandra Miner and Lou Ann Turner. Blue ribbon winners in the junior division were: Dana Coates, Becky Ragsdale, Deeanna Youcham, Melissa Burleson, Kara Homer, Shanna Swift, Vikki Cavaness, Shelly Squyres, Rochelle Williams, Margaret Turner, Sherri Walling, Sherry Powell, Lynna Sauer, Jeanne Redwine, Mitzi Mittel, Danette Dunagan, Lisa Mc Williams, Gina Patton and Cindy Hausenfluck. Red ribbon winners were: Tracy Sauer, Shanna Burleson, Melissa Sauer, Diana Harris, Joan Schrier, Julie Cash and Jamie Hicks.

The Grand Champion Award of the senior division was won by Judy Pitts. Reserve champion was won by Cynthia Schooley. Honorable mention awards went to Joy Corbell and Patti Hausenfluck.

The District 4-H Food Show will be held in Fredericksburg on February 19, 1977. Schleicher County will be represented by these juniors: Jill Pitts, snacks and beverages; Lori Patton, main dish; Sandra Miner, breads and desserts and Lou Ann Turner, side dish. Senior representatives will be: Judy Pitts, breads and desserts; Cynthia Schooley, main dish; Joy Corbell, side dish and Patti Hausenfluck, snacks and beverages.

The Schleicher County 4-H Christmas Party will be held Monday, December 20th at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Building. Joel Wilson of W.T.O. in Abilene will be here for the party. All 4-H club members and their guests are invited.

UFO Sighted

NEWS FLASH!!! Early this week a U.F.O. was sighted in the area and upon further investigation it was determined to be a "test flight" by a small elf from the North Pole.

"This time of year we try to devise some type of long distance "work-out" for the Reindeer," said the seasoned driver while holding the reins on eight frisky, prancing Rein-

deer. "The trial runs increase their endurance, and it's also a good way to pick up Christmas lists."

Ernie E. Elf has been employed at the North Pole for several years and was recently promoted to Head Driver and Reindeer Handler. "It's a big responsibility keeping the team in tip top condition for Christmas Eve, and due to the energy shortage we only use Rudolph on the "main" trip," quoted Elf and he popped a Rolaid into his little mouth.

"You've got a lot of good boys and girls in this area, and I see no problem in delivery on what they want for Christmas, however, I have noticed a few sloppy rooms and unused tooth brushes, but I'm sure they'll shape up in the next few days."

According to this reliable source the annual visit by Mr. Claus will be made on schedule, and as the driver and team disappeared in a swirl of silver glitter and the sound of sleigh bells, he said something about "better not cry; better not pout" or something to that effect.

Pastor Quits Sports!

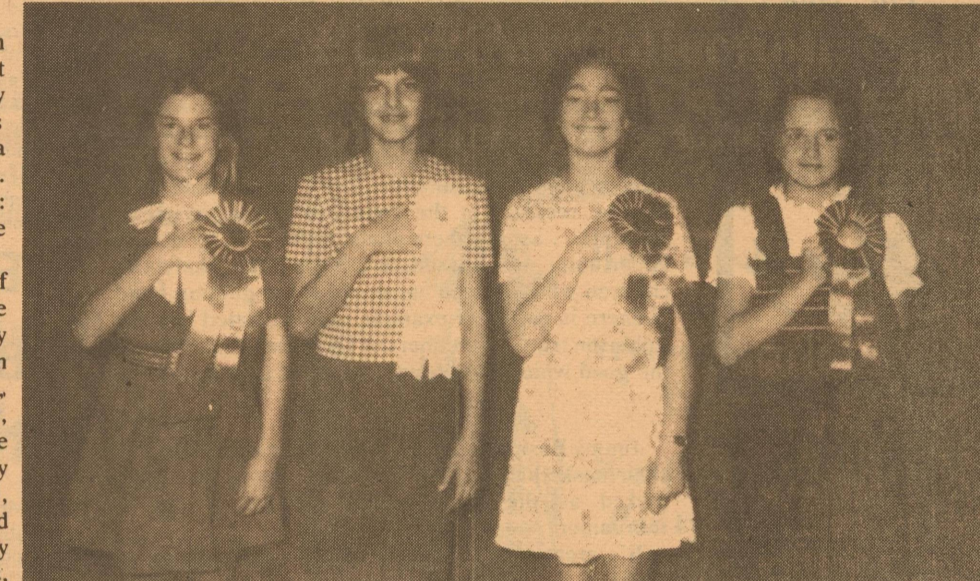
1. Every time I went they asked me for money.
2. The people with whom I had to sit didn't seem very friendly.
3. The seats were too hard and not very comfortable.
4. I went to many games, but the coach never came to call on me.
5. I always had to walk nearly a half-mile because there were no parking spaces up close.
6. I suspected that I was sitting near some HYPOCRITES . . . they came to see their friends and what others were wearing rather than to see the game.
7. Some games went into overtime and I was late getting home.
8. The band played some numbers I had never heard before, and I didn't like them.
9. It seems that games are always scheduled when I want to do other things.
11. I recently read a book on sports, and now I feel I know more than the coaches do.
12. I don't want to take my children to any games because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best.
13. The temperature was never right . . . it was always too hot or too cold.

Any relation to the above to church participation is strictly intended!

4-H AWARDS WINNERS



Winners in the Senior Division of the Schleicher County 4-H Food Show were: Judy Pitts, Grand Champion; Cynthia Schooley, Reserve Champion; Joy Corbell, Honorable Mention; and Patti Hausenfluck, Honorable Mention. Judy is the daughter of Mr and Mrs John Pitts. Her recipe was "Sugarplum Black Forest Torte." Cynthia is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Clifford Schooley. Cynthia made "Chinese Pepper Steak." Joy is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Boots Corbell. Joy's recipe was "Jalapeno Cheese Grits." Patti is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Billy Hausenfluck. Patti made "Bacon Roll-Ups."



Winners in the Junior division of the Schleicher County 4-H Food Show were: Jill Pitts, Grand Champion; Lori Patton, Reserve Champion; Sandra Miner, Honorable Mention; and Lou Ann Turner, Honorable Mention. Jill made "Individual Cheesecakes." She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs John Pitts. Lori is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Gail Patton. Lori's entry was "Mexican Chili." Sandra made "Peanut Chip Thumbprints." She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom Miner. Lou Ann Turner is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Sonny Turner. Lou Ann made a "Vegetable Casserole."



Winners in the sub-junior division of the Schleicher County 4-H Food Show were: Wendi Dunagan, Grand Champion; Kelly Squyres, Reserve Champion; Michelle Kent, Honorable Mention; and Belinda Jo Turner, Honorable Mention. Wendi is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Danny Dunagan. She made "Cream Enchiladas." Kelly is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Jim Squyres. Her entry was "Wynona's Cookies." Michelle is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Kent. Her recipe was "Peanut Butter Un-Brownies." Belinda is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Sonny Turner. Belinda made "Zippy Glazed Carrots."

DORCAS CIRCLE

The Dorcas Circle of The First United Methodist Church met Monday at 3 p.m. in the home of Mrs Rose Brannon for their Christmas Party. Mrs S. D. Harper read the scripture from Matthew. Mrs Lewis Stockton gave "Let us Keep Christmas" by Peter Marshall. The members exchanged gifts and an offering was taken for the Mission Home in San Antonio. Refreshments of coffee, sandwiches and Christmas cookies were served to 11 members.

BETA SIGMA PHI

Holiday plans were topics of discussion by members of Beta Sigma Phi on Monday night. A progressive dinner and gift exchange to celebrate the Christmas season will be held on Thursday with Sheila McClure, Tommie Boswell, Dorothy Dacy and Glenda Harris as hostesses.

Beta Sigma Phi has planned a dance on New Year's Eve with the public invited to attend and help them bring in 1977. There will be a live band playing from 9 p.m. til 1 a.m. at the memorial building.

Members voted to send contributions to the BSP state project and to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center again this year.

Two programs on the "Fine Arts" were presented by Fayla Cheatham and Betty Hanusch. Hostess for the evening was Linda Ingle.

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WOMAN'S CLUB

The Women's Club met Dec 14th at the Memorial Building. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs R. D. Johnson. The following visitors were introduced: Mrs Fay Hilliard, Mrs James Williams, Mrs Henry Moore, Mrs Jan Doremire, and Mrs Mike Baker. Mrs Bobby Sanders was elected to the membership. Mrs Harper invited all present to attend the museum Open House on Dec 19th. Mrs T. J. Bailey introduced the guest speaker, Miss Jhita Heildrink, an exchange student from South Africa, who gave a most enlightening account of life in her country. She also gave some of her impressions of America and says she hates to leave us. Hostesses were Mrs Adah Bowder, Mrs Edwin Jackson and Mrs L. V. Newport.

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By Express News Publisher, ED MEADOR

Boy, talk about staying in shape! I guess about this time each year there ought to be a "time-out" on trying to keep the waistline trim. All this week everytime I have come in the house, I've been overwhelmed with the most delicious and enticing smells as my favorite cook has been hard at it making cookies and candies, cakes and pies, all in preparation for the coming highlight of the season, Christmas Day. I'm sure all of you have been subjected to the same kind of treatment. And most likely we will all agree that this is our most favorite time of the year. So, in moderation, I intend to enjoy and make the most of it all.

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The young people of First Baptist Church will have their Christmas Progressive Dinner on Monday, December 20th. Appetizers will be served at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jon Calcutt. The dress will be semiformal and tickets may be purchased from Mary Kay White, Lynn Whitaker or Ronnie Hall.

Christmas Eve, December 24 at 6:30 p.m. Plan to attend and worship the Lord as we celebrate His birth. Invite your family and holiday guests to come and participate with you. First Baptist Church.

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As the Christmas season falls upon us, we're always filled with memories of the past and of those who aren't with us anymore in a physical way. That's as it should be, for it has been said that no one really dies until those who are left behind forget.

Taking that as a valid statement, even though Corinne Robinson left us just recently, she will continue to live in the hearts of those hosts of lives she molded and influenced in this community for 47 years. There's hardly a lifetime resident in the county who wasn't one of her students . . . somewhere along the line. If, by chance that opportunity was missed, it's more than likely that the children who followed came under her guiding hand.

There is no better example of a dedicated life, for Mrs Robinson truly gave of herself for others, and the results of the good which she brought to us all is immeasurable.

Jimmy Bosmans is burning the hoop for the Eagles in their basketball frays this season. Recently, Jimmy was picked as the most valuable player of the Mason tournament.

It's great to see determination and dedication in your athletes . . . the lessons learned on the field and on the court just seem to lay the foundation for successful living later on.

And Jimmy recognizes that he's got a lot of help out there on the floor with support from people like Lynn Whitaker, Larry Fatheree, Bobby Jarret, John Cheatham and all the other squad members. It's a matter of teamwork and the Eagles are showing that they believe.

We may be short on a lot of things in this community from time to time, but Sunday evening proved that we certainly are not short on vocal talent. If you missed the Community Choir's presentation of "Love Transcending", you will be a lot slower this year getting into the Christmas Spirit. Lucille McWhorter directed a magnificent group of voices made up of people who enjoy singing and working together. Those who listened in the audience went away with not only a warm feeling for Christmas and all that it means, but also with a lot of community spirit to boot.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Winners last week were:
1st Helen Blakeway & Jack Bebee.
2nd Lottie Puckett & Fred Adkins, Sonora.
3rd Margaret Frost & Pete Finley.
4th Melissa O'Harrow & Frankie Williams.
5th Ethel Olson, Sonora & Mabel Freitag, 5th

Eldorado Bridge Club

The Eldorado Bridge Club met for its annual Christmas Party Monday night, Dec. 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the El Dorado Restaurant for a holiday dinner. Those attending were Mr and Mrs P.S. Dudley, Mr and Mrs Oliver Teele, Mr and Mrs Phil Olson, Mr and Mrs Weatherly Kinser, Mr and Mrs Clay Porter and Mr Hollis McCormick. Guests were Mr and Mrs Ed Meador, Mrs Meador and Mr Teele won high and Hollis McCormick won Bingo.

Eagle Band News

Mr McDonald and three members of "That Going Band from Eagle Land" attended the All-Region VII Band tryouts Friday and Saturday in Ballinger. Jim Bob Byrd placed third chair on the clarinet and will be going to All-Area in January. Willie Day placed fourth chair on the trombone, and Lisa Smith placed eighth chair on the flute and first alternate on the piccolo. Mr McDonald served as judge for the trombone section.

A concert held in the Ballinger High School auditorium Saturday night was conducted by James Larson, Tarleton State University band director. Jim Bob, Willie and Lisa, who received awards for their participation wish to thank Mr Mac for the time and help he gave to each of them.

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THIS THING CALLED ADVENT

As we get closer and closer to Christmas often times we hear that this is the time of "Advent". In Churches, homes, and department stores we see "Advent Wreaths", "Advent Candles" and possibly "Advent Calendars". I'm sure that most people take these Christian symbols for granted just as we do other symbols and seasons of the Liturgical year. So, let's explore this season of "Advent" and find out what meaning it has for our lives.

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin *adventus* and means "coming". It begins with the Sunday nearest November 30, which is St. Andrew's Day, and lasts until midnight of Christmas Eve. As the Latin indicates, for Christians this is a time of great expectation for the coming of Jesus, The Christ Child. Advent can be compared to Lent for originally advent was a time of fasting and repenting and worship. Today this has changed to a time of celebration but some strict religious orders still require strict fasting.

It is debated when the observance of Advent first started but the earliest reference to it occurs at the Council of Saragossa in 380 A. D. when the faithful were urged not to miss any of the normal church services between December 17 and Epiphany. The next reference that we have is from the Second Council of Tours in 567 A. D. which required monks to fast from the beginning of December to Christmas. As can be calculated the length of the Advent season has varied. In the fifth century it was forty days long and only in the ninth century was it fixed at the present four weeks.

For the church Advent marks the beginning of the Ecclesiastical year. Before the sixth century the church year began at Easter but the emotions of the time dictated a new date because this was too close to the start of the Jewish ecclesiastical year. Hence, Advent was chosen to mark the new beginning for the church year.

While principally Advent marks the "coming" of the birth of Jesus it also anticipates the Second Coming of Christ. The four weeks of Advent are also compared to the many years of waiting from the Fall of Adam to the Incarnation of Christ. This period of course is described in the Old Testament and there are countless references of the coming Messiah. According to another old tradition there are four Comings of Christ, each one which is represented by one of the four weeks of Advent. The first is the Coming of Christ as a man, the second in the human heart, the third at the individual death, and the fourth Coming will be at the end of the world or as it's called, the end of the age; The Eschaton.

As is true with various traditions surrounding Advent there are various customs which mark this event. From the Anglican tradition comes the use of the Advent Wreath. Closely associated with the Christmas tree a wreath is made and candles are placed in a ring around the top of the wreath to indicate the four Sunday's of Advent. Today many churches use the Advent wreath in its worship as well as many individual homes. Another custom still in use is the Advent Calendar. This is related to the "Advent House" which was made of cardboard and had a series of windows, each of which were opened for the four Sundays of Advent. Behind the windows were appropriate Scripture which related to the "Coming" of Jesus. The modern Advent Calendar has an opening behind each date and appropriate scripture can be found.†††

Advent has always been a joyous time of year when families traditionally gather together to celebrate Christmas. Regardless of what tradition you come from, we all can experience this season by the expectation of the Christ Child coming into our lives. Although this scene is recreated each and every year it seems that the opportunity to accept the Christ is always present and anticipated. May this Advent season be a joyous one for all and may each find in his own way a babe named Jesus waiting in a manger to be accepted as a Savior.

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NURSING HOME NEWS

Our home was saddened last week by the death of one of our dear residents, Mrs. Charles Young. She had been here only a few days but some of us here had known her for years, as she had lived in Eldorado for about twenty years. Everyone who knew her loved her. When she knew of someone who was sick or in need of help she went to them to give assistance and she did so much for others. Eldorado will miss her. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

We had a few visitors last week as follows: Lois Tyler of San Antonio who visited Mae Mercer; Nora Poe of San Angelo who is a sister of Mae Mercer and Savannah Kelly of San Angelo also visited Mae Mercer as did James and Manuel Long. John Ray Barker grandson of R. L. Ballew from San Angelo visited Beulah Harris. Sherwood and Ann Barker visited Mrs. Charles Young.

We all love to have company and it means so much especially to the ones in the home who can't get out and go somewhere occasionally. So stop, and give a few minutes of your time and come visit one of our residents. You will be glad you did. It is beginning to look like Christmas here since a pretty tree has been set up in the dining room. It is decorated beautifully. I believe most of us here are doing as well as usual.

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God And Epa

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God was granted a temporary permit for the heavenly portion of the project, but was issued a cease and desist order on the earthly part, pending further investigation by HEPA.

Upon completion of his construction permit application and environment impact statement, God appeared before the HEPA Council to answer questions.

When asked why he began these projects in the first place, he simply replied that he liked to be creative. This was not considered adequate reasoning and he would be required to substantiate this further.

HEPA was unable to see any practical use for earth since "the earth was void and empty and darkness was upon the face of the deep." Then God said: "Let there be light." He should never have brought up this point since one member of the Council was active in the Sierrangel Club and immediately protested, asking "How was the light to be made? Would there be strip mining? Air pollution?" God explained the light would come from a huge ball of fire. Nobody on the council really understood this, but it was provisionally accepted assuming (1) there would be no smog or smoke resulting from the ball of fire, (2) a separate burning permit would be required, and (3) since continuous light would be a waste of energy it would be dark at least one-half of the time. So God agreed to divide light and darkness and he would call the light Day, and the darkness Night. (The Council expressed no interest with in-house semantics.)

When asked how the earth would be covered, God said, "Let there be firmament made amidst the waters; and let it divide the waters from the waters." One ecologically radical Council member accused him of double talk, but the Council tabled action since God would be required first to file for a permit from the ABLM (Angelic Bureau of Land Management) and further would be required to obtain water permits from the appropriate agencies involved.

The Council asked if there would be only water and firmament and God said, "Let the earth bring forth the green herb, and such as may seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after its kind, which may have seed in itself upon the earth." The Council agreed, as long as

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Three weeks ago Jerry started an avalanche with a \$5 bill. He took out a \$5 ad in the Express News for a sale on CB radios. The ad came out on Thursday morning, and by Saturday he had sold two cases and was completely out of radios.

The demand was great enough to sell two more cases (which took a week to find).

Gene McCalla bought the Eldorado Variety Store twelve years ago. Since then he has doubled the floor space and tripled his inventory.

His variety store has met the population growth and growing consumer demand by growing from a variety store to a full fledged department store. He carries a diversified selection of items including: clothing, school supplies, hardware, sewing needs, fabric, shoes, and many other items.

He says, "A reasonable profit enables me to stay in business and serve Eldorado. And I mean by a reasonable profit just this: a pair of steel-toed boots cost \$37 at McCalla's, but in Sonora they cost up to \$45. I'm not trying to rip-off anyone. I just want to serve them the best I can."

These are just two of many businesses that have met the growing demand of the Schleicher County consumer. Ask almost any business firm in Eldorado if the County is growing and you'll get a resounding "Yes" for your effort.

WHY SO FEW NEW BUSINESSES

The Express News thought that it was logical to expect the rapid growth in consumer demand to create a rapid growth in new business to cater to that demand. We expected to find a new business on every corner with its doors bulging with goods crying to be bought.

We thought it was logical to expect a County that had over a million dollars a month to spend being saturated with outside businessmen looking for a place to start their own stores.

We thought it was logical for businesses to want to locate in Eldorado to get closer to the citizens' pocketbooks.

But there's a logical reason why this has not happened. And we'll present that reason next week.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL RESULTS

Express News SPORTS

Last Week's Tournament Results

EAGLES FINISH THIRD AT OZONA

The Eagles played outstanding basketball last weekend and won the third place trophy in Ozona's Annual tournament. The Eagles defeated Menard 58-50 for the third place position. They were defeated by Brady 57-54 in the semifinal round. They had defeated Brady in a previous game the week before. The Eagles also defeated Iraan 51-48 in the first round of tournament play. Jimmy Bosmans was selected to the All Tournament team.

EAGLETES WIN CONSOLATION AT MCCAMEY

After being defeated by Iraan 46-48 in overtime the Eldorado Eaglettes went on to win the Consolation trophy at the McCamey tournament. In the second round of play the Eaglettes defeated Crane 65-56 while the JV team fell to Reagan County 31-40. The Eaglettes then defeated Fort Stockton 52-33 for the consolation position.

Named to the All Tournament team from Eldorado were Cherie Niblett and Jill Yates.

ELDORADO AND BIG LAKE SPLIT GAMES

The Eldorado Eagles gave a good effort in a losing cause Tuesday evening as they lost to the Big Lake Owls 55-57. Scoring for the Eagles were Jimmy Bosmans 31, Lynn Whitaker 11, Bobby Jarrett 4, Larry Fatheree 3, John Cheatham 3, Jim Bob Byrd 3. The boys JV team lost to Big Lake 56 - 39.

The girls contest was also a close contest but the Eaglettes won 50-48. Jill Yates led the Eaglettes in scoring with 17 assisted by Gynna Jay 15, Susan Mertz 14, and Mary Kay White 4. The girls JV team lost 43-39.

Par-Tee NOTES

The annual Christmas dinner was held at the club house Dec 11 at 6:30 p.m. Forty-two members came and enjoyed fellowship together.

Following the meal, the President Weatherly Kinser, called the group to order for the last business meeting of the year.

The nominating committee submitted the following names as new officers: President: Delbert Taylor; Vice President: Jo Ed Hill; Secretary-Treasurer: Ernestine Hext. New directors whose terms will expire the end of 1978: Tom Miner, Ina Lambert, Don Nicholson, Ben Issacs, and Eddie Mae Kinser. Holdover directors having one year left to serve are Jerry Cantwell, Paul Page, Jr. R. L. Mobley, and R. J. Page. These names were voted to serve as new officer for 1977.

The Tournament Secretary reported on our tournaments for 1976. They were all very successful and the same team, Mickey and Myrta Rathbone, are continuing as Chairman and Secretary for Tournaments for 1977. We congratulate them for the fine job they did this past year.

The bingo party was held last Wednesday night and a good crowd came and had lots of fun and enjoyed being with good friends.

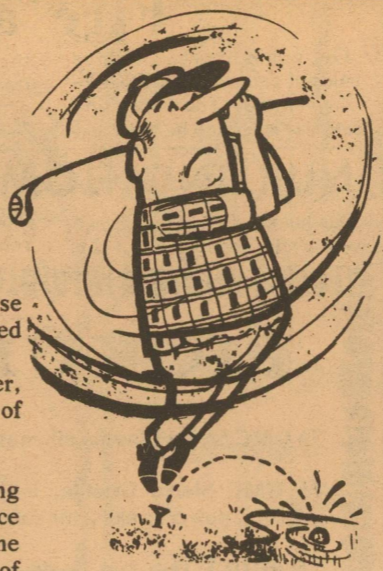
The Special play for Saturday Dec 11 was called off due to cold weather, however, around 16 players did show up and played just for fun.

The Sunday Mixed Foursome was also called off but 8 to 10 of us brave souls finally got in 9 holes before freezing out. Surely nicer weather will happen soon.

We wish everyone happy safe holidays and hope to see you on the golf course the first nice day.

Happiness is being able to get out of the house after a day or so watching television.

Happy golfing!!!



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Box Top Drive

The local Parent-Teacher Association is the local sponsor for the Post Cereal box top collection drive according to PTA president, Ester Bumgardner. Parents of elementary children have been notified through the school administrators office. However, other interested persons might like to contribute to the program. Elementary children have been instructed to bring box tops from any Post Cereals to the school. The school through this program will be able to receive playground and athletic equipment depending on the number of box tops collected. Those who wish to contribute may also take box tops to Parkers or Hext food stores, who are also collecting the box tops. According to TV advertisements collections will continue until March.



Pictured left is Cherie Niblett. Cherie was selected as an All Tournament player in the McCamey Tournament. The Eaglettes won the Consolation trophy.

Basketball Schedule

Dec. 16	Ozona	Eldorado	6:30	A&B	A&B
Dec. 16-17-18	Iraan Tournament				
Dec. 21	Wall	Wall	4:00	A&B	A&B
Jan. 4	Robert Lee	Eldorado	6:30	A	A
	Mertzon	Eldorado	5:00		B
Jan. 7	Iraan	Iraan	6:30		A&B
Jan. 6-7-8	Big Lake Tournament			A	
Jan. 6-7-8	Robert Lee Tournament			B	
Jan. 11	Junction	Junction	5:00	A&B	A
Jan. 13-15	Eldorado J.V. Tournament			B	B
Jan. 14	Menard	Eldorado	5:00	A	A&B
Jan. 18	Mason	Eldorado	5:00	A&B	A
Jan. 21	Iraan	Eldorado	6:30	A&B	A&B
Jan. 25	Big Lake	Big Lake	5:00	A&B	A&B
Jan. 28	Wall	Eldorado	4:00	A&B	A&B
Feb. 1	Robert Lee	Robert Lee	6:30	A	A
Feb. 4	Junction	Eldorado	5:00	A	A&B
Feb. 8	Menard	Menard	5:00	A&B	A

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