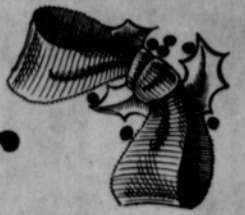




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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1976

Merchants Host Drawing Saturday

Poster Contest Winners Named

Winners in the poster contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce were announced at the drawing Saturday afternoon at Saptaland in downtown Spearman.

Winners were kindergarten age: 1st place-Carly Shield-knight, 2nd-Jennifer Martin, and 3rd-Kay Beeson. Winners in the 1st and 2nd grade category were: 1st place-Anne Sheets, 2nd-Gay Pipkin, and 3rd-Christy Dart. Clinton Tindell was 1st place winner in the 3rd and 4th grade category, Greg Reimer was 2nd, and Stephanie Friemel was third. Winners received \$5 for 1st place, \$3 for 2nd, and \$2 for 3rd.

Those receiving honorable mention in the poster contest were Wanda Waggoner, Trevor Longley, Terri Stewart, Caroll Poole, Christine Martin, Steve Moore, Clint DeArmond, Linda Evans, Nancy Queen, Stephanie Hayes, Gene Womble, Karla Latta, Teresa Tindell, William Morrison, Tim York, Sara Vela, Chance Jackson, and J. Garnett.

Santa was present to visit with the children Saturday and

drawings were held for a Unisonic TV game, two watches and two novelty radios.

The drawing this Saturday will be at 3 p.m. at the Plains Shopping Center mall. Prizes for Saturday are a 12" black and white TV, a tape stereo, and a 10-speed AMF bicycle.

The Spearman Junior High Band and Choir will be present entertaining those attending beginning at 2:45 p.m.

Other items to be given away on Saturday, Dec. 18, will be a \$25 savings bond by H & H Water Well Service; a gift certificate by Lady Fair; a shampoo and set for ladies and hair cut for men, Cinderella Beauty Shop; a S K Socket Set, Spearman Auto; an oak plant stand, Beedy Furniture; a coffee pot, Anthony Electric; a car wash, grease and oil change, Consumers Sales Co.; and albums by KBMF-FM.

You must be present at the drawing to win any prizes.

Merchants are asked to have their tickets at the mall at 2:45 p.m.

The last drawing for the Christmas promotion will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22.

Commissioners Call Election

Hansford County Commissioners met Dec. 13 at the Courthouse for their regular session.

They approved the minutes of the last meeting, Nov. 22. They authorized bills to be paid.

The Commissioners reappointed Gordon Stedje and Kenneth Evans to the Palo Duro River Authority Board. These men had been serving out unexpired terms of former members.

They accepted the low bid from Hergert Pontiac, Buick for 3 police special LeMans Pontiacs, at a cost of \$4900 each. The cars will be used by the Sheriff's Department.

They voted to invest \$40,000 in time warrants in the Gruver State Bank, and \$60,000 in the First State Bank of Spearman from the general fund.

Precinct 4 is to invest \$25,000 from the Road & Bridge Fund in the Gruver

State Bank, and \$10,000 from the Sinking Fund in the Gruver State Bank.

Precinct 2 will be investing \$20,000 in the First State Bank from the Road and Bridge Fund, and \$12,000 in First State Bank from the Sinking Fund. All of these investments are for a 6-month period.

The Commissioners voted to accept the resignation of Dr. James Thomas as County Health Officer effective Dec. 31, 1976.

Health insurance for county employees was approved as was the 1977 budget for county expenditures.

An election will be called for January 15, 1977 to determine whether or not hospital board members are to be elected or appointed by the Commissioners. At the present time, board members are appointed.

Salaries of employees were discussed, but no action taken.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS-76

We wish all our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Instead of sending cards this year, we have donated to the Hospital Auxiliary Fund for the Hansford County Hospital:

Chuck, Florene & Debbie Fletcher
Larry & Judy Irlbeck & Danna, Danna, Dustin & Derek

Sparks Laundry
Friday Wise
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Jenkins
Mr. & Mrs. Claude Owens
Emmett R. Sanders
Phil & Marguerite Jenkins
Margaret Shedeck
Charlene McClellan
Dora & Ronny Womble
Lee McClellan
Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Martin
Mr. & Mrs. Pope Gibner
Mr. & Mrs. Deacon Clement
Len & Evelyn Hiller
Eddie & Ellen Babbs
Altha Groves
Bernice & Billy Brown
Mr. & Mrs. D. L. McClellan
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Archer
Mrs. R. D. Chamberlain
Gus & Clementine Renner
Jack & Peggy Carroll
Eck & Mary Lee
Dub & Marva Hanners

Mr. & Mrs. P. A. Lyon, Jr.
Irvin & Betty Davis
Gertrude Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Condee Ellison
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Sheets
Mr. & Mrs. Freeman Barkley
Pat & Virginia Cates
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Kirk
Mrs. Mildred Daily
Mr. & Mrs. Don Floyd
Faye Lynch
Gwenfred Lackey
Mrs. Walter Wilmeth
Juanita Logan
Agnes Windom
Mary Sparks
Edith L. Womble
Mrs. C. A. Kleeberger
Bertha H. Tarbox
Tom & Helen Etter
Jo & Mac McLaughlin
The George Lowes
Roy & Ida Edwards
Bob & Ruth Crawford



Gruver Infant Services Held

Services for Ashley Holt, 15-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Holt of Gruver were held Saturday afternoon in the Gruver United Methodist Church with the Rev. Milton Jochetz, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Gruver Cemetery by Henson Funderal Home in Guymon.

The baby died Friday in an Amarillo hospital. She was born on Sept. 9, 1975 at Perryton.

Survivors, in addition to her parents, are four sisters, Paige, Holly, Sally and Brooke, all of the home; and a grandmother, Mrs. Alice Stout of Seymour.

MARKETS

WHEAT	\$2.38
MILO	\$3.45
CORN	\$2.22

Choir To Present Cantata

The choir of the First United Methodist Church of Spearman will be presenting the cantata, "Night of Miracles" by John W. Peterson at the regular Sunday morning services, 11 a.m., December 19. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The cantata is directed by Karen Countiss, accompanied

by Wilma Clark on the organ and Sheryl Meeck, Pianist.

Narration will be by Dick Countiss.

Kent Guthrie will present a baritone solo, and Dee Taylor and Gloria Knox will be singing soprano solos. Karen Countiss is the soprano recitative.

Improvement Bids Lower Than Expected

The Spearman City Council closed and read the EDA Gas and Water Improvement Project Bids at the regular meeting Tuesday night, December 14. The low bids were approved subject to review for error and then must be sent to the EDA for approval. Councilmen were pleased that bids were cheaper than the engineer estimate. T.O.K. Company of Amarillo was awarded the bid for Gas System Reconstruction & Improvements with a figure of \$282,079.50.

H. W. Taylor Construction Co. with a bid of \$71,583.60 for the Water Supply Line & Misc. Equipment. W. D. Jones Drilling of Dumas received the bid for water wells 9 and 10 with a base bid of \$79,500.00.

The Council considered the emergency gas contract with Transwestern Pipeline Company for sixty days after the first need arises for the gas.

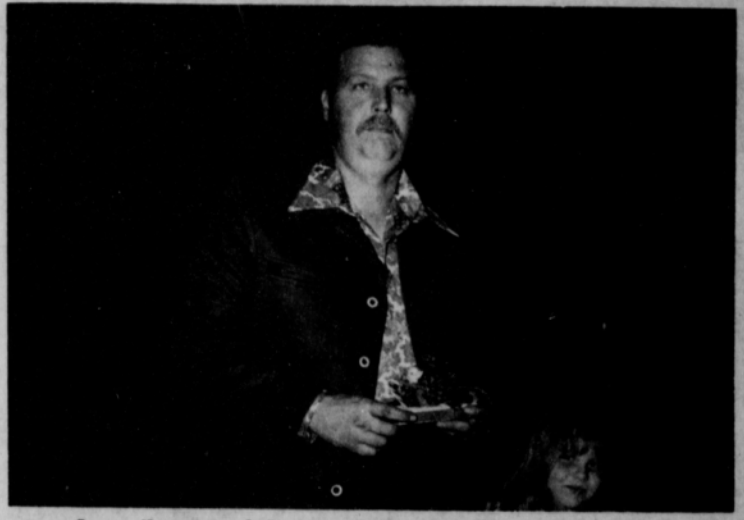
Bids were awarded for EMS equipment, consisting of a monitor, hose and emergency extraction equipment. This

money is from an EMS grant through the PRPC.

Two lots were placed for bids. One lot is now being used by Brown L Supply for pipe storage and the other is located between the old Floyd Locker Building and Shepard's Machine Shop.

Monthly fire, police, ambulance, municipal court and code enforcement reports were heard and approved.

The Council considered payment of November bills payable and review of cash position before adjournment.



Jerry Younger of J. & D. Industrial Engines was one of the bidders at the Girl Scout Auction Saturday night. Items for the auction were made by the Girl Scouts and the money received will be used by each troop.



Mr. and Mrs. Jim McLain of A-1 Automotive are shown here with one of the items they bought at the Girl Scout Auction Saturday night.

Girl Scout Christmas Banquet Held

The Girl Scout Christmas Banquet was held Saturday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

The Flag Ceremony and the Girl Scout Pledge were led by Brownie Troop #101.

The invocation was led by Eugene Yarbrough.

Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening was Mrs. Celestine Thompson.

The tables were accented by beautiful centerpieces on loan from Boxwell Brothers and a delicious barbecue supper was enjoyed by all present.

Special guest, Santa Claus, arrived and presented bags of goodies to all the children present.

Other guests present were

Jo Biddle, Field Advisor for Yucca Council from Guymon, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dear and Mrs. and Mrs. Eugene Yarbrough.

Neighborhood Chairman, Mrs. Celestine Thompson announced her resignation and announced the New Neighborhood Chairman is Mrs. Tim Welch.

The following Girl Scout leaders were recognized and presented a gift of appreciation: Brownie Troop #101-Mrs. Tim York, Mrs. Phillip Stumpf, Mrs. Jimmy McLeod and Mrs. Sam Abston; Brownie Troop #42-Mrs. Bill Gaiter and Mrs. Kenneth Evans; Junior Troop #76-Mrs. Kyle King and Mrs. Larry Evans;

Junior Troop #120-Mrs. Junior Hansen and Mrs. Raymond Flores; and Junior Troop #65-Mrs. Tom Jarvis.

The evening was highlighted by an auction of crafts conducted by Auctioneer, Ed Dear. Crafts, made by the girls included macrame plant hangers, wall plaques, tree ornaments, Christmas decorations, scented candles, and lamps with scented candles.

A total of \$725.00 was raised with the auction, and the money will be given to each troop for the troop's use.

We would like to thank everyone for such a good turn-out and a very successful fund raising auction.

Spearman boys win Miami tournament in thriller!

The Spearman boys won the Miami tournament in thrilling fashion as they "put away" a fine Follett team, 58-55. The score was close all the way, with the first quarter ending 14-14, 2nd quarter 30-30, third quarter 38-40 (in favor of Follett), and the final score, 58-55, with the Spearman boys winning the championship trophy. It has been a long time since the Lynx have won an invitational tourney; we will try to find out this information for the Sunday paper!

The battling Lynxette girls held Follett at bay for three

quarters, but finally lost the final game 54-50. Collier hit 28 points, Harper 13, and Greene 9 in the final game! In the boys final game, Steele netted 25 points for the winning Lynx team.

Highlight of the tournament was the four Spearman players who made all-tournament. Lori McAdams and Carla Harper made it for the Lynxettes and Doug Steele and Randy Reid made it for the Lynx boys!

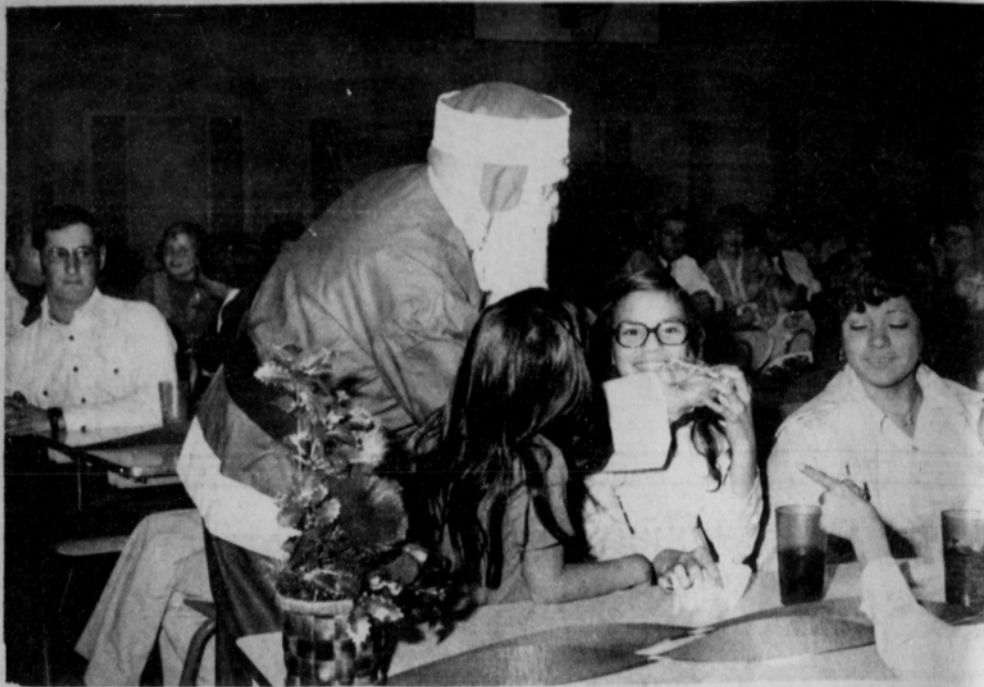
In Tuesday night games, the Lynx boys A & B journeyed to Gruver where the B team lost to Gruver 70-60, and the A Lynx won 71-56. The Lynx had a big 3rd quarter, scoring 23 points and holding the Greyhounds to only 4 to win the game. Jones was high for the Lynx with 18 points.

In the meantime, here in Spearman, the A and B girls entertained Guymon with both teams from Spearman winning by the same score, 56-42. Collier netted 22 points to lead the Lynxettes and Keetch hit 19!

The Lynx team will travel to Hartley this weekend.



These members of the First United Methodist Choir cordially invite everyone to attend their cantata "Night of Miracles" by John W. Peterson, Sunday, December 19 at 11 a.m. at the church.



SANTA CLAUS visits with Spearman Girl Scouts at the banquet Saturday night here. He was also downtown Saturday to visit with other children in the city.



Joe Mercer, sculptor of Amarillo, is shown here as he gave the program for Rho Rho sorority recently.

Holiday Hints

HELPFUL IDEAS

When you're buying holiday gifts, a good choice is often crystal. Why? It's not only beautiful and enhances any table setting, but it often is highly versatile. Take a crystal vase, for example. It can double as a holder for breadsticks.

The trend in barware today is a return to elegance.

Double old-fashioned glasses in the deeply faceted Stratton and Aspen patterns by Fostoria Glass Company sparkle with color and ring with the clear sound of fine crystal.

A crystal salad bowl has many uses. It can be used as an ice tub or table centerpiece with floating flowers or colorful fruit. Crystal is a gift that's always appropriate because it lends itself to any and every decorating theme.



In 1836 there was a surplus in the United States Treasury of over \$28 million!

GREAT SCOT!

By Jack House, The Director Teacher's Scotch Information Centre

Eight Sides To Everything

It's about 900 miles from the north of Scotland to the south of England, and when people make the trek on foot they usually start at the northernmost tip, in the village of John o' Groats.

John o' Groats was not always just the name of a place. It started off as the name of a person. His real name was John de Groot, and he was a Dutchman who settled in the north of Scotland. He had

seven sons who quarreled over precedence.

So John de Groot had a house built in octagonal shape. On each of the eight sides he had a door put in so that he and his seven sons could each have a personal entrance. There was also an eight-sided dining room—and an eight-sided table.

It is not recorded whether this scheme of things worked, but the house remained an object of curiosity for many years. Today the John o' Groats Hotel stands at the site of the octagonal house. Teacher's Scotch Information Centre can tell you there's nothing eight-sided about the hotel.

Sorority Has Holiday Luncheon

Rho Rho Sorority held their Christmas luncheon Thursday, December 9, in the home of Mrs. Charles Shieldknight.

Initiation was held for two pledges, Mrs. Carlos Kenda and Mrs. Joe Clement.

Joe Mercer of Amarillo presented the program on sculpture and using Mrs. Craig

Schumann as a model, demonstrated how to sculpt a bust.

A gift exchange was held following the program.

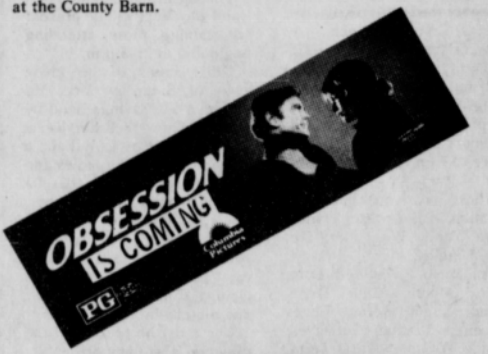
Members present were Mmes. Tim Barkley, Monty Blackman, David Collins, Jim Evans, Butch Lasater, Monte Lesly, Ronnie Lusby, Clark Mires, Bob Pearson, Vernon

Pipkin, Phillip Renner, Phil Sanders, Ken Schneider, Craig Schumann, Charles Shieldknight, Gary Taylor, Jim Eakin, Joe Clement, Bill Pittman, Jim Brown and Carlos Kenda.

Next meeting will be the Christmas party December 18 at the County Barn.



The two youngest men to sign the Declaration of Independence were only 26 years old. They were Thomas Lynch and Edward Rutledge.



easy to love

WHICH SIZE ELECTRIC BILL THIS MONTH?

Even the "Jolly Round Man" would find a cordless electric screwdriver easy to love. This unique and practical screwdriver and drill combine to make the night before Christmas, Christmas and the rest of the year memorable, thanks to the many uses for Disston's double duty "cordless" tool.

For instance, holiday decorating is less of a chore with this holiday helper to make quick work of hanging drapes, assembling furniture, Christmas tree stands, new bicycles, electric trains and other toys.

The Disston cordless electric screwdriver can drive 80 one-inch screws into solid pine without predrilling on a single charge of its nickel cadmium batteries. With pre-drilling—the tool comes complete with a drill bit for this purpose—a total of 140 screws can be driven on a single charge.

The UL-approved charger gives extra long life to the nickel cadmium batteries, no matter how often you charge them, and it'll drive the screwdriver at 200 revolutions per minute.

The pressure activated control system requires only light pressure to start bit action. Forward/reverse/off switch to predrill drive or remove screws.

Housed in an almost indestructible plastic case, the S-100 comes with both a Phillips and a slotted bit. It goes anywhere you go, since it's cordless. It's equally practical indoors or out. Any season of the year is the right season for giving this practical 28 oz. gift, which sells for under \$30.

You can be sure that the whole family will extend a warm Christmas welcome to the world's first and only cordless electric screwdriver by Disston.



Contour sheets will go on the mattress much easier if you fix diagonally opposite corners first.



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When you're planning your budget, you know what your house payment will be . . . you pretty well know what your grocery bill will be . . . wouldn't it be nice to know what your utility payment will be, too? With Community Public Service Company's Equal Payment Plan, you can do just that. Your yearly usage of electricity is estimated and divided into twelve equal monthly payments. Periodically, your account will be reviewed and if your usage is over or under the original estimate, you will be contacted and an adjustment will be worked out. In most cases, however, the estimate is pretty close to your actual usage . . . and it sure makes it easier on you when bill paying time rolls around each month. If you're interested in the convenience of the Equal Payment Plan, give us a call.

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8-rtm

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W.M. George Young
Sec. Cecil Biggers
2nd & 4th Mondays

SERVICES

Hansford County Planned Parenthood
26 S. Haney
659-2483
Spearman Mon.-Fri.
8 a.m. to 12 noon
30S-rtm

Buy Shaklee Products wholesale.
See Dorothy or Leslie Groves
14 S. Haney
659-3027
1-8tc

KIRBY SALES & SERVICE
Spearman, 912 S. Bernice.
659-2797.
30-rtm

GRADER, Dozier, and Drag Line Work. Call Lee Roy Mitchell, Gruver, 733-2384.
28-rtm

FREE Shaklee facial. Call Leslie Groves, 659-3027.
52-8tc

NEED MARY KAY COSMETICS. Call 2751 after 5:00 p.m.
30S-rtm

FOR SAND FREE DOMESTIC WELLS call W. V. Block, 935-4088 at nights, Dumas.
24-rtm

Portable Disc Rolling. Henry Ballard, phone 935-5229.
Dumas, Texas.
1S-7tp

IS ALCOHOL A PROBLEM IN YOUR FAMILY? AL-ANON FOR FAMILIES OF PROBLEM DRINKERS.
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...Learn about alcoholism as an illness.
...Encourage the alcoholic to seek help.
...Replace despair with hope.
...Improve the family atmosphere.
...Rebuild your self-confidence.
For further information: CALL 659-2306
44S-rtm

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NEW STEAM RINSE & VAC
rug and upholstery shampooers for rent. Call 2141 or 3437.
51S-rtm

Custom Water Hauling and Custom Farming. Call 659-3475. Jack Kemper.
52-rtm

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311 So. Dressen
Spearman, Texas
Phone 659-3630
Donald W. Hanson
52S-rtm

For your pet grooming and boarding needs, call Carmon, 659-2105 for reservation.
4S-4tc

Real Estate FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, new brick home in Harris addition. 30x24 garage and circle drive. 733-2768, Gruver.
4-3tc

Medallion home for sale by owner. Beautiful well-built brick home, low perimeter heat and cool, full functional basement with outside access. Masonry fence with redwood trim. New carpet throughout. 800 S. Towns- end. Call 659-2129 for appointment.
51S-rtm

FOR SALE: Vacant 100 ft. lot on Gruver highway in Crawford Addition. Emmett R. Sanders, Realtor, 659-2516, nights 659-2601.
44-rtm

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, brick den fireplace, living room carpeted, electric range/oven, dishwasher, central air/heat, storage shed. After 4:00. 659-3664.
3-rtm

FOR SALE: 100 ft. Crawford Addition lot on the Spearman-Gruver Highway, utilities in, includes small office building, priced for quick sale. Emmett R. Sanders, Realtor, 659-2516, nights 659-2601.
35S-rtm

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom stucco house, 2 baths, den, double garage. 2 bedroom mobile home included in deal. Emmett R. Sanders, Realtor, 659-2516, nights 659-2601.
40-rtm

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom brick home, 1 1/2 bath, carpet throughout, built-in range, attached garage. On 2 lots, 1 lot plumbed for trailer parking. Phone 659-3667 till 7 p.m., then phone 659-3633.
52-rtm

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom frame house in Spearman with 2 bathrooms, storm cellar. Call 878-2950.
4-5tc

ED WHEELER REAL ESTATE Homes - Farms Commercial
659-2613
659-2951
Days Nights

Beautiful 3 bedroom brick, 1 and 3/4 baths, den, fireplace, carpets, drapes, built-ins, etc. An exceptionally nice house. Near High School.

Large lot with nice two bedroom home in front, nice one bedroom house in the back. Double garage with efficiency in the rear. One year rental on one bedroom house paid at time of sale.

3 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath, corner lot, nice yard, 2 blocks from high school, a home one would be proud to own.

3 bedroom, single bath, carpet, fenced yard, corner lot, 801 Dressen.

FOR SALE: Brick office building, central heat and air, large lot, plenty of parking, ideal for doctor's clinic, located just west of hospital at 7th & Roland, Emmett R. Sanders, Realtor, 659-2516, nights 659-2601.
29-rtm

FOR SALE: See this home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining room, kitchen with built-in cabinets, den and office or workshop. Nice carpet and panelling. For the family needing lots of room at an affordable price. Emmett R. Sanders, Realtor, 659-2516, nights 659-2601.
38S-rtm

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom house, plus large basement, has nice fruit trees on 100 ft. lot, plenty of space for low-budget living. Emmett R. Sanders, Realtor, 659-2516, nights 659-2601.
36S-rtm

FOR SALE: 5 acres in Waka. 43S-5246.
5-rtm

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Furnished apartments. 659-2811.
3-5tp

FOR RENT: VA approved trailer space. 659-3000 after 5:00.
39S-rtm

LBL Trailer Spaces: \$40 monthly. 50' x 150' Lots. Trailers also for rent. Call Manager, 659-2617.
40-rtm-T only

Miscellaneous FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 1 pair 180 cm Spalding Formula skis; 1 pair Rosignol Equip GT 210 cm skis; two pairs Hummanic Ski Boots, Size 9 and 8 1/2. 733-2988, Gruver.
5-3tc

FOR SALE: 20 ft. self-contained Shasta travel trailer. Call 659-2041.
5-2tp

FOR SALE: 1 black poodle puppy. Call 659-2361 after 4:00 p.m.
5-2tc

FOR SALE: Flute, Schwinn 10-speed bicycle, good used toys and games. Call 659-3119
5-2tc

FOR SALE: 1974 Yamaha 80-in A-1 condition. \$225.00. 659-2105.
4S-4tc

1973 Ford Maverick, 2 dr, 302 V-8, a/c and carpet. Ideal school car. 659-2309.
2-6tp

FOR SALE: GZ 145 Waukasha Motor, used, about a year after being rebuilt. 659-3645.
2-rtm

FOR SALE: Tropical Fish and supplies. 208 North Snider.
1S-5tc

Reduce Safe & Fast with GoBese capsules & E-Vap "water pills" Spearman Drug.
1-8tp

FOR SALE: 2 good used hair dryers. Call 2813.
1-rtm

Dressed quail 1-75. 659-2309.
2-6tp

Turquoise jewelry for sale. Nice selection, Mae Hargis, 659-2317.
1-rtm

FOR SALE: Beautiful personalized Christmas stockings for children and pets and pet stocking stuffers. Carmon's Canine Clip-Joint, 118 N. James, 659-2105. Phone orders taken anytime.
4S-4tc

FIREWOOD FOR SALE: Call Tim Barkley, 733-2300. Will deliver and stack.
4S-3tc

PRE-CHRISTMAS SPECIAL Large assortment of new 8-track tapes, \$2.99 each. Riley Brothers, Gruver
4S-4tc

WANTED

WANTED: Experienced Pivot sprinkler salesman to sell in Bailey, Parmer and Lamb Counties of Texas. Top commission. Nationally advertised machine. All inquiries answered. Contact P. O. Box 526, Littlefield, Texas 79339.
4-6tc

Beauty Operators Wanted: Commission or booth rental. Evenlyn's Beauty Salon, 659-2813.
41-rtm

STOREKEEPER: Needed in our Perryton Warehouse. Job requires material or parts experience, and some typing ability helpful. Applicants contact Mr. Parker at (806) 435-4051 for interview appointment.
COMMUNITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Business Opportunities

FOR SALE: Spearman Car Wash for health reasons. Call 733-2655.
42S-rtm

PART-TIME INVENTORY REPRESENTATIVE. Supplement your income; inventory cosmetics in retail stores, Spearman area. Limited monthly hours, potential for growth. Car necessary. Experience a plus. Send brief resume. NISCO, 381 Park Avenue South, New York City, N.Y. 10016
5-2tc

Card of Thanks

The Ott Weant family wishes to express their appreciation for the cards, flowers, food and also to Dr. Kleeburger and the nurses during the illness of Mr. Weant and also during the illness of Mrs. Weant.
The Ott Weant family

FOR SALE: '58 Chevie 1/2 ton pickup. 806-733-5087, Gruver.
5-1tc

Dear Santa,
My name is Meli Floyd. I am 5 years old. I have been a pretty good girl. I would like to have a birthday doll and a Hush Lil Baby doll. I would also like a stuffed bear and a picture of a snow man.
Thank you,
Meli

Dear Santa,
My name is Monte, I'm in the second grade and I would like a green machine, walkie-talkie and a nerf football. Thank-you for being so nice to me last Christmas.
Love,
Monte Beck

Dear Santa,
My name is Brooks, I have 3 brothers. We have been good boys. I would like a red tractor with two wheels on each side, with a loader on it, also a nerf football. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Brooks Beck

Dear Santa,
I want lone Ranger and Silver.
Timmy Yarbrough

Dear Santa
How are you. Hows the gifts Santa. I love you Thank you. Santa you're my best friend.
From Julie
Thank you

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a Green Machine. I would like a big bike. I would like a football field. I would like to have a Christmas books.
Love Santa Claus
Danny



Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would Like a Babyalive Center, and a ice cream cone maker. Me and my family love you very much and your a lot of help to us.
Love,
Crista

Dear Santa Claus
For Christmas I would like a skate board, and a Six Million Dollar Man and a Bionic Woman, a little couch for my Playhouse, a yellow bean bag with Donald Duck.
Love,
Carrie Ann Guthrie

Dear Santa Claus
For Christmas I would like a live-like Baby and a hug-a-by Baby. Miss Beasley, fun time oven, snow Boots, and Barby. I Love you Santa Claus.
From,
Tammy Shields

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a Hush little baby I have been good and so has my sister and brother my mother and Dad.
Love,
Cayla

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a dog, a Barby, a 7-up Machine, a Easy-Bake oven, a pom-poms, a Ballerina, a Barby. My Mom would like a sweatshirt. My Dad would like a gun. A rindStone Center.
Love,
Terri Stewart

Dear Santa Claus
For Christmas I would like a Bionic Woman, and a Sweet Dream doll, and a Ice Crem Cone Maker and a Skate board.
Love,
Shari

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a watch for Christmas and that is all.
Your friend,
Vicci Elbert

Dear Santa Claus,
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Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a rock tumbler.
Love,
Wayne

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a stocking and a doll.
Love,
Tammie

FPC To Offer Night Classes

Frank Phillips College will offer, in the spring semester, three academic credit evening courses, which have formerly been offered only to day students.

Introduction to Economics (Bus. 193) will be taught by Richard Lundy, vice president of First National Bank in Borger. The course will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20. Prerequisite: None.

Introduction to Business (Bus. 173) will be taught by Warren Alfred, personnel director for J. M. Huber Co. Classes will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20. Prerequisite: None.

Retail Management (Bus. 273) will be taught by Coley Donaldson, manager of Borger Chamber of Commerce, with classes set to begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20. Prerequisite: Principles of Marketing.

Enrollment date for the three courses is January 13. Persons wishing to have further information may contact the office of Andy Hicks at the college.

Columnist To Speak At Coin, Stamp Meet

BORGER--Lowell McKown, who writes a coin column for the Amarillo Sunday News-Globe, will speak at the Dec. 20 meeting of the Hutchinson County Stamp and Coin Club. The meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m. in Opportunities Center, 930 Illinois, Borger.

"Coin Investment Tips" will be McKown's topic. McKown, born in Memphis, is a 1970 graduate of West Texas State University and

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received his master's degree in English from the University in 1975.
He is copy editor of the Amarillo Daily News and writes the Legal Tender column for the Sunday paper. He is a member of the Amarillo Coin Club and specializes in the collection of barber dimes. After the program, the new-ly-organized club will hold a mini-auction and trade session.
Charter memberships are available to the first 50 collectors who join the club. Dues are \$2 a year for adults and \$1 for students through high school. Dues may be paid to Mrs. Ruth Powers, 409 Houston, Borger, Tex. 79007.

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County Agent News

Repairing worn irrigation pumps is a profitable move, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture researchers.

Research on a well at Texas A&M University Research Field at Etter proved this beyond a doubt. Having pumps in good repair was good business before high priced energy, but is now a necessity say Dr. Arland Schneider, Agricultural Research Service Engineer, and Dr. John Shipley, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Economist, from the USDA Research Center at Bushland. They carefully measured pump efficiency and cost and found that replacing a worn-out pump bowl assembly decreased electricity cost from \$22.48 to \$15.69 per acre-foot. Calculations showed that reduced electricity cost will pay for the repairs in the 1977 pumping season.

The old pump at the Etter Research Field was installed in 1964 and pumped 1,000 gallons per minute until 1972. Then it started pumping erratically and dropped to 500 gallons per minute by 1976, according to Dr. Shipley.

That was not enough water to carry out experiments at the Research Field. Rather than just change the pump, Shipley took the problem to Dr. Schneider. They decided to do a thorough study on the pump to determine both energy cost and efficiency of operation. With good information in hand, the scientists could then

calculate the profitability of making repairs.

The worn-out pump produced 500 gallons per minute, and lifted water 290 feet, but the pump operated at only 49 percent efficiency. Installing the new pump bowl assembly increased the pumping rate to 750 gallons per minute. With a higher pumping rate, draw-down increased and total lift was 325 feet. Under these conditions, pumping efficiency was increased to 79 percent.

Repairs cost \$3,228.00, but the scientists figured that repayment would take only 143 days of pumping. "High Plains farmers irrigating both wheat and sorghum pump more than this in one season," Dr. Shipley said.

The researchers point out that water cost can be calculated rather easily. Pumping rate, energy consumption, and energy cost must be known or determined. Accurate pumping rates can be measured with an inline propeller-type meter. Water meters can be equipped with quick couplers and placed anywhere in a surface irrigation pipe. The meter records the number of gallons of water passing through the pipe. Keeping records for one hour gives an accurate output for a well. "A meter costs about \$400.00 but would be a good investment," Dr. Schneider says. "Knowing the amount of water being applied to crops is just good business," he continued.

Keeping track of natural gas or electrical energy use for at least 2 hours on company meters gives an accurate measure of energy consumption.

The cost of fuel or electricity must be known also. An acre-inch of water is 27,000 gallons. With these figures in hand, a little arithmetic gives the cost of an acre-foot of water.

The following calculations were made by Schneider and Shipley before repairing the well at Etter. It took 64.9 kilowatt hours of electricity to run the pump one hour. Electricity cost 3.2 cents per kilowatt hour. Multiplying the two figures gives a pumping cost of \$2.07 per hour. At 500 gallons per minute, the well produced 30,000 gallons an hour. Dividing 27,000 into 30,000 gallons shows that the well pumps 1.11 acre-inches per hour. Water cost per acre-inch is \$2.07 divided by 1.11 or \$1.87. Multiplying \$1.87 by 12 shows that cost per acre-foot of water is \$22.44.

Calculating pump efficiency is more complicated and the two scientists suggest obtaining outside help. Reputable pump repairmen can calculate efficiencies and suggest proper pumps for each motor and well. Pumping efficiency is related to electricity use, pumping rate, and total dynamic head. The latter is the sum of water lift and any pressure required to move water above ground. High pressure is needed to run sprinkler systems. Water lift or pumping depth is measured with an electric water level probe costing about \$100.00.

Scientists remind farmers that properly operating pumps can make the difference between profit and loss. It takes 2 acre-feet of water to produce about 7,500 pounds of sorghum. They figure that paying \$30.00 for energy to pump the water is a lot better than paying \$45.00.

city System, it features more than 30 pages of recipes and suggestions.

It's available from Agricultural Communications, College Station, Texas 77843 for 35 cents. Title of this publication is "Christmas Time at Home", B-254. We also have several of these bulletins in the local County Extension office.

For a sample of the recipes in the pamphlet, try Party Cheese Ball.

2 8-oz. packages cream cheese, 1 8-oz. package cheddar cheese, grated, 1 T. chopped pimento, 1 T. green pepper (chopped), 1 tsp. finely chopped onion, 1 tsp. lemon juice, 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce, dash of cayenne pepper, dash of salt, pecans, finely chopped.

Cream the cream cheese, add the grated cheese and mix until well blended. Add other ingredients and mix well. Shape into a ball; roll into finely chopped pecans. Wrap and chill for 24 hours in refrigerator.

Worried about those last minute gifts and special someone who have everything? What would be more welcome than sweetmeats from the kitchen gaily wrapped and tied with Christmas ribbon?

One-pound fruit cakes and larger, decorated with candied fruits and nuts, and wrapped in cellophane are beautiful and most acceptable. A box of homemade jams, preserves or jellies put up in uniform jars and wrapped in holiday attire would be hard to resist. Fill a clever cookie jar with luscious homemade cookies—decorated or plain.

Pack cookies in decorative tins or gaily wrapped boxes. They will be gratefully enjoyed throughout the yuletide season.

Homemade candies always make a hit. Make them several days ahead of time and pack in tin boxes.

Bottles of homemade salad dressing are another idea for Christmas giving.

If you have a pressure canner, can fruit cakes; then wrap cans and label.

Gala popcorn balls or popcorn and peanuts wrapped in colored cellophane and tied with bright ribbon are good gifts for children.

Other ideas for Christmas gifts are wooden bowls with Texas pecans and a nutcracker; a Mexican basket filled with colorful fruits and home-



Auctioneer Ed Dear is shown here with some of the Christmas articles made by the Girl Scouts of Spearman. The auction was held at the Christmas banquet Saturday night.

made sandwich spreads in little pottery jars. Canned chicken or other meats on your pantry shelf would make a lovely gift.

Jams, jellies, cakes, pies or

whatever you decide to give from your kitchen will always be appreciated, and you'll be remembered for a gift with its personal touch.

For residents of Hansford County, the tax load was approximately \$570 per capita.

Elsewhere in the State of Texas, it was \$515, or \$48 more than it was the year before. In the West South Central States it was \$490.

The figures are based upon state-by-state studies made by the Commerce Clearing House and others, utilizing data obtained from the Department of Commerce.

The finding is that it takes more money than ever before to operate the various state, county and municipal governments and provide people with adequate police protection, education, sanitation, roads, health services and the like.

As a result, according to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, state and local taxes have been

rising sharply. In some communities they have more than doubled in the past ten years.

The big increases in certain sections of the country are attributed chiefly to heavy welfare outlays in their areas and to the inflated cost of materials, equipment and labor.

In all, taxes in the amount of \$141 billion were collected by state and local governments in the past year. This compares with \$68 billion in 1968.

The Commerce Clearing House reports that there are now 32 states in the "billionaires" club, consisting of those that collected at least \$1 billion in 1975.

In Hansford County, state and local taxes reached an estimated total of \$3,534,000 in the year.

Local Tax Burden Per Capita

NEW YORK--With state and local taxes on the rise in nearly every part of the country, to what extent are residents of Hansford County affected?

Are they paying more or less than people in other areas for local government services?

According to the latest find-

ings, except for those living in the State of Maine, everyone is having to dig deeper than before to meet the rising cost of such services.

For Americans as a whole, the cost of state and local government operations averaged \$664 per capita in fiscal 1975, an increase of \$46 over the previous year.

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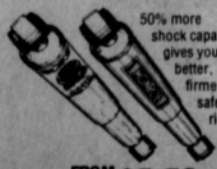
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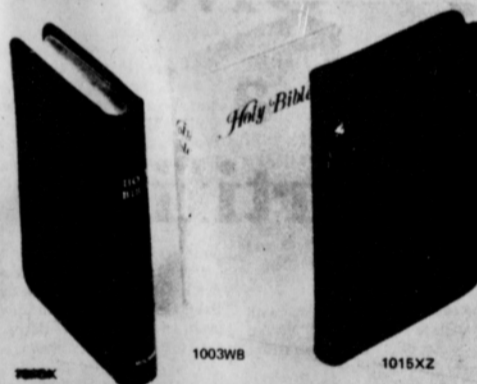
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seems that an early bird charitably used its wings to fan the fire that kept the Christ Child warm as he lay in his manger. The glowing heat of the flames reddened the robin's breast, and it stayed that way forever after.

Though we've borrowed so much seasonal regalia from other lands, some of the world's most colorful customs have yet to be imported here. A shining example is the Mexican *posada*, held on each of the eight nights prior to Christmas Eve. Carrying candles and figurines of Mary and Joseph, members of a family go from door to door seeking entry. Turned away by each of their neighbors, they're admitted to the last house on their route, where they enter and sing their thanks. Next night a different family goes forth, and so on, until the cycle is completed.

Some Yuletide ideas, however, are better left abroad. We'd hate to follow the lead of the British Parliament that banned Christmas altogether. It happened in 1644. When Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan followers came to power they looked askance at the gay and noisy celebration that had become a Christmas custom. One traditional item that particularly incensed them was the Yule log, a huge tree that was burned throughout the holiday. It had been the focus of seasonal revelry since the pagan sun-worshipping rites of ancient Britain, which had also taken place in late December. That was enough for Cromwell, who banned the whole Christmas celebration as "immoral sun-worshippe."

There's no telling how dour and sour old Oliver would have reacted to our modern Christmas, with its blazing glory of Yule lights strung above the main thoroughfares of most American towns. In New York, for example, a three-mile row of lighted Christmas trees — right down the center of Park Avenue — traditionally leads to a huge cross of lighted windows high in a towering skyscraper. And traditional, too, is the mammoth tree in New York's Rockefeller Plaza, towering at least 64 feet above the admiring crowds and illuminated by more than 3,000 electric outdoor Christmas lights.

This Christmas America should be shining from one end of the land to the other — shining with hope and joy and the traditional decorative lights!

Another source of Christmas light illuminates this old French legend, a child-pleasing explanation of how the robin got its gaudy chest. It

Dear Editor:

First of all, please set this letter up as an ad, and I'll pay for the space--I imposed on you more than I should have for free space last summer.

The Commissioner's Court has now called an election for January 15, I understand, in response to a petition filed with them last May, to permit us to decide on whether we want to elect the members of the County Hospital Board, or to continue to have the Commissioners appoint them.

Representatives of the Commissioner's Court met recently with the Home Demonstration Clubs council, to try to enlist their support in presenting to the public "the other side of the question"--that is, that an elected board would be bad for the hospital.

The argument for this position rests basically on 2 points, I think. They are:

- 1) Although an elected board would work for a while, in a few years people would lose interest in it, and no one could be found to run for this position.
- 2) The good possibility that someone who is angry with the hospital, or with a doctor, would sign up just before the deadline to run for a position on the board, and be elected with just a few votes, due to the apathy mentioned in point 1.

The argument is also put forth that if you get someone like this on the board, you're stuck with them for 2 years, whereas if an appointed member is a "bad egg", the Commissioner's Court can remove him.

I've read the Legislative Act that created this Hospital District several times. It provides (in the case of an appointed board) for the appointment of the board members by the Commissioners Court, but it does not provide for their removal by the Court. The Court could only try to persuade such a one to resign.

I'd like to try to answer these objections, if I may. On the first one, that after a while, there'd be nobody interested enough to run for this board, I'll simply say this--I've watched these local elections for quite a while, and have noticed that, of all areas of this state this area turns out to vote better than anywhere else. An extreme example, in a school board election several years ago, over 900 people voted in the Spearman district; at the same time 1600 voted in Beaumont, a city of several hundred thousand people. I will not believe that in this county of about 4,000 adults of voting age, there will not always be at least 6 willing to serve in this capacity. I can't remember that there was ever a time when there were not people willing to run for school boards, city councils, mayors--or county commissioners, in this county. Also, election for school boards, city councils, mayors, and hospital board would all be held the first Saturday in April, and this would pretty well guarantee a turnout, as most people would be interested in at least one of these races.

I understand there is also some concern that "Spearman will elect all the hospital board". Newly elected Commissioner Renner is the best answer to that--I'll bet people will vote for whoever they think will do the best job, wherever he lives.

On the second point, that someone with "an ax to grind" will try to get on the board--that's not necessarily and always a bad thing--a situation could develop that cries out for correction, and better a sharp ax than a dull one. But there is much more a guarantee against abuse in this respect regarding the hospital board than in any other local elective office, and it's this--all that's necessary to get on the ballot to run for mayor, councilman, school board member, or county commissioner is to register with the proper authority; but to get on the hospital board ballot, one must present a petition with the names of 50 qualified voters on it--in other words, you'd have to find 50 other people interested in grinding that same ax. I expect that provision is in the law for just that reason.

I hope the Commissioner's Court is not trying to tell us "You're not competent to take care of this part of the Public Business--we need to do it for you." I'd be disappointed in it if it were.

R.C. Porter

If you want to really get that "Christmas Spirit", consider a contribution to the Girlstown Christmas Fund.

The 6th annual "Coat-and-Shoe Campaign", sponsored by the Lions Club of District 2T-1 is now underway with a goal of providing each Girlstown citizen a gift certificate of \$85, to be used for needed clothing, for Christmas. "As we have discovered in year's past, it will mark the first time for some of these girls to pick out a 'brand new' coat", said District Governor Jimmie Pigman of Dalhart.

The three Girlstown campuses at Whiteface, Berger and Austin now have 115 girls enrolled. "Any funds raised over the amount needed for the gift certificates will be presented to Girlstown", said Nolan Grady, District 2T-1 Girlstown Chairman.

The contribution appeal goes out to all residents in the Panhandle and South Plains. Your checks can be sent to: Girlstown Christmas Fund, % Spearman Lions Club, Box 183, Spearman or Girlstown Christmas Fund, Box 67, Amarillo, Tex. 79105.

Co-chairpersons for this year's drive include Caroline Newbold, Amarillo Daily News; Royce Bodiford, KGNC Radio; Ron Slover, KFDA-TV; Bedford Forrest, KVII-TV.

THE LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS

The history and meaning of Christmas have always glowed with light. The Wise Men followed the light of a star to the manger in the Holy Land, which was already ablaze with candles celebrating Chanukah, the Jewish Festival of Lights. The starry skies of a Christmas night so impressed Martin Luther that he went back home and hung candles on his Christmas tree. It was the first time, some authorities insist, that the tree was trimmed with lights. In America, Christmas lights are a time-honored

tradition and only once have they been banned — last year, to focus attention on the energy crisis. The ban has been lifted, however, and Christmas 1974 should be ablaze with lights to heighten a joyous national spirit. Strung around doorways and windows — indoors and out — and, of course, festooning the Christmas tree, will be the traditional decorative lights that make Christmas truly festive for millions of Americans. In many homes, particularly on the Atlantic seaboard, candle-shaped lights will ap-

pear at the windows on Christmas Eve. This lovely ritual, borrowed from Ireland, is intended to light the Holy Family on its way. We can thank the dazzling lights of Christmas for another seasonal bright spot, the singing of *Silent Night*. It's said that the stars and candlelight of a Christmas midnight inspired Austrian minister Joseph Mohr to write the words of the carol in 1818. His countryman and fellow cleric, Franz Gruber, set them to music. Another source of Christmas light illuminates this old French legend, a child-pleasing explanation of how the robin got its gaudy chest. It

A faucet dripping in a continuous stream wastes 100 gallons of water per day.



Area Methodists Attend Meet

Twenty-six representatives of the Gruber and Spearman Methodist Churches attended a Pampa District Conference held in Pampa recently with the theme of the meet being "Know Your Job".

Following the address for the evening and various announcements the members went to one of several workshops being offered to acquaint themselves with the responsibilities of various work areas for 1977.

Those traveling to the Pampa meet on the United Methodist bus of Spearman included Gruverites the Reverend Milton Jochetz, who chaired the

workshop on Health and Welfare for the meet; J. C. Harris; Elmo McClellan, Jr.; Mrs. Charles Haight, Mrs. Oliver Wallin; Mrs. Pat Holt; Mrs. Buddy Murrell; Mrs. Bill Logsdon; Mrs. A. W. Evans; and Mrs. Bill Maupin.

From the Spearman Methodist Church those who traveled to Pampa on the bus were Bob Meek, Gene Cudd, Jack McWhirter, Ray Glesset, Don Knox, Stan Hudson, the Reverend and Mrs. H. O. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Head. Those from Spearman attending the meet also included Mrs. Marie Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reed, Mr. and Mrs.

Dick Hudson, and Mrs. Karen Countiss.

Rotary Club News

The Spearman Rotary Club met Monday, December 13, at Martin's Steak Garden.

President, Junior Lusby presided over the meeting.

Wayne Pierce of Perryton, who is associated with the Public Schools Special Education Classes presented a slide presentation on Special Education in our schools.

Guests present were Earl Reynolds of Amarillo, Bob Darnell, Ray Gurley, and Robert Wilson, all of Borger, Wayne Pierce of Perryton, Jesse Francis, Brad Smith, Jerry Taylor and Dr. Kheen Young Son, all of Spearman.

Members present were Carrie Marie Berry, Roy Bulls, Junior Lusby, John R. Collard, Jr., Ed Garner, Bob Pearson, Don Wirsdorfer, Jack McWhirter, Don Hergert, Pete Fisher, John Hutchison, Kerry Henton, J. L. Brock, Ellzey Vanderburg, Peyton Gibner, Archie Burruss, Larry Murphy, Coy Palmer, Eddie Limbocker, Mack McCormack,

John Lynn, Jim Brown, Jim McLain, L. E. Thomas, Ed Freeman, Bob Elliott, Gary Sims, Tim Woodington, Gene Cudd, and P. A. Lyon III.

Next meeting will be Dec. 20 at Martin's Steak Garden.

Company Christmas Party Held

The Northern Natural Gas Company held their annual Family Christmas Party Friday, December 10, at the County Barn.

Harry Stumpf was the chairman of the Christmas party committee and was assisted by several ladies.

A delicious supper of turkey, ham, and all the trimmings was enjoyed by all present.

Door prizes were presented to lucky guests.

Santa arrived and presented Christmas gifts to all the children present.

Everyone enjoyed the festive meal, as well as visiting with fellow employees and their families.

Spearman Study Club Meets

The Spearman Study Club met Monday, December 6, 1976 at 421 S. Haney. The hostesses were Hester Sue Crawford and Virginia Young. Mrs. Clark Mires, the President, conducted the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. It was reported that 45 items were mailed to M. D. Anderson Hospital from things that had been collected from Spearman.

Patty Shepard gave a book review on the book, "How Far To Bethlehem", written by Norah Lofts.

Those members present were: Trudy Schneider, Virginia Young, Sharon Hamilton, Barbara Collier, Molly Turner, Dianne Martin, Patty Shepard, Hester Sue Crawford, Lois Shieldknight, Jackie Sherwood and Eulalia Mires.

The next meeting will be January 6 with Eulalia Mires and Sharon Hamilton serving as hostesses.

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Our Heritage of Faith... notes from Faith Lutheran Church

The Christmas Program at Faith will be presented by the Sunday School this Sunday, December 19th, at 6 p.m. The final rehearsal will be during Sunday School that same day. Due to the efforts of the Sunday School students and several members of the congregation, the program has progressed quite well and should be a good one. With the help of the children, you will have a chance to more clearly visualize the good news of the old, magnificently beautiful Christmas story. Everyone is invited to share in this event.

The candlelight communion service on Christmas Eve will begin at 9:30 p.m. What an appropriate, meaningful and gracious way of touching the true meaning of Christmas—by communing with our Lord Himself.

The members of Faith bade a fond farewell this past Sunday to two of its charter members, Ruth and Jodie Knuson. A farewell pot luck dinner was held at noon at which time they were presented with a handsome book. A more personal touch was added to the gift by many members signing their names on the inside cover of the book. We wish Jodie and Ruth all happiness and blessings in their new home in Whitney, Texas.

A question: Where and on what are you spending most of your time, energy and money on this Christmas season? And if you sat down and made a list of all these things that time, effort, and money are being spent on, would your church family make the list? Do we center our Christmas celebration in our home and church or in the department stores and with Santa Claus?

If you have no home church or would like to visit, we invite you to join us at Faith. Sunday Morning Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. and the Sunday School Hour begins at 10:30 a.m.

Hospital Auxiliary Meeting Held

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary met Thursday, December 9, in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church for a salad luncheon.

Following the luncheon, Christmas decorations were assembled and taken to the hospital for placement.

A beautiful Christmas tree greets the patients and visitors.

The bulletin board in the lobby is ready for names of those using the Operation Christmas Greetings. This program has been in effect for three years and has enabled the Auxiliary to purchase needed equipment for the O.B. Room and for other necessities. Anyone wishing to help with this may do so by sending the amount of money usually spent for Christmas cards in care of Mrs. Helen Etter, Box 1045, Spearman or Ruth Crawford, Box 399, Gruber. List your names the way you wish them to appear and your greeting will be placed on the bulletin board, as well as the Spearman and Gruber papers.

During this Christmas season, all babies are sent home in a large Santa's stocking and cute card holders are given to each patient during this season.

Those present for the luncheon and decorating the hospital were Mrs. C. A. Kleeberger, Mary Cornelius, Rosa Lee

Butt, Clemmentine Renner, Dolly McWhirter, Doris Ellison, Elsie Mathews, Mary Brown, Edith Smith, Peggy Ellsworth, Gayle Smith, Judy Nelson, Hazle Stumpf, Buena Lyon, Virginia Trindle and Gertrude Jones.

United Presbyterian Church News

Lay Renewal Prayer Group will meet Thursday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Copeland.

There will be a Birthday Party for Jesus at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 19 at 9:45 a.m.

"Three Trees" will be the subject of Pastor Ed Freeman's children's sermon and "Mary's Visit to Elizabeth" will be the subject of his adult sermon at the service for the public worship of God at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 19. The choir will sing two numbers, "Ah, Dearest Jesus, Holy Child" and "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly".

The children's Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m. This will be followed by a family pot-luck supper.

Persons without a church home are invited and encouraged to find the Christ who came the first Christmas and who dwells in the hearts of all believers at the warm friendly services and activities of the First Presbyterian Church.

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LB.

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SKINLESS FRANKS

13-OZ. PKG. **58^c**

WILSON'S HICKORY SMOKED

Sliced Bacon..... 5-LB. PKG. 1-LB. \$1.29

WILSON'S, CHUNK

Braunschweiger..... LB. **89^c**

BAR-S... MEAT OR BEEF

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Pork Sausage..... 12-OZ. **99^c**

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LB.

OSCAR MAYER... MEAT, BEEF OR SQUARE

Sliced Bologna..... 5-OZ. **79^c**

BAR-S... MEAT OR BEEF

Sliced Bologna..... 12-OZ. **89^c**

OSCAR MAYER... MEAT OR BEEF

Skinless Franks..... 1-LB. **\$1.39**

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WHOLE... 14 to 17-LB. AVERAGE... LB. **\$1.48**

CENTER CUT

Pork Loin **\$1.39**

Roast..... LB. **79^c**

HICKORY SMOKED... SLAB CUT

Sliced Bacon..... BULK PACK **79^c**

WILSON'S HICKORY SMOKED

Sliced Bacon..... 5-LB. PKG. 1-LB. \$1.29

WILSON'S, CHUNK

Braunschweiger..... LB. 89^c

BAR-S... MEAT OR BEEF

Skinless Franks..... 12-OZ. PKG. 58^c

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18-OZ. BOX **58^c**

Marshmallow Creme

7-OZ. JAR **38^c**

White Syrup

12-OZ. BTL. **68^c**

Angel Flake Coconut

14-OZ. PKG. **96^c**

Dream Whip

1-OZ. BOX **\$1.35**

Instant Pudding

3 1/2-OZ. BOX **29^c**

Raw Peanuts

39^c

Pumpkin

16-OZ. CAN **26^c**

Pear Halves

16-OZ. CAN **38^c**

Pineapple

15 1/2-OZ. CAN **38^c**

Fruit Cocktail

16-OZ. CAN **38^c**

Marshmallows

3 18 1/2-OZ. PKGS. **\$1**

Bath Tissue

6-ROLL PKG. **68^c**

Pure Vanilla

1/2-OZ. PKG. **\$1.35**

Vanilla Wafers

12-OZ. PKG. **55^c**

Crackers

12-OZ. CAN **69^c**

Jell-O Gelatin

5 3-OZ. BOXES **85^c**

Choc. Quik

3-LB. CTN. **\$1.68**

Pecan Pices

5-OZ. PKG. **98^c**

Ripe Olives

15-OZ. CAN **43^c**

Foil Wrap

15-FT. ROLL **64^c**

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Those present for the luncheon and decorating the hospital were Mrs. C. A. Kleeberger, Mary Cornelius, Rosa Lee

Twentieth Century Club News

The Twentieth Century Club held their annual Christmas party Thursday, December 9, in the home of Mrs. John Brown.

Mrs. J. R. Stump gave a short report on the accomplishments of the Federated Women's Clubs.

A Christmas party, story, and song was then presented. A narration read by Mrs. Terry Curtis described the legends our Christmas traditions are founded upon. Mrs. Tom Sutton and Mrs. Tommy Russell led the group in the singing of carols during intervals in the narrative.

Gifts were then exchanged. Hostesses, Mrs. John Brown and Mrs. Harold Shaver served delicious nut bread, punch and coffee to members, Mmes. Wayne Hutchison, C. A. Kleeberger, Woodville Jarvis, P. A. Lyon, Claude Newell, Coy Palmer, C. U. Pope, Tommy Russell, D. E. Spoonmore, L. L. Anthony, Cecil Biggers, John Bishop, Deta Blodgett, George Buzzard, Terry Curtis, Frank Davis, Ed

Garner, Fred Holt, O. C. Holt, J. R. Stump, Tom Sutton, and John Trindle.

Next meeting will be January 13 in the home of Mrs. Deta Blodgett.

HD Club News

The Town & Country Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday, December 7, in the home of Mrs. Charles Beck with Mrs. Johnny Crawford as hostess.

A delicious pot luck luncheon and gift exchange was enjoyed by all.

New officers for 1977 were installed by Home Demonstration Agent, Peggy Marrs. New officers are: President-Mrs. Bobby Everson; Vice President-Mrs. Dan Ralston; Secretary-Mrs. Richard Pipkin; Treasurer-Mrs. Tim Barkley; and Council Delegate-Mrs. Bob Pearson.

Those present were Mmes. Kerry Henton, Terry Slaughter, Dan Ralston, Jerry Holton, Phillip Renner, Jerry Hayes, Carl Kunselman, Bobby Everson, Darl Hergert,

Cecil Biggers, Gary Taylor, Tim Barkley, Doug Holmes, Bob Pearson, Richard Pipkin, Kyle King, Johnny Crawford, and Chester Martin.

Next meeting will be January 4 with Mrs. Doug Holmes as hostess.

Bowling News

Wednesday Mixed Doubles 12-8-76

	Won	Lost
Wardrobe Cleaners	32	16
Bowl Mor Lanes	32	16
Doug Outs	29	19
Panhandle Eastern	25	23
Cates Men & Boys	22	26
Ideal	19	29
Hansford Implement	18	30
Wy Tex	18	30

TEAM SERIES

Wardrobe Cleaners	2258
Hansford Implement	2255
Doug Outs	2245

MEN SERIES

Tommy Reger (Sub)	541
Oscar Donnell	533
Jim Nicholson	522

WOMEN SERIES

Georgeanna W. (Sub)	461
Pat Donnell	434
Nan Nicholson	430

TEAM HIGH GAME

Doug Outs	825
Wy Tex	784

Bowl Mor	773
MEN HIGH GAME	
Rodney Sims	206
Cecil Reynolds	205
Harry Stumpf (Sub)	205
WOMEN HIGH GAME	
Georgeanna W. (Sub)	187
Sharon Mauk	184
Monia Driscoll	174

Bridge Club

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clark hosted their bridge club Monday, December 13.

A delicious supper and gift exchange was enjoyed by all present.

High score was held by Mr. and Mrs. Cliff McGarraugh, low was held by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Greene and the traveling prize was won by Edwin Peary.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff McGarraugh, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Peary, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Godfrey, and hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clark.

Next meeting will be Jan. 15 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Flowers.

Stinnett Kiwanis To Serve Chili

The Stinnett Kiwanis Club will be serving a chili dinner from 12 noon until 8 p.m. Saturday, December 18, at the City Hall in Stinnett.

The cost is \$1.00 per person. Members of the Kiwanis Club cordially invite everyone to come and eat with them Saturday.

Senior Citizen Christmas Party

The area Home Demonstration Clubs hosted the annual Christmas party for Senior Citizens of Hansford County Tuesday night, December 7, at the Home Demonstration Club Room.

Mrs. Fontella McKee was chairman of the planning committee for the Christmas party.

Mrs. Jim Brown was accompanied by Mrs. James Dunning as she led the group in singing Christmas carols.

Santa Claus appeared and presented each guest with a gift.

Refreshments of cookies, sandwiches, punch and coffee were served.

Following this, games of dominoes, '42', and cards were played and visiting was enjoyed by the fifty-seven guests present.

Chorale To Present "Snow White"

On Tuesday, December 21, the High School Choral will present Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs for the elementary children. The queen will be played by Lonetta Greene; Princess (Snow White)-Elaine Reimer; Huntsmen-Brent Biles and Jimmy Vernon; Prince-Stinson Gibner; and Narrator is Chris Bodey. The Seven Dwarfs are Doc-Kelly Trout; Happy-Ray Ortega; Sleepy-Sabre McCoy; Grumpy-Mac Bingham; Dopey-Ed Pogue; Sneezy-Mike Messer; and Bashful-Kelly Rylant.

Club Has Christmas Party

The Spearhead Breakers CB Club held their Christmas party December 4 at the County Barn for members and guests.

A lovely supper was prepared by the members and enjoyed by all.

A gag gift exchange was held among the grown-ups and Mule Skinner received the most useful gift.

The young people had a gift exchange and Santa Claus was on hand to visit with the children and hand out their gifts.

The Club wishes to thank Entertainment Chairman, Gypsy Rose and her helpers for making it a nice evening for all.

A special meeting will be held on Thursday, January 6, and new officers will be elected.

Anyone wishing to join can do so at this time.

Gifts For Hospital Patients

Dorothy Quinn is getting ready to send things to the state hospital at Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Quinn has been collecting gifts, etc. for the hospital for the past several years.

Anyone wishing to contribute items such as lipstick, creams of all kinds, lotions, rollers, combs, brushes, nail polish, house shoes, makeup, jewelry, night clothes, coats, shoes, robes, bras, panties, perfumes, cologne may take them to Mrs. Quinn's home at 312 S. Hazelwood.

Patients who may walk on the grounds especially need coats and sweaters.

The deadline for gathering the items will be Dec. 18. Due to the cost of gas, these are going to be sent by freight this year.

Hospital News

Patients in Hansford Hospital are Reba Phillips, Ollie Harbour, Lee McDake and son, Nell Cummings, Cecil Nelson, Virus Wilbanks, Linda Umphress, Lawrence Wilbanks and Maynor Stockstill.

Dismissed were Terry Burke, Chester Mitts, Tony Woodriddle and daughter, Ed Wheeler and Helen Condo.

Gladiola Flower Club Met

The Gladiola Flower Club held their Christmas Party Wednesday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Lloyd Buzzard.

A delicious Mexican Christmas supper and gift exchange was enjoyed by all present.

New officers for 1977 were installed by Mrs. Gordon Cummings. Officers are: President-Mrs. Ray Martin; Vice President-Mrs. Claude Newell; Secretary-Mrs. Wallace Berner; Treasurer-Mrs. M. D. McLaughlin; Historian-Mrs. Bill Jackson and Park Chairman-Mrs. Garland Head.

Those present were Mmes. Clois Baker, Wallace Berner, John Brown, Lloyd Buzzard, Gordon Cummings, Irvin Davis, Kenneth Evans, Ed Garner, Garland Head, Doyle Jackson, Ray Martin, Claude Newell, Coy Palmer, Tommy Reger, Tom Sutton and Don Kunselman.

All Region Concert Held

The All-Region Choir Concert was held on December 10 and 11 at Amarillo High School. The All-area tryouts were held also and the student qualifying here also try out for the All-State Choir in Midland January 8. Those representing Spearman are Brent Biles and Stinson Gibner. If they qualify this last time, they will perform with the All-State Choir at the T.M.E.A. (Texas Music Educators Association) in February in San Antonio. They tryout against students from all the schools representing the Panhandle and West Texas areas.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Golden Spread Center Club, an organization for citizens who are 55 years of age or older, without discrimination as to race, creed, sex, marital status, or ethnic origin, will have their Christmas party on Thursday, December 16. The party will begin with a pot-luck dinner at 6:00 p.m. Baker & Taylor Women are to be the hostesses.

Dorothy Fae Baggerly will furnish Christmas music throughout the dinner hour. Following the dinner there will be table games.

Anyone needing transportation, may call any of the following telephone numbers 3495, 2478, 2246, 2059, or 3340.

Arts & Crafts Guild News

The Arts & Crafts Guild met Friday, December 10 in the home of Mrs. Joe Trayler.

Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Trayler to members, Mmes. Clay Gibner, Nolan Holt, Ned Turner, Bill Gandy, P. A. Lyon, W. L. Russell, Guy Fuller, F. J. Hoskins, Bruce Sheets and Pope Gibner.

The Christmas Party will be held December 17 at 3:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Nolan Holt with Mrs. Joe Trayler and Mrs. F. J. Daily as co-hostesses.

Hansford Lodge Meets

Hansford Lodge #1040 A.F. & A.M. met Monday, Dec. 13, in the Hansford Lodge Hall.

George Young, Worshipful

Master presided over the meeting.

Routine business was conducted.

Host, Jack Whitson served refreshments of hot dogs, ice cream and cake to ten members in attendance.



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69¢

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TROPICANA, FLORIDA Orange Juice

59¢

QUART BTL.



BUNNY POP, WHITE OR YELLOW Popcorn

49¢

2-LB. PKG.

O'Hair At It Again

Madalyn Murray O'Hair, Austin, nationally-known atheist, has secured 27,000 signatures on a petition to present to the Federal Communications Commission.

The petition seeks "to pave the way to eliminate gospel broadcasts from television and radio."

Mrs. O'Hair has been granted a hearing.

Persons interested in protesting this action, which is of benefit in the lives of elderly persons and shut-ins, are encouraged to write to Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

Each letter regarding Mrs. O'Hair's petition is to be marked, on the left lower corner of the envelope, Petition No. RM2493.

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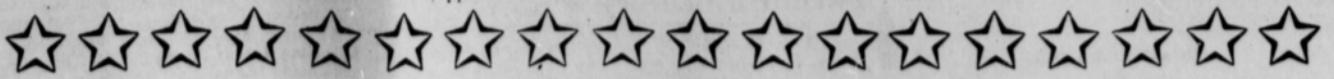
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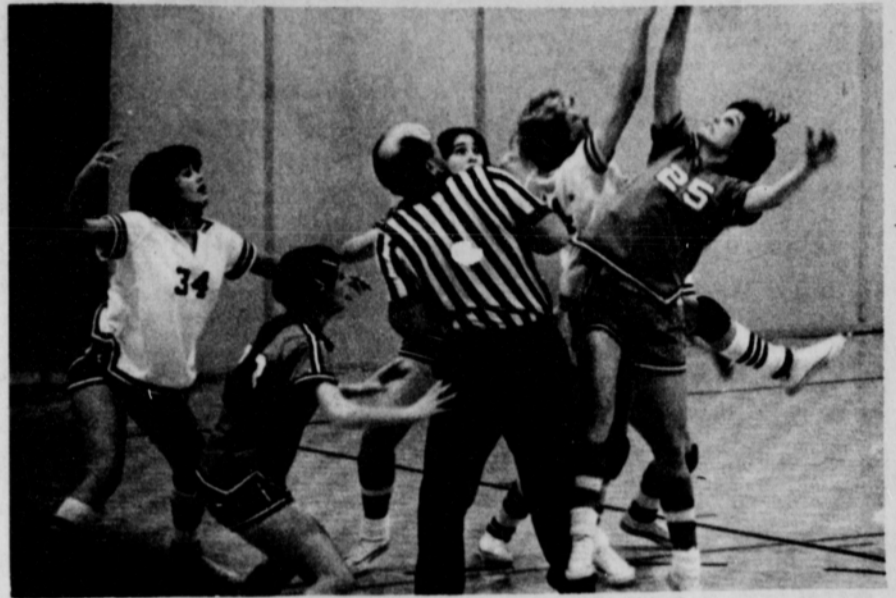
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upon finishing
second .



Dec. 17	Hartley	A & B Boys & Girls	T	4:00
Dec. 20	Hardesty	B Girls & Boys	T	4:00
		A Girls & Boys		
Dec. 27, 28, 29	American Legion Tournament	A Boys	Amarillo	
Dec. 27, 28, 29	Duncanville Tournament	A Girls	Duncanville	
Jan. 4	*River Road	B Girls & Boys	H	4:00
		A Girls & Boys		
Jan. 6	Fritch B-Team Tournament	B Girls & Boys		

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The First Year Girl Scouts Troop 101 presented the color guard at the recent Girl Scout Banquet....

Girl Scout News

Brownie Troop #101 met Wednesday, December 8, in the Girl Scout House with leaders, Mrs. Tim York, Mrs. Phillip Stumpf and Mrs. Jimmy McLeod.

The girls worked on their Brownie Promise and the Flag Ceremony and sang a song.

Refreshments were served by Elizabeth Sumner and Melissa McLain to members, Tammy Shields, Christa Urban, Cayla Eaton, Sherry Sexton, Pam Stumpf, Dawn York, April Abston, Jana Pittman, Rhonda Mathews, Tammie Hogan, Terri Stewart, Kim

Jenkins, Heidi Sims, Sandi McLeod, Stacie Swan, Lani Merrill, and Kimberly Branstetter.

Next meeting will be Dec. 15 in the Scout House.

The Blue Monday Bridge Club held their Christmas party Monday, December 13, in the home of Mrs. Deta Blodgett.

High score was won by Mrs. Bill Gandy.

Delicious cakes, cobbler, candy, snacks and dips were enjoyed by members, Mmes. Gwennifer Lackey, Vester Hill, Sam Graves, L. S. McLain, F. J. Daily, Bill Gandy, Pope Gibner and hostess, Deta Blodgett.

Mrs. F. J. Daily will host the next meeting in January.

Junior Troop #76 met Monday, December 13, in the girl Scout House with leaders, Mrs. Kyle King and Mrs. Larry Evans.

The girls started working on their parents' Christmas gifts.

Nuts and nut money was gathered and ends the nut sales for the season.

Plans were made for the troop Christmas party to be next week. Names were drawn for a gift exchange.

Discussion was held on the Christmas banquet last Saturday and the troop made \$137 on the sale of their plaques.

Plans were discussed for the rest of the year.

Refreshments were served by Yvonda Scroggs to members, Beckey Evans, LaTonia Phelps, Penny Cummings and Teri Thomas.

Next meeting will be Dec. 20

at the Scout House for the party.

FHA NEWS

Kyle Beedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Beedy was elected Beau of the Little Sister Chapter of F.H.A. Kyle participates in football, basketball, and is a member of F.H.A. Kyle was also elected Freshman Class Favorite.

WEATHER

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
DECEMBER 7	56	13	.02
DECEMBER 8	53	23	
DECEMBER 9	68	34	
DECEMBER 10	49	28	
DECEMBER 11	58	20	
DECEMBER 12	55	23	
DECEMBER 13	56	20	

Hornsby Gets Japan Duty

JAPAN, Ryukyu Islands - U.S. Air Force Sergeant Larry J. Hornsby, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hornsby of 1002 S. Evans St., Spearman, Texas, has arrived for duty at Kadena AB, Japan.

Sergeant Hornsby, a weapons mechanic with a unit of the Pacific Air Forces, previously served at MacDill AFB, Fla.

The sergeant is a 1973 graduate of Spearman High School.

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FHA Plans Bake Sale

On Saturday, December 18, the Spearman High School F.H.A. chapters will have a Bake Sale at Gordons Drug from 9:00 till 3:00. They will have Christmas candies, pies, cakes, cookies, and breads.

Come out and support F.H.A. and also save yourself some time.



The bristlecone pines growing in California's White Mountains are estimated to be more than 4,600 years old, making them the oldest living trees in the world.

Social Security Schedule

A field representative of the Social Security Administration will be in Spearman on the 2nd and 4th Thursday during January, February, and March. The 2nd Thursday of each month he will be at the Court-house from 10 to 11:30 and on the 4th Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30. The dates of the visits are January 13, 27; February 10, 24 and March 10 and 24.

He will help you on any matters relating to social security, supplemental security income or Medicare. You may also obtain service by going to

Boy & Girl Of The Month



Karen Tope

Gregory Price

Outstanding students in Spearman High School selected as Boy and Girl of the Month for November by the Spearman Study Club are Gregory Price and Karen Tope.

Karen is the daughter of Mrs. Avo Tope.

She has been a member of the Lynx Band for four years and is currently serving as Historian. She qualified for State Solo and Ensemble Contest 1975-76. She is a member of All-Region Band, 1976-77.

She has been a member of the National Honor Society her Junior and Senior Years and is currently serving as Secretary. This year she was selected to Who's Who.

Her Freshman and Sophomore years she participated in F.H.A. and competed in the U.L.L. Spelling.

Karen is currently employed at TG&Y Family Center. She plans to attend West Texas State University in the fall.

Gregory Price is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Price.

He received an Algebra I Award his Freshman year, was a member of the one-act play cast his sophomore year, and won an honorable mention in District I.H.A. One-Act Play cast, 1975-76.

He participated in football all four years, in track all four years and in basketball his Freshman and Sophomore years.

He is a member of the Speech and Drama Club, the Fellowship of Christian Ath-

letes, F.H.A. and the National Honor Society.

Gregory was selected as the F.H.A. Big Sisters Chapter Beau for 1976-77.

Gregory works at the Ideal Food Store part-time and plans to attend college next year.

Watson Assigned To Ft. Hood

Ft. Hood, Tex. (AHTNC) Dec. 3 - Army Sergeant William W. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Seitz, 218 S. Snyder, Spearman, Texas, recently was assigned as a supply sergeant with the 1st Cavalry Division, Ft. Hood, Texas.

"He that can endure all can dare all." Vauvenargues

Band & Choir To Present Christmas Concert

On December 21 the Choral will present its Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m., which will include new and old carols of Christmas. They will also do combined numbers with the S.H.S. Band which will share the program with the Choir. This will be a first presentation

by the combined music departments. Tickets are \$1.00 for everyone in advance and \$1.50 at the door. Tickets may be bought from any Choral or Band member.

This is something for the whole family to come and enjoy.

CROSSWALK PATROL SCHEDULE

MONDAY	
Morn. - Linda Beeson	After. - Betty Morrison
TUESDAY	
Morn. - Coy Kingsley	After. - Vickie Hargrove
WEDNESDAY	
Morn. - Helen Martin	After. - Shirley Messer
THURSDAY	
Morn. - Deb Gilbreath	After. - Frances Garrison
FRIDAY	
Morn. - Sharon Swan	After. - Charlotte Jackson

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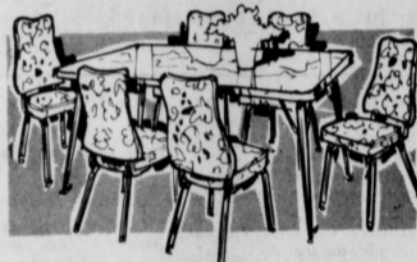
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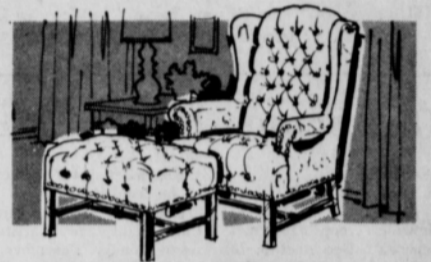
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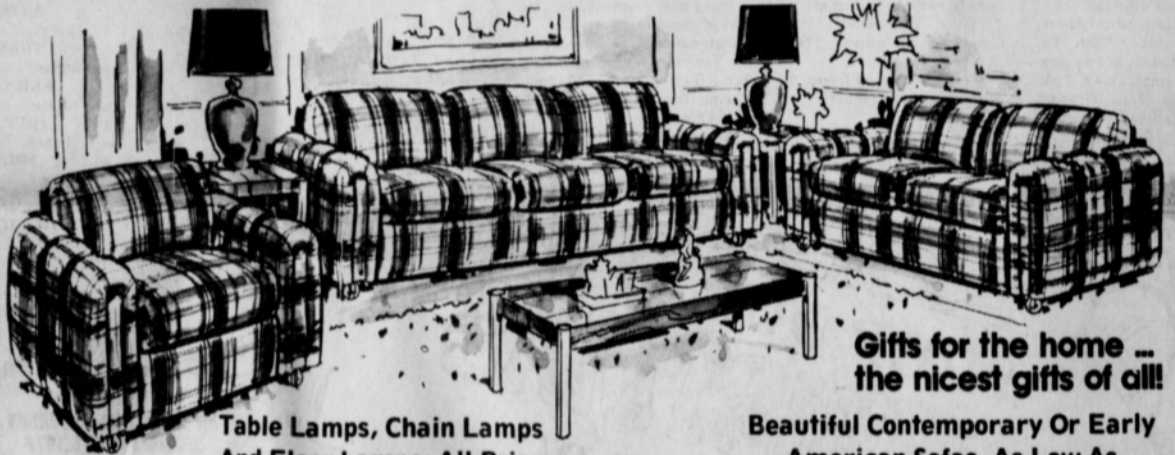


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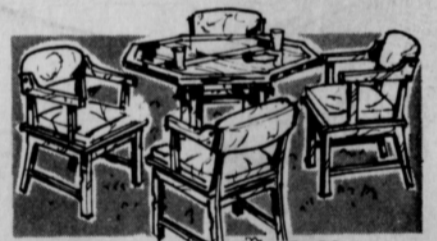
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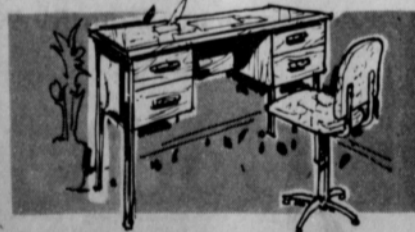
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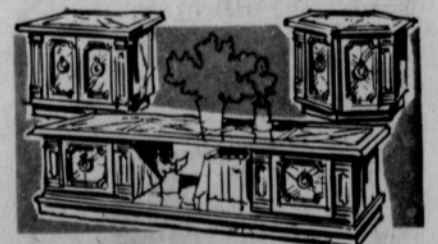
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Health Tips

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Medical research shows why a hangover can feel like someone tap danced on your tongue

and made you swallow a dozen dirty tennis shoes. During the holiday season, many people will be doing their own infor-

mal research on hangovers. The Texas Medical Association points out both scientists and laymen come to the same conclusions though. Hangovers hurt.

The main reason they are such a pain is that all sorts of things are thrown out of balance. A hangover can cause irritated stomach and

intestines, altered body fluid balance and blood acidity, too much potassium and lowered levels of a male sex hormone. As the alcohol breaks down and the body expels it, everything generally returns to normal—except for alcoholics whose body is only further hurt by the drug.

People have been trying to prevent and cure hangovers for thousands of years. More than 2,500 years ago a Hindu writer described a selection of symptoms such as vomiting, loss of appetite, heartburn, thirst, dizziness, shaky hands, and sleeplessness. He also mentioned sweating, fatigue, headache and depression but didn't say what to do about the problems. A Greek doctor 1,900 years ago recommended eating roasted hog lungs to keep from getting drunk and hung over. More modern concoctions of raw eggs and hot sauce are in the same category, says an article in "The Practitioner", a British medical journal.

The same journal says taking a large drink of water, lemonade or lime juice and a couple of aspirin before going to bed will help the next morning. Some researchers contend there is no cure for a hangover except for time. Some people have a drink to drive off hangovers. One article said this action marked a growing dependency on alcohol. Of course the best, and most ignored, advice is not to drink too much.

There is a lot of debate on whether some types of alcohol give worse hangovers than others. An article in the "Quarterly of Studies on Alcohol" says bourbon gives more of a hangover than vodka. The theory is that "congeners", materials such as sugar, colorings and preservatives, in alcoholic beverages increase hangovers. Vodka is low in congeners and bourbon contains a lot of them. The article also mentions a theory that allergies to certain ingredients in some types of alcohol can increase hangover for some people.

Researchers also believe that smoking, bright lights, activity, noise, lack of sleep and all the other factors in a night on the town help bring on hangovers.

Hard, heavy white heads of iceberg lettuce mean they are too mature and bitter.

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Christmas trees pose a fire hazard by their very existence in the home but people can do a lot to decrease potential problems, the Texas Medical Association says.

Natural trees need to be as fresh as possible. Brittle branches and shedding needles not only increase fire hazards but they make a tree less pretty quicker. Keeping the bottom of the tree in water or damp dirt will help keep it fresh longer.

The tree also needs a sturdy base. Holders can be bought or a fairly secure base can be made by packing and bracing the tree in a large container of damp dirt. A holder can be covered with wrapping paper of a cloth for a more pleasing effect.

Christmas trees present a very subtle danger to some people. Allergy sufferers may have to have an artificial tree if they find the tree triggers wheezing, sneezing and red eyes.

The most important requirement for artificial trees is that they be fire resistant. Labels on the tree or packaging clearly should state their safety. Artificial trees also need

Trimming a metal tree with electric lights can be very dangerous so safety authorities recommend using colored floodlights aimed at the tree. These lights must be placed so they can't possibly burn people, packages or furnishings.

Other types of tree lights can be dangerous if the wires are broken, cracked or exposed. Loose connections, broken bulbs and bulbs touching branches also can create problems. Even lights with the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) safety seal can be dangerous if they are old and in bad shape. All Christmas lights (on the tree or elsewhere) need to be turned off when people leave home.

Ornaments also can pose problems if they are not fire-resistant. However, the biggest danger is to children who grab and break the baubles if they are not placed high enough on the tree. In fact, children and Christmas trees can be an unbeatable team for trouble unless youngsters are taught to admire but not touch.

"Ridicule is the test of truth."
William Hazlitt

Tips

The 55 mph speed limit may have decreased deaths due to auto accidents but fatality rates are climbing again. Many factors are involved but carelessness, especially on country roads, unsafe cars, bad weather and motorists who don't wear seat belts all contribute to accidents that could be prevented, the Texas Medical Association (TMA) says.

In 1975 there were 4.1 people killed for every 100 million miles traveled—compared to 3.9 in 1974. The trend seems to be increasing, the Governor's Office for Traffic Safety says.

A National Safety Council study shows country roads produce nine times as many deaths and 14 times as many property damage accidents as do controlled-access super-highways. Blind intersections and reduced vision on curves and hills contribute to many crashes. Being alert and prepared to stop in these situations can save many lives.

A quick check of the car also

can help avoid trouble. Check tire tread and pressure, windshield wipers, accessibility of seat belts, de-fogger or rags to wipe off fogged windows, and hoses, belts and fluids under the hood. Problems with many of these could mean being stranded on the highway in winter weather—which can be very dangerous. Even for a short trip, it's wise to toss in a coat and adequate shoes in case there is car trouble.

CB radios not only help spot smokies but they also are useful for passing on weather and road condition information. Even AM or FM radio weather forecasts can give valuable information about what's coming. Sometimes postponing a trip for a few hours or a day will avoid bad weather that can threaten even experienced drivers. Arriving late is better than not arriving at all, TMA says.

People increase their chances of arriving alive if they wear seat belts. Even if people refuse to use seat belts on short errands, buckling up on a trip is not too much trouble. Hospital beds or caskets are much more confining than seat belts.

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By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 84th Judicial District Court of Hansford County, Texas, on the 6th day of December, A.D., 1976, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Spearman Independent School District vs. Beulah Burger, Et Al, Cause \$169, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's sales, on the FIRST TUESDAY in January, A.D., 1977, it being the 4th day of said month before the Court house door of said Hansford County in the City of Spearman, Texas, the following described property, to-wit:

TRACT I: Being all that certain Lot 10, Block 40, Original Town of Spearman Hansford County, Texas.

TRACT II: Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 52, Original Town of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas

TRACT III: Lots 8 and 9 in Block 6, Original Town of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas, except those portions of Lots 8 and 9 heretofore conveyed to Willis Sheets by warranty deed, said portions specifically excluded from conveyance, described by metes and bounds as follows:
Beginning at an iron stake, the northeasterly corner of Lot 9 Block 6 of the Original Town of Spearman, Texas, Hansford County. Thence S. 45 deg 18' West along the alley line a distance of 172.46' to an iron stake, the northwesterly corner of Lot 8 in said Block 6;
Thence S. 44 deg 42' East a distance of 30.30' to a 1/2" iron pipe set in the westerly line of Lot 8;
Thence S. 86 deg. 27' East a distance of 101.40' across Lots 8 and 9 to a 1/2" iron pipe set in the East line of Lot 9'
Thence North along the East line of Lot 9 a distance of 149.15' to the Place of Beginning.

Levied on the 4th day of January, 1977, as the property of Beulah Burger, Nita Lorene Schwab, Southwestern Investment Co., Billy Ray Burger, Leeland Golightly, if living or in the event he is deceased, and the heirs and legal representatives and unknown heirs and legal representatives of Leeland Golightly, deceased, by virtue of a paving lien, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$2,952.20, with interest from the 19th day of May, 1975, at six per cent per annum and all costs of suit in favor of Spearman Independent School District, State of Texas, Hansford County and City of Spearman, Texas.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND this 7th day of December, 1976.

By Shirley Pate Deputy
By R.L. Mc Farlin Sheriff, Hansford County, Texas

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By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 84th Judicial District Court of Hansford County, Texas, on the 6th day of December, A.D. 1976, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Spearman Independent School District vs. Merle Washington, Cause #170, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's sales, on the FIRST TUESDAY in January, A.D., 1977, it being the 4th day of said month before the Court house door of said Hansford County in the City of Spearman, Texas, the following described property, to-wit:

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By Shirley Pate Deputy

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COUNTY OF HANSFORD X

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 84th Judicial District Court of Hansford County, Texas, on the 6th day of December, A.D. 1976 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Spearman Independent School District vs. Lowren B. Nye, Et Al, Cause #181, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's sales, on the FIRST TUESDAY in January, A.D., 1977, it being the 4th day of said month before the Court house door of said Hansford County in the City of Spearman, Texas, the following described property, to-wit:

Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 18, Original Townsite of Spearman, Texas

Levied on the 4th day of January, 1977, as the property of J. W. Fox and J. W. Fox, Jr., Elsie Pauline Fox, D. L. Morrison, Jr., and the City of Spearman, Texas, by virtue of a paving lien, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$936.37, with interest from the 8th day of October, 1976, at nine per cent per annum and all costs of suit in favor of Spearman Independent School District, State of Texas, Hansford County and City of Spearman, Texas.

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By R.L. Mc Farlin Sheriff, Hansford County, Texas

By Shirley Pate Deputy





Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus talk to the children at Santaland in Spearman last Saturday....



The crowd gathered to see the winners in the poster contest sponsored by the Spearman Merchants.

C of C Officers Elected

The Board of Directors of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce recently elected officers for the 1977 year. The President-elect is Jerry Gee; 1st Vice President is J. L. Brock, 2nd Vice President is Frances Loftin; Treasurer is Kent Guthrie and John Hutchison, Immediate Past President.

The newly elected directors are Grady "Mac" McCormack, Mike Garnett and Jim Brown. They will serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 1977.

Jerry Gee moved to Spear-

man from Amherst, Texas in 1968. He is married to the former Earlene Taylor and they have a daughter. Jerry farms and Earlene is a teacher in the Spearman Junior High. Jerry is a very active worker in the Chamber and interested in the progress of our community.

The officers and directors will be installed in January and the annual banquet will be in February.

The hold-over directors are: Tom Latta, Pat Dear, Karen Countiss, and Clark Mires.

The out-going directors are

John Sutterfield, Earl Goodheart, Charlene Bulls, Mark Neff, Jimmy Shieldknight and Jim Evans.

The office staff is Mary Lou Wysong, Manager and Sharon Hamilton Secretary.

All Christmas Mail Will Be Cleared

"Consistent with local customer needs, post office window and collection service will continue during the Christmas period as usual or be increased," Postmaster Ray Robertson said today.

Postmaster Robertson said the Postal Service intends to clear from its offices by Friday, December 24, all Christmas mail available in time to meet year round service standards.

On Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25, all offices will be closed so that as many postal employees as possible may spend the holiday with their families. However, special delivery and collection service will be provided. The post office lobby will be open for mail deposit, access to lock boxes and purchase of stamps from the self-service machine.

LET'S TALK TURKEY

For good reason, Benjamin Franklin suggested the turkey as a more fitting emblem for America than the eagle: Wild turkey fed both the Virginia

and New England colonists. It was the main dish at that first Thanksgiving. Few colonists had ever seen an eagle.



When an American says: "Let's talk turkey," you

know what he means is, "Let's get down to the main issue of what is yours and what is mine and how we can share fairly."

All of which leads us to Thanksgiving dinner and one of the recipes traditionally used—Old Fashioned Stuffing, made with packaged herb seasoned stuffing to which only onions and celery have been added.

Old Fashioned Stuffing

- 1/2 pound butter or margarine
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 2 cups water
- 1 package (1 pound) herb seasoned stuffing

In a large saucepan, saute the onion and celery in butter until tender but not browned. Stir in water and then add Pepperidge Farm herb seasoned stuffing. Makes enough to

fill a 12- to 16-pound turkey.

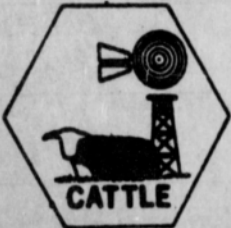
You can get other stuffing suggestions such as flank steak creole, orange glazed pork chops and deviled seafood from Pepperidge Farm's free "The Versatile Stuffing" booklet. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope (monarch or business size) to Stuffing Booklet, Pepperidge Farm, Inc., PR Dept., Norwalk, Conn. 06856.

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Saturday, December 18, 1976 — 3:00

2. *Drawing at the Plains Shopping Center. The Junior High Band and Choir will entertain with Christmas carols. Prizes will be a 12" Black and White TV, a Stereo and a 10-Speed Bicycle with numerous drawings from participating merchants.*

Wednesday, December 22, 1976 — 3:00

3. *Final Drawing Downtown at 3:00 p.m. Students of Teresa's Dance Studio will perform. A drawing will be held for a 12" Black and White TV, a Stereo, and a 10-Speed Bicycle, and numerous drawings from participating merchants.*

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THE HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

Ever wonder, as you hang festive lights on the branches of that prize pine or spruce, who trimmed the first Christmas tree? Or when folks first "discovered" Santa Claus? Or who sang the first Christmas carol?

Some Christmas customs are surprisingly recent, while others date back beyond the earliest Christians. But the



Yuletide we know - complete with gifts under a gaily lighted tree, friends calling to admire the sparkling decorations, family reunions - has existed for only the past 200 years.

To our ancestors of several centuries ago, Christmas was a time of solemn rejoicing and deep religious dedication, with little of the modern gaiety. The New England Puritans actually forbade joyous Yuletide demonstrations!

New Englanders and other Americans eventually followed the lead of New York's Dutch settlers and succumbed to the charm of "San Nicolaas" - better known as Saint Nick or Santa Claus. But the jolly gent had a flourishing career long before he reached our shores.

More than 1600 years ago there was a St. Nicholas - a Turkish bishop whose countless works of charity made him a legend in his lifetime. Martyred in 342 A.D., he became the patron saint of children and of three nations: Greece, Holland and Belgium.

As for the Christmas tree, it's still the center of attraction in many homes - a place of honor rooted in history. Thousands of years before the first Christmas, the evergreen was revered as a symbol of long life and immortality. German tribes brought fir trees into their homes to please the god-like spirits they thought inhabited the trees. When these pagans converted to Christianity, they transferred their feeling for the evergreen to the new religion.

Next time you hear "Deck the hall with boughs of holly" - a song that dates back to the Middle Ages - remember the origin of Christmas carols. The word "carol" means "to dance in a ring", and the man who popularized the practice was the beloved St. Francis of Assisi. To bring the Christmas message vividly and directly to his villagers, most of whom could not read, the 13th century saint arranged a manger scene using real people and



animals. When the villagers came to see it, St. Francis led them in joyous celebration - in "caroling."

So this holiday season as you make your home ready with a decorated tree, glittery ornaments and shining lights, you can feel a kinship with people through the ages who kept the glorious traditions of Christmas aglow.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE REPORTED THAT STUDENTS STUPEFIED AND LIVING AT PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES IN 1974-75 SPENT AN AVERAGE OF OVER \$4000 TO MOVE CLOSER TO DEGREES. THE FIGURE IS DOUBLE THE COST OF A DECADE BEFORE!



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Texas Ranks Third In Ag Export Sales

AUSTIN-Texas moved from fourth to third rank nationally in agricultural product sales of \$1.5 billion during fiscal 1976, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has reported.

Last year Texas shared fourth place with Kansas when sales reached \$1.342 billion. "The substantial

increase this year is significant when you consider the embargoes on grain shipments that hampered trade."

Illinois was the leader in fiscal 1976 with \$2.4 billion, and Iowa ranked second with \$1.7 billion.

U.S. agricultural exports in fiscal 1976 were at a

record \$22 billion, 3 percent over fiscal 1975. Export tonnage at 108 million tons was 22 percent above that of a year earlier, offsetting the effect of lower prices for some items.

Texas feed grains accounted for the largest contribution to the state's export sales with \$497.3 million. Wheat and flour sales doubled those of last year with \$319.6 million in fiscal 1976.

Cotton sales at \$255.5 million were up \$34 million,

but cottonseed oil dropped \$5.3 million to \$42.6 million.

Meat and red meat products were \$7.8 million above fiscal 1975 with increases also in hides and skins. Poultry products exports also increased, totaling \$10.7 million, a record for this commodity and more than twice that of 1973.

Rice sales dropped to the lowest in four years with \$105.9 million because of the bumper crop in the U.S.

and major importing countries. World carryover stocks remain at record highs also, White said.



In his 78-year career, Pablo Picasso produced art worth an estimated \$750 million!

Recipe for the Holidays

SPICED NUTS

- 2 cups pecan halves
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 tsp. grated orange rind
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1/4 cup orange juice concentrate, thawed

Toast pecan halves at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Set aside. Combine sugar, orange rind, cinnamon, salt, cream of tartar and orange juice concentrate in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat to 238 degrees F. (soft ball stage). Remove from heat, add nuts and stir until syrup sugars. Pour immediately onto waxed paper and separate. Yield: 2 cups.

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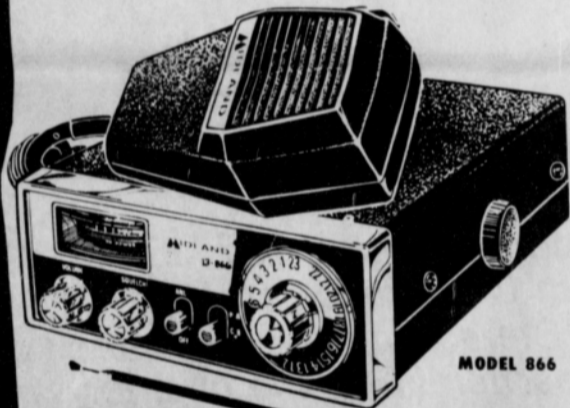
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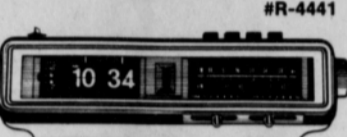
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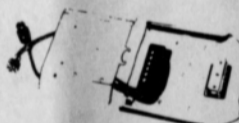
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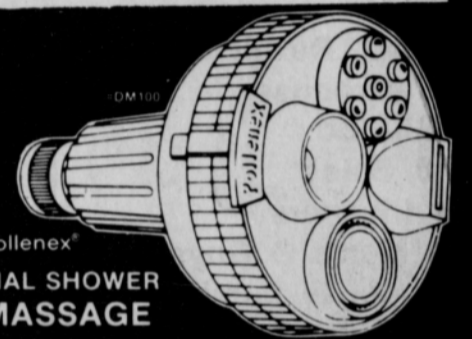
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Price of Turkeys Down, Coffee Up!!!

AUSTIN—Texas consumers may be gobbling up lower turkey prices but are washing them down with bitterly increasing coffee costs, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White commented Tuesday in releasing the third monthly statewide market basket survey.

While Texas shoppers realized a savings of up to ten cents a pound on turkey in November, the latest market basket survey conducted by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) shows a 20 cent increase in the cost of a pound of coffee.

Total statewide cost of the survey's 20 commonly-purchased grocery store items averaged \$18.19 in November, down slightly from the \$18.26 compiled a month earlier.

Consumers celebrate savings on turkeys in Texas at the same time that many producers in the state are bemoaning losses of more than \$1 per bird.

According to Commissioner White, many turkey producers over-estimated this year's demand in light of last season's higher red meat prices. The result, increased turkey output this fall in competition with current decreases in red meat retail prices, have clipped turkey production profits to practically nothing.

"Instead, most turkey operations are being forced into the red," he explained.

Coffee prices, on the other hand, are expected to continue their upswing, White said, the result of dramatically decreased world supplies due to a frost in Brazil last year which killed 550 million trees and damaged half of the country's remaining coffee-producing trees.

San Antonio maintained its lead as cheapest of the 12 survey cities, with its total November market basket price tag of \$16.77 down 43 cents from October. An increase of 28 cents from October forced Fort Worth into last place with the most expensive total of \$18.71.

Corpus Christi saw the biggest shift in total price tag, with the total basket price of \$18.44 down 45 cents from October.

Other cities surveyed in November in order of total cost and a comparison with their October totals are: Austin, \$17.41 in November compared to \$17.79 in October; Laredo, \$18.06 to \$18.38; Tyler, \$18.13 to \$18.21; El Paso, \$18.22 to \$17.97; Lubbock, \$18.39 to \$18.49; Abilene, \$18.44 to \$18.31; Dallas, \$18.45 to \$18.27; Houston, \$18.58 to \$18.38; and McAllen, \$18.63 to \$18.83.

Seasonally higher slaughter rates for hogs continue to account for decreases in statewide pork prices, with pork chops averaging eight cents cheaper between October and November while bacon dropped 15 cents in a month's time.

Other items included in the November market basket and their average cost in 12 Texas cities are: one-half percent low fat milk, one gallon, \$1.38; one gallon whole homogenized vitamin D milk, \$1.67; one dozen grade A large eggs, \$.87; 12 oz. package individually wrapped American cheese singles, \$1.28; 1 lb. margarine, \$.53; 24 oz. loaf white sandwich bread, \$.41; and 1 lb. whole fryer chicken, \$.46.

Also 1 lb. regular ground beef, \$.80; 1 lb. grain-fed round steak with bone, \$1.46; 1 lb. family pack pork chops, \$1.16; six and one-half oz. can light chunk tuna, \$.63; 1 lb. bacon, \$1.15; 1 lb. Red Delicious apples, \$.44.

Also, 18 oz. box corn flakes, \$.67; one head lettuce, \$.52; one lb. tomatoes, \$.66; one lb. dry pinto beans, \$.24; one lb. electric perk coffee, \$.21; 49 oz. box detergent, \$1.40; and six oz. can frozen orange juice, \$.25.

The History Of Christmas Stockings

Gift giving was a part of the holiday season even before the first Christmas. The ancient Romans celebrated mid-winter by distributing presents to each other.

According to the Bible, the Three Wise Men brought gifts to the infant Jesus on the 12th day after his birth.

The tradition of Santa Claus filling children's stockings with gifts is not quite so ancient but, according to legend, did start about 16 centuries ago. At that time a Turkish bishop was known for his great charity. According to one story, he took pity on a man too poor to provide a dowry for his daughters and dropped gold pieces into the girls' stockings hung up by the fire to dry.

According to another, gold fell by accident into a poor child's drying stocking when the bishop was on a charitable errand.

It is believed that the custom of hanging stockings for presents originated in Germany and was brought to the New World by the Dutch colonists of New Amsterdam, who also brought America the



A CHRISTMAS stocking full of delicious surprises is as exciting today as it was 100 or 1,600 years ago.

concept of Santa Claus.

Many modern American parents are pleased to have Santa fill their children's stockings with enjoyable and nutritious Baby Ruth and Butterfinger snack bars that help give children the quick energy they need in their active lives. Parents and children also appreciate Planters Peanuts in stockings since they are rich in protein.

Many children in Europe don't hang stockings at all. Instead, they set out shoes. In the morning the good children's shoes are found filled with sweets and other gifts, those of the bad children with ashes, sticks or coal.

truck and got in line with others with similar authorized signs. He got the truck bed filled and pulled out. "Where the grain was sold is anybody's guess," White said.

"We have several suggestions for farmers and elevator operators, but the most important is to try to be as wary as the thief. If operators don't know the driver, he should get the driver's license number, the make of the truck and trailer, the license number of the truck and trailer, and some type of description on the vehicle.

"Once the grain has been picked up, don't wait two or three days to call the destination. Allow just sufficient time for him to get there and call to make certain that delivery was made. If the truck hasn't reached the destination, call the nearest law enforcement office," White advised.

Farmers in the Panhandle are cautioned not to leave their loaded trailers in the fields overnight; some thieves have just been towing them off.

Another suggestion is the use of confetti coded for each farmer or elevator. This helps in proving theft from elevators and could deter thefts. Such a method is widely used in the Midwest, but has not become common practice in Texas.



Shelly Tomlin, in the arms of her father Dennis Tomlin, was present Saturday at Santaland along with a number of other children to see Santa Claus and let him know what she would like to have for Christmas.

Grain Thieves Develop New Techniques

AUSTIN—Grain handlers from farmers to elevator operators are being warned by Agriculture Commissioner John C. White to double precautionary steps to halt the increase in thefts of whole truckloads of sorghum.

"By using various schemes, drivers, often using stolen trucks, are stealing more grain than in the past. We have had more reports on thefts recently because of the great amount of grain stored on the ground. Elevators are full, and farmers are having to wait to send their harvest to storage," White explained. "The drivers are bolder now; they just make off with the entire truckload."

Several ruses are successful

because of the shortage of transportation. During the height of harvest season, trucks are difficult to contract, and farmers will take almost anyone who is available, just to get his grain out of the weather and into storage.

White said. One driver loaded his truck with 80,400 pounds of milo, consigned for Galveston. The grain was never delivered.

The farmer did get the trailer license number, the records showed that the license was stolen. Since the truck was loaded at night, no description of the tractor could be made.

At one elevator a driver had a sign taped on the side of his

Star Studded Lineup For Houston Show

HOUSTON—A star studded line-up of the biggest stars in the recording industry was announced to headline the 1977 Houston Livestock Show and rodeo.

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KC and The Sunshine Band—two performances, February 25; Mac Davis—two performances, February 26; Helen Reddy—two performances, February 27; Conway Twitty and Loretta Lynn—one performance only, February 28; Mel Tillis—one performance only, March 1; Merle Haggard—one performance only, March 2; Roy Clark—one performance only, March 3; The Osmonds—three performances, one on March 4, two on March 5; Charley Pride—two performances, March 6.

Ticket prices range from \$2 to \$5.50 and include admission to the Livestock Show and to Horse Show events as well.

Ticket information can be obtained by writing the Ticket Director, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, P.O. Box 20070, Houston, Texas 77025.

United Presbyterian Church News

All people, especially those without a church home, are invited to try the warm fellowship of the First Presbyterian Church located at 11th and Cotter Drive and where the Rev. Edward D. Freeman is the pastor.

Provision is made for a good Bible study lesson at the level of the individual every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Sunday Church School of the First

Presbyterian Church.

"The Last Things" will be the subject of Pastor Ed Freeman's children's sermon and "Living in the Last Days" will be the subject of his adult sermon at the service for the public worship of God at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 12. The choir will sing Pastor Freeman's arrangement of an old Danish carol, "A Child Is Born In Bethlehem."

To many, no Christmas is complete without attending a performance of Handel's "Messiah". This will be performed by the Amarillo Symphony and Choir Sunday, December 12, at 3:00 p.m.

Presbyterians will enjoy the Spearman Music Club's Christmas concert on Monday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. at

the First United Methodist Church.

Presbyterian children and youth will carol in the homes of senior citizens on Wednesday, December 15, at 6:00 p.m. Following the carolling, the children will return to the church for refreshments and to practice on the children's Christmas program.

Golden Spread Club for all citizens 55 years of age or older will have their Christmas pot luck supper on Thursday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Home Demonstration Clubroom. Dorothy Fae Buggery will provide Christmas music.

Lay Renewal Prayer Group will meet Thursday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Copeland.

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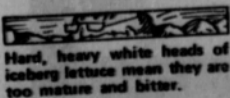
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Legislation Affects Estate Planning

New tax legislation affecting estate planning is of prime interest to farmers and ranchers. And the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is trying to do as much as possible to enlighten agricultural producers on this issue.

A major effort in Extension's educational program relating to estate planning will be a seminar Dec. 9-10 at the Rudder Center on the Texas A&M University campus.

The two-day event will deal with many of the key points in estate planning, with particular emphasis on the estate planning section of the 1976 tax reform bill. Also discussed will be the preparation of estate tax returns, community property as it relates to estate tax, various forms of farm ownership, transfers of property, estate liquidity problems, and estate administration, points out Tom E. Prater, Extension economist in management and chairman of the upcoming seminar.

Five major areas of estate planning will be discussed in depth in special work sessions—legal matters, trust aspects, tax considerations, Internal Revenue Service procedures, and insurance.

According to Prater, the seminar will feature an outstanding slate of speakers who are attorneys, IRS officials, bank trust officers, insurance representatives, and professors at Texas A&M University.

The opening address will be by Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel, Extension Service director.

Prater emphasizes that the seminar is for professionals as well as anyone else interested in obtaining a deeper understanding of estate planning, especially those working with agricultural producers.

He encourages anyone interested in attending the estate planning seminar to register in advance. For registration information, write Tom E. Prater, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843, or contact any county Extension office.



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomas are shown here as they along with other fathers and mothers, brothers attended the Girl Scout Banquet Saturday night at the High School cafeteria.

Social Security News

Beginning January 1, 1977, the social security earnings base—the maximum amount of annual earnings on which employees, employers, and self-employed people must pay social security tax—will increase from \$15,300 to \$16,500 but the tax rate will remain the same.

This means that people who earn \$16,500 or more a year will be paying \$965.25 in social security taxes, or \$70.20 more than the \$895.05 they paid in 1976. The contribution rate of 5.85 percent of taxable earnings for employees and employers, and 7.9 for self-employed people remains the same.

The increase is not welcome news for those already concerned about the pressure of inflation on their paychecks. That's why it's important that it be looked at in its proper perspective, understanding both its advantages and disadvantages.

First of all, the increase does not affect workers whose annual earnings are less than

\$15,300; this is about five out of six workers covered by social security. This is because they will be paying at the same rate on the same amount as last year.

Secondly, while some workers will pay more, they will also be able to count on bigger benefit checks when they retire, and for their families if they should die or become disabled. Benefits are based on average earnings over a period of years, but only earnings on which social security taxes are paid count in figuring the average. When more of a worker's earnings can count toward social security, monthly checks are higher.

And third, consider the alternative. In order to keep social security benefits up with the cost of living, it is necessary to change either the contribution rate or the earnings base. Increasing the contribution rate means that everybody would be paying more taxes. Increasing the earnings base means that only those with higher earnings will

be paying more.

Average wages for the first quarter of 1976 were compared with average wages for the first quarter of 1975. The comparison showed that wages increased by about 7½ percent. That percentage was applied to the 1976 base to arrive at the 1977 base of \$16,500.

MOISTURE KEY IN GRAIN STORAGE—Watching the moisture content of grain crops as well as taking simple precautions can insure safe storage after harvesting, says an agricultural engineer for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Harvesting grain at a moisture content of 18 percent or above can greatly increase harvesting efficiency. However, for safe storage, these moisture percentages are suggested: corn, 13; flax, 8; rice, 12.5; sorghum, 12-14; soybeans, 11-12; sunflowers, 8; and wheat, 12-14. The higher the grain temperature and moisture content, the quicker the grain must be dried mechanically to prevent mold.

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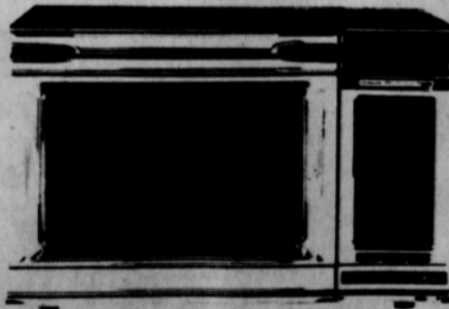


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