

(Written for Dec. 24 edition)
Everyone has been sitting by the fire these cold days and not much going on. Well, they say No News is Good News so here goes. **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

The electricity went off at 5:15 this AM until after 8. The outage covered quite an area. We really appreciate those REA boys who went out in below zero weather to get us back on. We have had about 3 inches of snow plus several days of 20 plus for a high and 2 below zero for a high.

Our young folks have been on the ball lately. Santa is listening, you know. The school children presented their Christmas program Wednesday night. There was a good crowd out despite the bad weather. After the program, all enjoyed refreshments and visiting. Sunday the young folks at the Baptist Church served a Christmas dinner to the congregation.

I had a nice note from Mickie Shelton of Cheyenne. Seems her dad Doug Kendall was gin manager at Cotton Store many years ago and she started school at Sweetwater. They lived in the house where Eba and Eba live now. At that time, Benton had the store. Her dad was then transferred to Cheyenne where he stayed until he retired.

Richard McEntire is home after heart surgery in an OKC hospital. Theresa Nabors came by with Christmas treats and reported that Wilber's brother Donald is improved in a Dallas hospital. Editha Hildebrand fell and injured her leg. Had to have a number of stitches.

School is turning out for a two weeks vacation. Brendon Atkinson is home from OSU.

A lot of folks are watching Touched by an Angel. Paul said they watched

it at Norman and Tony told they were watching it in Orlando. Don't miss it.

Judy Tipton was by with some goodies. Said she saw an emu the other day on her walk. Several have reported seeing some bobcats. Coyotes are plentiful. They have thinned out the house cat population.

Our brother and wife, Paul and Doris, came Saturday from Norman

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bringing a Kentucky Fried Dinner. We enjoyed that and the good visiting.

Cousin Andrew McCathern called to say they were on the way to winter in Zapata. They missed the storm.

The Erick-Sweetwater Lady Bearcats beat Sayre and the Bearcats beat Burns Flat-Dill City to win the Burns Flat Invitational Tournament. Katrina Cox with 12 points and Leann Keathley with 10 were top scorers on the girls team. Warren Mayfield was high with 15 points and Andy Davis next with 14.

Reydon won the Wheeler Tournament with Les Pyeatt scoring 41 points. Cheyenne beat Canute with Brad Atkinson making 21 points.

(Written for Jan. 2 Edition)

Happy New Year. Just three more years until 2000. A lot of arguments are going on about what we will call it. Seems the first year will be a zero since 2001 starts the century or so they say.

One of the highlights of last week was the Baptist Church Carolers coming around to sing awhile and leave a sack of treats last Sunday afternoon. Members were Barry, Joy, Christie and Mindy Cappleman, Greg and Jan Henson, Gail Sutton, Joan Hagerman and Ashley, Ruth and Kendra Holland, Judy Tipton, Louise Perry, Rhonda Arrington, Terri and Andrea Calverley, Kim and Tara Boswell, Kathy and Cindy Perry, and Lisa Alexander. They visited seventeen homes in the community. Leonard Bryan said they were twice blessed since the New Liberty Singers also came to their home, Betty Anderson had cookies and cocoa for them at the church.

Lois and Leonard Bryan wish to thank everyone in the community for their love, support, prayers and the nice benefit program given for them last Sunday.

The Buffalo Church had their Christmas dinner last Sunday. The Assembly of God had theirs Sunday night. The little children had a wonderful pageant of the birth of Jesus. They were really sweet. It was directed by Carolyn Coots.

We stopped by Cal's Saturday and an Australian couple was there on their way to a wedding at Canyon. She really spoke a different lingo than us and was taking pictures of everything. Pretty cute.

Mrs. Bruce Harrison, Allison, stopped by to visit Bonnie Rice at the post office last week.

Dr. Maurice Coffey, Tulsa, Janet and David Brownley, North Carolina, came to see Bertha Coffey Sunday.

A lot of us have seriously ill relatives. My brother, Frank Haag, is out of ICU in a Little Rock hospital but is still very sick. Bernice Harrington, sister of Clara Lou McGuire, has been in an OKC hospital. Butch Brown, brother of Lois Bryan, had bypass surgery at Beaumont, Tx. Leta Campbell, sister of Ed Logan is in the Sayre Hospital.

Sharon, Robert and Natalie Shoffner, Washington, DC, Lynette, Charles and Stacey Bryan, Edmond were out Sunday for an early Christmas with Ed and Eileen Logan.

Pat, Debby and Jamie Anderson spent Christmas with Helen Smith, Michael had supper with her one evening.

January has some important days for us besides New Year's Day. On January 8 we will be married 59 years. Had a good tune written for us, HA. And January 18 is Joe's birthday.

This has been a very dry month with only a snow for moisture. It showed 0.04 moisture. Everyone is nervous about the fire hazard. Be very careful about your burning trash.

We visited the J. M. Gambles, Aris Stagg, Everett Niller, and Helen Shultz in town.

Santa has really been coming by. I thank my papers for the nice gifts they sent. The UPS man, Mary and Harold Bollen, Eva Atkinson, J. M. and Thelma Ashley, Judy Tipton, Theresa Nabors, John and Martha Haag, Clifford and Helen Jones all came by to visit and bring gifts.

Patricia Sargent and Lois Bryan went up to Briscoe to see Travis and Brittany Bryan in the Christmas program. They are Ken and Connie's children.

Birthday folks have been Michael Smith, Floyd Pickering, Johnny Davis, Louise Perry, Beuna Davis, Jeanie Sanders Irene Burkhalter, Roysie Rose, Dusty Elam, Margie Banks, Ruth York, Laquense McArthur, Faye Mong. Anniversaries are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Durwood York, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Sutton. Happiness to all.

CARD OF THANKS

We are grateful for the many ways you helped us during Clark's illness and subsequent death. Thank you for your prayers and each act of kindness.

May God continue to bless you as you reach out to others.

Vergia Reagan and Family

A small copy of the Statue of Liberty stands on a small island on the Seine River in Paris, France.



CARE CENTER COMMENTS

By A Resident Reporter

(Week of December 15-20, 1996)
Sunday, the First Baptist Church from Mobeetie came here for services.

Monday, Barbara read us the newspaper, then that afternoon we played Skipbo cards.

A report came to me that we could use some things for our beauty shop. Perms, curling irons, combs, shampoo and conditioner. Everyone of us likes to look nice.

Tuesday, Barbara read us the paper. Was a cold, snowy day. So glad to be where it's warm.

Then we played a game where music was played and gifts were wrapped and passed. When the music stopped you had a limited time to open the gift before the music started. It was lots of fun. Everyone received a gift.

Arts and crafts were made in the afternoon. We made angels and Christmas trees for door decoration. Sure passed a cold day.

Wednesday, we did arts and crafts. Janice Sparlin came for Bible Study.

Tom Helton and Shorty Crawford came for Bingo. Zinnie Bailey was blackout winner.

Rozena Zybach, Fern Young, Ila Collins were here for inspirational. Gennell York our administrator and Cletus Green served us grapefruit and oranges. They were really good eating.

Friday, Barbara read the paper to us. Then we had sing-a-long of Christmas carols. Then some of us played cards.

Saturday, Cletus read to us then we played cards. Bingo Blackout winner was Helen Sloss.

Jean and Barbara took several of

us ladies to see the Christmas Lights around town.

(Written for January 2 Edition)
Sunday, Trinity Lutheran Church from Shamrock was here to do services.

Monday, Barbara was gone to Amarillo. We sure had a long day.

Tuesday, Gennell York read us the paper. Then after lunch, Barbara played cards with several of us: Anna Haper, Mattie McQueen, Margaret Heide, May Bell Childress; Ruth Hoggard, Mae Welch and Zinnie Bailey.

We were served egg nog and cookies. Old Santa has been visiting several of us at the care center. Lots of candy and new clothes are showing up. Also lots of families visiting.

Hyland was visiting Ona Mae Weaver. Wayne and Joyce Edwards had lunch with Eunice Edwards and Pearl Williams. Viola Carlton had lunch with Zinnie Bailey. Pearce Walker had lunch with Nettie Walker. Richard and Carol Kiker came to visit Winnie Kiker. Lots of residents went out with family for the day. Zinnie's daughter Bernice and granddaughter was here from Pampa. Mae Welch had a granddaughter Denise Murlin and daughter Kyla here to visit.

Thursday, Cletus read the newspaper to us. Barbara and Genell did manicures.

After lunch, Cletus played cards with us. While Barbara, Ruth, and Jac took down decorations.

Barbara popped us some popcorn. That's always a treat.

Friday, we had a new resident, Hestell Killingsworth. She is going to be with us for a while. We welcome her.

Also this past week, we were saddened by the loss of three of our residents. Joe Garcia, Jap Bailey and Irene Dunnam. Our sympathy goes out to these families. We will miss each one of them.

Saturday, Cletus read us the paper, then we had bingo. Ruth Hoggard, Pearl Williams and Zinnie Bailey were Blackout winners.

We want to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Extension Update

By Joan Gray, CEA-HE

BE CAREFUL WITH THOSE LEFTOVERS

Once you've put away that big holiday meal into your belly, you need to put the leftovers into the refrigerator. One of the biggest health problems around the holidays is food that's left out too long. Extension nutrition specialist Dr. Peggy Van Laanen recommends perishable goods not be left at room temperature for more than two hours. Failing to follow that basic rule could give your guests food poisoning. The symptoms are upset stomach, stomach cramping, vomiting, diarrhea and sometimes fever and chills. For the elderly, the very young and the chronically ill, that can be a serious medical problem. Turkey will keep in the refrigerator for three to four days—after that the quality diminishes. Cut it off the bone. The smaller pieces will cool better and keep better. Store the dressing separate from the turkey since dressing tends to go bad faster.

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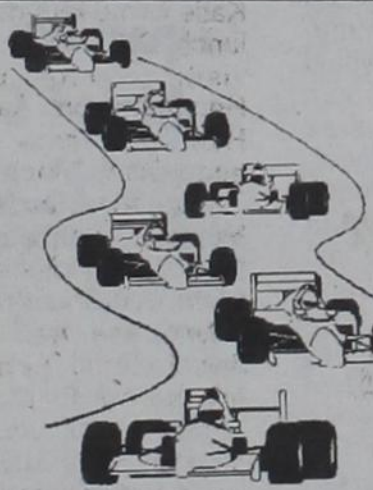
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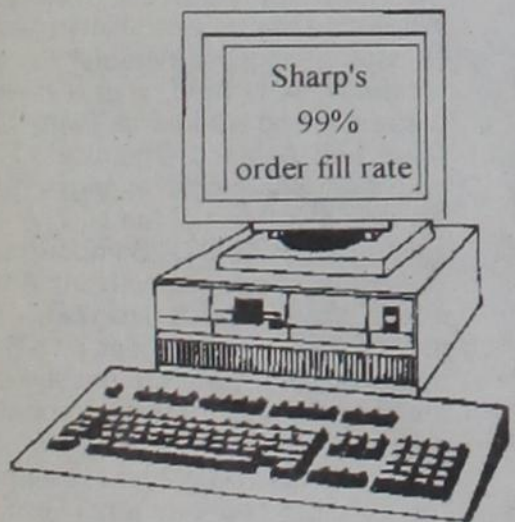
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(December 24th Issue)

Luke 2:20 "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen."

Happy Birthday to Pauline Hefley, Maurine Brotherton and Andy Maslik on Dec. 29; Evelyn Hale, Elva Wood, T. J. Cole, Isabell Moore, and Mike Wash on Dec. 30; Martha Helton, Liz Shipp, and Anna Rebecca Johnson on Dec. 31; Jeannette Jahnel, Evalyn Free, Billy Finsterwald, Larry Lee Horn and Randy Barr on Jan. 1; Annadell Myers, Davis Corse and Katie Jo Hennig on Jan. 2; Daphne Zybach, Deidre Dukes, Clifton Fletcher, Jr., Katie Finsterwald, Inez Moore and Mike Bell on Jan. 3; Novalene Loyd, Shane Goad, Angela Forward and Derek Murray on Jan. 4.

No more basketball games in 1996. Fort Elliott High School Basketball Tournament will be January 2-4 at Briscoe with Higgins, West Texas Christian, Samnorwood, Shamrock, Wheeler, McLean, Fort Elliott, Pampa Christian boys and Fort Elliott J.V. girls expected to play Thursday to Saturday.

Happy Anniversary to Cliff and Polly Hefley (62) and Danny and Mary Nelson on Dec. 29; Terry and Sheila Mick and Raymond and Isabel Moore on Dec. 30 (61); Al and Sharon Ryan and Thad and Tammy Greene on

Dec. 31. We hurried around and came up on Monday for Willis' hip replacement surgery on Wednesday. We were afraid the weather might make it hard to come Tuesday, the 17th. Nice to have our grandkids, Dallas and Lindsey Fillingim come over Tuesday and visited and took us to lunch at the Golden Corral and supper at Luby's. They also took us over to Canyon to see their apartments. Fixed up nice. Lindsey and Leigh Ann Wyatt really had their house decorated up Christmasy.

Nice to have Bro. Aaron Laverty, Dallas and Lindsey and David and Winnie Gilmer over for the surgery. It was a long surgery. They took Willis out at 6:30 a.m. It was over by 12:00. All went O.K. Took awhile to get old cement, etc., out. Had to have three transfusions of blood. Keep praying. Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Clark Reagan, 89, in his death. They ran the Gageby Store for awhile.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Angie Freeman, 83, in her death. She and husband Ralph and Roger and Lois lived on the Teas place in our community many years ago.

In games at Briscoe with Lefors Tuesday night, Fort Elliott girls won 60-15 and our boys won 51-33.

Pray for Ted Cooper and family. He was having by passes Wednesday at High Plains. Sharon Horton was there with him.

Nice to see Fat Jones. He hadn't been to the Dairy Queen since about Nov. 2, but hopes to be home from

the hospital soon. Keep praying for him. He's had a rough time. May be at Wheeler Hospital some. We always enjoyed visiting with Fat at the Wheeler Dairy Queen.

"A generous man will prosper! He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." —from a cartoon.

Grace Irvine seems to be doing well after suffering a broken leg. Nice to visit with Truman and Becky Price from Lubbock here with Grace Irvine at High Plains. Dick and Ruth Irvine have also visited with her. Grace was moved to Rehab at St. Anthony's Thursday night. A granddaughter, Mary Grace from Washington, D.C. has been visiting her, a lovely girl. Nice to have Wilma Bible take me

to lunch at Luby's Thursday. Others visiting were Glenn and Mozelle Thomas, Gayle Singleton and Dick Irvine.

We moved to Rehab Saturday afternoon at St. Anthony's and supposed to go home Christmas Eve. Sounds good! Dan and Chris Fillingim visited us Saturday night. Also visiting Saturday were Olaf Sivage and Aaron Laverty and Dallas, Lindsey and Leigh Ann Wyatt.

Friday, nice to have son Danny come to visit. He has been working on a pipeline in New Mexico with Okemah Construction. He has time off during the holidays. We played some games of Chicken Foot.

Sue Chandler and Bridgett were shopping in Amarillo Friday and came



to visit. Always good to see everyone. God bless you everyone.

Lois Meadows was happily making preparations for a visit from Lucy and Rick Lucas and Charissa and Russell from Westport, Kentucky.

We are so very thankful Willis is doing so well. Many thank for all your prayers and caring, friends and relatives and calls and cards.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Lyssa Dunnam Brewer, 28, in her death.

"God be with you till we meet again."

Happy Birthday to Lou Dean Douthil, and Rhonda McWhorter on Jan. 5; Nikki Scott Robinson, Annie Ruth Lee, and Tommy Whitlow on Jan. 6; C. B. Brotherton and Leonard Fuls on Jan. 7; Sue Reames, Brenda Smith, Michael Shorter and Sam Watson on Jan. 8; Leta Meadows and William Cornell on Jan. 9; Bonnie Maddox and Curt Smith on Jan. 10; Sallie May and Thomas Helton on Jan. 11.

Happy Anniversary to Darv and Sammie Atherton on Jan. 5; Rob and Geniva Hogan on Jan. 7; Larry and Vickey Nelson on Jan. 8; Steve and Bertie Eudey on Jan. 8; Roy and Judy Moran on Jan. 11.

Jan. 6 at 6:00 p.m. Fort Elliott Junior High will play at Follett. Tuesday Jan. 7, Samnorwood High School will come to Fort Elliott and play basketball at 6:30. Friday, Jan 10, Amarillo Christian will play at Fort Elliott at 6:00. Don't forget Fort Elliott Tournament will be Thurs. to Sat. Jan 2-4 for High School.

Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed, I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

Irene Keys hosted a Christmas celebration Christmas night for her family and included Don and Bonnie Hall, Patty and Mack Shields, and John and Amanda, Kevin and Heather Shields, and Eric, Teresa and Leonard Powledge, Sara and Bobby Ford and Ty; Bo and Brenda Keys and Lindsay and Jarred, Dean and Karen Keys and Toby and Terry, Cindy and Bob Fulgham and Ken Grayson, Jerome and Jo Anna and Hunter Grayson, Candice and Josh Fulgham. Lots of delicious food and fun games. Also there was Clint and Amy Huff and Andrew.

Fort Elliott High School girls will play West Texas Christian in basketball Thursday, Jan. 2 at 11:30 at Briscoe. Boys will play West Texas Christian at 10:00 Thurs., Jan. 2. Good concession.

Getting together at the home of David and Rita Pearson Thursday for Christmas were Dallas and Lindsey Fillingim, Jerry and Marion Lackey, Jeff and Jennifer Lackey from Atlanta, Texas; Pat and Christie Steffek and Bailey and Clayton from Hallettsville; JoAnn and Carrol Lackey from Abilene and Joe Lacey from Amarillo for the weekend.

Nice to have Caroline Cornett and Katie come Monday and take me to lunch and visit in Amarillo. Others visiting were Ed and Laurel Hershman, Bro. Aaron Laverty, Gaye Hale and Sarah, Mozelle Thomas and Micah. Thanks.

Pray for Claudette Laverty. She has had such a painful, miserable time with arthritis. Aaron brought her to the doctor in Amarillo Monday.

Mobeetie XYZ will meet Friday, Jan. 3 at 6:30. All Senior Citizens are invited to First Baptist Church Mobeetie. Come earlier for blood pressure checks. Delicious pot luck supper, devotional, and games of Chicken Foot and 42. Ya'll come.

Wheeler Senior Citizens will meet Monday Jan. 6 at 6:00 p.m. for delicious pot luck supper and games of 88 and visiting.

David Hale and David McDonald went hunting and got an eleven point buck deer and dressed him out. Yea!

Rick and Lucy Lucas and Russell from Westport, Kentucky were last weekend visitors to Lois Meadows and Eddie and Leta Meadows and Amy and Laura. The Lucas family were also visitors to Gageby Church Sunday. Rick preached Sunday night. Other visitors to church were Sarita Dawson and Micaela and Dallas and Laurel Hershman.

Grace Irvine got moved to Parkview Hospital Wheeler extended care Monday by Hemphill County Ambulance. She is doing well since her broken leg, but still needs someone with her. Go by to see her. Pray for Grace and her family.

Welcome back Ray and Pat Hudson. So good to have you back home soon to Briscoe. Their phone is 375-2390, and Box # 189. Not all moved yet.

We enjoy so much all the Christmas cards. Just wish I had time to sit right down and write a letter back to each of you dear and precious people.

Many, many thanks for all your prayers and concern as Willis had his 6th hip replacement surgery, Dec. 18. He has done great and we got to go home on the 6th day after surgery (compared to a month on the other hip in February.) We are so thankful. I also got to have a cot in his room all the time. Thanks to Dallas for helping us get all loaded up to come home, and Lindsey for helping us get all unloaded. It's been so good to have

them visiting us and helping especially while in Amarillo.

Christmas Day guests at the home of J. P. and Martha Meek included Don and Cindy Hartsfield and Hayden and Glory, Chuck and Phoebe Hartline and Tamara and Aaron, Mack and Linda Sides, Suzanne Everett and Mary Morgan.

Clifford and Pauline Hefley had their family together Christmas night and included Jim and Beth Alvey, Tina and Rick Taber, David and Phyllis Hefley and Kristi and Darren. They also got to see Todd and Misty Alvey and Paige, Payton and Patterson another day.

Christmas Day guests of Venson and Fay Smith were David and Winnie Gilmer and Davy, Walter and Patricia Hand and Monty, Daryl and Tillie Snelgroves, Marlin Thomas from Borger, Julie Gilmer, Bill and Tonya Finsterwald and Randy and Brandon.

Evelyn Meek's family got together Christmas Eve and included Mark and Annette Meek and Caleb and Jocelyn, Sandra Meek and Kathy Meek. Other visitors on Christmas Day were John C. Vise, Kent Vise and Keith Meek.

Kevin and Jona Meek and Shantil and Tommy and Mrs. John Stages and granddaughter Candy Stages visited Wayne Meek. Kevin's family are from Clinton, Missouri and plan to be here for awhile. Keith Meek also visited.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Jap Bailey in his death.

Nice to have Clifford Hefley and Joyce Carr come by and visit Friday afternoon.

Monday night Dec. 23, Ruby Zybach enjoyed having her family home for Christmas and included David Zybach, Jane Ann and Curtis Hall and Kent, Kathy and Kyndal Murray and Krista and Derek, Bob and Gena Zybach and Steve, Wayne and Kathy Zybach and Clay and Casey, Bevard and Diane Dukes and Diedre.

Fat and Wanda Childress hosted their family get together Christmas Eve and included Clyde and Jane Dukes, and Stacie and Jackie, Jer-

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Verneal and Juanita Prater and Annette Jahnel and Carl Lee and Mary Lou Carter and Irene Zybach have all been sick with flu and congestion, as have many other people. They didn't do much Christmas. Helen Howell, Pampa visited them Christmas. Christmas Eve at Bob Zach's were Bob and Gena, Diane and Bevard Dukes and Dieder, Andre and Carissa, Kathy and Wayne Zach and Clay and Casey and Steve Zybach.
Some enjoying a Childress family reunion at Pampa catered by Dyers Barbeque Saturday were Fat Childress, Kay Luttrell and Susie and Gundi, Cathy Hunt, Shawn Hunt, Kimberly Winter and Tracy and Trenton, and Helen Dyson, Bo and Martha Childress, Wynola and Lindon Sanders, Rondel Childress and wife, Ann and Bus Brecciani, Kenneth and Brenda Childress and other children and grandchildren.
Correction: (I blew it!) Colby Childress and Stephanie Dollar were married recently and live at Rock Springs, Wyoming.
Mark and Annette Meek and Kaleb and Jocelyn visited Annette's sister, Lou and James Hackbirth at Frisco during the holidays.
Christmas Day guests of Dennis and Brenda Hefley and Nathan and Sara were Thurman and Bobbie Ann, Justin Westbrook, Keith and Dana Horn and Larry Lee, Megan and Sarah and Andrea Sims and Gayla. On Thursday Keith and Tyna and children celebrated Christmas at her house, Lee and Genise Young. It was Lee's 60th birthday. Others there were Craig and Cindy Young and David, Matt and Tracy and Jeff Young from California. Visiting later were Tim and JoAnn Miller.
Lou Dean Douthit's family were visiting together over the weekend for Christmas at the home of Leandra and Monty Whittenberg at Arlington. Ray and Pat Hudson spent Saturday night at the elevator office in school and ate lunch Sunday with Helen and Lois Hudson. They haven't all moved yet.
Christmas Day, Oden and Lois Hudson visited Sharon Grandstaff in Amarillo. Also there were Randy and Gattlin and Rob and Debbie Gattlin and daughter and grandson. Ma Mary didn't feel like getting out, so they went and visited her. They also visited Venson and Fay Smith Thursday.
Spending Christmas holidays with

Dean and Georgia Tipps were Terry and Becky Tipps and Zackary, Adam and Casey, Iona May, Jimmy and Tammy Maddox and Jennifer and Amber and Dwight Tipps. The guys did some hunting. Adam and Zachary each got a deer earlier.

Earl and Shirley Jolly had all their families home for Christmas Day and included Larry and Vickie Nelson and Jimmy and Keri, Chris Beard, Danny and Mary Lou Nelson and Danielle and Amy, Frank and Cathy Hooper, Brad Harrison, Mi Maria Yowell, Steve and Christy Patterson and Jeffrey, Jennifer and Jordan, Gary and DeAnn Nagel and Tanner, Ashton, Makenzie and Madison, Myron Jolly and Kendra and Angelia, Brenda and Craig Martin and Kyle.

Visiting us Sunday afternoon were Ed and Laurel Hershman, Leon and Veal Fillingim, Estelle McAdams, Clifford Hefley and Yvonne Topper.

Visiting Evelyn Meek Saturday were Kevin and Jona Meek and Shantil and Tommy from Clinton, Missouri, Sandra Meek and Lois Meadows.

"Good Morning, Dear Lord. This is your day, I am your child. Show me the way."—Willa Fillingim.

At the Bob and Mary Nell Finsterwald home on Christmas Day for supper were David and Linda Gilmer and Crystal, Jeremy Dean, Melanie and Ross Mathis and Paul, Audra, Nathan and Bethaney from Woodland, Colorado, Jim and Vickie Gilmer and Casey, Bill Gilmer and Toby, Jimmy and Johnny, Carol and Roy Dominey and Dustin and Savannah, Mary Williams, Melody and Misty

Morgan, Doris Finsterwald, Randy Finsterwald and Bob, Mary Nell and Andy and April.

Edna May enjoyed having her daughter Linda and Dean Lieb from Morse and all their children and grandchildren for Christmas Day. They even brought lots of delicious food.

Jo Ann Witcher and Brewer from Bryan visited the Bob Ratliff family. Others there were Timm and Melody Rodgers and Nikki and Gabe, Kevin and Pam Ratliff, and Bob, Sue, Keith and Heather.

At Mary Finsterwald's Christmas Day were John C. and Rosemary Vise, Kent Vise and Will, James Vise, Doris Finsterwald, Bob and Mary Nell Finsterwald and Andy and April, Bill and Tonya Finsterwald and Randy and Brandon.

We are hoping the weather stays nice so that Bob and Betty St. John and Mr. Ronald St. John from Las Cruces can come up for XYZ Friday night.

Holiday visitors at the home of Bill and Kyla Walker were Misty Walker from San Angelo, Dusty Walker and Allison Lyles from Amarillo, Lacy and Steven Horton and Blake and Shayla from Tulsa, Cliff and Dorothy Walker and Ellie Wilkerson. Lacy worked for the Canadian Ambulance one week-end.

Amanda Shields spent 3 days with Keri Grayson in Amarillo and they Christmas shopped and had fun.

Visitors in the Dick Irvine home over the holidays were Terry and Becky Tipps and Zachary, Adam and Casey, Rich and Connie Irvine and Marie and Justin, Craig and Stephanie Brock and Bryant, Timothy and Joshua from Maybank, Sharron and Charles Gowin and Dakota, Bob and Judy Irvine from Alamosa, Jenny and Hardy Cole from Throckmorton.

Doris Finsterwald's family were at her house Christmas Eve and included Bob and Mary Nell Finsterwald and Andy and April, Bill and Tonya Finsterwald and Randy and Brandon, Claudy Brotherton, Gary and Kathy Brotherton and Ryan and Janae from Oklahoma City and Maurine and C.B. Brotherton.

Visiting Doris Finsterwald Sunday were Shirley Dyson and Debbie Hammer and Thomas.

Tom and Alice Bell Helton enjoyed having many of their family home for the holidays. Christmas Day for dinner were Joyce and Joe Paul Smith and Bill and Phyllis Helton from Amarillo. Later, Gayle Lewallen and Sandy, Shea, Shannon and Shonda Harrison made a short visit and also Thomas and Martha Helton at night.

Saturday visitors were Joyce and Joe Paul, Doug and Marsha Mitchell and Brandon, Ashley and Brooke, Craig and Melissa Helton and Britany and Hannah, Kate Kramer and Chad Helton and Connie Johnson from Amarillo. Grandchildren from Graham visiting Thursday were Chris, Khile and baby.

Congratulations to Al and Sharon Ryan on the birth of their new baby daughter born December 28 at Stillwater. Kristen Alicia weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz. and is welcomed by big sister Ellen Marie, 15 months. Grandparents include Muri and Eula Kuhlman. We claim them, too.

Michelle and Shannon Wood and Ty from Wichita Falls and Sue Branum and Candace and Cassidy from Tyler spent Saturday night Dec. 21 with their brother, Glenn and Angela Keelin and Andrea, Marissia and Megan.

Visiting Rosalie Keelin Saturday were Michelle and family, Sue's girls and Glenn's girls. Later Perry and Paula Helton and Elaine Pettit visited.

Christmas Day at Rosalie's were Jerry and Sharon Keelin from Shamrock, Katrina Culler and Kayla and Shelby from Darrouzett, Dan Dear from Canadian, Kent, Kendra and Austin Sharp from Stamford, Leo and Jerilyn Segura and Jerrad and Sherilyn from Amarillo and Gene and Norma Keelin and Kara Kay, Tracy and Daniel.

On their way home Sunday, Sue and Michelle and families came by to see Rosalie. They all had a wonderful

Christmas together.

Mary Ruth Friar from Roswell has been visiting her sister Audie Siviage. They've had fun getting ready for Christmas feasting with Audie's family. Others there Christmas day were Gaye Hale and Sarah, David and Elizabeth and Olaf Siviage. Others expected later were Vernon and Sandie Siviage and Amy and Keri and Larry and Sue Snider and Issac, Zachary and Courtney from Houston to visit all the family.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Maydell Spruell, 71, of Canadian in her death.

Nice to have Dan and Chris Fillingim and Dallas and Lindsey to spend Christmas Day with us. Dan and Chris even prepared the delicious meal, cooking pork chops, hamburgers, onions, cauliflower, broccoli and potatoes on the grill. Finished off with delicious pumpkin and pecan pies. Thank you! Visiting us later were Olaf Siviage and Gaye Hale and Sarah, David and Elizabeth. Also Jo Ann Morgenstern. She and grandson Kelvin also visited Sue and Darrell Gaines and Aaron and Darren at Wheeler.

Getting together Saturday, Dec. 28 at E. G. and Willa Fillingim's were Ed and Laurel Hershman, Brad and Sarita Dawson and Micaela, Gayle and Helen Singleton, Maralee Singleton, Charles and Lajo Crownover and Terri and Londa. Andy and Lisa Singleton and Phillip, Jodie Crownover and Maralee's dog, Monique. Several came back on Sunday for dinner.

"Imagine all the joy that filled That stable long ago And spread until the world was warmed By the richness of its' glow.

And still today we all can feel Christ's presence ever near, Not only during Christmas time, But each day throughout the year."—Marj Mitkos

Pauline Hefley's family honored her with a surprise 80th birthday party Saturday night at Maxey's with supper and a beautifully decorated cake. It was also hers and Cliffords 62nd wedding anniversary. Their daughter Thelma Earline flew in from California for the occasion. Others there were Jim and Beth Alvey, David and Phyllis Hefley and Kristi, Darren Hefley and fiancée Chalone Stack, Tom and Alice Bell Helton, Marie Gudge, Helen Sabbe, Earl and Leola Farris, Verna Fillingim and Yvonne Topper. "God be with you till we meet again."

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Tuesday: Breakfast: Juice, Biscuits/Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Peanut Butter/Honey, Milk.
Lunch: Beef & Veg. Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Carrot Sticks, Pickle Spears, Crackers, Milk/Tea, Pears.
Wednesday: Breakfast: Juice, Cereal, Blueberry Muffins, Toast/Jelly, Milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion, Milk/Tea, Apricots.
Thursday: Breakfast: Juice, Pancake Pups/Syrup, Toast/Jelly, Sausage, Peanut Butter, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll/Butter, Milk/Tea, Mixed Fruit.
Friday: Breakfast: Juice, Cereal/Oatmeal, Toast/Jelly, Milk.
Lunch: Tuna or Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Tater Rounds, Pork & Beans, Milk/Tea, Pineapple.
(Menu Subject to Change)

CARD OF THANKS
I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to everyone who came by to wish me a "Happy Retirement." And also for all the cards, gifts, floral arrangements, calls and especially the "hugs"! A special thanks to my co-workers who planned the reception and did such a good job. I may go back to work so I can retire again!
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List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from December 6, 1996 to December 12, 1996.

DECEMBER 6, 1996

DVL—Beverly Cranston to Clyde Dukes, Jr., et ux, 11-26-96, Lots 3-6, Blk. 13, Briscoe.
DVL—Alice Kelly, et al to Clyde Dukes, Jr., et ux, 11-25-96, Lots 3-6, Blk. 13, Briscoe.
MML—Clyde Dukes, Jr., et ux to L. D. Childress, 11-27-96, Lots 3-6, Blk. 13, Briscoe.

TMML—L. D. Childress to First State Bank of Mobeetie, 11-27-96, Lots 3-6, Blk. 13, Briscoe.

DV—Clyde Dukes, Jr., et ux to First State Bank of Mobeetie, 11-27-96, Lots 3-6, Blk. 13, Briscoe.

DVL—Kristy Lee Grayson, et al to Charles Nelson, et ux, 12-3-96, Pt. Lot 13, Blk. 1, Allison.

DT—Charles Nelson, et ux to First State Bank of Mobeetie, 12-3-96, Pt. Lot 13, Blk. 1, Allison.

D—Manuel Cordova to Daniel Cordova, 5-3-96, N 1/2 Lot 4, Shamrock.

MD—Ellis Rudy, et ux to Ellis Rudy, Ltd., 11-27-96, S 1/2 Sec. 48, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

AMENDMENT AGREE—Lonnelle Kenady to R. D. Davis & Associates, Inc., 10-10-96, N 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 82, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Survey.

TRUSTEE OL—Arno R. Dalby to Midgard Energy Company, 10-21-96, Sec. 23, Camp County School Land.

TRUSTEE OL—Arno R. Dalby to Midgard Energy Company, 10-21-96, Sec. 20, Camp County School Land.

TRUSTEE OL—Arno R. Dalby to Midgard Energy Company, 10-21-96, S 1/2 Sec. 21, Camp County School Land.

TRUSTEE OL—Arno R. Dalby to Midgard Energy Company, 10-21-96, N 1/2 Sec. 21, Camp County School Land.

TDT—Bank of Oklahoma, National Association to BancFirst, 11-5-96, Sec. 50, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MODIFICATION DT—TBA Petroleum, Inc. to BancFirst, 9-30-96, Sec. 50, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RMML—Danny Lee Ault to Bill Ault, et ux, 11-21-96, 70' X 160' S 1/2 Sec. 17, Blk. RE, Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

DECEMBER 9, 1996

OL—Virginia H. Laurent to Midgard Energy Company, 10-31-96, Sec. 25, Camp County School Land.

ROY D/MD—Semroc to Elco, 12-6-96, Sec. 2, E. J. Campbell Survey.

ROW—Dennis Joe Heffley to Seagull Midcon, Inc., 11-27-96, W 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 34, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

AOL—Magic Circle Energy Corporation to MCFN 1996 Partnership, 11-

22-96, Pts. Sec. 59, NW 1/4 Sec. 46,

Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

AOL—Austin Oil Properties, Inc. to Samedan Oil Corporation, 10-2-96, Sec. 72, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

AOL—Austin Oil Properties, Inc. to Samedan Oil Corporation, 10-7-96, Sec. 72, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OVERRID ROYALTY RELEASE—

Kerr McGee Corporation to Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 12-6-96, See Instrument.

AFF—Thomas Peterson, et al to Alfred E. Marlow, Jr., et ux, 11-29-96.

D—Laura J. Marlow, et al to James L. Bohls, et ux, 11-23-96, Lots 11 and 12 and S 1/2 Lot 13, Blk. 77, WSSA, Shamrock.

D—David E. Marlow, et al to James L. Bohls, et ux, 11-29-96, Lots 11 and 12 and S 1/2 Lot 13, Blk. 77, WSSA, Shamrock.

EXECUTRIX D—Tom Peterson, et al to James L. Bohls, et ux, 11-12-96, Lots 11, 12 and S 1/2 Lot 13, Blk. 77, WSSA, Shamrock.

DT—James L. Bohls, et ux to First National Bank, Shamrock, 12-9-96, Lots 11, 12 and S 1/2 Lot 13, Blk. 77, WSSA, Shamrock.

RDT—Rolling Plains Production Credit Association to Joe E. Lee, et ux, 11-18-96, See Instrument.

OL—Sharon Delores Jones Hall to Rob Featherstone, 9-11-96, W 1/2 Sec. 23, Blk. RE, Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

OL—Raymond Moore, et ux to Samson International, Ltd., 1-3-96, S 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 26, Blk. RE, Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

ASSIGN—J. F. Messenbaugh to Seagull Midcon, Inc., 10-17-96, Secs. 36 and 37, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DECEMBER 10, 1996

No Recording

DECEMBER 11, 1996

D—Austin Lee Cantrell, et al to Elsie Mae Hollabaugh, 12-9-96, Lots 8 and 9, S 5' Lot 7, Blk. I, Shamrock.

HEIRSHIP AFF—Bobbie Jean Burch, et al to Bertha Lee Burkhalter, 11-14-96.

DVL—Bobbie Jean Burch, et al to Harold Williams, et ux, 12-9-96, Pt. Sec. 64, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DT—Harold Williams, et ux to First National Bank, 12-9-96, Pt. Sec. 64, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW—Harold Williams, et ux to City of Shamrock, 12-9-96, .02 acs. Sec. 64, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

PARTIAL ASSIGN—Five States Limited-1985 to Five States 1996-B, Ltd., 8-16-96, Secs. 25, 34 and 35, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

C/C PROBATE—Geraldine Bagley to Ex-Parte, 11-15-96.

RDT—Elsie Irene Cox Hughes to Francis Bryan Pride, et ux, 12-9-96, SE 1/4 Sec. 11, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

APPT SUB TRUSTEE—United States of America to Donnetta R. Dollar, 11-21-96, S 1/2 Outlet 24, Sham-

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According to Carriker, USDA's Rural Development, which was formerly known as the Farmers Home Administration, has programs in all of these areas. The Rural Housing Service (RHS) offers loans and grants to very-low, low, and moderate-income persons in towns or cities meeting certain population requirements. There are several programs offered under RHS with varying requirements to aid qualified persons buy a home, repair their home, or build/maintain multi-family housing units. RHS also administers the Community Facilities programs for the community-type loans.

The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) offers aid for several different programs relating to business programs. Population limits for RBS assistance range from very small towns to cities up to 50,000. The majority of RBS loans are guaranteed loans which are made in conjunction with a private lender; however, there are other programs which offer direct loans and even some grant funds.

A community's needs for safe and sanitary water and sewage treatment may be met by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). RUS programs offer aid to rural communities of less than 10,000 in population. Public bodies, corporations operated on a nonprofit basis, and Indian tribes that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms are eligible for assistance. There is also a program for aid in emergency situations where a rural community has had a significant decline in quantity or quality of drinking water due to

the occurrence of a natural disaster.

"As you can see, Rural Development is a very diverse mission area," said Carriker. "Our purpose is to help those people who cannot find help elsewhere. Although we do have some restrictions on our programs, we are proud to be able to help so many people in the state of Texas."

Last year alone, Rural Development programs assisted more than 3,000 people in Texas obtain safe housing, more than 75 communities acquire funding for their water or sewer systems, and 14 new or expanding businesses create hundreds of jobs for rural Texans.

Rural Development is also the administrator of several Presidential Initiatives: the Empowerment Zones, Champion Communities, Water 2000, and Homeownership 2000. These initiatives are in place to empower rural areas and individuals to provide for economic growth, to ensure safe and clean water for all residents by the 2000, and to raise the percentage of homeowners to a new high by the year 2000.

If you are interested in finding out if Rural Development can help you, contact Clyde H. Jenkins, Community Development Manager, at the Rural Development office in Amarillo. The Amarillo Local Office services the following counties: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler. Mr. Jenkins can be reached at the following address or telephone number: 3002 East Third Avenue, Amarillo, Texas 79104 — 806-373-6156. Some Rural Development programs are administered through the Area or State office, call the Amarillo Local Office for details.

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Representative Warren Chisum will be visiting towns throughout the 16 counties of the 88th legislative district in January. Chisum will conduct town hall meetings for everyone to come and visit, ask questions, and share concerns. Although he will be ready to discuss legislation and any upcoming issues facing the legislature in 1997, Chisum said he would also have pictures of grandbabies on hand if anyone would rather talk about them.

Each meeting will be at a central location, such as a local cafe, bank meeting room or school cafeteria. Chisum's goal in the days of travel is to let the people of the district talk

about their concerns and meet together to discuss issues that are important to their community. Chisum will speak a few minutes to provide a brief overview on legislative issues, then there will be a time of open forum for anyone to speak.

All are invited to attend any meeting. The schedule is listed below. Please note when Chisum will be in your town or nearby, and plan to visit with him on that day.

January 6, 1997: Shamrock—7:00-7:45pm, City Hall Annex
January 7, 1997: Mobeetie—8:00-9:00am, City Hall; Wheeler—9:15-10:00am, City Hall

County Commissioners Nov. Meetings

November 8, 1996

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session with Judge Wendell Morgan presiding. Members present were: Kenneth Childress, Hubert Moore and Boyd Hiltbrunner, Commissioners precincts 1, 3 and 4, respectively. Absent was Tommy Puryear, Commissioner precinct No. 2. Also present were Margaret Dorman-County Clerk; and Ron Gowdy-County Auditor.

Court was opened with a prayer offered by —

Approval Of Minutes
Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Hubert Moore to accept the Minutes from October 14, 1996 and October 28, 1996 court meetings as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval Of Hourly Employee Time Sheets
Kenneth Childress made a motion which was seconded by Hubert Moore to approve the time sheets for the hourly employees as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval Of Bills For Payment
Hubert Moore made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to pay the bills as approved and found listed in Volume 10 of the Minutes of Accounts Allowed in the County Clerks office. Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of Justice of Peace Reports
Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Hubert Moore to accept the Justice of Reports for the month of October 1996 as follows: Doyle Ramsey-\$441.75 and Guy Hardin-\$20,254.10. Motion carried unanimously.

Independent Auditor Appointed
Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Hubert Moore to appoint Jerry G. Davis from Pampa, Texas as the Independent Auditor to

perform an audit of all Wheeler County accounts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. Motion carried unanimously.

Canvass Of 1996 General Election
Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to accept the canvass of the 1996 General Election as prepared. Motion carried unanimously.

November 25, 1996

The Wheeler County Commissioners court in Special Session with Judge Wendell Morgan presiding. Members present were: Kenneth Childress, Tommy Puryear, Hubert Moore and Boyd Hiltbrunner, Commissioners precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively. Also present were: Margaret Dorman-County Clerk and Steven Emmert-County Attorney.

Approval Of Hourly Employee Time Sheets
Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to approve the time sheets for the hourly employees as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval Of Bills For Payment
Kenneth Childress made a motion which was seconded by Tommy Puryear to pay the bills as approved and found listed in Volume 10 of the Minutes of Accounts Allowed in the County Clerks office. Motion carried unanimously.

Mobeetie Fire Department-Funding Request
No representative came to Court.

Wheeler Fire Department-Burning Ban
Daryl Snelgrooves met with the Court to discuss a possible ban on burning in the County.

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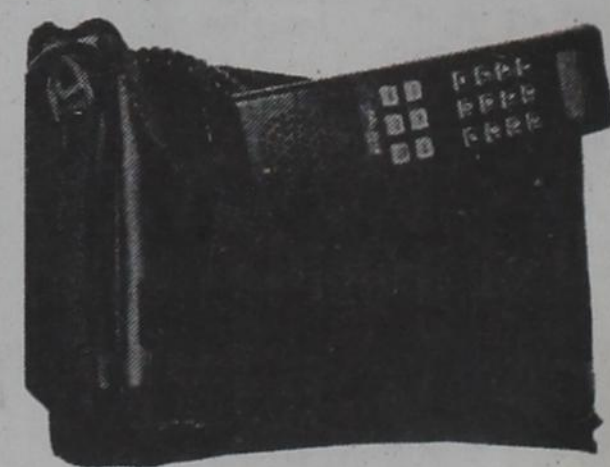
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