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Policy Regarding Meals

Served at School Cafeteria

(EFFECTIVE AS OF DEC. 14, 1970)

Since the School Cafeteria is not to operate in competition with private enterprises (other food serving establishments), it is necessary that the following policy regarding adult meals be followed--effective Monday, December 14, 1970:

1. Only adults who are employees of the Plains School and their husbands and/or wives are to be served meals on a regular daily basis.
2. The price of lunch for adults who are not employees of the Plains School shall be \$1.00 each.
3. Only employees of the Plains School, members of the school employee's immediate family, and immediate family members of Plains School students are eligible to eat lunch in the school cafeteria.

G. D. Kennedy, Supt.

P.H.S. News

Outstanding students were acknowledged November 13, by the High School Faculty. The Who's Who list for 1970-71 are as follows:

FRESHMAN

Jeff Gentry
Stephnia Green
SOPHOMORE
Beth Hale
Joey Lowe
JUNIOR
Shelley Simpson
Rojanna Harvey
Scotty Bayer

SENIORS

Jan McCravery
Gary Livesay
Sue Spencer
Glenda Miller
The Student Body also elected their favorites. They are:
Mr. and Miss P. H. S.
Gail Ancinec
Gary Livesay
Runners-Up
Gerry Randall
Sue Spencer
Most Friendly
Clevey Kerby
Sue Spencer

Runners-Up

Tim Byrum
Pam McDonnell
Most Likely to Succeed
Jan McCravery
Earl Krieg
Runners-Up
Gerry Randall
Glenda Miller
Most Beautiful--Most Handsome
Gail Ancinec
Gary Livesay
Runners-Up
Jan McCravery
Clevey Kerby
Best Groomed
Kevin Guetersloh
Judy Smith
Runners-Up
Jeff Gentry
Lynne Fitzgerald
CLASS FAVORITES

SENIOR

Guerry Randall
Sue Spencer
JUNIOR
Ronnie Rains
Judy Smith
SOPHOMORE
Tony Winn
Susie Strickland
FRESHMAN
John Gray
Gwen Fitzgerald



Debra Bearden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bearden, and Joetta Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Warren, proudly display the trophies they won at the Miss Permian Basin Twirling and Beauty Contest in Andrews, Texas.

Plains Girls Attend Twirling & Beauty Contest

Debra Bearden, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. O. Bearden, La Gatha Thompson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leon Thompson; Joetta Warren, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Warren, entered the Miss Permian Basin Twirling and Beauty Contest in Andrews Saturday. Joetta Warren and

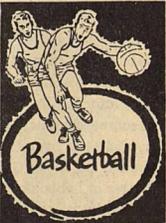
Debra Bearden received trophies. Those attending from this area were Mrs. Leon Thompson, and La Fonda, Mrs. C. A. Stewart; Mr. & Mrs. A. O. Bearden, Donna and Kathey; Mrs. James Warren, Theresa Howell, Dianne Redwine, Robbie Hale and Joey Lowe.

Yoakum Co. on T.V.

C. M. Thompson, District Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, in the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District, taped a TV program that will be shown on December 17 on Channel 8 of Roswell, and Channel 11 of Lubbock, from 7 to 7:30 a. m., on the Farm show by Walt Olive

The program will be on Minimum Tillage and all 15 slides used were made in the Yoakum SWCD. Also shown in the slides are Lee Roy McCravery and Greg, and Lloyd Allsup.

This same program was shown on KMID Channel 2 of Midland, Texas about two weeks ago.



Housing Project Appears Satisfactory

The City has requested information regarding the existing housing projects and the results of their operations in some of the surrounding cities. A response to these requests are now arriving and will be published in these news columns from time to time.

Mr. H. G. Abercrombie
City Secretary
P. O. Box 1026
Plains, Texas 79355

Mr. H. G. Abercrombie
City Secretary
Plains, Texas

Dear Mr. Abercrombie:
This is in reply to your letter concerning low rent housing in your City. I did most of the paper work on the project in Slaton and have worked with the low rent housing to some extent in Levelland. I believe there is a definite need for low rent housing in most cities. I know that Levelland is very well pleased with its project. I understand that Slaton is well satisfied with the one there. I personally believe that Federal Low rent Housing fills a void that presently exists for the low income families.

Cities have no financial obligation in either obtaining low rent housing or in its operation once the project has been completed. About the only obligation that the City Council has is the appointment of the Housing Board which operates it. I hope that this letter will be of some value to you and the City Council in determining what course of action to take. If I can be of future assistance please feel free to contact me

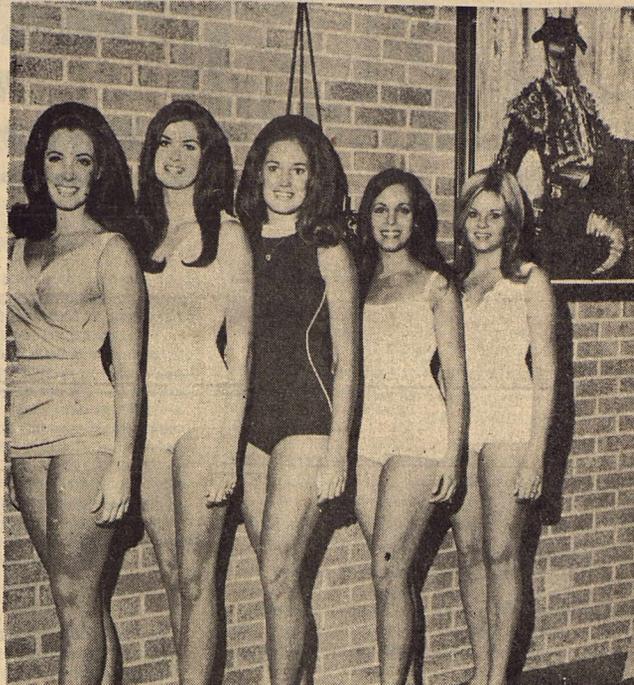
Sincerely,
Robert W. Sokoll
City Manager
City of Levelland

In regards to your letter concerning our low rent housing project, the City of Seagraves is very pleased with the project.
The city is not involved financially in any way with the project and have not been out any cost on this.
The Housing Authority of the City of Seagraves has a loan approved in the amount of \$376,309 for construction of 20 or more Conventional Low-Rent Public Housing Units at this time. At the present time we have 28 units completed and in use. We are receiving revenue on these units that we would not be receiving otherwise. The city feels that this has been an asset to our town.

Sincerely,
Dollie Berry
City Secretary
City of Seagraves

Ceramic Workshop

Everyone is invited to a ceramic workshop at the Clubroom at 9:30 a. m., Friday Dec. 11. COME MAKE BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS.



OLE! OLE! WHAT DOES THE MATADOR SEE? Why beauty contestants, of course. The five nominees for queen of the Texas Watermelon Growers and Distributors Association are, left to right, Nicki Stallman, Mary Bentley, Melinda Meyer, Anna Carpenter, and Dianne Fitzgerald.

TEXAS WATERMELON GROWERS CONVENTION

The fifth annual meeting of the Texas Watermelon Growers and Distributors Association was held at the Hotel Palacio del Rio, November 30--December 4, 1970.

Kicking off the Monday evening session was a guest speaker, Dolph Briscoe of Uvalde, Texas, a bank director and candidate for governor of Texas. He discussed the role of agriculture in the future, to the economy of the United States. He said opportunities were unlimited for those who are willing to work. A film was shown about the growing, shipping, and handling of watermelons from field to market. The film is produced by the Texas Department of Agriculture. A cocktail reception and buffet in the International Ballroom concluded Monday's activities.

New officers were elected Tuesday at the business session. A report was made on promotion and advertising of Texas Watermelons, which was to equal more than one million dollars in paid advertising through radio and television spots.

Representing West Texas was The A & G Melon Company, which is owned and operated by Dero Anderson of Tokio, Texas and Dickie Green of Plains, Texas. Our community is proud of this company because they have established a market for melons in our area.

The A & G Melon Company was asked by the Texas Watermelons Association to sponsor a queen contestant from West Texas. Dianne Fitzgerald, daughter of Commissioner and Mrs. Johnnie Fitzgerald, was selected for this honor.

The other contestants were Anna Carpenter from Tyler, Texas, Mary Bentley from Pharr, Texas, Melinda Meyer from San Antonio, Texas and the new queen, Nicki Stallman from Columbus, Texas. Judges were Dr. Little of San Marcos, Butch Newman, tennis coach, and Jim Stewart, a San Antonio broker.

The winner receives a \$500.00 wardrobe and an expense paid trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, for the National Convention. The runners-up receive a large sterling silver tray. Miss Nicki Stallman, the new queen, is a student at San Marcus College. She has entered in numerous contests, and has won many awards. She acted as the guide for President Johnson during his visits to the college. She wrote the choreography for the Miss Texas Program. Miss Melinda Meyers won second place. Miss Meyer was also elected Miss Kelley Air Force Base. Third Place was won by Miss Anna Carpenter, who has also won numerous titles and has participated in many activities, such as being a member of the Rangerettes from Tyler, Texas. Fourth place was won by our own Yoakum County Beauty, Miss Dianne Fitzgerald. Dianne is a very lovely hometown girl who has won many titles during her high school career. She is now a very busy South Plains College student. We are very proud of Dianne and of her participation in this Texas Watermelon program. The girls were entertained royally with a banquet and ball, to thank them for their efforts and willingness to participate. Dianne McGinty, outgoing queen, said that you will never know what being queen can mean. Dianne is a lovely student at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos and she had the courtly duty of participating in the contest the past summer in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Those attending from the Plains area were Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Green, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Fitzgerald and Dianne, Mr. and Mrs. Dero Anderson and their families.

Lions Club Programs

The Plains Lions Club was joyously entertained last Thursday at their noon meeting when Mr. E. E. Winters, Director Public relations for El Paso Products Company of Odessa brought a screen and lecture program.

Mr. Winters, who is a noted after dinner speaker, cracked a few snappy jokes and told of a few personal experiences, but in general his lecture was of a serious nature. He described some of the activities of the El Paso Products Company. He spoke on many products manufactured by the company; their extensive work in the plastics field, and outlined the picture story he was to portray on the screen. The title of the picture was "Three Ten From Texas". This is a story in part of the laying of the huge 30 inch gas line which carries natural gas from Texas to California and the great northwest for fuel. Paintings by an outstanding California artist portrayed the history of the development of much of the territory traversed by the pipe line. Action pictures showed scenes of the actual laying of the pipeline through the rough terrain and some of the almost impossible obstacles incurred as it pursued its course from a point east of Fort Stockton, across rivers, plains, and high mountain ranges to the Colorado river at Blythe, California.

As the picture portrayed; the laying of this line was a tremendous feat. This was a program that will remain in the minds of the viewers, to be reviewed and pondered for some time.

An outstanding event of the year for members of the Lions Club will be their "ladies night" on the night of December 17. A Christmas turkey banquet will be served to those attending.

Dr. C. L. Kay, of Lubbock Christian College will bring an hour long program. Dr. Kay who is well known to the folks of Plains as a world traveler and noted lecturer, will show slides and describe his recent tour of southeast Asia and the military bases he visited. This banquet which will be in the school cafeteria at 7:30 p. m., will be open to the public. Tickets are now being sold by Lions Club members, and the price of the tickets is \$2.00 each. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy a fine banquet and this splendid program.

The Plains Cowboys looked great this week, with two big wins. The Cowboys played Cotton Center December 4, and totaled 90 points over Cotton Center's 47. The team scored as follows:

T. Byrum	20pts.
G. Randall	20
E. Moore	18
G. Livesay	8
T. Winn	8
J. Lowe	7
T. Chandler	2
S. Simpson	2
R. Ramos	2
C. Carter	3

B. Nixon was high scorer for Cotton Center with 14 points

Eddie Moore had 14 rebounds
The Cowboys had another shoot out against Tatum December 8 at Tatum, and won 69-56.

T. Byrum	31 points
G. Randall	14
E. Moore	15
G. Livesay	3
J. Lowe	4
T. Winn	2

Taylor was high scorer for the Tatum team with 17 points. Eddie Moore had 18 rebounds and Guerry Randall had 15 rebounds.

The next game will be at Eunice at 2:15 in Eunice Tournament, Dec. 10, 11, 12.

GO, FIGHT, WIN, COWBOYS!



Don't Be An Accomplice

To Your Child's Crime

By Sheriff Dept.

Enter The Christmas Lighting Contest

Once again attention is called to the Plains Christmas decoration contest. This contest is open to all homes in the Plains trade area. Rural homes as well as city homes are eligible. There is but one requirement. The Chamber of Commerce must be notified of the entry by 5:00 p. m. December 14th. There are no entry fees. Prizes for the contest will be: 1st place, \$25.00, 2nd place, \$15.00; 3rd place, \$10.00; 4th place, \$7.50; and 5th place, \$5.00.

Consideration of entries will begin December 15th to a 11:00 sufficient time to give careful consideration for the judging of all contestants. Santa will make his appearance via the local fire truck at 10:00 A. M. Saturday, December 19th with candies for all the kiddies.

No matter what police, educators, or other interested agencies may do in the struggle to curb theft by juveniles, the primary influence remains with parents. Family behavior can work for good or ill, but a successful pamphlet "Teen-Agers Beware! Shoplifting is stealing" developed by the National Retail Merchants Association suggests these basic guidelines:

1. Be aware that shoplifting can be just the beginning of bigger trouble for your children.
2. Make sure your children understand that shoplifting is stealing, and stealing is a criminal act.
3. Be certain that your children know what a police record can do to their chances for jobs, colleges, and professions.
4. Know how much money your children have and how they spend it.
5. Know what your son or daughter brings into the house. If it isn't his or hers, check on where it came from. Don't accept a pat answer.
6. Know when, where, and why your child is going shopping.
7. Find out what your community is doing about the problem, and lend your help.
8. Teach your child that it is more "chicken" to go along with the crowd than to refuse to do so.
9. Be alert to a daughter who repeatedly goes shopping with an extra-large hand bag or shopping bag.
10. Supervise any "clothes swapping."
11. Set the right example.

Copies of this useful pamphlet may be obtained by writing to Operations Division, National Retail Merchants Association, 100 West 31st Street, New York, New York 10001.



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Letters are always welcome when accompanied with the name and address & space is available.

Editorials

Searching for Facts

Two important issues are facing the City of Plains at this time. One is the question of low rent housing, the other is the question of the quality of the water supply for the City.

It is common knowledge in Plains that before the installation of the present desalination plant, the quality of the water supply was definitely bad and that there was definite need for some action for improvement.

In regard to the housing situation, the fact that there is a demand for rent housing cannot be denied. It is not the duty of this newspaper to decide the type or the method of the improvement to be used to rectify these conditions; however, we do feel it our duty to present the facts regarding any methods investigated or tried by governing agencies of this community. We have consistently insisted on authoritative investigation and presentation of facts concerning these issues. We will gladly publish any authenticated reports presented us regarding the above issues.

We are aware of the fact that Plains has reached a crossroad in its existence. It can meet the challenge of improvement and progress and insure its stability or it can lackadaisically ignore these needs and wither and erode into a state of mere existence.

A combined and concerted effort of the businessmen is a requirement for the welfare and growth of a town or city. The Chamber of Commerce, its membership and activities, mirror the attitude of the city and community they represent. It affords an opportunity for interested individuals and businesses to cooperate and work for the benefits of their community.

It would be well for every resident before deciding their position on the above issues to ask themselves, "What am I doing to help Plains grow?"

It is always ingratiating to find that some thing you are doing or the place you are living has come to the attention of people of talent and accomplishment in other parts of the world. So we felt a great sense of appreciation as we read the "Plainsman" Column in the Lubbock Avalanche Journal last Saturday. We feel honored for Plains to be recognized in such manner and to be the inspiration for so fine an article. But let us not be selfish with our appreciation. We must express our esteem for one who can take a small news item and expand it to express the Christmas Spirit of all of West Texas. The author has a wonderful Christmas Spirit and freely shares it with all within his reach and as is often noted in his writings he has a very deep feeling for West Texas.

Well, Mr. Plainsman, you and your column are appreciated in Youkum County too. One of our "Old Settlers", a fine Lady of 87 years of age, Mrs. George Cleveland, called Sunday morning to be assured of our attention to the Saturday "Plainsman."

Lets keep Santa busy
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Good cheer Merry Christmas
Give your hair
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Viva's Beauty Shop

All year long, our many friends wish us well by continued loyal patronage. We take this happy opportunity to express our gratitude and sincere Christmas wishes.

Friendly Chats With Faye McConnell

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

On the days when we seem to have the least reason for being happy, we have the most reason for doing everything in our power to stir up a happy feeling in ourselves.

It may seem that conditions and things outside us have a great deal to do with whether or not we feel happy, but happiness is an inner habit of mind and it is something we have control of. We can be happy even on the days when there are difficult tasks ahead, even on the days when things seem out of order, even on the days when we do not feel as strong and vital as we should like to feel.

"This is a happy day. I am a happy person." We may say this to ourselves because we agree with it, or we may say it to ourselves because this is the way we want to feel. In either event, a feeling of happiness can be generated in us and sustained in us, because God has given us the power to set our own moods and to control our feelings and emotions.

Oh, that Mary Strickland with her cheerful voice and happy laughter for everyone! How I love her, and I sincerely wish that I had the personality that she does. The manner in which she greets you makes you feel that you are the most important person in the world.

She wanted me to keep this a secret, and even though it was not funny when it happened, she and I could laugh about it Monday morning after she hobbled over to the telephone to talk with me.

Sunday afternoon, Mary and her daughter, Ray Nell, decided to ride horses for awhile, and of course, Mary's horse had to run away. One of the first things Mary did was to let her foot slip from the stirrup. When she and the horse came to a big tree, the horse decided to turn swiftly, but Mary kept going in the same direction that she was going at the time the horse decided to turn. Mary said that she thought she was killed but after Ray and Ray Nell took her to the Lubbock Methodist Hospital for X-Rays, the doctor only found a very badly sprained ankle and bruised hip, along with some other scratches and bruises.

Don't fret over this too much, Mary, because I have had the same thing happen to me, only my horse started pitching and it scared me so that I couldn't even think to hold onto the saddle horn. All I could think about was to get off that horse. Besides bruises and scratches, I came out with a broken and badly cut finger, and I was supposed to have played for a wedding within the next few days. But with a broken finger swollen twice its normal size, I had to let someone else take my place.

FOOTNOTE TO HISTORY

By selling a 98,380 square-mile chunk of its territory to the United States, Texas may have delayed the start of the Civil War.

When Texas entered the Union in 1845, it claimed as its western boundary an area that included the present sites of Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Taos, New Mexico. Its northern boundary extended in a 100 mile-wide strip through Colorado to the 42nd parallel in Wyoming.

Following annexation, however, United States troops refused to let Texas officials into the area. Angered at this affront, Governor P. Hansborough Bell notified the President of the United States that Texas intended to take possession of its territory even if it had to use force.

Congress realized that Texas wasn't kidding. To prevent hostilities, the United States offered Texas \$10 million for the disputed land in the Compromise of 1850. Texas accepted the offer and civil war was averted.

A duck is a bird that walks as though it had been riding a horse all day.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalms 118:24

Tops Club

The "Top O' The Plains" Club met Tuesday night, December 8th for the regular weekly meeting. Members reported to the Plains Clinic building for the weekly weigh-in and later met at 7:30 p.m. in the Gold Room of the Cowboy Grill for a Christmas Party.

The meeting began with Mrs. David Mitchell of Denver City leading in prayer. Mrs. Milton Bayer, club president, led the group in recitation of the TOPS pledge and singing the song--- "The More We Get Together."

Mrs. David Mitchell of Denver City was recognized as Queen for the month of November as she lost the most weight.

Mrs. Mem Overton was presented with a farewell gift as she and her family are moving to Odessa.

A delicious meal of Ham vegetable salad, green beans, baked potato, rolls, pie, coffee and tea was enjoyed by the 12 members present.

Secret pals were revealed and gifts were exchanged. Meeting adjourned to meet at regular time, Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the regular meeting place.

Tsa Mo Ga Christmas Party

The season of giving and being with friends and loved ones will begin for members of Tsa Mo Ga Study Club with their annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday night, December 12, 1970, at 7:30 p.m. The traditional Christmas Dinner will be served in the Plains School Cafeteria by members of the State Line Home Demonstration Club.

In the spirit of giving, the members will each bring a gift for a girl at Girlstown. It is in the giving to others that we may truly enjoy Christmas.

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you so much for all the kindness, prayers, and concern shown to us during the illness and death of my father. They will long be remembered. May God Bless each of you.

Mrs. Rhonal Teaff and family

Letter To The Editor

Dear Folks Out West,
Especially appreciate your "Friendly Chats" column in the paper.

Hope you have a wonderful Holiday Season. We are flying to Florida to spend Christmas with my two daughters, Angeline and Rachel, both now retired teachers.

Keep busy in spite of my 84 2/3 years. Come see us someday.

J. E. Wilson
3309 Grady St
Ft. Worth, TX

Plains FFA Attends Banquet

The Plains FFA Chapter attended the District Banquet in Lamesa on Monday night of this week. Terry Livesay competed in the sweetheart competition and did a fine job representing the Plains Chapter. Ronnie Rains was her escort and Mr. and Mrs. Livesay attended the banquet in interest of their daughter and as guest of the chapter. Miss Scott from Klonoke won the Mesa District Sweetheart and will be a good contender for area sweetheart. Members from the Plains Chapter attending the banquet were Tommy Crooks, Wayne Wauson, Rolan Taylor, Bruce Lester and Mike McRae, along with Mr. Gossett.

Rehearsal Dinner

Miss D'Lynn McGinty and Michael Earl Whitten were entertained with a rehearsal dinner at the Fiesta Room of the ElPatrio Motor Hotel in San Angelo, given by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Whitten.

The bride was honored with a luncheon at the San Angelo Country Club by Mrs. G. D. Foster, aunt of the bride, and Mrs. B. B. Bridgford, both of Colorado City, Texas at one o'clock on Saturday, November 28, 1970. Guests attended from Dallas, Plains, Odessa, Lubbock, Austin, and Artesia, New Mexico.

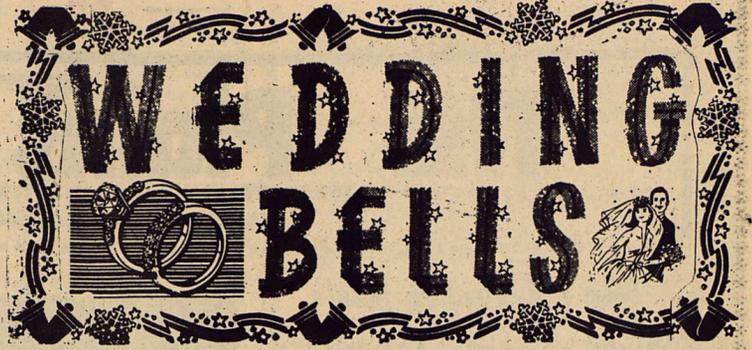
Fine Arts Club

Plains Fine Arts Club met in the home of Mrs. T. J. Miller Thursday night, December 3, 1970, with Mrs. Pat Henard and Mrs. W. L. Carnohan as co-hostesses. "Christmas Music In The Home" was the theme of the program.

Mrs. Darrell Lindsey was program director in the absence of Mrs. Johnnie Fitzgerald. She presented Miss Sue Cleveland and Rojanna Harvey who sang, "What Child Is This?", accompanied by Miss Jan McCravy. Edith Worsham and Shelley Williams played a piano duet, "The Birthday of a King"; and Bayne Bacon played a piano solo, "Joy To The World". Mrs. C. L. Anderson sang "O Holy Night" accompanied by Mrs. Darrell Lindsey. Mrs. Lynn Rowe played the guitar and sang, "The Cherry Tree". Mrs. Wayne Davis gave the story of the hymn of the month, "O Come All Ye Faithful" and it was sung by the club members, accompanied by Mrs. Lindsey.

We would like to express our appreciation to our year book committee. For the past two years our year books have won blue ribbons; the 1969-70 year book also won first in the National Federation for a club of our size, and our 1970-71 year book won a blue ribbon and was first in District Federation with 102 points out of 103. This comprises a great deal of work and thought on the part of our committee and they are to be commended for their efforts.

Our guest for our Christmas program included Sue Cleveland, Rojanna Harvey, Jan McCravy, Bayne Bacon, Edith Worsham, Shelley Williams, Mrs. Lee Roy McCravy, Mrs. Charles Williams and Mrs. William Worsham.



D'Lynn McGinty Whitten

The altar of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, beautifully decked with greenery and candlelight, was the setting for the double ring solemnized ceremony of Miss D'Lynn McGinty and Michael Earl Whitten, with the Reverend Jack Hooper, officiating. Traditional wedding music was presented by Mrs. Dick Foster of San Angelo, Texas.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. R. N. McGinty and the late R. N. (Rusty) McGinty of Plains, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Whitten of Dallas, Texas.

The bride was escorted to the altar and presented in marriage by her cousin, George Humphrey of Guthrie, Texas.

The bride was lovely, gowned in a full length gown of peau de soie, featuring a lace overlay and train; a roll collar of peau de soie, and bead trim, long lace sleeves with a long net train, and lace flower trim. The bridal bouquet was an arrangement of white orchids on a green background. Her jewelry was a diamond teardrop, given her years passed by her dear friends, the Arthur Victor family of Dallas, Texas.

For something new, she had a penny in each shoe, given her by Mrs. Jay Bryson, sister of the bride, and Mrs. Lynn Holden of Dublin, Texas. Something old was an heirloom gold wedding ring belonging to her Grandmother Been. She also wore a blue garter given her by Mrs. Marcy Goldwater of Lubbock, Texas. Something borrowed was her pearl white wedding shoes belonging to Judy Bridgford of Colorado City, Texas.

Mrs. B. B. Bridgford of Colorado City, was matron of honor; Mrs. Jay Bryson, sister of the bride, and Mrs. John Allen of Artesia, New Mexico were the bridesmaids. They wore coral gowns of identical design and carpet lengths. The bridesmaids featured a rolled neckline with elbow sleeves and they carried a lighted candle on an arcade of green lemon leaves.

Bruce McShan of Dallas, served as best man. Groomsman were Wayne Echols of Garland, Texas, and William Sid Wright of Lubbock, Texas. The ushers were John Newborn of Houston, Texas, Chuck Anderson and Ken Hendrix of Dallas. Ken Hendrix also served as candlelighter.

Timothy John Hendrix was ring bearer. Mr. Hendrix is a cousin of the groom. Registering guests was the sister of the groom, Miss Judy Whitten.

For the bride's wedding, her mother chose a gold background with a white scroll design dress of double knit with bone accessories. Mrs. Whitten chose for her son's wedding, a hot pink crepe sheath dress with matching coat and accessories. Both mothers wore Camelia corsages of white and light green centers.

After the ceremony the wedding party and guests attended the reception held in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. The reception table was laid with a white cathedral linen cloth and from this table was served cranberry punch from acrystal service by Mrs. Douglas Wilson of Seminole, Texas and Miss Annette Duncan of Brownwood, Texas. A four-tiered white iced Columaded wedding cake, entailed with pink orchids was served from a second table, laid with a linen and hand crochet cloth to guests by Mrs. Jerry Blocker of Denton, Texas; Miss Joyce Thomas from Lubbock, Texas.

D'Lynn chose a brown tweed double knit suit with brown accessories for her going away suit. They were going through the northern part of Texas and New Mexico for their honeymoon trip. She wore a white orchid corsage taken from her bridal bouquet.

The couple will reside in San Angelo where D'Lynn will continue her work with the Extension Service and he will continue his work with Southwestern Livestock Mineral.

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SUNDAY

GENE BENNETT
PLAINS REVIEW



THE JOY OF LIVING COMES FROM GIVING

Jesus' whole life was such an example of the art of giving that He was kindled a responsive spirit in the hearts of those who follow in His footsteps.

During this month that celebrates His birth, more persons think in terms of giving than at any other time during the year. While the giving of outer gifts is good and fine, the greatest gifts we give are the gifts we give from our hearts, the gifts of the spirit.

December is a good month to think in terms of giving to others of our appreciation, of our attending, of our faith, of our joy. Whatever another's need may be, we can help him to find fulfillment as we give to him of our encouragement and as we have faith in God's power at work in his life.

The joy of living comes from giving, especially when the giving is from the Spirit of Christ, from the heart of love. There is no one who is without something to give to someone this Christmas, for Christ is in the heart of all.

"Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee."
Acts 3:6

Plant Of Peace Is Mistletoe.

The hanging of mistletoe at Christmas is an English custom which goes back to the Druid beliefs. This plant was thought to bring good luck, and was so sacred that if the enemies met beneath the mistletoe in the forest, they would lay down their arms, exchange greetings, and keep a truce until the next day.

From this custom grew the practice of hanging the "plant of peace" over a doorway at Christmas as a symbol of good will to all comers. A kiss under the mistletoe was a declaration of love and a promise of marriage, and an engagement announced in this way was thought to bring happiness, good fortune and long life to lovers.

How To Wrap That Round Package

To wrap a round package, place the package on the paper and cut so that there is an inch overlap on the side. Fix neatly with tape. Leave enough paper at both ends to fold over and meet in the center of the cylinder. Pleat these ends neatly toward the center making firm creases. Cut two circles of paper to fit the ends of the cylinder and paste them over the pleats.

A round package or object can also be wrapped in several layers of tissue paper with good overlap fixed with tape, and under the mistletoe was a declaration of love and a promise of marriage, and an engagement announced in this way was thought to bring happiness, good fortune and long life to lovers.

COME BY AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.



All mens Cologne & After Shave
20% off

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Xmas. Cards (Boxes) 1/2 Price
NUMEROUS OTHER ITEMS

**CURRY
PHARMACY**



Mrs. Roy Weeks had surgery on December 4th in the Lubbock Methodist Hospital. She is reported to be doing fairly well.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Kirby of Crosbyton visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Kirby and Cleve over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Wolfenbarger and boys of Sundown spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson. Guests in the W. R. Bean home were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Underwood of Knox City.

Mrs. W. R. Bean visited her parents recently; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. White at Rule. She was joined by a brother, Floyd and two sons of Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. L. Lemley were in Lubbock over the weekend.

Jeaney Edwards and girls visited Mrs. Troy Green in Seminole last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Curry of Seagraves were visiting relatives here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Belleny were in Sweetwater for her uncle's funeral, J. A. Carey.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Clark of Lubbock visited Lavern Newsom Monday.



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Monday 14th
Salmon Croquettes With Catsup
Cheese & Macaroni
Buttered Mixed Vegetables
Tossed Salad
Hot Rolls & Butter
Banana Pudding
Milk

Tuesday 15th
Hamburgers
Sliced Pickles
Onion Rings
Tomato & Lettuce
Buttered Mashed Potatoes
Carrot Sticks
Mixed Fruit
Coconut Cookies
Milk

Wednesday 16th
Spaghetti With Meat Sauce
Blackeyed Peas With Snaps
Buttered Yellow Squash
Indian Cole Slaw
Hot Rolls & Butter
Spiced Applesauce
Milk

Thursday 17th
Burritos With Taco Sauce
Fiesta Rice
Sauerkraut With Bacon
Garden Salad
Hot Corn Bread & Butter
Apricot Cobbler
Milk

Friday 18th
Roast Beef & Gravy
Buttered Baked Potatoes
Buttered Green Peas
Lettuce Wedge With Dressing
Hot Rolls & Butter
Sliced Peaches
Milk

In those parts of the country where phosphate used to be dug, there are great pits left that hold water saturated with lime. The bucks that drink this water develop huge antlers.—SPORTS AFIELD.

News Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gillis were called to Houston Tuesday night where their son and granddaughter, age 5, had been in a car accident.

Charles Jr., was seriously injured and his small daughter was critically injured. Just before lunch time Wednesday, Mrs. Gillis called and said that their granddaughter had died.

Charles Jr., had just moved to the Houston area a few weeks ago.

Funeral services will be at 3:00 p. m., Thursday, December 10, at Belton, Texas.

Mr. Leonard Heald, husband of Ruby Heald, County Clerk, is to have major surgery Thursday morning in the Andrews Hospital in Andrews, Texas.



Mrs. Grace Hughes, Mrs. Le Roy Box, Mrs. Leon Thompson, and Mrs. Don Young attended the Yoakum County H. D. Council Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Rowe Stephens. Mrs. Thompson directed the games. There was a gift exchange and refreshments of punch and cake were served the 25 present.

Mrs. A. R. Mitchell of Denver City was hostess for the State Line H. D. Club Thursday in her home. Mrs. Don Young, president, presided. Plans were completed for the three banquets to be served. Secret pals were revealed in the gift exchange and new names were drawn. Cake and punch were served to ten guests and the hostess, Mrs. A. R. Mitchell.

Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Mitchell received word their baby granddaughter was in the hospital with pneumonia.

Mr. & Mrs. Don Young and Choya Don and Donetta spent the weekend in Tahoka visiting her mother, Mrs. Otho Wood, and his parents, Mr. & Mrs. B. A. Young.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Meil, Jr. Kathy and Tony went to Del Rio Friday to visit Mr. & Mrs. Richard Meil, Sr. They returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Clark Jones, Jimmy & Bonnie Sue Atkinson went to Herford for a visit with Mr. & Mrs. G. H. Atkinson for the weekend.

Sherry Dobbs of Lovington spent Friday night visiting Lebeth Box.

Mr. & Mrs. Garland Brown were hosts to a fish fry Saturday night in their home. Those attending were Mr. & Mrs. Lee Roy Box and girls; Mr. & Mrs. A. K. Field, Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Burrus, Mr. & Mrs. Lefty Spears and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Doran; Mr. & Mrs. Fort; Mr. & Mrs. Waites, and Mrs. Carl White.

Miss Gail Carr of Girard, Tex. spent the weekend with Toni Perkins and Mr. & Mrs. Roy Perkins and Brenda.

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Perkins visited her parents, Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Goldston in Brownfield Saturday. Her brother, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Goldston of Irving, Texas were visitors there also.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Sims went to Odessa Thanksgiving Day to be with all their children and grandchildren except Alton Billings. Those visiting in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Johnny James John Jana, Pug, and Ty were Mrs. Alton Billings, LaVonda and Grady of Seagraves; Mr. & Mrs. Royce Trout, Reg, Lowell, and Rhonda of Bronco; Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Springer and Donna of Big Spring; Mr. & Mrs. Butch Sims, Kevin and Kim of Dallas.

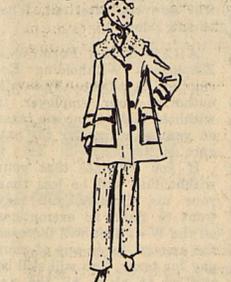
Mrs. Tom Box substituted for second grade teacher for Mrs. Cleo Wemken all last week. Mrs. Wemken was in the hospital with pneumonia.

Mr. & Mrs. Boyd Cummings and Mrs. Alton Billings of Seagraves were visitors in the Tom Sims home.

Mrs. Tom Sims & Mrs. Boyd Cummings visited Ray Sooter of Ropes, who is a patient in Terry County Hospital.

Mr. & Mrs. Hayden Box went to Abilene Monday to be with her mother, Mrs. A. J. Walton of Coleman, who is to have eye surgery Tuesday morning.

with pneumonia. She returned to her classroom Monday.



The First Christmas of the '70's: celebrate it with some great new fashions of the '70's! Such as? A white canvas pilled shortcoat. A white knit pantsuit with '70's ultra-long long-legged jumpsuit. That mid-length of the '70's, in a fabulous fake fur coat, a smashing raincoat, soft after-5 dress.



Your Christmas List just should be full of exciting new-70 accessories. Like the suede-and/or-fringe bungee, in swingy bags, marvelous belts, gloves, ponchos. New little print scarves, longer chiffon scarves, longest fringed knit stoles. Dog collars! Dark-tone pantyhose! Sleek boots! A knock-out fur hat! At stores like Sears, gift shopping means thrills galore!



"Great Entertainers" is what we call our holiday loungewear fashions—with big news this Christmas

SERVICES

BROWNFIELD (Special) Mrs. Bertie C-llie Hunter, 76, died about 11:30 p. m. Friday, December 4, at her Petersburg home.

Services were held Monday at 2 p. m. in Brownfield Memorial Chapel. The Reverend Elton Wyatt, pastor of Hale Center First United Methodist Church, officiated. He was assisted by the Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Petersburg, Burial was in the Terry County Memorial Cemetery directed by Brownfield Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hunter moved to the Gomez community with her parents in 1903 from Oklahoma. She was married to Dee Hunter June 5, 1910, in Gomez. They moved to Brownfield in 1919, where Hunter worked in a hardware store and later for the Texas Highway Dept. They moved to Petersburg in 1957.

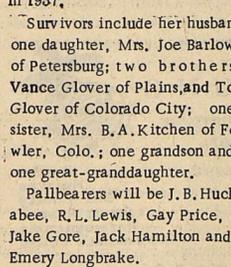
Survivors include her husband one daughter, Mrs. Joe Barlow of Petersburg; two brothers, Vance Glover of Plains, and Torr Glover of Colorado City; one sister, Mrs. B. A. Kitchen of Fowler, Colo.; one grandson and one great-granddaughter.

Pallbearers will be J. B. Huckabee, R. L. Lewis, Gay Price, Jake Gore, Jack Hamilton and Emery Longbrake.

HOW TO BEAT A HOLIDAY TREAT

Christmas-time is entertaining-time—and you can please with ease by using your noggin. Egg-noggin that is!

Here's how to beat... this holiday treat:



AMERICAN EGGNOG

Beat 12 egg yolks until light; beat in 1/2 lb. sugar till mixture is thick. Stir in 1 qt. milk and a fifth of Don Q gold rum. Chill 3 hours; pour into punch bowl. Fold in 1 qt. heavy cream, stiffly whipped. Chill 1 hour, dust with nutmeg. (Serves 24).

Quick Recipe: Use eggnog mix from your dairy; add 12 oz. rum to 1 qt. of mix. Fold in 1 cup heavy cream whipped. Chill; add nutmeg. (Serves 12).

Labels on cured and cured--and--smoked hams that read "fully cooked" tell you that the processor cooked these ham thoroughly. They are ready for you to eat and enjoy. If you prefer them warm, you need only heat them to 130 degrees F. internal temperature. So they can save you considerable cooking time.

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SUDIE THOMPSON CHDA★ SAYS....

Another time-saving ham for the holiday-busy cook is the ready-to-eat canned ham. All canned hams are fully cooked. And they are usually boneless and skinless, so there is little waste. This may make their slightly higher cost worth while.

Cured hams and cured-and-smoked hams may also be purchased boneless, however. And you may occasionally find some marked semi-boneless, when part of the bone has been removed.

Whichever type you choose the label on a federally inspected ham is a valuable guide for you. It must accurately list the correct product name, ingredients, firm's name and address, establishment number and net weight of the edible contents of the package. The net weight of the canned ham includes the dry gelatin used to hold the cooked--out juices.

"What about the label that says "imitation ham"? These are hams which contain more than 10% added water after the curing process. USDA regulations require that they be labeled accordingly. Hams containing 10 percent or less added water after curing must be labeled "ham-water added." If they don't contain any added water, they are labeled "ham with natural juices, gelatin added." It's part of USDA's efforts to let shoppers know what they're paying for.

Many hams are labeled--"keep refrigerated." Be sure to buy such hams only from a refrigerated case, and to keep them the same way once you get them home. Many companies also offer storage hints, cooking directions, serving suggestions, and recipe on their labels. These can spark your holiday creativity to try "something different."

Some of the hams you find at your store's meat counter won't be specifically labeled because they have been cut from larger hams. USDA meat inspectors advise that in this case you assume the ham is the cook-before-eating kind, and prepare it accordingly.

The whole ham, which is the upper part of the hog's hind leg, is frequently cut into several smaller pieces after it leaves a federally inspected plant. If the ham is cut in half, for example, the upper, meatier, rounded half is marked "butt half," and lower, slightly pointed half is labeled "shank half."

Sometimes the meaty center slices between the shank and butt are removed by the butcher for separate sale. When these slices are removed, the shank section must be labeled "shank portion" and the butt section, "butt portion (or end)."

Now, both you and your genie are ready to select the ham that best suits your family's needs and tastes, and conjure up some of that special ham-for-the-holidays magic of your own

BUYING HAMS
BY SUDIE THOMPSON

Invite the holiday genie into your kitchen to conjure up a festive, delicious dinner that's sure to please your family and friends. Chances are he'll spot light ham--that wonderful, versatile meat that makes its own holiday magic.

Garnish with pineapple and cherries, an old fashioned brown sugary glaze or whatever your taste buds and imagination tempt you to try, ham can dress up your holiday table beautifully. And its "I'll have another slice" flavor blends memorably with so many other favorite traditional foods.

But before you start accepting all those compliments you'll be journeying to the grocer's and there the wide variety of modern hams may baffle you just a bit. Precooked, smoked, fully cooked, ham with water added; it's enough to puzzle even your genie. So why not take a few minutes now to figure out which type best suits your plans for holiday entertaining?

Basically, hams fall into two categories--those that need cooking before you serve them and those that don't. Which you should buy depends on how busy your guests, holiday baking and other plans will keep you.

Hams that you cook yourself can be either fresh or cured. All fresh hams must be cooked thoroughly, as any other fresh pork. They should be heated to an internal temperature of at least 170 degrees F. before serving for best flavor and texture.

Cured hams--the type you'll most often find on the market--should be cooked according to the directions on the label, usually to an internal temperature of 160 degrees F. Cured ham require less cooking time because in the curing process they are injected, during a heating process, with a special solution which maintains normal meat color and flavors the meat.

Smoking also involves heating the ham to a temperature in the smokehouse sufficient to kill any trichina that may be present. However, cured--and smoked hams, unless labeled "fully cooked," still require further cooking to assure good texture and flavor.

Some hams which have been cured are also smoked, and their labels say so. Smoking gives ham that distinctive flavor many people associate with country-style hams, and involves hanging the cured ham over burning hardwood--often hickory. Labels on hams inspected by the USDA can't say a ham is "hickory-smoked" unless it is.

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On November 4, pundits prophets and politicians rushed into print and on the air to explain the results of the election of the previous day.

But after more unhurried reflection, it might be well to consider a point of non-partisan significance which apparently has been largely overlooked.

The consensus seems to be that although unbridled crime is still with the nation, this blot on the American life style was overshadowed by the faltering economy and the unemployment situation.

As has been explained many times, any move against inflation must incur some economic dislocation on a temporary basis. This is an article of faith with most economists, and perhaps an economy can be managed to achieve stability.

But just as Mrs. O'Leary had her mind occupied with obtaining some milk when the cow kicked over the lantern to create the holocaust of Chicago, so did the national economic planning proceed without due thought to the impact of a prolonged strike of General Motors.

No one can tell what economic level the country would have been on in the fall of 1970 if the lantern had not been kicked over in Detroit.

Because a strike in an economic concentration as huge as General Motors has a domino

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Tax Man Sam Sez

TOPIC: YOUR FEDERAL INCOME TAX

Most of us figure we are getting shoved around by inflation every way we turn. However, we don't expect the Internal Revenue Service to be shoved by anybody or anything. Well—it can be done. Inflation has shoved the price of "Your Federal Income Tax" up to 75 cents. IRS revises and updates this popular how-to-prepare-your-income-tax publication each year. Last year the Government Printing Office offered the booklet became even more valuable—or at least you're going to have to pay more. It's still a bargain, so take your 6 bits and go to the nearest Internal Revenue Service office for the answers to most of your tax questions. Don't forget to read the book after you buy it!

Internal Revenue Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. The Internal Revenue Service is offering to figure the income tax and retirement income credit for upwards of 30 million taxpayers filing 1970 federal income tax returns, it was announced November 18, 1970.

The IRS said its new rules for figuring the tax could reduce the largest single type of error made by taxpayers each year as well as help elderly persons who have had difficulty with retirement income credit calculations.

Errors in figuring the tax were discovered on 3.6 million of the 78 million income tax returns filed for 1969 the IRS said. These errors resulted from taxpayers using the wrong table, line or column to figure his tax.

Under the new rules, the IRS will, on request, figure the tax for persons with incomes up to \$20,000 who take the standard

deduction and whose income is from salaries and wages, dividends, interest, and pensions and annuities. The new rules include pension and annuity income for the first time so that the elderly can take advantage of the offer.

Specific instructions and a sample filled in return to help taxpayers who would like the IRS to figure their tax are provided in the instruction booklet that comes with the tax forms. Those who claim the retirement income credit and wish to have the IRS figure the credit should also follow the instructions at the top of Schedule R of the Form 1040.

After the IRS figures the tax on a return, it will have a refund or bill for the tax due sent to the taxpayer. Bills for tax due should be paid within 30 days to avoid interest or penalty charges.

1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Taxpayers Ask IRS

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Q) This summer I didn't expect I'd owe any taxes so I filled out the form that keeps income taxes from being taken out of your pay. Now I've gone back to work part-time for the same company and I think I will owe tax after all. What should I do?

A) File a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate. This will authorize your employer to withhold Federal income taxes on your earnings for the balance of the year.

If you estimate that your withholding will be less than your tax liability, you may want to claim no exemptions on the W-4. This will increase the amount taken out of your pay for taxes. You will still be entitled to claim all the exemptions you are entitled to when you file your tax return.

Q) There was a fire in my apartment and some of the furniture was so badly damaged I had to get rid of it. Can I deduct this as a fire loss?

A) Yes, personal losses due to the fire are deductible to the extent they exceed \$100. To

arrive at the amount of your loss, take the smaller of the original cost of the furniture or the difference between the fair market value of the items before and after the fire.

If you were covered by insurance and received compensation for the loss, this compensation should be subtracted from the amount you may deduct.

For more details, send a post card to your IRS district office and ask for a free copy of Publication 547, "Tax Information on Disasters, Casualty Losses, and Thefts."

Q) I just switched jobs and my company is taking social security tax out of my pay even though I paid the limit on my old job. Is there any way I can stop this?

A) No, employers are required by law to withhold social security taxes on the first \$7,800 of wages paid to each of their employees. If more than the maximum is withheld from your pay this year because you had two or more employers you should take a credit for the excess against

your income tax. This is explained in the instructions you will receive in January with your tax forms.

Q) Our second child was born in September. Does that mean I get a \$650 exemption for him?

A) No, the amount allowed for personal exemptions on income tax returns for the 1970 tax year is \$625. For withholding purposes, exemptions were \$600 for the first half of 1970 and are \$650 for the second half of the year.

Exemptions are not prorated so you are entitled to the full \$625 no matter when in the year your child was born.

Q) Can you count groceries given to a church Thanksgiving benefit as a charitable contribution?

A) Yes, food, clothing and other items given to a charitable organization are deductible contributions. Use the fair market value of the items to determine the amount of the deduction.

Note that food or clothing given to an individual is not a charitable contribution under our tax laws. Only when the gift goes to a qualified charitable or other tax exempt group is the contribution a tax deduction.

Accent on Health

Computers will never replace the family physician or health professional, but the Texas State Department of Health is using the electronic marvel to simplify record keeping and to provide better services for its different divisions and the people of Texas.

One of the most obvious advantages of a computer is its space for records. Bulky paper or card files can be transformed into relatively small magnetic tapes or disks for simple filing and easy access for future recall of information.

Speed is a major factor involved in computer use. Searching of records, one reports have been designed, programmed and stored, can be accomplished quickly. After mounting the proper tape reel or disk pack on the computer, the information is researched in seconds and placed on paper by a high speed printer.

W.E. Barrington, Jr., director of the Office of Data Processing, is highly skilled in his job and is recognized throughout the profession. He is a former president of the Austin Chapter of Data Processing Management Association and has served as international director.

In the State Health Department's computer data bank are millions of bits of data on diseases, immunizations, vital statistics, (births, deaths, marriages, divorces, etc.), venereal disease and tuberculosis cases, crippled children's program, cancer patients, accounting budgets, personnel, migrant health, air and water pollutants and many more necessary areas.

Barrington says, "The storage capacity and speed of access to information is one of the big advantages of using computers, together with the flexibility of storage and the printed output potential." As one example, he said that a full year's birth records—more than 200,000 now in Texas—were put on one reel of magnetic tape.

Necessity for such service has paralleled the growth of the State Health Department and its extension of services to more and more people. The office of Data Processing, formerly Machine Tabulation, emerged after World War II, and the first computer was obtained in 1965. Records and reports which formerly were put on punched cards were switched to the computers.

Use of computerized information, and the need for such data, has grown tremendously and will continue to expand. One of the first uses was to replace the punch cards accounting machine.

The Data Processing office has two components, systems and programming, and operations. The most time-consuming part is in programming. "You can't just push a button and expect to get needed information," said Barrington. "You have to do a lot of planning and work to tell the computer how to handle the data once it is put into the machine." He said computer programming is a technical, highly specialized field.

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Under a new law, the VA is authorized to make direct loans to vets eligible for specially adapted housing in any part of

CHRISTMAS FACTS & FANCIES



The legends and truths about Christmas—different from all holidays—differ greatly from country to country and are often quite contradictory. Here, to set Santa's record straight, are some of the most interesting facts and beliefs that surround the celebration: One little known fact is that Christmas was once abolished in England and the United States!

In 1643, the Puritan "Roundheads"—so called because of the round hats they wore—passed a law in Parliament against the Christmas holiday, which they considered pagan. Gradually, the people who resented this edict rebelled against Oliver Cromwell's "Roundhead" dictatorship and, in 1654, the law against Christmas was repealed.

On the other hand, Christmas did not become a legal holiday in this country until Alabama declared it so in 1836. Louisiana and Arkansas followed suit in 1838 and, during the Civil War, thirteen additional states did the same. The District of Columbia, lagging far behind, finally recognized Christmas in 1870.

It may come as a surprise to you, but turkey—America's traditional Christmas dish—is rarely "gobbled" at England's holiday tables. There, roast beef has been the favorite meal since pagan times—when the ancient Druids sacrificed two white bulls as a winter rite. What about Santa Claus? When did he first arrive in this

country? Though the Dutch brought him to New York in the form of St. Nicholas, Santa Claus—as we know him today—didn't come into being until Dr. Clement C. Moore wrote his famous poem that began, "Twas the night before Christmas." Dr. Moore, an Episcopal minister, created the jolly fellow and companion reindeer in 1822—to entertain his own children.

A lot of adults are entertained at Christmas time, too. Today, when friends and relatives gather for the traditional holiday toasts, the alert host and hostess will find they can easily please everyone's tastes by having a selection of ready-to-serve cocktails on hand. The most popular variety, Heublein Full-Strength Cocktails, come in 18 different flavors, enough to satisfy even the most particular palate. And, with the drinks already prepared, and no mixing, measuring or squeezing to worry about, the hosts are free to join in the festivities.

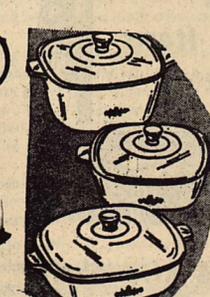
Of all the customs, none evokes more excitement for young and old alike than the giving of gifts. No present, however, can top the one that General Sherman gave to President Lincoln. That magnanimous soldier wired his Commander-in-Chief the following message on December 25, 1864: "I beg to present to you as a Christmas present the city of Savannah."

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"Concealed" Weapons

"That guy is so tough," runs an old gag, "that if he puts his hands in his pockets, he could be arrested for carrying concealed weapons." He couldn't, though, no matter how deadly his fists, because they would not be "concealed." In spite of the fabric covering the pockets, anyone could tell that his hands were there.
For contrast, consider this case: A man arrested with a gun in his pocket argued that it had not really been concealed, because it made a distinct and visible bulge. But the court decided there was still sufficient concealment to make the man guilty of the charge. The



judge said a mere bulge was not enough warning, to an ordinary observer, that the man was armed. It is this test—obviousness to an ordinary observer—that the law usually applies in deciding whether a person is carrying a concealed weapon. Thus, a gun would not be considered concealed simply because a particular person, looking from a particular angle, was unable to see it. For example: A man who had a gun openly displayed in his belt was found not guilty of the offense. Even though the arresting officer—approaching from behind—could not see the gun, it was obvious enough for ordinary observation.

And what does "carrying" mean? Does the person actually have to be moving with the gun?

One man, seeing an officer near by, hastily slipped his pistol into an inside pocket. Arrested and brought to trial for carrying a concealed weapon, he offered this defense to the court:

"Carrying" means transporting the weapon from one place to another. I did not move a single step."
But the court pointed out that, although "carrying" could mean "transporting," it could also mean just "possessing." The judge decided to pick the meaning which, considering the purpose of the law, made the most sense—and he found the man guilty.

A public service feature of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas. Written by Will Bernard.



THIS EXISTED IN YOAKUM COUNTY IN 1970

On Plowing & Blowing

By C.M. Thompson

Say neighbor, how long have you had your stalks cut? Well that's too long! Many of you may note the above statement was taken from a TV advertisement with some changes made. But really if you are one of the noisy minority and have your stalks shredded and maybe some disking or plowing done, you are a might too early as far as soil and water conservation are concerned. Perhaps you have already been out MONEY that you probably needed to pay on your note at the bank, or maybe for Christmas. Anyway you look at it, what is done can become a problem in the next month or two, BARE land for the next FIVE months is not natural for this area. Very little, if any, decaying will take place because the soil temperature will be too cold and too dry for bacteria to do their thing. There is more decaying of plant residue from April 15 to May 15 than there is ALL winter long. It is a fact that everytime we plow we loose moisture and we loose much top soil and create sand ridges and fence

rows that cost money and time to remove or tear down. By RESIDUE MANAGEMENT soil and moisture can be conserved, cost of farming can be reduced and believe it or not the environment can be improved or maintained. DUST in the air never helped anyone and no-one ever blowed a block of land or field flat except flat away. Why then do we still have a minority who plow? The only answer I have is TRADITION, we plow just as Granpaw did, sometimes without thinking of the cost or results.

To quote a cigarette ad, "We've Come A Long Way Baby", but we still have a long way to go before the job is completed. When the sand begins to blow this month or next, will you be a part of the cause? By leaving the residue on the land and using a chisel plow; If you just got to plow or if you have no residue you can supplement the RESIDUE; and as saying goes; SAVES you money and cost you less.

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PREVENTING WIND EROSION

Conservation of: Soil and Water

By Wilson Duke

CONSERVATION --- of "Soil and Water" By Wilson Q. Duke, Soil Conservationist

Our greatest problem in Soil Conservation is "erosion" the wearing away of top soil by wind and water action. Erosion is a serious problem because plants need topsoil. It, alone, is rich in the materials plants need to grow. On the average, topsoil in its natural state is less than 10" deep. Nature makes top soil very slowly. There are many factors involved as to how much time that it takes to build top soil, such as climate, living organisms, the lay of the land and parent rock.

We have lost many millions of acres of topsoil due to erosion, and many other millions of acres have suffered some damage. We are all aware of the erosion during the "Dust Bowls" of the 1930's. We also

notice the erosion of our top-soil every time we see a muddy stream. This is number one pollution problem of some of our rivers and streams. Generally speaking the United States has abundant water supplies, but it is so unevenly distributed that some places are always facing a water shortage. This is due to some extent by not planning ahead for increased population and for increased use of water by individuals. Before the days of home plumbing, baths, heating systems, air conditioning and washing machines, the average family used about 8 gallons of water per person each day. Yet, today more than 150 gallons per day per person is used. As our population continues to grow, the demand for water will continue to increase. More efficient use of our water and the re-use of available water will to some extent help meet these increased needs.

Prevent Soil Blowing in '71
By Leo White

Farmers who produce crops have some important decisions to make at this time of the year. Even before the 1970 crop is completely harvested, producers begin making plans for next year. Some of the decisions deal with the operations that control soil erosion during the windy season which is just around the corner.

Each farm has a different problem and each problem has a different solution, but operators who manage to keep their land from blowing seem to have fewer problems to solve than those who allow the blowing to continue. They have less planting problems in the Spring. They can usually plant earlier on the more stable field than on the field that has a tendency to blow. They also seem to have less friction with their neighbors. The farmer whose land is adjacent to a blowing field has the hardest job of all. He cannot control what his neighbor does. He may not be "His brother's Keeper" and he is not responsible for his neighbor's mistakes, but he could easily have problems with his banker if his neighbor's mistakes kept him from paying off his notes.

Two practices that have long been recognized as the best way to control blowing sand is deep breaking and crop residue management. Deep breaking gets some of the clay turned under, but this is an expensive practice and cannot be carried out more than once every five or ten years. The remainder of the time the leaving of sufficient stubble is the recommended practice.

Grain sorghum stubble does a good job of holding the soil in place if the stalks are left standing. Cotton stalks are another story. Cotton stalks are not tall enough and thick enough to do a good job. Sometimes a chisel type plow will throw up enough clods to keep the cotton land from blowing but a tandem disk or a one-way plow usually aggravates the situation.

New Year's Day is not far away and this is the day when everyone makes new year's resolutions and wishes everyone else a Happy New Year. Every Yoakum County farmer should resolve that, in 1971, he will do the best job he possibly can with what he has to work with. If he is working with an old "hard-to-hold" field, he may have some occasional blowing in spite of all he can do.

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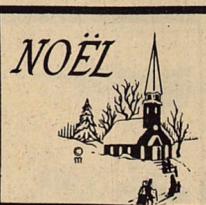
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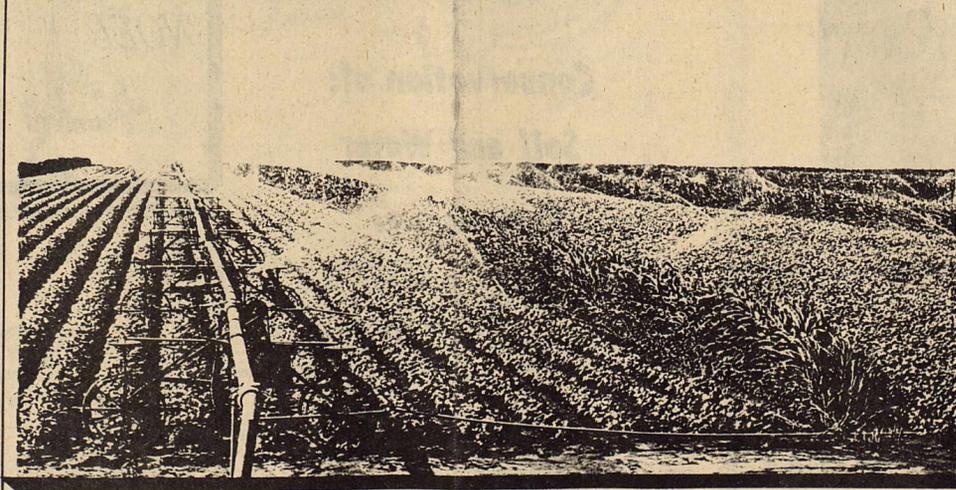
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