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### Value of Products

# Is \$68 Million Conservative?

By WES ANTHONY  
In presenting the following figures to you, I do not wish to try to create the impression that we are an exceptionally rich community, but to show what an enormous amount of money we as a community handle each year.

WE ALL know that the national trend of all business (regardless of what kind) is larger volume and smaller net income. In fact, my figures are almost inconceivable (or above our comprehension), but the net margin is smaller each year.

Unless you are privileged to live in Castro County or to have visited someone living here, it is hard to realize what a wonderful bunch of people we have. If there ever was a place where people are industrious, happy, soci-

able, religious people, Castro County is it.

Let us not become discouraged and want to give up or quit, for we all are hoping for a brighter future, and let us look for a better next year.

DON'T forget the old saying, "There is lots of room at the top of the ladder," but there is no place to sit down."

I believe financiers have estimated that in an average county, a dollar circulates three times. If so, you can multiply the below named gross income by three, and look what you have.

These are figures I put together, and that does not necessarily mean they are right. Some say I am too conservative. These figures do not include the county's farm subsidy payments.

Corn: 11,509 A., 115 bu. at \$2 per 100 lbs. ...	\$1,472,359.20
Grain Sorghum: 122,849 A., 5,000 lb. at 1.75	10,749,725.00
Wheat: 80,000 A., 35 bu. at 1.25	3,500,000.00
Sugar Beets: 8,097.7 A., at 315. per A.	2,551,405.50
Cotton (planted): 32,377 A., avg. 17¢ or \$85 per bale	2,752,045.00
Soybeans: 12,000 A., 28 bu. at 2.35 per bu.	789,600.00
Cabbage: 500 A., 20,000 lb., \$400 per A.	200,000.00
Carrots: 1,000 A., \$175 per A.	175,000.00
Cucumbers: 600 A., at \$544 per A.	326,400.00
Potatoes: 6,000 A., \$412.50 per A.	2,475,000.00
Lettuce: 2,000 A., \$1000 per A.	2,000,000.00
Onions: 1,000 A. at \$700.00 per A.	700,000.00
Tomatoes: 500 A. at 800.00 per A.	400,000.00
Castor Beans: 5,000 A. at 105.00 per A.	550,000.00
Alfalfa Hay: 1,000 A. at 130.00 per A.	130,000.00
Grazing: from 9,000 A. Forage hay at 100.00 per A.	900,000.00
Grazing: from 2,000 A. Imp. Pasture at 100.00 A.	200,000.00
Small Grain (rye, etc.): 1,000 A. at 100.00 per A.	100,000.00
Ensilage: 10,000 A. at 6.00 per ton (20 T. av.)	1,200,000.00
Cattle: 125 head fed thru feed yards at \$285.00	35,625,000.00
Hogs: 35,000 head at Market value	3,300,000.00
Dairy: 1,000 head at 10,000 lb. per yr.	600,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$68,716,634.70</b>

## Santa Won't See Any Cotton Left

If the weather cooperates, Santa Claus won't see any cotton left in Castro County's fields when he makes his Christmas rounds.

THE COUNTY'S 11 gin managers report the harvest 95 to 100 percent complete this week. And it's going to classify as a light harvest, with only 21,000 bales ginned from crops that averaged two-thirds of a bale per acre.

As of Tuesday, gins reported 20,929 bales turned out. The county has 32,377 acres planted to cotton this year, according to the ASCS office.

Main reasons for the light harvest were a higher diversion allowance in this year's cotton program which resulted in fewer acres planted, and early hailstorms that damaged or wiped out many cotton crops.

The crop was better than last year's 15,000-bale disaster, but still far below the 51,000-bale figure of 1966.

THE BEST yield reported in the county was 1 1/4 bales per acre.

## Four Hart Players Gain Posts On All-District Football Team

District 2-B coaches have named four Hart High School football players to the all-district squad.

NO PLAYERS from Nazareth made the dream squad this year.

End Ronnie Barham and center Ralph Bell were placed on the offensive lineup, while tackle Ricky Mitchell and halfback Joe Quiroz made the defensive squad.

Eight members of the district champion Lazbuddie Longhorns—including four linemen and three backs on offense—were placed on the all-district squad. The lineup also includes five players from Matador and two from Turkey.

Here's the coaches' all-district team:

**OFFENSE**  
Ends — RONNIE BARHAM, HART, and Monte Barnes, Lazbuddie.  
Tackles — Darrell Marshall,

### Snow

(Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.)

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Thursday	68	32	
Friday	55	19	
Saturday	50	18	
Sunday	60	21	
Monday	52	21	
Tuesday	70	26	
Wednesday	65	21	tr.
1968 Moisture			15.45

HOWARD COOK  
US Weather Observer

# The CASTRO COUNTY NEWS

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## Peak Employment: 150 Mill Construction Starts

Site clearing started Monday for Dimmitt Wheat Growers' new corn milling plant, and construction will have an immediate impact on the city's economy with 80 to 100 workers to go on the payroll by March 1.

A LARGE steel storage building will start going up by the first of the year, and directors of the cooperative have voted to form the corporation's own fabrication plant inside the building. The plant will fabricate \$1 million worth of equipment and fixtures for the plant during the coming year.

The board gave its full-speed-ahead signal in a special meeting last Thursday, authorizing Dimmitt Management Co. and International Engineering Co. to proceed with the procurement of equipment, dirt moving, formation of a fabrication shop and construction of other buildings as INTENSA and DIMACO deem advisable and in the best interests of Dimmitt Wheat Growers.

The vote was greeted with big smiles by DMACO President Aaron Isaacs and Vice-President Jim Harsh, who climbed aboard a bulldozer Monday morning to preside over the first site-clearing operations.

"DIMMITT Wheat Growers will be taking applications for machinists, welders and laborers shortly after Jan. 1," Isaacs said. "We expect that fabrication will start as soon as the building is completed the first or second week of February."

The prefabrication and construction section will be headed by Henry Spruell, who has been vice-president and general manager of Ace Metal Co. in Amarillo. Isaacs said Spruell will be with the organization throughout the one-year construction period.

"Mr. Spruell tells me the fabrication shop will start with about 15 men and will move up to about 80 to 100 within 30 days after the shop starts its operations," Isaacs said.

The fabrication shop's work force will include approximately 30 skilled machinists, welders, supervisors and quality control men, and 50 to 70 laborers.

"DURING the construction period, the peak will probably be 150 employees," Isaacs said. "After the plant starts operating, it will have 60 to 70 employees."

The plant is due to start milling corn products in January 1970.



HERMAN VASQUEZ KNOCKS DOWN OLD SHACK AT MILL SITE MONDAY ... With Jim Harsh (left) and Aaron Isaacs as passengers

## Dimmitt Wins 3-AA Openers

Dimmitt's Bobcats and Bobbies won their District 3-AA openers at Lockney Tuesday night, although the Bobcats had a scrap on their hands from the surprising Longhorns.

THE BOBCATS built a 10-point lead in the first quarter, then held onto it as the Longhorns matched them point-for-point the rest of the game. Coach Kenneth Cleveland's crew emerged with a 68-56 victory.

The score by quarters was 19-9 at the end of the first, 35-21 at halftime and 53-42 at the end of the third.

Jerry Brady paved the way for the Cats with 20 points, while Jerral Seale hit for 12 and David Land contributed 11.

COACH BOB Askey's Bobbies had no trouble collecting a 52-23 victory from their hostesses. The second team played most of the second half.

Ruth Dyer sank 24 points, Sharon Barker 20 and Suzanne Merritt 6 for the Bobbies.

## Deadline Friday For Next Edition

Next week's issue of the News will be the annual Christmas greeting edition, and you'll receive it in the mail Tuesday instead of Thursday.

WITH Christmas falling on its regular press day, the News will go to press Monday instead of Wednesday. The edition will go to newsboys, sales counters and the post office Monday afternoon.

Because of the early press date, Friday noon is the deadline for all news and advertising for next week's issue.

## Show Planners To Meet Tonight

County Agent Charles Hottel has called a meeting of the Livestock Committee for tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock in the courthouse basement.

PURPOSE of the meeting is to start making plans for the annual Junior Livestock Show. Hottel said the meeting is open to anyone interested in the show, in addition to members of the committee.



TWINKLE, TWINKLE — The courthouse square glows brighter than ever this Christmas season, with new "Christmas card" scenes and twinkling trees added to the traditional displays that have decked the square in past Yule seasons. Around the square, 1,800 blinker-lights adorn 75 trees on city sidewalks, and most of the light-

## Hundreds More Stricken; Hong Kong Flu Suspected

"It's beginning to look like a certain amount of these cases are probably the Hong Kong flu," Dr. J. D. Blackburn, county health officer, said this week as local physicians treated hundreds of new cases of upper respiratory infection.

HOWEVER, he said, physicians won't be able to confirm Hong Kong flu here until results of blood tests come back from the State Health Dept. laboratory.

Dr. Blackburn termed the hard-hitting virus invasion as "a severe outbreak approaching epidemic proportions."

The A-2, or Hong Kong, virus strain has been confirmed in 34 states including Texas, and the American Red Cross is calling it a nationwide epidemic a "disaster situation." Deaths in the US have climbed 20 to 40 percent above the normal rate.

"THE ONLY thing we have to go on here about the severity of the outbreak is our school absentee figures," Dr. Blackburn said.

School officials throughout the county reported about the same absentee rate as last week.

The hardest-hit school, proportionately, is Dimmitt Junior High, where 50 seventh and eighth graders were absent Tuesday. Dimmitt Hg. School reported 77 students absent Monday and 67 Tuesday, while South Elementary had 48 children out and North Elementary 42 Tuesday, for a system-wide total of 207.

"WE WON'T consider turning out school until our absences reach 287, which is 15 percent of our enrollment," Supt. Charlie Whyte said.

Dimmitt school administrators are meeting daily to study the absentee figures to decide whether to start the Christmas holidays before Friday. However, they don't expect that it be necessary.

"WE'RE probably seeing several different varieties of upper respiratory viruses," Dr. Blackburn said Tuesday. "What's causing the main trouble in a lot of cases are the secondary bacterial infections and the complications that arise with them."

He said the symptoms in some of the cases here "are consistent with the symptoms that have been described in other areas where they've been able to pin it down to the Hong Kong virus."

However, he said, "We won't know whether we have any Hong Kong Flu here until we get some reports back from the State Health Laboratory. We've sent some blood tests off, but it takes a little while to get the results back. The blood samples have to be taken two or three weeks apart—once during the acute stage, then again after the symptoms subside."

HE SAID an oral medicine is now available here "which may ward off the A-2, which is the Hong Kong virus." But he warned that "there are certain precautions that have to be taken in its use" because of possible side-effects to certain individuals. The medicine is available only by physician's prescription.

Also, Dr. Blackburn said, the capsule is effective only against the Hong Kong virus and not against any other type of flu or upper respiratory virus.

The county health officer struck a note of hope for those here who haven't yet been victimized by the virus outbreak.

"ALTHOUGH we see in the papers that the worst is yet to come nationwide, I think we've probably peaked out here," he said. "At least, I hope so."

## 'Community Card' Deadline Is Today

If you haven't signed up for "Operation Christmas Greeting," you have only until noon today (Thursday) to do so.

THE SIGNATURE list will be closed at 1 p.m. by tellers of the First State Bank, and the "Community Christmas Card" for next week's issue of the News will be made up this afternoon to go to press Friday morning.

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, which sponsors "Operation Christmas Greeting," asks local residents to compute the amount they would usually spend to buy and mail Christmas cards to local friends, then donate their card money to the fund to buy a new electrocardiograph for the hospital.

THE "COMMUNITY Christmas Card," which will be the cover page of next week's issue, will serve as the donors' greeting to their friends in the county.

All contributions should be made in person to any teller at the First State Bank.

The traditional project has earned more than \$2,500 in past years to buy specialized equipment for Plains Memorial Hospital.

## Rites Set Today For Mrs. Porter

Funeral services are to be held in Seguin this morning (Thursday) for Mrs. Edna Chapman Porter, long-time Dimmitt school teacher.

MRS. PORTER, 58, died in her sleep early Friday morning, apparently of a heart attack.

Last rites will be in the Eunice Funeral Home Chapel in Seguin. She is survived by her husband, Gilbert, of Dimmitt; and three brothers and two sisters, all of whom live in or near Seguin.

Mrs. Porter specialized in teaching handicapped children, and had been a special education teacher at North Elementary School since 1958.

CONSIDERED an authority on special education techniques for the handicapped, Mrs. Porter last year served on a state committee of educators to review and update the Texas Education Agency's curriculum guide for mentally retarded but educable children. She served on the state committee while on a year's leave of absence for health reasons last year.

Born Aug. 8, 1911, Mrs. Porter was raised in Seguin. She held a bachelor's degree from Prairie View A&M and a master's degree from the University of California at Berkeley.

SHE WAS A member of the Episcopal Church.

Emmett Broderson, principal of North Elementary School, announced this week that the school's 1968-69 yearbook will be dedicated to Mrs. Porter's memory.

## Hart Mail Thefts Believed Solved

The Sheriff's Office apparently has solved a 60-day rash of mail thefts at Hart with the apprehension of two teenage boys.

THE TWO youths, both Mexican-American juveniles, were turned over to Postal Inspector Ricker of Amarillo for legal action under federal statutes.

"Both boys were experts at opening the combination locks on the boxes," Deputy Granville Martin said. "They opened several that I pointed to at random, and they never needed more than two tries. They said they could tell by the feel of the dial when they were getting the right combination."

The two suspects are 14 and 15. Two other boys, 13 and 14, were apprehended also but deny that they were involved in the mail thefts.

MARTIN said the boys burned most of the mail they took, pocketing any cash they found.

Mrs. Robert Brooks, Hart postmistress, had been receiving complaints of missing mail for two months.

## Schools Will Dismiss Friday

The holiday vacation will start after classes Friday for Castro County's public school students.

MOST schools are having their Christmas parties this week, and will turn out early Friday.

Classes will resume Thursday, Jan. 2.

Most college students also will come home this weekend for the Christmas vacation. West Texas State University started its holiday break early this week because of the flu outbreak on campus.



MERRY CHRISTMAS — Mrs. Mary Bingham (standing, left), teacher of the Dimmitt Day Care Center for Retarded Children, receives a \$140 check from Max Zamorano (right), secretary of the Dimmitt United Lions Club. Helping make the presentation is Desi Pesina Sr., chairman of the United Lions' recent tamale sale, which raised the funds.

### Santas Visit Day School

Dimmitt's Day Care Center for Retarded Children, which has been hard-pressed for money, got just the kind of Christmas present it needed this week.

IT WAS a \$140 check from the Dimmitt United Lions Club — the largest single contribution to the school since it opened a year ago.

The check represented the entire proceeds of the United Lions Club's recent tamale sale. And the size of the donation took the teacher, Mrs. Mary Bingham, by surprise.

"We knew the donation was coming, but we certainly didn't expect this much," Mrs. Bingham said. "We were down to our last few dollars — again — and this will really help."

PRESENTING the check were Max Zamorano, secretary of the United Lions Club and Desi Pesina Sr., chairman of last month's popular tamale project, which was a sell-out.

The two men went to the school's new quarters in the Castro County Housing Project Monday morning and made the presentation in the school lounge, where the students' Christmas tree and hand-made knick knacks were on display.

(The students' knick knacks — candy bowls, pin cushions, soap in cloth dishes, etc.—were sold Wednesday in Parsons Drug and Taylor & Sons Food Store. The youngsters will use the proceeds to shop for gifts for their families.)

ALSO ON hand for Monday morning's presentation were Mrs. Harley Dodd, volunteer helper, and several of the school's students.

The local school, a "satellite" project of the Amarillo State Center for Human Development, receives most of its operating funds from the state, but must depend on the community for money to cover such items as bus expense, rent and certain supplies.

THE SCHOOL is for children who test below the "educable" level for the public schools' special education program, but who are still considered trainable. Purpose of the school is to train the youngsters for future employment in "sheltered work" centers so they can earn part or all of their living expenses when they become adults.

### Former Teacher Dies in Arkansas

Funeral services were held in Woodson last week for Mrs. George Clements, former Dimmitt school teacher.

Mrs. Clements, the former Miss Ola Parks, died of a heart attack in Fort Smith, Ark.

## Honor Students Named at Hart

Hart School Supt. Ted Averitt has announced the high school and junior high honor roll for the second six weeks.

FOR A student's name to appear on the honor roll, he or she must carry a normal course load and receive all A's, or all A's and one B.

Here are the Hart honor students for the second marking period:

- Seventh Grade**
  - Maroon — Jan Harris, James McLain.
  - White — Nelda Hendersort, Alberta Guzman, Jim Tucker.
- Eighth Grade**
  - Maroon — Cathy Nelson, Alan Shive.
  - White — Jean Foster, Ricky Black, Dirk Rambo.
- Freshman**
  - Cindy Dyer, Lisa Lacy, Janie Noyola, Elizabeth Stephens, David Bass, David Guzman.
- Sophomores**
  - Brenda Barham, Sharon Brooks,

Earlie Scymour, Denise Lowery, Carol Miller.

**Seniors**  
Jan Averitt, Reba English, Bobbie Ethridge, Elodia Castillo, Iona Clevenger, Rebecca Futrell, Cathy Sharp.

### Co-ops' Volume Up 6 Percent

Dollar business volume of farmer cooperatives exceeded \$16.5 billion for the year July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967, reports the US Department of Agriculture's Farmer Cooperative Service.

THIS IS an increase of 6 percent over the previous year and 59 percent over the volume of 10 years ago. Total number of cooperatives decreased almost 3 percent and membership by 5 percent from previous year totals.



## Bible Thoughts

"RESCUED"

By Ronnie Parker

The power of sin, our guilt in sin, and the consequences of sin are well established truths taught in the holy scriptures. Man's condition in sin would be hopeless were it not for the love God has for him. God's love brought about a plan by which man could be rescued from the way of eternal destruction. Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16). The gospel is "the power of God unto salvation" because it tells the story of the death of Christ on the cross of Calvary for the sins of the world and of his resurrection from death (1 Cor. 15:1-4; 1 Pet. 2:24).

While in sin man is lost and needs to be saved. Christ is the only Saviour from sin. Peter said it this way, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Christ paid the supreme price of his own blood in order to rescue mankind from sin. But you must believe in Him and obey Him.

### FOURTH AND BEDFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible Classes: Sun. 9:30 a.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Worship Service: Sun. 10:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.

### ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Rev. Henry C. Russell, Pastor  
302 S.E. 2nd  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Christ Ambassadors and Children's Church ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Evangelistic Service ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Mid-Week Service ..... 7:30 p.m.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Raymond M. Perkins, Jr.  
503 W. Bedford  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
W.M.U. Brotherhood Youth Organization ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Supper ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Officers, Teachers, Choirs ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7:55 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir ..... 8:30 p.m.

### LEE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Don Cass, Pastor  
Phone 647-5355  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Monday —  
Brotherhood ..... 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Mid-Week Services ..... 8:00 p.m.  
W.M.U. .... 7:00 p.m.

### NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

C. E. Strickland, Pastor  
N.W. 5th at Halsell  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Mid-Week Services ..... 7:30 p.m.

### NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

M. A. Pennington, Interim Pastor  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Mid-Week Services ..... 7:30 p.m.

### Joe Balles Latin American Mission

Rev. Ruben Calles  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 8:00 p.m.  
Monday —  
Mission Service ..... 2:00 p.m.

### SUNNYSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

M. D. Durham, Pastor  
Sunday —  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Night —  
W.M.U., Sunbeams, Jr. G.A.'s Intermediate G.A.'s, R.A.'s 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting ..... 8:00 p.m.

### TRUE GOSPEL HOLINESS CHURCH

North East 8th Street  
Pastor: Elder Earnest Smith Jr.  
Sunday School ..... 10:00  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00  
FRIDAY Y.M.U. .... 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday Night ..... 8:00

### CHURCH OF CHRIST (S.W. 4th at Bedford)

Ronnie Parker, Minister  
Sunday —  
Bible Study ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
Bible Class for all ..... 7:30 p.m.



### LET'S NOT FORGET THIS...

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:16, 17.

We invite you to celebrate the birth of our Saviour by attending church this week, and by spreading good will everywhere you go.

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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# Clayton Says Schools and Water Are Legislature's Top Problems

Of all the "awesome" problems faced by Texas and its legislature, education and water loom as the main ones, according to State Representative Bill Clayton.

THE LEGISLATOR from Springlake spoke to the Dimmitt Rotary Club Friday on what he considers the main challenges facing the new Texas Legislature, which will convene next month.

In education, he said, "Texas is at a crossroads, and the legislature seems to face more awesome problems than ever before in this field."

He explained that the state is growing by 200,000 persons annually and that its population — now 11 million — will burgeon to 25 or 30 million between the years 2000 and 2020.

"OUR STATE has vast resources," he added. "The state is now leading the nation in drawing new industry. This industrialization is healthy and needed, but this is also going to create a few new problems," to keep Texas' public school education space with its population growth.

Clayton said the new report of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education "has many good features, but some features which I don't think this area or I personally can go along with. These have to do mainly with consolidation of schools."

But he agreed with the Governor's Committee on the feeling that "we could foster an education second to none" in Texas, and added, "I don't see why we shouldn't be No. 1 — we can be on top of anything we want to be."

CLAYTON SAID cost figures on the recommendations of the Governor's Committee are still being compiled.

"We will be able to take a more objective look at this when these figures are added to the report," he said.

He also agreed with the committee that the state's teacher shortage need not have occurred, and need not continue.

"Texas is now using 13,500 non-certificated teachers," he said. "The committee noted that the state has enough qualified teachers, but the schools aren't paying enough to hold them — they're going into other fields. If salaries are raised, we could hold more qualified teachers."

TURNING to his specialty of water, Clayton explained that projects costing \$10 billion are now on the drawing boards, and that if they go through, Texas' share will be \$2½ to \$3 billion, with the rest coming from the Bureau of Reclamation and other federal agencies.

The new water plan unveiled in Austin Tuesday by the Texas Water Development Board "certainly includes this part of the state as the first water plan did not," Clayton told the Rotarians. "This is because a lot of people put in a lot of hard work."

He said the water board's West Texas study that resulted from the hue and cry in this area "was an education for the water board."



Benny Hastings

## Hastings Earns Aviator's Wings

Benny H. Hastings, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odus M. Hastings of Dimmitt, received the silver wings of an Army aviator and was appointed a warrant officer Dec. 3, upon graduation from the Army Aviation School, Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.

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"CHAIRMAN Mills Cox at first said it was the craziest thing he ever heard of, to move water 960 miles to a 4,000-ft. elevation to help farmers produce surplus crops" Clayton said. "But the study showed that by the year 2000, our country may face a food deficit."

"This area's water is likely to run out by 1985," Clayton said. "So the target date of 1985 has been set on the water importation plan, and that's a very ambitious date."

He added that the water importation project — the most ambitious in man's history — "could make this area the breadbasket of the nation."

ONE OF the main problems to be solved before the plan can be implemented, he said, is the financing method to take care of this interim period.

"It's going to take an awful lot of money to implement this plan," he said. "Ultimately, the water users will pay the cost of the project, but during an interim period before the water goes in to use, a lot of money will be needed to get it going. This may have to be raised through bonding. I'm confident that we'll find a financing method to take care of this interim period."



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## Nazareth

# Santa to Visit Schools Friday

By Mrs. Florence Albracht

Santa Claus will be coming to visit the school children and preschool children at the school cafeteria at three p.m. Friday. All preschool children are invited to come and see Santa and tell him what they would like for Christmas.

On Saturday a bus load of grade school children and several of the teachers enjoyed the Young Peoples Band under the direction of Dr. Thomas Hebstadt at the new Civic Center in Amarillo.

MRS. PHONSA Huseman and Mrs. Frank Hocling went to Happy Thursday to visit their cousin Mrs. Evelyn Uscliding who is recuperating from major surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hoelling and children of Lubbock spent the weekend here with relatives and Mrs. Hoelling attended the bridal shower for Miss Delores Birkenfeld on Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Albracht spent Sunday with her daughter Mrs. George Brockman in Umbarge.

Mrs. Leonard Conrad and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Florence Albracht, Glenn and Rex Ramaekers and Gordon Wilhelm had dinner Sunday with the Vincent Ramaekers in Umbarge and enjoyed the Christmas Concert by the Canyon High School Band and Choir in Canyon in the afternoon. Henry Ramaekers is a member of the band.

A BRIDAL shower honoring Miss Delores Birkenfeld bride-elect of Denis Gerber was held in the home of her sister Mrs.

Ralph Albracht on Sunday afternoon Dec. 15. Guests were Mrs. Ralph Albracht, Mrs. Vincent Gerber, Mrs. Jerome Gerber, Mrs. Harry Birkenfeld, Mrs. Hubert Baekus, Mrs. Edwin Freeman, Mrs. Ray Schmucker, Miss Carol Schulte, Mrs. Philip Brockman of Meleshce and Mrs. Ed Gerber of Hobbs, N.M. About 30 guests enjoyed the shower and many lovely and useful gifts were received by the bride.

Arnold Wilde of Munday, Texas and his daughter Betty Ann, student at Wayland College, Plainview visited the Chris Birkenfelds over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Birkenfeld and twin boys of Rhineland, Texas and her brother Nick Krahula of Seymour spent the weekend with the Birkenfelds here.

CHRIS BIRKENFELDS received word Sunday evening from their son Ronnie in Lamar, Colo., that they had a new baby girl. Mrs. Birkenfeld plans to spend this week with them.

Rev. Father Reichel blessed the homes of Earl Baekus and Robert Verkamp Sunday and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baekus and John in the Verkamp home.

Friday evening the Nazareth High School basketball teams played Alamo High in Amarillo. The boys lost but the girls came out winners.

(Delayed Last week) THE REGULAR monthly meeting of the Catholic Daughters of America was held in the community hall, with 60 members attend-

ing. The secret pals of the past year were revealed and gifts exchanged. Those wishing to have secret pals the coming year drew names. Members brought cookies, candies and fruits which were packaged and gift wrapped after the meeting to be given to the residents of the Golden Spread Rest Home in Dimmitt. Thursday evening, members and Santa Claus visited the home and presented the gifts.

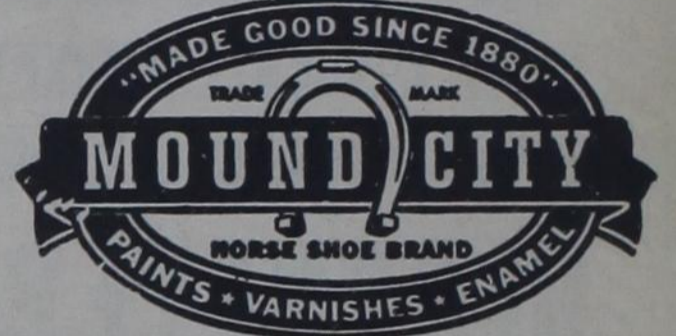
BAPTIZED in Holy Family Church by Rev. Father Reichel Dec. 8 was Pamela Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Ehly. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Noble of Tulia.

On Dec. 8, Holy Family Parish celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. At 10 o'clock a high mass was celebrated and the Fourth Degree Knights of Col-

umbus were honor guards. Knights John Warren, Ed Dzuiks and Johnny Jesko of Hereford Council came to be honor guards with the knights from here. Since Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron of this Southwest province and is celebrated on Dec. 12, a breakfast after mass was served to members and their wives.

The Boy Scouts troops have Christmas trees for sale at Mikes Electronics and Appliance Shop.

JOHN STORK was honored on Sunday Dec. 8 for his 75th birthday with a supper in his home. Enjoying the party were his daughters and husbands Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Pohlmeier, Mr. and Mrs. Denis Heiman, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Pohlmeier of Tulia, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bell of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hill of Hart and Mrs. Florine Leinen of Dimmitt.



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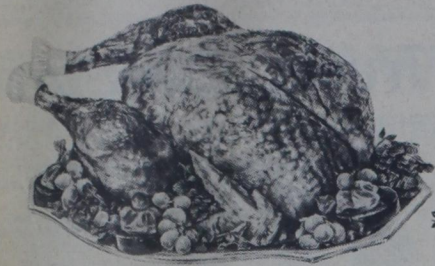
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Sunnyside

Parsonage Is Refurbished for Arrival of New Pastor

By TEENY BOWDEN THE NEW carpet was put on in the parsonage Wednesday. It has been painted inside and out, and a few repairs made for the arrival of Rev. and Mrs. Mac Turner of Lockett Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Sadler returned from their fishing trip Monday night.

Cliff Brown took the boys and Mrs. J. Paul Waggoner took the girls to the Youth Rally at Lazbuddie Monday.

Hubert Lilley was admitted to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt with the flu Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Robert Bridge and Mark visited in Lubbock last Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Loudder and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Loudder.

Six attended the Brotherhood program at the church Tuesday night. Several gave parts on the program.

John Taylor, father of Mrs. Odell James, a former member of the community passed away in the Plainview hospital Wednesday afternoon.

The funeral services were held in the Date Street Baptist Church in Plainview Friday afternoon.

Instead of the regular Plains Memorial Hospital auxiliary meeting at the Methodist Church Wednesday of this month, the meeting was held at the hospital to decorate the Christmas tree.

The YWA's and their leader, Mrs. Bob Ott took a program to the Golden Spread Nursing Home in Dimmitt during their regular program period Wednesday night.

The Intermediate G.A.'s went to sing Christmas Carols during their regular meeting Wednesday night for Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Loudder.

The WMS met for the conclusion of the book "Columbia - Land of Conflict and Promise."

Mrs. J. Paul Waggoner worked at Plains Memorial Hospital Tuesday afternoon at the desk, gift shop, and coffee cart.

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Bob Duke was part of the Dimmitt FFA quiz team which placed second in the Plainview District competition Nov. 27.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dugay of Frazeyburg, Ohio visited with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Graham Wednesday through Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wilson came in from Seymour Tuesday, and returned Thursday to be with his mother who is ill.

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The family of Mrs. Garner Ball were in her home last Sunday for dinner - her mother, Mrs. Beulah Newton, and two grandmothers.

Tommy Graham participated in a piano recital in the home of Mrs. Donnie Clayton in Springlake Friday night.

Randy, Tresa, and Cheryl Powell of Dimmitt spent Friday night with the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Sadler.

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Sheffy's Chatter

Servicemen Get to See Families

By MYRTLE SHEFFY  
This is a special hello and Merry Christmas to all the boys in the Service of our United States. Call this Chatter a letter from Myrtle and all the News staff.

I HAD a Christmas card from Bill Myers, who is in Vietnam. Bill is the son of Mrs. Dean Myers, who is at the Carlile Theatre.

Gary Stanford, a medical corps man who has been in Vietnam, came home for a visit with his parents, the Gordon Stanfords. He leaves this week for Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.

Another one of our boys, Medic Corp's Donnie Stokes, came in for a visit from Vietnam. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Stokes.

Jerry Frazier of Fort Knox, Ken., will be home for a holiday visit with the Alvin Fraziers and I just heard that Keith McMahon has been gone to Fort Bliss, El Paso. He may get a vacation visit with his grandmother Mrs. R. V. McMahon Sr. and his dad R. V. Jr.

Larry Odom, son of the M. B. Odoms, who has been in Italy, came by to see the folks on his way to Fort Riley, Kan. We appreciate these boys and all of you. "God go with you."

A FEW friends came to my house Saturday afternoon for bridge, talk and fun. Maggie Boren brought over a loaf of bread, hot from the oven. I served a ham salad and applesauce cake and coffee with it. Our daughter Ruth, brought a red wool flower corsage for each of my guests who were, Virginia Gilbreath, Gladys Cleavinger, Maggie Boren, Josie Bradford, Winnie Cunningham, Retta Cluck, Beaulah Wright and Ceal Carlile.

★ ANTHONY STANFORD and Jan Scott were married Saturday afternoon in the home of Jan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Scott in Hereford, with just family present. Anthony and Jan are students at WTSU. He is the son of the Gordon Stanfords and finished high school here last spring. He was one of the members of the teen band, "Minor Details." Jan is a sister of Mrs. Ray Joe Riley. Good wishes go with you from us.

They will go on their wedding trip during the Christmas holidays next week I hear from the grapevine.

Rose Acker has been with her brother in Houston, where he had heart surgery. He is doing fine.

Elvis and Jennie Burch of Colorado were here visiting his mother Mrs. George Burch and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Broderson were hosts at the Moore's home at 724 Oak St. Sunday and Monday evenings with open house for all the school faculty and friends — fruit cake, candies and coffee were served to the many guests.

★ MRS. GILBERT PORTER died from an apparent heart attack after a bout with the flu early Friday morning. Mrs. Porter has taught school here and other places for a long time. The Garden Club helped sponsor her class one year. Her husband has worked with Troy Kirby and Darrell Kenmore Barber Shop. She leaves many friends here. Her two sisters came to help make arrangements. Interment was at Sequin, east of San Antonio. Gilbert will stay there with his mother, Mr. Skinner and Mr. Broderson helped with arrangements at the school.

★ EMMETT Broderson, with three bus loads of third, fourth and fifth grade children went to the Civic Center in Amarillo Saturday afternoon to hear a Christmas concert by the Amarillo Symphony. Several other people went along — Mrs. Charles Vandiver, Helen Richardson and 13 other parents and more than 200 pupils. Other towns were included in this concert invitation.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Bolton of North Salt Lake, Utah were here for a few days visit with her sister Lettie and Ray Bearden. They went on to Oklahoma City to visit relatives. The Boltons said their county had eight inches of snow when they left home.

St. Ann's Society hosted a Christmas supper for their husbands and themselves and Rev. Chen, at the bank's community room Sunday night. This group are members of Immaculate Conception Church here.

The calf given by Donnie Schillings to members to sell was awarded to Mr. Stockstill, a teacher. They made \$528 toward the building fund.

Andy and Oleda Schumacher have been visiting his mother Angela Schumacher in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Mrs. Schumacher underwent surgery Monday morning.

Orby Wayne Moore of Oklahoma City visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Moore recently, and a brother Richard and family. The father, Mr. Moore is recuperating from surgery.

★ MRS. J. C. Gilbreath was hostess with a luncheon and bridge party Thursday afternoon. Guests were Ceal Carlile, Edith Ramey, Pearl Sheffy, Genevieve Howe, Maxine Tidwell, Edna Riley, Jeanne Miller and Katy Burkett.

Mrs. Cecil Dennis was hostess Thursday evening with a surprise birthday party for husband Cecil. A buffet supper with "42" later was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Cleaver, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Don Dennis, Miss Robbie Rice, Mary Lou Frazier and Jerral Broadstreet. The big cake had one candle for Cecil's 39th birthday — Jack Benny type.

Juanita Stiff of Roswell was a weekend guest of her mother Ann Singer.

Carlos and Ann Barnes are the parents of a baby girl — born in Plainview Thursday. She weighed in at 6 pounds, 13 ounces. Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Barnes are the paternal grandparents.

★ JERRY AND Jimmy Jack Butler were hosts to a few friends after church Sunday evening for an hour of conversation and coffee. Jerry said her bridge club and husband's went over to the Red Carpet Inn Cafe for supper and bridge Monday evening. They were Messrs. and Mmes. Jimmy Jack Butler, J. R. Brown, Bob Bryant, Bob Jones, Dale Prather, Jimmy Reese, John Quinby, Elvon Devaney, Bill Dannevik, Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Blackburn, Dr. and Mrs. David Bechtel and Rev. and Mrs. Mitch Kennedy.

I was chatting with Debra Reed, she went to Canyon to WTSU Saturday with Jeanne Damron. Jeanne took the entrance exams for next year. They looked at the pretty shops in Amarillo but remembered to shop Dimmitt. Deltan Moore, a student at WT, came over to visit the Reeds Sunday evening.

The Paul Hilburns and daughter Lynn of Amarillo were Sunday guests of daughter Jean and her husband Larry Morris.

★ DIKER STANFORD was the birthday girl Friday when a group of friends surprised her with a party. This bunch met in the dining room of the Dairy Queen which is owned by the Stanfords. Birthday cake and coffee for everybody — gifts brought in to Diker by guests, the V. C. Hopsons, the Ira Wimberleys, the Bob Bakers, the Troy Kirbys, the Dan Heards, the Buford Newtons, the Andy Schumachers and Nelda Thomas.

Linda Langford was soloist at the Clovis Baptist Church banquet. She sang Christmas songs and a few requests Thursday night. She was accompanied by her mother Maria Langford.

Helen McLean, Virginia Gilbreath, Ann Touchstone and Doris Faircloth have been very busy

decorating the Dimmitt Country Club up pretty for Christmas. Let's go see it.

Mrs. Fannie Pearl Bruce is dead after a short illness. She was 88 years old. She was the mother of Joe Bruce. Mrs. Bruce will be missed by her church and friends. We will miss seeing her iris garden in the springtime. Our sympathy to the family — son Joe and daughter Mrs. Dean.

★ VIRGINIA SHEFFY and Sandra Jones were hostess at a Christmas party Saturday night at the Ted Sheffy's house. They played records and party games that 13-year-olds play. Much food was consumed by 20 or more guests. I believe the kids drew names for a gift exchange. Saw Hallie Fuller buying a pretty coffee mug for one of them.

"Love Transcending" the Christmas Cantata presented by the First Baptist Church choir Sunday evening was beautiful and well done. Jeannine Wimberley, Esta Vandiver, Martha Willard and Dr. Charles Vandiver sang solos with good support from the chorus. Pastor Raymond Perkins read the scripture with Mrs. Bob Mooney and Mrs. James Horton accompanying on piano and organ. The church was decorated with many candles and Christmas flowers.

Mary Hays of Tech and Kent and Carol Harice were over from Lubbock to visit the girls' parents Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hays.

David and Linda Wimberley have moved to Guymon, Okla., where David is assistant manager of the Foodway Store. Jeannine, the grandma, took little Marsha up there Monday. Marsha has been visiting both grandmas — Mrs. Orlie Moore and Jeannine.

★ SMOKEY Mayfield and family of Stinnett were Sunday guests of his brother Herb and Dorothy Mayfield. The Mayfield boys always make fiddle music when together. A while back Herb lost his mandolin off the top of the car up there someplace. A man found it and brought it here. Smokey is on the Whittenburg Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gregory went over to Oklahoma City last weekend and met the Olen Rices there for a good visit. Olen and Mary live at Nevada, Mo. now and they help son Lonnie and his five boys with the ranch work.

★ RUBY WOODS, Nell, Kay and Eddie visited Melvina and Marvin Witt and the Bob Slays (she was Mozelle) in Amarillo last weekend. The big city was glittery with Christmas decorations.

Mrs. Raymond (Beral) Hanco is home from a four-day stay at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo where she had eye surgery and will be able to see from that eye after 34 years of near blindness in it. She reported that Mrs. Buster Cooper might be some better and Dr. Harold Bischoff is there and quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dutton are visiting their daughter Karen, in Florida this week. He might do some deep sea fishing.

Abrego Finishes AIT at Fort Ord

Amy Private Joe Abrego Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Elebeis Abrego, 604 Second St., Dimmitt, completed eight weeks of advanced infantry training Nov. 28 at Ft. Ord, Calif.

HE RECEIVED specialized instruction in small unit tactics and in firing such weapons as the M-16 rifle, the M-60 machine gun and the 3.5-inch rocket launcher.

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**Financial Facts**  
By Willis A. Hawkins, Jr.

The demise of the time-honored two dollar bill stemmed from the general lack of public interest. However, some people attached a lucky omen to the famed deuce, while others regarded it as unlucky!

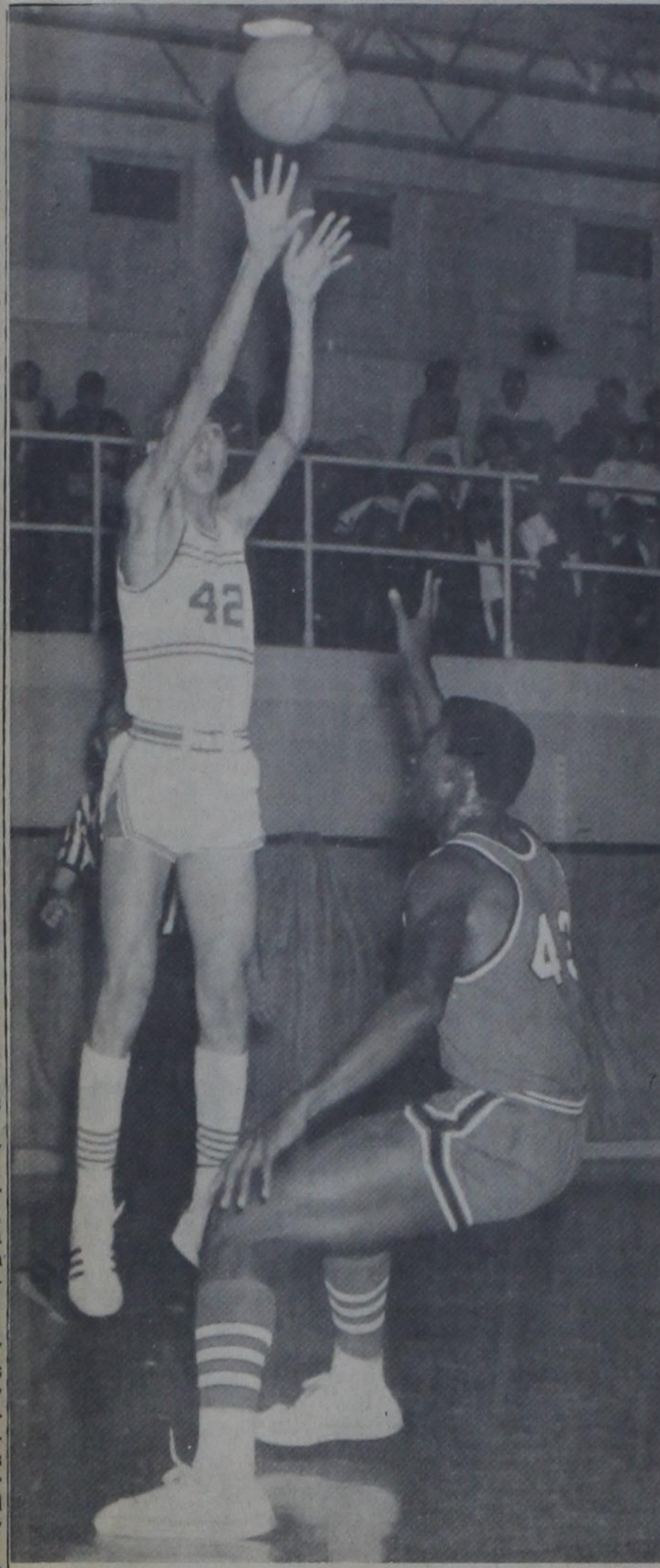
Fact is the two dollar bill wound up its mundane existence in August 1966. Government records show that the two dollar bill has been the least popular of all monetary bills.

It is said that counterfeiters had a field day with the two dollar bill, easily converting it into a twenty dollar note.

One reason why the two dollar bill slipped from public popularity was that it was too easily mistaken for a one dollar bill.

The two dollar bill will always remain a collector's item.

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DAVID BELLINGHAUSEN gains top altitude and fires a shot from the corner during the second quarter of Friday night's Dimmitt-Slaton game in the Tulia Tournament. The Bobcats chalked up a stunning 112-79 victory over Slaton, and went on to win the tournament championship.

**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 7 years old. I would like a Sport and Stock race set. And bring my sister a Kewpie doll.  
Love Gordon and Denise

Dear Santa,  
My name is Becky Jo Andrews and I am 5 years old. Please bring me a talking Barbie, record player, and records, teddy bear, and clothes for my Barbie. Thank you Santa. P. S. I will have some milk and cake sitting on the table for you.  
Love, Becky

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 7 years old. My birthday is December 22. I want a Deluxe Nurse and Doctor kits and a Barbie doll and shoes.  
Germaine Mary Pohlmeier

**LIFE-LINES**  
From Bruce Taylor

**A TIME FOR JOY**

... a time for the past year ... for the future ones ... the joyous, wonderful season of families together ... the time to pause and remember amid the colorful sights, the beautiful sounds, the wonderful pine and roast turkey smells ... the spirit of this season.

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**Shopping at The Village Shop With Myrtle**

If you are one of those last-minute Christmas shoppers, all is not lost ... go to the "Village Shop" ... the house of fine gifts. There is a case of jewelry just as you enter — those cameo pins and necklaces are fetching — many other pins to choose from ... gloves, hose and hundreds of colorful gowns and robes to suit milady's taste.

You will need a new party dress for the holiday festivities, and one lovely is the long skirted yellow satin with sequin top ... You just might like to give her a beaded bag to go with that new dress. There was a nice black with some glitter, a green, and a pink ... You go see those.

Neva has a rack of knit suits and dresses at a big reduction in price. These will help to finish the next three months of cold weather ... There are a few all weather coats left — sweaters, skirts, slacks — you will need to wear to the basketball games. Did you hear how Suzanne Merritt threw a ball to the basket from the center. The end of game bell rang before it could be counted, making Tulia win by a point. Well, well, let's get those warm coats to wear and better luck next time Bobbies.

The display window is dressed in the holiday mood with garlands of holly and baskets of flowers. Your lady would like the pleated white skirt with red top and I would like that red and white coat dress, in big plaids or checks — red slips to go with it.

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Mrs. O. K. Howe was shopping the Village Shop for Christmas ... She says to remember the lovely service you get from the girls there. Juanita showed me a new grey two piece dress, that the top is grey and the skirt is black with leather tie belt. This is a Super Knit by Mr. Fine, size 10 — and a dress up suit in off white with gold embroidery — a knit by Marco Polo ... Many to choose from.

A new white washable silk coat ... This is a smart coat for any place wear ... Coats, slacks and blouses are nice ideas for gifts. But do stop at the Village Shop all over and especially in the Gift Department.

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SHARON BARKER fires a jumping push shot early in the Dimmitt-Tulia game Friday as the Bobbies and Hornettes tangle in the second round of the Tulia Tournament. The Bobbies lost the thriller, 53-52, in the last seven seconds, and finished fourth in the tourney.

Easter News

# Ladies Receive Notes From Gls

By RUBY STONE  
Easter Club met Thursday for its Christmas party in the home of Mrs. William Moss. Four other members and one guest were present. Miss Addie Miner from West Gate was the guest. Miss Miner received several nice gifts. Members present were Emerald Epperson, Lana Downing, Anna Mae Burnett, Ruby Stone and the hostess.  
Reports were made on letters received from servicemen in response to "Candy for Servicemen." Mrs. Epperson received a letter from Tony Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Young of Dimmitt. Anna Margaret Moss received a letter from Ann Charlyn Braddock. Mrs. Ruby Stone got a letter from Richard Gerber, son of the Albert Gerbers of Nazareth.

cently undergone surgery. Rev. Anderson has a museum of arts and antiques.  
Henry Flood underwent surgery recently in an Amarillo hospital. He is reported in satisfactory condition.  
Laura Downing spent last weekend at Texas Tech in Lubbock. She spent Friday night in Horn Hall with her cousin, Cathy Young of Wichita Falls, and Saturday night at Stangal Hall with another cousin, Suyanne Lindsey of San Antonio. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Trent Downing and baby sister, Amy, went to get her on Sunday. The two girls spent the weekend with the Downings recently.

MR. AND MRS. John H. Burnett transacted business in Duke, Okla., Tuesday. Mrs. Burnett visited her mother in the Lev Len Manor at Marigum. Mrs. Leih Heidenrich of Duke accompanied her to Mangum. They also visited Rev. Allen Anderson, who had re-

GARY Burnett and his friend, Bobby Favor of Dalhart, visited his parents, the John H. Burnetts Monday.  
J. S. Scarborough is home now from the hospital. He suffered a heart attack recently.  
Miss Addie Miner spent Thursday night in the W. A. Epperson home.  
A thought: Your conscience can't keep you from doing wrong, but it can do a lot to keep you from enjoying it.

"FIRST AND most essential we must know the physical realities which we face. Too long we have reckoned our resources in terms of illusion. Money, even gold, is but a metrical device. It is not the substance of wealth. Soil, water, minerals, vegetation, and animal life — these are the basis of our existence and the measure of our future."  
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# SWPS Growth Plan Calls For Plant X Generators

A 1969 construction and improvement program which will add nearly \$16,000,000 to the company's investment in its 45,000 square mile service area was announced today (Thursday) by Roy Tolk, president of Southwestern Public Service Company.

"1969 WILL be the 22nd consecutive year in which we have increased our investment in our service area by 10-million dollars or more a year, with the average annual investment during the last 10 years being more than 20-million dollars. This investment is made for two reasons, both of them customer-related. The first reason is to stay ahead of the demand for electric service, while the second is to keep that service as efficient and economical as possible. Ever-increasing inflation is making economy more and more difficult, but we are taking every step that we can to keep our expenses down," Tolk said.

Transmission lines and substations will account for a little more than 6-million dollars of the 1969 program, slightly less than 5-million will be for new distribution facilities, the lines and equipment which bring service to the customer, while a little less than 4-million will be for power plant additions and improvements, including the start of construction on a new generating station near Lubbock with an original capability of 210,000 kilowatts.

**THE MAJOR transmission line** project will be construction of a 230,000 volt line from the Tucco interchange, north of Abernathy, to the South Lubbock interchange. In addition to providing another major power source for the South Plains area, the new line will be constructed so that it can be used as the first transmission circuit

when the new generating station near Lubbock goes into service in 1971.

The new generating station will be called Clifford B. Jones Station in honor of the West Texas civic leader and President-emeritus of Texas Tech, who has been a director of Southwestern Public Service Company for more than a quarter-century.

Once again the company will contribute to the water conservation efforts of the area by using sewage effluent purchased from the City of Lubbock as cooling water when the new plant goes into operation. Nichols Station, near Amarillo, was the first of the company's generating facilities to utilize sewage effluent for this purpose.

**HIGHLIGHTING** the economy efforts of the company will be the installation of special equipment on two generators at Plant X which will make it possible to shut down the two units during the night hours of low power consumption and yet bring them back into service quickly for peak periods of power usage.

"We anticipate saving about \$30,000 a year on our fuel costs with this equipment, so it will soon pay for itself. Normally, you can't just shut down a generator when you don't need it, because it takes too long to get it back on the line when you do want it. So, normally, you keep the things running with a minimum load, which is the most expensive way of operating, until you need more production. With this new equipment we'll be able to completely shut down the two generators, load the units still in service at the most economical level and still, and this is the part that's important to our customers, keep adequate spinning reserves

## Turkey Growers To 'Hold Tight'

Turkey producers and processors, meeting recently in Washington with USDA officials, are calling for a hold-the-line on 1969 turkey production.

**THE GROUP** said that an increase in next year's production would bring lower prices to producers and too many carried over in storage. The demand for turkeys in 1969 will be only slightly higher than in 1968, in the face of expected larger supplies of red meat and broilers.

## Disabled Widows Get SS Benefits

"Most people know that a widow may be entitled to social security benefits on her husband's record at age 60," says Travis C. Briggs, manager of the social security office in Amarillo. "A very important change in the social security law now permits payments to many widows who are between 50 and 60 years old and who are unable to work because of disability."

**SINCE THE Social Security Administration** has not received as many claims as expected from disabled widows, some may not know about this new type of benefit payable under social security. A widow may even lose benefits unless she files an application.

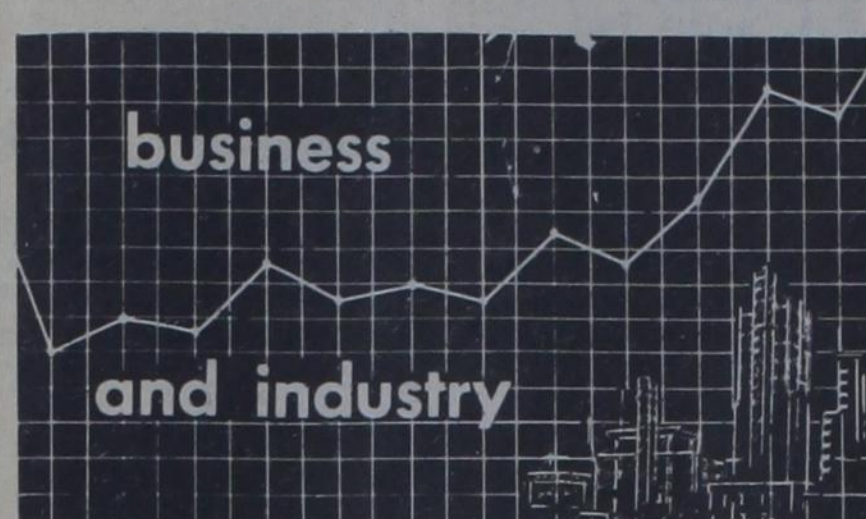
Like other benefits under social security, there are certain requirements which must be met before a disabled widow can qualify for these new benefits. One of the requirements is that she must be between 50 and 60 years old.

Since these are disability benefits, she must be disabled. A widow is disabled if she has a mental or physical impairment which keeps her from doing any gainful work. She must submit medical evidence from her doctor or hospital to show the severity of her disability. The Social Security Administration will make a determination of her disability on the basis of medical evidence only.

**ANOTHER requirement** is that the disabled widow must have become disabled during a specified period. Her disability must have started before her husband's death, or within 7 years after his death. If she received mother's benefits because she had minor children in her care at his death, her disability must have started within 7 years after these benefits ended.

A widow who becomes entitled to a disability benefit under this new provision is paid a reduced rate. If she becomes entitled at age 50, she will get 50 percent of her deceased husband's amount. If she is over 50 when she becomes entitled, she gets a greater percentage amount. The amount of the reduction depends on the number of months she receives benefits before age 62. Totally disabled widows should contact the social security office right away. Remember, no benefits can be paid unless an application is filed.

The Amarillo District Office is located at 1006 Adams Street.



## Foundation Trying to Solve Problem of Volunteer Castors

This fall season begins the second year of state-supported research on castor problems at the High Plains Research Foundation and becomes a part of a "stepped-up" research program to find solutions facing today's High Plains farmers.

**THE INITIAL program** began in 1967 with a \$16,600 grant from the Texas State Department of Agriculture acting on recommendations of members of the department's castor committee.

Members of the committee included Don Marble, South Plains farmer; Roy Davis of Plains Co-op Oil Mill, Lubbock; and Dr. Wayne Domingo, Baker Cas' or Oil Co. of Texas.

The committee, meeting with other castor growers, decided that the main problem was volunteer castors which followed the harvested crop. And it was for a solution to this problem that the initial grant was let.

In November 1967, Loyd Langford, associate agronomist at the High Plains Research Foundation, conducted a study in castor fields before harvest and found as much as 275 pounds of viable castors on the ground.

**"ANOTHER 86 pounds** were knocked to the ground by the harvester and only two pounds per acre were passed through the combine," Langford said.

To combat the problem, Langford began a study of land preparation practices, more herbicide applications and new irrigation methods to reduce volunteer viability.

In the study on herbicides to kill castors, more than 24 agricultural companies were contacted for information available on effects of herbicides on volunteer castors.

**THESE companies** showed very little usable information on controlling castors because most herbicides are approved to kill weeds in castor crops.

Finally, Langford selected nine chemicals for use as castor control in grain sorghum and six herbicides for use in cotton.

To continue the research castor study, the Department of Agriculture in October announced a \$30,892 grant and expanded the research to determine more efficient irrigation and fertilizer practices to increase production.

## Does Medicare Owe You Money?

Travis C. Briggs, social security district manager in Amarillo, urges everyone signed up for the doctor bill insurance part of Medicare, to spend some time before the end of the year in reviewing whether the program owes them some money.

**HE SAID** that this is most important for those older people who incurred expenses for covered medical services between Oct. 1, 1966 and Sept. 30, 1967. If a claim isn't made for these expenses by Dec. 31, 1968, it will not be possible to collect for them.

Briggs pointed out that in the past, some Medicare beneficiaries postponed making a claim because they thought that if the doctor did not take assignment of the bill, the patient had to submit a receipted bill — one which had been paid — with his application.

The 1967 amendments to the Medicare law eliminated the requirement that a bill submitted with a claim must be receipted to show that it was paid in full or part.

Starting in 1968, an itemized bill showing the services or medical goods received and the charges for these, even if unpaid, became sufficient.

**ALL SOCIAL security offices** are prepared to help people make claims for doctor bill insurance payments. Those who still haven't applied for reimbursement for medical services and goods received during the above period should apply before the deadline.

The Amarillo office is located at 1006 Adams. Phone number is 376-3151. Office hours are from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and until 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

## Lassie to Help Publicize 4-H

The popular Lassie TV show on Jan. 5 will feature Lassie and the 4-H boys. The full hour will be devoted to the dramatization of 4-H Club activities. Local station schedules should be checked for the time.

## Jolly Workers Install Officers

New officers of the Frio Jolly Workers 4-H Club were installed at the December meeting in the Easter Lions Club.

**DIANA ADAMS,** outgoing president, conducted the installation. New officers are Eugene Warrick, president; Marvin Smith, vice-president; Kenneth Adams, parliamentarian; Earl Behrens, secretary; Terry Yerby, treasurer; Bob Behrens, reporter; and Diana Adams, 4-H Council candidate.

Other officers installed were Raymond Warrick, ritual chairman; Marvin Jones, inspiration chairman; Patricia Yerby, Linda Jones and Janis Smith, recreation leaders; Sue Smith, Jeff Wiley, Curtis Sittm, David Hutchins and Diane Jones, song leaders; and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Smith, organization leaders.

**TUESDAY evening,** members of the club went Christmas caroling at the Golden Spread Nursing Hospital.

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HART NEWS

Toys Go to Portales Children's Home

By MYRT LOMAN

Many toys have been donated for the Christian Children's Home in Portales, and a few of them will be delivered this weekend as positive proof that Hart does have a heart.

The toys were stored in the Church of Christ and were repaired and painted. Dolls were reclothed as needed.

The orphan children in Portales will have the nicest Christmas ever, because you cared enough to share.

MRS. CARL RAMBO'S fifth and sixth grade choir will present its Christmas cantata tonight (Thursday) in the Hart Elementary School auditorium. The students have worked hard so that you might enjoy their singing, Mrs. Rambo said.

AN ADULT Boy Scout training night in the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church, with Gordon Gibson, district executive, of Plainview, giving instructions and Don Morris of Tulia showing styles and materials of Scout uniforms.

Adult leaders present were Weldon Jones, W. T. King, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lacy and Mrs. Melvin Aven.

HART HIGH School's FFA and FHA chapters held their joint Christmas party Monday night in the school cafeteria, with 110 attending.

Entertainment was furnished by a trio from Tulia High School, consisting of Paul Sharp, Van Bonds and Kenneth Bean. Also, Bonnie and Donna Seymour of Hart entertained with some songs. The students enjoyed exchanging gag gifts, sandwiches, homemade cookies and punch were served by the FFA girls.

Special guests were Supt. and Mrs. Ted Averitt, Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Wescott.

MRS. ERNEST MARTIN of Hart received word last week of the accidental death of her brother, Lee Roy B. McDonald, 52, of Austin.

Mr. McDonald was checking the gun before retiring and it accidentally fired with the bullet hitting him in the head.

He was buried on last Thursday at 2 p.m. in the National Cemetery in Santa Fe, N.M.

He and wife had recently moved to Austin from Nevada. He was a construction worker on the new Treasury Building.

A former Plainview resident, Mr. McDonald was a veteran of World War II, having served four years in Italy.

Survivors are his wife, Velma; his sister, Mrs. Ernest Martin of Hart; and two brothers, Tom of Plainview and Sam of Andrews.

MILDRED SAVOIE of Plainview presented 14 of her Hart music pupils in a piano recital in the sanctuary of the United Methodist Church Friday night.

Participating in the program were Jan Harris, Cindy Hill, Teri King, Barry George, Kent Hill, Retha Aven, Rhonda Rowland, Melanie Upshaw, DeAnn Richburg, Blair Morrison, Terry Hill, Tammy Bates and Vivian Davis. The selections included solos, duets and a trio.

THE CHILDREN of the United Methodist Church presented their annual Christmas program at the evening worship service Sunday. Following the program, the congregation presented its gifts of food, clothes and money to be used for the needy in the community during the holidays.

MR. AND MRS. J. E. JACKS received word of the death of their grandson, Seaman Roger R. Jacks, 20, of Irvin, who was killed in an accident involving the Coast Guard buoy tender "White Alder," which sank after a collision with a freighter on the Mississippi River near White Castle, La.

A Coast Guard spokesman said professional divers overcame the tricky river currents, reached the wreckage of the hull on the river bottom at an 85-foot depth, and recovered the body of Jacks from the pilot-house of the vessel. There

are still 16 crewmen missing.

FUNERAL services for Frank DeWeese of Saint Vrain, N.M., were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, with burial in Melrose Cemetery. Survivors are his wife, Vera, two daughters, Mrs. Betty Lambeth of Elida, N.M., and Mrs. Sue Dennis of Amarillo, and four grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWeese lived in Hart several years ago.

MRS. VASCA KITTRELL has returned home after being at the bedside of her father, F. T. Cates of Arkansas, who had surgery and has been seriously ill. He is convalescing at his home now.

Mrs. Don Jameson received word of the death of her father, Ervin Decker, of Texline last week. Mr. Decker had been severely burned and was taken to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He reportedly died of a heart attack.

FINAL PLANS have been made to get Santa Claus in Hart on time Friday at 2:30 p.m. on the parking lot of the Farmers State Bank.

He will try to visit with each child and present each with a sack of goodies.

HART SCHOOLS will dismiss Friday at 2:30 p.m. for the Christmas holidays.

All classes will resume their regular schedule Thursday, Jan. 2.

THE FINAL high school basketball game of 1968 will be played Friday at 6:30 in Silvertown, with both boys and girls playing.

The first high school game of 1969 will be Jan. 7 at Hart at 6 p.m. between Turkey and Hart E-team girls.

GLEN BLACK, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Black, was honored Friday with a birthday party.

He and friends enjoyed skating at the Hart Elementary gym after school.

Guests were Robert Lacy, Kent

Hill, Keith Reed, Mike Celvenger, Barry Billingsley, Jackie Davis, Errol Aven, Sherri Dalbert, Coy Myrick, Chad Black, Russel Davis and Lynore's sister, Janet Black, who presented each guest with a Santa stocking of goodies.

Mothers assisting with the party were Mrs. Bob Lacy, J. D. Myrick and Mrs. Charles Black. Cakes and candy were served.

MRS. R. L. HAWKINS and Mrs. Charles Nelson met with Erwin Troop 256 after school Monday in the community room of the bank for regular meeting and exchange of gifts.

The 17 girls worked on gifts to give their parents for Christmas. Guests were May Ethridge, Kana Nelson, Phillip Hawkins, Mrs. Ted Averitt and Mrs. Bill Hill. Tammie Hill served refreshments.

THE SANCTUARY of the First Baptist Church was beautifully decorated for the Christmas program Sunday evening.

The program included the singing of Christmas carols by the congregation, a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Preston Upshaw, a Christmas reading by Rebecca Futrell, a choir special reading of "The First Christmas," from Book of Luke by Ronnie Barham, and a solo by Weldon Davis, "O Holy Night."

The evening message "No Room," was presented by the pastor. Following the evening worship service the congregation enjoyed a salad supper in fellowship hall and received sacks of fruit, candy and nuts. The hall was decorated with a fireplace and Christmas tree.

MRS. CECIL RAY JONES received word last week that her brother, Truman Swopes of Vineta, Okla., had been kicked by a horse while trying to shoe the animal. He received broken cartilage and pulled ligaments in the knee.

Mrs. Laurence McLain and Ed Bennett of Hart and Byron Bennett of Plainview were in Temple

on Wednesday morning to attend the funeral of aunt Mrs. Mae Bennett, who died suddenly Monday of a heart attack. The Bennett family are former Hart residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Landers, left Monday to spend the holidays in Westminster, Calif., with relatives.

Hart School Lunch Menu Thursday — Hot dogs and chili sauce, French fries, lettuce wedge, agricult cobbler, whole pickle, milk and butter.

Friday — Hamburgers with mustard, onion, pickle relish, potato chips, lettuce and tomato, red velvet cake, milk and butter.

Mrs. C. E. Patterson was transferred from the hospital Thursday to the Golden Spread Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

THE JUNIOR Girl Scouts of Troop 23 presented a Christmas program Tuesday afternoon to the patients of the Golden Spread Home.

The story of the birth of Christ from the Book of Luke was read by Sharla Carson, followed by these girls playing Christmas selections — Sharla Carson, Janna Mapp, Patricia Smith, Tammy Bates, LeAnn Friday, Sandy Heck and DeAnn Richburg.

Lisa Nelson and Rhonda Rowland joined the girls in the singing of Christmas carols, followed by presenting each of the patients with a gaily decorated package of homemade cookies.

Girls departed the home singing, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

LeAnn Friday furnished refreshments at the Dairy Queen in Dimmitt. Leader of this troop is Mrs. Kenneth Covington, and her assistant is Mrs. David Nelson. Mrs. Covington reports this is the third year she and girls have visited the home as this season.

An erroneous report in last week's column: Franklin Bauman did not have a tumor near his brain; it was a swollen optical disc on his eye. His condition is quite improved, we are happy to note.

CUB SCOUTS of Den 2 met Wednesday after school in the community room of the bank for their first regular meeting with Mrs. Melvin Aven, leader, and her assistant, Mrs. Clinton Billingsley.

The boys practiced the Cub Scout promise and began their Christmas project of making gifts for their parents.

Boys present were Brett Aven, Barry Billingsley, Kent Hill, Kelley King, Johnny Newsom, Mike Charles Ray Jones.

THURSDAY after school Cub Scouts of Den 1 met in the bank community room with leaders, Mrs. Bob Lacy and Mrs. Jim Black, in charge of the program.

The boys worked on Bobcat requirements and made a card for a special person to be delivered with the recipient to be revealed at the next meeting. All boys signed and mailed Christmas cards to Hart servicemen in Vietnam.

Present were Robert Lacy, Glen Black, Keith Reed, Jackie Davis, J. D. Garriety, Dayton Hacker and new den chief, Duane Clevenger.

Today (Thursday), boys will be

making special Christmas gifts. There will be no meeting next week.

THE elementary Sunday school class of the United Methodist Church held a Christmas party at the church last Thursday night.

Mrs. Fred Brown, teacher of the group, supervised games, exchange of gifts and a snack supper. Later the class sang Christmas carols at several homes in the city.

REV. AND Mrs. Fred Brown were in Plainview Friday night to attend the Plainview District preachers' and wives' annual Christmas party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Appling.

PLAINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arguijo of Dimmitt. She was born Dec. 10 and weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces. Her parents have named her Deborah.

A 6-pound, 5 1/2-ounce son was born last Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Bonifacio Luna of Hart. He has been named Rafael Guadalupe.

Mr. and Mrs. Placido Torres Asua of Dimmitt became the parents of a 6-pound girl Dec. 10. They have named her Alecia.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Chaney of Friona are the parents of a 7-pound 10-ounce boy, born Dec. 11. He has been named Jeffrey Dale.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Castanuela Jr. of Dimmitt. Born Saturday, he weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and has been named Edward III.

On the Go VISITORS FROM UTAH Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Boltort of Salt Lake City, Utah spent last weekend here in the home of her sister, Mrs. Ray Bearden and Mr. Bearden.

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# Bobcats Hit 112 Mark En Route to Tulia Title

Dimmitt's Bobcats rang up an amazing 112-79 victory over Slaton Friday night en route to the Tulia Tournament championship.

**THE WHIZ-BANG** game was the highlight of the Bobcats' successful jaunt through the tournament bracket, and marked the first time a Kenneth Cleveland-coached team had topped the century mark.

The Bobcats used fast breaks, pinpoint shooting and their patented thievery process to rack up the big victory. Their scoring was almost as consistent as clockwork as they posted 29 points in each of the first three periods and 25 in the final frame for an average of 3½ points a minute.

Every player on Cleveland's squad played half the game. The first five went in during the fourth quarter only until Jerral Seale tipped in a rebound for Dimmitt's 100th point with 4:30 remaining, then turned the scoring fest back over to the back-up crew.

**IT WAS** a tough loss for the Slaton players, who had to be all-runs despite a 79-point game.

Leading the assault for Dimmitt were Bobby Baker with 22 points, Seale with 20, Mark Celavinger with 16, Jerry Brady with 13, David Land with 12 and David Bellinghausen with 10.

The Bobcats reached the second round game by topping Plainview's junior varsity, 65-57, Thursday night. Baker was the top scorer with 16, while Land, Brady and Seale contributed 14 each.

**IN THE** championship game Saturday night, the Bobcats ran rough-shod over Clarendon, 82-58, by grabbing an early lead and holding it throughout the contest.

Dimmitt jumped out to a 25-13 lead by the end of the first period, and led 42-23 a halftime. The Bobcats held a 58-44 advantage at the end of the third and coasted to the tourney championship as all but one man on the squad scored.

Brady led the Bobcats in the championship bout with 24 points, while Seale and Baker scored 15 each and Land netted 10.

**DIMMITT** led the 10-man all-tournament team with three selections — guard David Land and forwards Jerry Brady and Bobby Baker. Each received a miniature silver cup.

But Coach Cleveland said that if he had had his way, Jerral Seale would have been on the all-tourney roster also.

"I felt personally that Jerral was the most valuable player we had in the tournament," Cleveland said. "He made some crucial bas-



**JERRAL SEALE SINKS LEFT-HANDER** ... During 112-79 victory over Slaton Friday

kets for us in the first game, scored consistently in all three games, and did a real good job of rebounding. He got 12 rebounds in the first game, 14 in the second and 15 in the last one.

The pleased coach added, "Our boys all played real good ball during the last two games."

"The rural child's development must be rooted in rural soil. His present needs and problems will be what they are because of the inter-relationships of his life and those of his rural community."  
—Fannie W. Dunn

"A good rural life supports a good rural school."  
—Anonymous

# Last Six Seconds Prove Fatal to Bobbies' Drive

With just two more seconds, Dimmitt's Bobbies would have been in the championship game of the Tulia Tournament.

**THAT'S HOW** much extra time was needed for Suzanne Merritt's long desperation shot to have counted as the winning basket against Tulia in the frantic final seconds of the semi-final game Friday night.

Tulia scored its winning goal with just six seconds left to give the Hornettes a 53-52 lead.

Guard Carla Robertson fired a long pass from under the backboard to Sharon Barker at the midcourt line. Barker fed Merritt, who fired a perfect strike from 30 feet out — but the clock-watching referee blew the final whistle just before the perfect strike left Merritt's hands.

**THE frantic finish** to the hectic game left the fans — and both teams — exhausted.

The bout was close all the way. The Bobbies trailed until, with 1:20 remaining in the first period, they went ahead for the first time, 11-9. However, the Hornettes recaptured the lead, 13-11, by the end of the quarter and held onto it at intermission, 28-24.

**THE SCORE** see-sawed during

the third with Tulia emerging on top, 41-39. The Bobbies went ahead, early in the fourth and stayed out front until Tulia took back the lead at 48-47 with three minutes remaining. Two baskets by Ruth Dyer and one by Sharon Barker gave the Bobbies a 52-50 advantage in the final minute, but Tulia capitalized on a free throw and field goal to regain the lead and take the victory with six seconds remaining.

Dyer led the Dimmitt scoring with 35 points, while Barker had 11 and Merritt 6.

**THE BOBBIES** reached the semi-finals against Tulia by whipping Muleshoe 58-41 in the first round Thursday. Dyer got 33 of Dimmitt's points in that game, Barker added 19 and Merritt scored 6.

The loss to Tulia threw the Bobbies into the third place game Saturday afternoon against Canyon, which had lost to Slaton 64-54 in the semi-finals.

The weary Bobbies couldn't buy a basket against the sharp Eaglettes, and took their worst drubbing of the year, 71-30.

"Canyon threw a good defense up against us," Coach Bob Askey said. "Our girls made 50 percent of their field shots, but they didn't get many opportunities. Also, our girls just weren't ready — they had played themselves to death the night before against Tulia."

Canyon virtually wrapped up the game in the first period by taking a commanding 23-3 lead. The Eaglettes led 33-14 at halftime and 50-23 after three periods. The Bobbies, who had captured the Friona Tournament consolation prize the week before, finished in fourth place at Tulia. Clarendon won the championship by defeating Tulia Saturday night.

Two members of the squad — forward Ruth Dyer and guard Beverly Newman — were among the 12 girls named to the all-tournament team.

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**Yule Assembly Slated Friday**

Dimmitt High School's speech department and choir will present a Christmas music-drama program during an all-school assembly Friday at 1:10 p.m.

The program, which is open to the public, will include two plays, "Report to Herod" and "The Women of Christmas," by the DHS Players, and Christmas music by the high school choir.

# Christmas Program Scheduled At Christian Church Sunday

The annual Christmas program of the First Christian Church will be presented Sunday at 6 p.m. The program has been prepared by the Thursday Children's Hour staff and pupils, assisted by several women of the church.

**THE CHURCH** will be specially decorated, and treats will be given to the children.

Minister Bedford W. Smith's sermon at the 10:50 service Sunday morning will be "Bethlehem Star Reporter News."

Other special observances this month have included Consecration Sunday and Election Sunday.

**OFFICERS** elected Sunday were O. C. Fry, Bible school superintendent and representative to the El Porvenir Christian Camp Corp. George Gable, trustee and El Porvenir director; Roy Baylets, elder; Mrs. O. C. Fry, deaconess;

and H. O. West, deacon; Mrs. Paul Fry, Bible school secretary and assistant superintendent; and Mrs. Roy Johnson, assistant secretary.

The Women's Council packed a Christmas box Monday evening for the Cookson Hills Christian School and the Home for Homeless Children in eastern Oklahoma. Included were special presents for the 6-year-old girl and 12-year-old boy whom the ladies have "adopted."

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ASCS Notes

# No Diversion Required On 1969 Cotton Acreage

By CHARLEY E. HILL

There will not be a diversion of cotton acreage required for 1969. Cooperators will not be required to reduce their acreage below the farm's acreage allotment. The price support payment is 14.73 cents per pound. The payment is made on the acreage planted within the domestic allotment which is 65 percent of the total farm al-

lotment. Example, 1969 allotment — 100.0 acres; 1969 yield — 625 pounds; 100.0 acres x 65 percent equals \$5983.90 Farm Price Support Payment.

**SMALL farms** with allotments of 10.0 acres or less, or with projected production from the allotment of 3600 pounds or less may plant the entire allotment and in

addition to the price support payment on the Domestic Allotment, receive a payment of 11.26 cents per pound on the yield of 35 percent of the allotment. A small farm may not be created by the release or transfer of allotment. Example: 1969 allotment — 10.0 acres, 1969 yield — 625 pounds, 10.0 acres x 65 percent x 625 pounds x 14.73 equals \$598.33, 10.0 acres x 35 percent x 625 pounds x 11.26 equals \$246.26. The total payment for the farm being \$844.59.

The National Average Price Support Loan Rate for middling 1-inch cotton at average location is set at 20.25 cents per pound.

The above program will be available if farmers approve marketing quotas for the 1969 crop.

Notices of 1969 cotton allotments and yields were mailed Nov. 27. The allotment for each farm is about the same as the 1968 allotment.

Appeals on the 1969 cotton yield must be filed in writing with our office within 15 days from the date of the notice. The base years to be used in filing an appeal on actual production records are 1965, 1966, and 1967.

**COTTON TRANSFERS**  
The final date to file an application for the transfer of 1969 cotton allotments is Dec. 31.

**1968 WOOL PROGRAM**  
Producers are reminded to file their applications for incentive payments covering unshorn lambs and wool sales no later than Jan. 31, 1969 for the 1968 wool marketing year.

**CONSERVATION PROGRAM**  
The sign-up for 1969 Agricultural Conservation Program Cost-sharing for the months of January, February and March will begin on Jan. 2, 1969. The \$500 farm limit will be applicable for the 1969 Agricultural Conservation Program.

**1969 COTTON MARKETING QUOTA REFERENDUM**  
Every eligible voter is urged to mark their ballot and mail it to the ASCS office in time to be counted.

**HOLIDAYS:** The Castro County ASCS Office will be closed, Dec. 25, 1968 and Jan. 1, 1969. May we take this opportunity to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**THOUGHT:** Blessed is he who exports nothing, for he shall never be disappointed.

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## NFO Meeting Draws Crowd

A National Farmers Organization meeting in the Nazareth Community Hall last week drew 52 persons from Hart, Sunnyside and Nazareth — the largest crowd yet to attend an NFO meeting in the county.

**SPEAKER was Don Kimble** of Amarillo, who said the NFO's collective bargaining tactics are necessary to keep large corporations from taking over US agriculture.

"If farmers do not bargain collectively we are heading for disaster," Kimble said. "Corporate farming will take over. Once this happens our communities will die out. Our local businesses will be forced to close their doors because these corporations are big enough to own their own supply companies. This has already happened in some Midwestern states."

Kimble also urged local business men to attend NFO meetings in the county to learn how the farmer and business man can work together for higher farm prices that would benefit both.

The NFO is currently organizing a committee for formulate on NFO cotton program.

## Grain Sorghum CHAFF

By WES ANTHONY

I would like to thank the Dimmitt Young Farmers for the honor they bestowed on me in giving me the nice plaque as the "Honorary Young Farmer" this year. I will cherish it the rest of my life.

**IT ISN'T everyone** who has this honor. Remember, it is people like you who keep people like me GOING.

Again, I want to say "thank you." May God bless you — I love you all.

## Candy was Needed And Appreciated, Linger Writes

Mrs. Raymond Hance, who compiled the mailing list of county servicemen for the "Christmas Candy for GI's" project, reported this week that the first letter of thanks has come in from a serviceman who received his homemade candy.

**THE LETTER** was from Gary M. Linger, a Marine serving in South Vietnam.

Here's his letter:  
**Dear Ladies,**

It's taken me a good while to get around to writing this letter, but it's not because I haven't wanted to. Since Wed., the 21st, we have been on a big operation. Some of you may have read about it in the newspaper — Operation Meade River. As best any of us can tell, it is thus far a great success.

On behalf of myself and the 37 Marines I am attached to, I want to thank all of you for your kindness. The work that you people are doing for all of us servicemen is simply marvelous. There can be no doubt that the good Lord will reward each and every one of you. Both of your packages were delivered in times of out and out hunger. Our battalion has a notable reputation for not getting us resupplied. Even if we would have had, chew, I'm sure all of your delicious candies and cookies, etc., would have been devoured first.

Sometime in the near future I hope to be able to write each of you individually, and thank you as such. All of your addresses have been packed in plastic, so the address won't smear or run.

Once again, I'd like to thank all of you and ask for your prayers. All of you are in mine.

GARY M. LININGER

## Cotton Classings Top Million Mark

The three cotton classing offices of the USDA in this area classed 197,000 samples of new crop cotton last week. This brought the total for the entire season to 1,085,000 by Dec. 13.

Predominant grades were Strict Low Middling, Middling Light Spotted, and Middling Spotted. These four grades represented 80 percent of the total classed.

The average staple length from the South Plains area last week was just under one inch. The average Pressley tests, which is the breaking strength of the fibers, was 84,000 pounds per square inch for the Lamesa and Lubbock areas, and 82,000 for the Brownfield area.

**PRICES** reported to the Consumer and Marketing Service of the USDA at Lubbock ranged from \$1.59 to \$6.75 per bale over the government loan value for white grades and \$3.25 to \$9.55 per bale over the loan for light spotted grades in the 3.5 to 4.9 micronaire range.

Average cottonseed prices paid to producers was \$49 per ton.

## Act Now to Get Tax Deductions

Farmers, like other businessmen, are provided by law with many tax management tools.

**MONEY SAVED** by sound income tax management is money available for investment in the farm business or for family spending, reminds James I. Mallett, Extension farm management specialist.

But, he adds, adjustments in farm sales or purchases for managing 1968 income taxes must be made before Dec. 31. Checking farm records now may be profitable; at tax reporting time it's too late for some of the following legal and helpful steps.

Mallett lists these possibilities for consideration if your 1968 income is above average:

**EXPENDITURES** — If taxes are determined on a cash method, some 1969 expenses can be moved into 1968, such as repairing equipment, painting buildings and buying 1969 farm supplies.

Equipment and Livestock Purchases — Equipment and livestock purchases planned for 1969 may be purchased in 1968 in order to claim some depreciation and investment credit against 1968 income.

Fast Depreciation — Accelerated depreciation may give twice as much deduction as the straight line method the first year, and may be changed to the straight line method in later years when extra depreciation would not be advantageous. Some assets may qualify for an additional 20 percent first year depreciation allowance.

Delayed Sales — If your records show 1968 income to be higher than normal, sales of some livestock and crops may be delayed until after the year end.

Installment Sales — When a farm or other real estate is sold, the total tax may be reduced by reporting on the installment basis.

**TO QUALIFY** for installment reporting, less than 30 percent of the selling price must be received during the tax year.

Other important tax management opportunities include claiming capital gains on the sale of breeding, dairy and draft livestock, claiming investment credit, and deducting soil and water conservation and brush control expenses.

The above tax management opportunities, in addition to other important tax reporting requirements, are discussed in Fact Sheet L-730, "The Why and How of Farm Income Tax Management" and "The Farmers' Tax Guide" which are available from the county agent's office.

## On the Go

**GARY STANFORD RM3**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stanford has been home on leave for a month after a year's service in Vietnam. He spent the year there in the Da

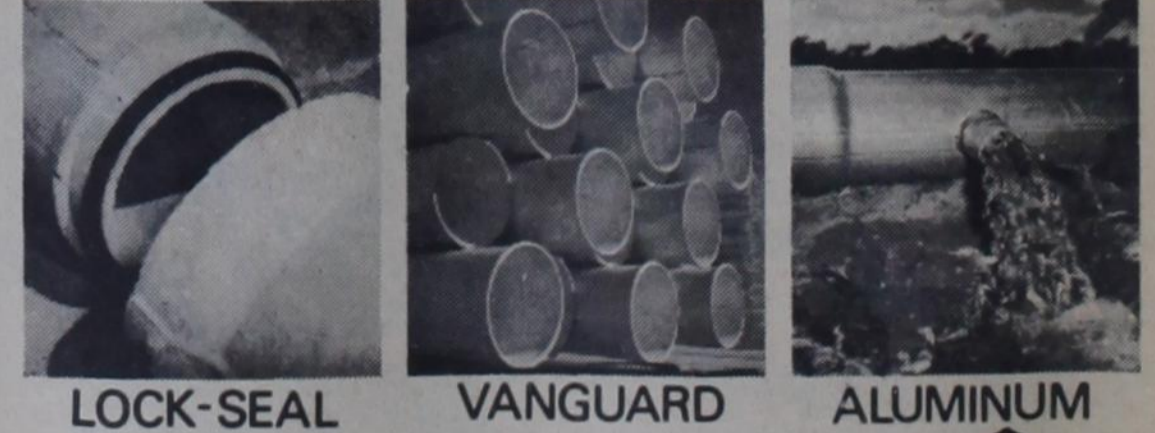
Nang area. He was attached to the 1st Marine Division as a corpsman. He left Dec. 16 for Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland, where he will spend the rest of his time in the Navy.

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