

# Year-end summary highlights 1967 activities

1967 fast fading into the realm of the ending of a year affords people the opportunity to look back through the year and see just what has happened around the world, and more close to home.

Some of the outstanding events of the year were the creation of Cochran Memorial Hospital District and the beginning of construction and remodeling activities on the county courthouse and the hospital.

**JANUARY**

The new year showed that gas connections and bank deposits were up, but that population was down. Population decreased an estimated 3,338 in 1966 to the beginning of 1967. Bank deposits at the end of 1966 were \$6,637,258.05, more than \$230,000 from 1965. Total connections were up nine to 1,034, and telephone connections all decreased.

The possibility of forming a youth center was discussed. A talent show was held to raise money for the project.

Earl Polvado was named director on the board of directors of the First State Bank. Deryl Bennett was named vice president and assistant cashier of the bank.

A feature story about Sam Kelly's tomato greenhouse told about the raising of these vegetables inside a 41,000 square foot building of Plexiglass.

The First State Bank issued an estimate that 1967 farm income should exceed 1966's by \$2.5 million.

Land, now known as Strickland Park, was offered to the City of Morton by Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Strickland. The land, located southeast of the football field, was accepted by the city council. Improvements are underway at the park site.

**FEBRUARY**

Mrs. Neal Rose was chosen Clubwoman of the Year with more than 10 years of service; Mrs. M. C. Ledbetter was chosen Mother of the Year; Mrs. Clyde Brownlow was chosen Clubwoman of the Year with less than 10 years service; Mrs. Glenn Thompson was chosen Teacher of the

Year; Students of the year were: Brenda Hall, Bledsoe; Joyce Stevens, Morton; Julia Ann Burkett, Three Way; and Manda Rush, Whiteface.

The Morton City Council accepted a bid for a 40' x 100' maintenance building and indefinitely tabled a proposal to create local public housing.

**Hospital board opens bids**

The Board of Directors of the Cochran Memorial Hospital met Friday, Dec. 22 for the opening of bids for furniture for the new hospital addition. However a bid was not awarded pending further discussion by the board.

Board members present for the meeting included Glenn Thompson, J. L. Schooler and J. C. O'Brien. Evan Roberts and Marvin Stiles represented the architectural

firm of Stiles, Roberts & Messersmith.

Will Ross, Inc., listed a base bid of \$8,181 for Simmons bedroom furniture. No alternate bid was given.

Hunter-Terrell gave two base bids and no alternate bids. The first bid was for Simmons furniture, \$8,181. The second bid was for Hard furniture, \$9,186.75.

Jack Price of Curtis Surgical Supply issued a base bid of \$9,372.75 for Hard furniture. An alternate bid of \$8,967 was given for Carrom furniture.

Bill Comerford of Melton Clark, Inc., gave an initial bid of \$8,865 for Simmons furniture and an alternate bid of \$9,326.64 for Joerns furniture. Neither of his bids included mattresses. An additional amount of \$385 would be needed to purchase mattresses.

The bid will be considered by the rest of the board at a later time.

said that the school was in debt \$28,000 only a few months ago.

The Morton City Council voted to pay the next mayor \$50 per month and the new councilmen \$25 per month.

Morton doctors W. B. McSpadden and Garnett Bryan rejected a new lease proposal by the county for the Morton Memorial Hospital. The doctors offered a counter-proposal of their own.

The safe from the Enochs post office was stolen, according to postmaster Zed Robinson. The safe contained in excess of \$1,000 in cash, stamps and personal items.

A new hospital lease contract between Cochran County and Dr. W. B. McSpadden was announced late in February. Dr. Garnett Bryan resigned to attend Parkland Hospital as resident anesthetist. Plans were announced for the formation of a hospital district.

**MARCH**

Connie Stowe was named Queen of Hearts during a contest sponsored by the Cochran County Heart Assn.

The City of Morton adopted an electrical code which will provide for the licensing of journeymen and master electricians and to assure competence of electrical wiring.

The Cochran County 4-H, FFA Fat Stock Show was scheduled for a three day run. Mack Ashmore received top honors for his Grand Champion Hereford. Reserve Grand Champion honors went to Ronnie Reeder.

School Board and City Council elections drew 11 entries before the filing deadline.

Branda Griffiths was named Miss Girlstown.

Cochran County received an "excellent" bid of 3.55081625 interest on some \$485,000 in construction and improvement bonds for the courthouse and hospital.

Donnie Harvey, John St. Clair, Larry Shaw, Randall Tanner, Jimmy Joyce, Byron Willis and Freddy Thomas received football and/or basketball awards during the Morton Athletic Banquet.

Byron Willis was named to the All-District 4-AA basketball team. Freddy Thomas was named honorable mention.

A tourist development committee was formed by the Morton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Sue Lewis and Pat Lasater were named valedictorian and salutatorian respectively at Whiteface High School.

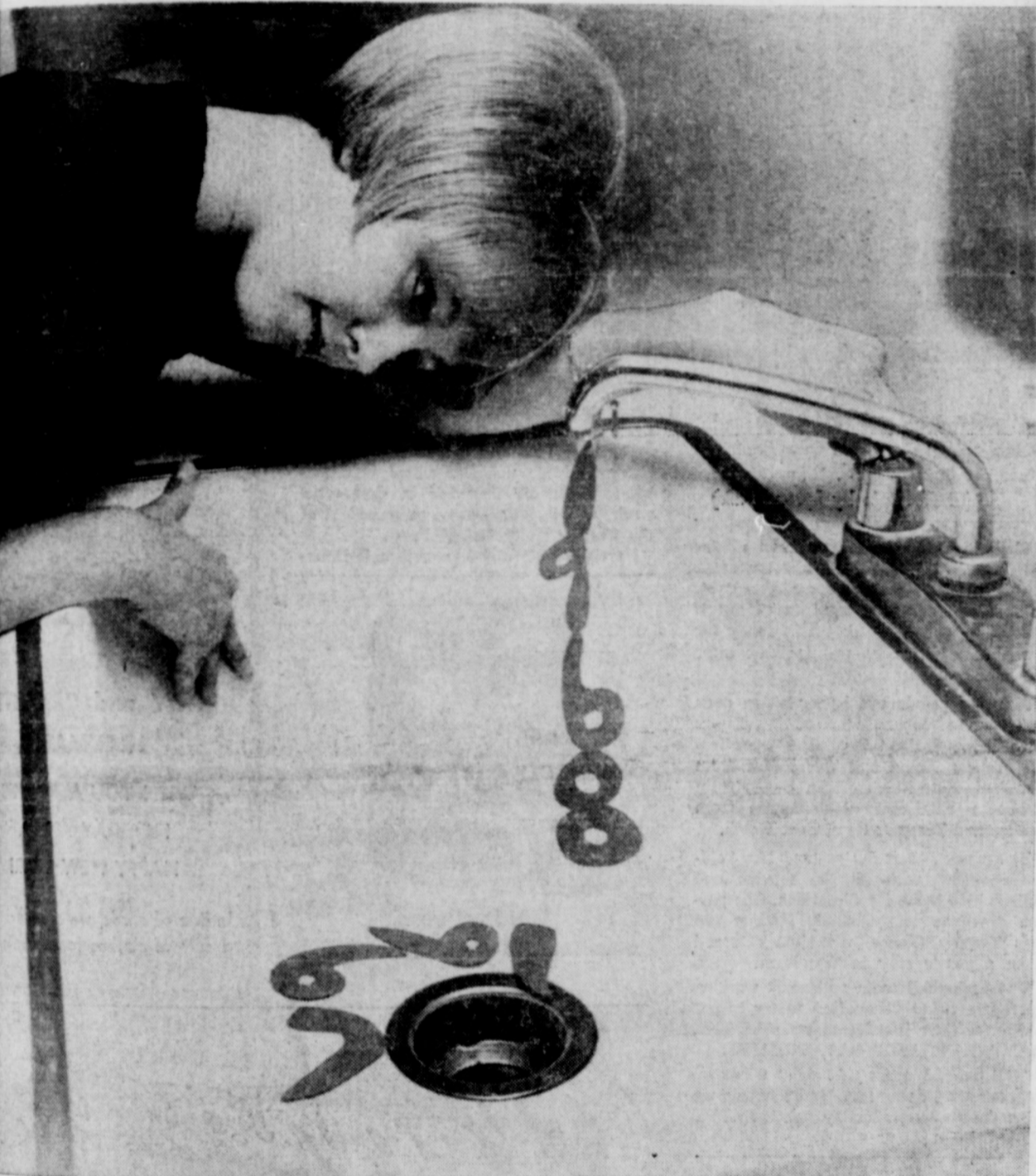
Purchase of a new fire siren for the city of Morton was approved by the city council.

**APRIL**

Van Greene and Kenneth Thompson were elected to the Morton School Board while George Hargrove, Herman Bedwell and Wiley Hodge were elected to the Morton City Council.

Harrell Holder, superintendent of Three Way school, resigned to accept a post as

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Down the drain . . .

DOROTHY SPENCE, the Tribune's lovely January calendar girl, is a little nostalgic as she watches 1967 go down the drain. The 365-day year ends at midnight Sunday. However, Dorothy, a junior at Morton High School, turns the tap on 1968. She said that even though 1967 was a good year, she is ready for 1968. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spence of Rt. 2, Morton. Dorothy is a member of the Future Teachers and Future Homemakers Assns. (Staff Photo)

## Basketballers face rugged schedule

After a brief pause for Christmas, the basketball players have resumed their preparation for the second half of their rugged schedule. They will play two games, plus a tournament beginning District 4-AA competition on Jan. 9.

In a 13-4 record, the Indians will play Whiteface Saturday night, Dec. 30. The B game will begin at 6:30 p.m. The varsity tilt at 8 p.m.

The game not originally scheduled will be Morton's home fans with some action on Tuesday, Jan. 2. Morton will host the Hereford Whitefaces. The Indians fell to the Herd on Dec. 8. A last-second shot game Hereford the victory, 45-44. Morton is looking for a victory over the tall Hereford players in a rematch. Game times will be 6:30 and 8 p.m.

The traditional tournament at Plains Jan. 4, 5 and 6 will close the pre-conference action except for a game at home against Lubbock Christian High on Jan. 30.

Morton's seventh grade and freshmen teams will play in the Muleshoe tournament Jan. 4-6. The eighth grade played in a tourney there just before the holidays and won second. The seventh grade will open at 1 p.m. Jan. 4 against the Muleshoe Black team. The frosh will open at 1:15 p.m. Jan. 4 against Levelland.

Byron Willis, Morton's all-state candidate, is leading the varsity in scoring this year. He currently has a 22.9 average for 16 games. His high was 33 against Spearman, while he had 32 each against Meadow and Brownfield. His low was nine against Friona.

Rusty Rowden, also a junior, has begun to score strongly in the last few games and provide a tandem offense to offset the double and triple coverage against Willis. Rowden has average 11.2 for the season.

However, Rowden has an average of 15.4 for his last seven games, an 18-point average for the last five and 20.6 for the last three. His low was one against Spearman while his high was 25 against Meadow. He hit 23 each against Brownfield and Muleshoe.

But scoring isn't everything, and Mor-

## Water, Inc. trip report is given

Three Cochran County men were among those who made a tour of water development projects in California earlier this month. The tour was sponsored by Water, Inc., which has been formed in West Texas this year to plan for water importation for other areas.

Making the tour were Van Greene, Hume Russell and Jack Ferguson. The following is a report on the trip written by Greene:

Sunday morning Dec. 10, a group of 68 men and women met in Lubbock and flew to Los Angeles and then on to Sacramento where we were joined by 14 others who came out on surface transportation. Included in the group were farmers, land owners, bankers, lawyers, business men and at least four members of the working press.

That afternoon we attended a press conference and were briefed on what we were going to see and do.

At 7 a.m. Monday we loaded into two buses and drove through farms producing rice, walnuts, almonds, pecans, pears, grapes, hops and I don't know what else (They said this best land in trees would sell for \$3,000 to \$7,000 per acre) on up to the Oroville area. The Oroville Dam on the Feather River is the highest in the United States and will back up 3 1/2 million acre-feet of water, generate a bunch of electricity and furnish water to the farms, cities and industry all the way to Los Angeles, 400 miles to the south.

We followed this water from the dam on the Sacramento area, then to the Delta and this concluded our first day. That night we had three speakers tell us the why and how of the total California water management.

Back on the bus at 7:30 a.m. after the night in Modesto, we went to the south part of the Delta area and saw them pick up the water and send it south in the California aqueduct. On south we inspected the San Luis Reservoir (it will hold over two million acre-feet and has no supply except what is pumped into it) then on the Bakersfield to spend the night and hear three more speakers and have a lot of questions answered.

Wednesday 8 a.m. — back to the buses — farm land, distribution and recharge projects and winding up at the Techachapi lift where 110 million gallons of water will be lifted up 1926 feet up over the mountains in the Los Angeles area. This will lift more than two million acre feet of water to a total height of over 3,000 feet at a cost of approximately \$64 per acre-foot, and supply Southern California until about 1990. But, they are already planning the next big project. After showing us

recharge projects around Los Angeles, we flew back home.

Water cost to the farmers runs from \$3 to \$25 per acre foot. The total project, other than the flood control measures, will be paid for by the people who benefit from it. Desert land in the Bakersfield area which had a value of \$10 to \$20 per acre before now, with water assured in two or three years, currently sells for \$250 to \$350 per acre.

The High Plains of Texas and Eastern New Mexico need twelve million acre-feet of water per year, and they made me believe that it could be done. There is a new plan in the paper every few days, but the Mississippi is probably our best bet and with the whole state pushing, with some sugar for everyone (meaning Louisiana, Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, New Mexico) we might have water here in ten years. The engineering is simple. We just have to settle the politics and arrange the financing, probably through the Federal Government.

Once here it would be stored in Bull Lake and underground. Also it would be distributed over the Plains in canals and ditches.

I made slides of the trip and will be happy to show them to interested groups.

### ★ LL meeting

An election of officers and organizational session for the 1968 Little League season has been called for 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5. President H. A. Tuck announced that nominations are being sought for president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and player-agent. All managers, coaches and fathers of Little League or minor league players are urged to attend. The meeting will be held in the Wig Wam.

## Chamber plans industrial seminar in Austin, Jan. 24

The Texas Industrial Commission will conduct a one day Industrial Planning Seminar for Morton on Wednesday, Jan. 24. This all day meeting in Austin in the Sam Houston State Office Building will feature speakers from the Industrial Commission staff, Bureau of Business Research University of Texas, Texas Tourist Development Agency and the Texas Employment Commission.

The meeting, sponsored by the Morton Area Chamber of Commerce, will cover every phase of Community and Economic Development and will open with commentary by Jim Heath, West Texas Industrial Development Consultant, Texas Industrial Commission. This is one of twenty such programs held each year by the Commission and is designed specifically for Morton. All civic and business citizens are invited to attend.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be completed by 3:30 p.m.

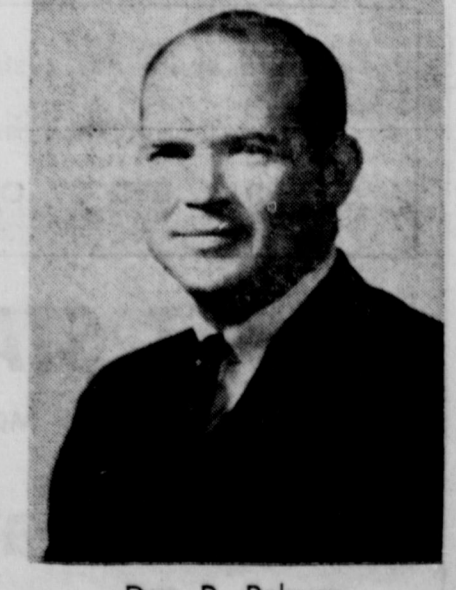
Don Raburn, one of the Seminar instructors, is a native of Wellington, Texas, and attended public schools there. He majored in Economics at North Texas State University and is a graduate of the Institute for Organization Management at the University of Houston.

Prior to joining the staff of the Texas Industrial Commission he was manager of the Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce for two and one half years. While there he was a member of the Dallas Area Industrial Development Association and chairman of the Industrial Cooperative Training Program of his local school

district.

He joined the staff of the Texas Industrial Commission on March 1, 1965, as a Community Coordinator. On September 1, 1965, he became an Industrial Development Consultant for the Commission. Raburn is a member of the Texas Industrial Development Council, Southern Industrial Development Council, and the Texas Chamber of Commerce Managers Association. His primary duty is working with Texas communities in their industrial development efforts.

Raburn is married and resides in Austin.



Don R. Raburn

## Officers say holiday quiet

Morton and Cochran County law enforcement officers reported a "pretty quiet" Christmas holiday punctuated by a few incidents.

Windows in a car belonging to Bill Matta of Morton were reported broken Saturday evening. The car was parked near the Davis Motel on the Levelland highway.

Sunday morning a car belonging to Jesse Matta, father of Bill Matta, burned on a highway some 300 yards inside the Bailey County line.

An 18-year-old Latin American was slightly injured when slashed across the stomach during a knife fight Monday night near the gymnasium.

A Saturday night glue-sniffing incident involving three minors and one man resulted in charges of glue sniffing being filed against the group. The man, 29-year-old Ben Hernandez, and three 16-year-old boys, were arrested by city patrolmen Frank Davidson and Augustine Savala.

In addition to these incidents, officers reported the usual number of drunks being handled.

Officers issued a word of warning for New Year's Eve revelers. They urged people not to drink before driving and suggested that party hosts and hostesses make that "one for the road" either coffee or soft drinks.

The officers said that it is best to wait one hour after each highball before driving. For example, a person having four highballs should wait four hours after the last drink before driving.

Hosts and hostesses should provide car-pools for their drinking guests to insure that everyone gets home safely. They also should refrain from forcing excessive drinks on their guests.

Three Way news

# Christmas vacation draws friends and relatives

By MRS. H. W. GARVIN

Marvin Long, who is in the Navy, and stationed in San Diego is home visiting with relatives over the holidays.

Visiting in the Gib Dupler home during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Speed Aldridge from Mount Pleasant. Mr. Aldridge is a former coach at Three Way.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Simpson spent Friday night and Saturday in Hereford visiting with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Furgeson and children spent the holidays in Leonard with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Davis and family spent the Christmas holidays in Anson with relatives.

Mr. M. L. Fine was a patient in the Cochran Memorial Hospital for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Powell and girls were in Levelland Friday afternoon.

Mrs. C. B. Hightower was a patient in the Green Memorial Hospital in Muleshoe this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lowe and children spent the holidays in California with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lindsey spent the holidays with their sons and families in California.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Garvin and Mrs. Kenneth Fox and children spent Sunday with Rev. and Mrs. James Gillettine of Littlefield. Also visiting in the home were Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Fox, Sharon and Mike of McAdoo.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Wheeler over the holidays were their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. George Wheeler and sons, West Camp, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler and children from Paris, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wheeler and children from Lovington, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Miller and daughter from Canyon spent Christmas Eve with her mother and grandmother, Bonnie Long and Mrs. Lillian Fort.

Rev. and Mrs. James Gillettine and boys from Littlefield spent Christmas day with her parents and sister Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Garvin and Mrs. Kenneth Fox and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hodnett and children spent Christmas Eve with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hodnett of Morton and they spent Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mapes of Lorenzo.

Visiting over the holidays with their parents were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dupler and daughter from Hobbs and Tommy Dupler from Texas A&M.

The Three Way basketball teams played ball three nights this past week. On Monday Three Way played Bledsoe. The girls' score was, Bledsoe 21, Three Way 14. Three Way boys beat Bledsoe 21-14. Tuesday Three Way played Lazbuddie. The

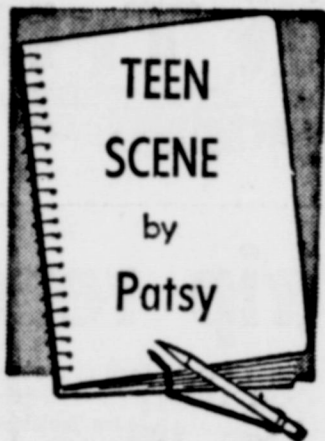
girls' score, Lazbuddie, 51, Three Way 16. Boys B game, Lazbuddie 14, Three Way 26. Boys A game, Three Way 61, Lazbuddie, 60. On Thursday Three Way played Smyer and the girls' score was Three Way 27, Smyer 40, the boys' score was Three Way 40, Smyer 23.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Minnie Dupler on Sunday were Tommy Dupler from Texas A&M, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dupler and daughter of Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Gib Dupler, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dupler, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dupler, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dupler, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dupler, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dupler, Mrs. Nancy Dupler, and Mrs. Adrian Glass and their children.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Tyson on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Durham and children from Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durham from Lubbock, Mr. Bob Durham from Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. David Durham from Smyer, Mr. and Mrs. Darnel Williams from Bula and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Tyson from Morton.

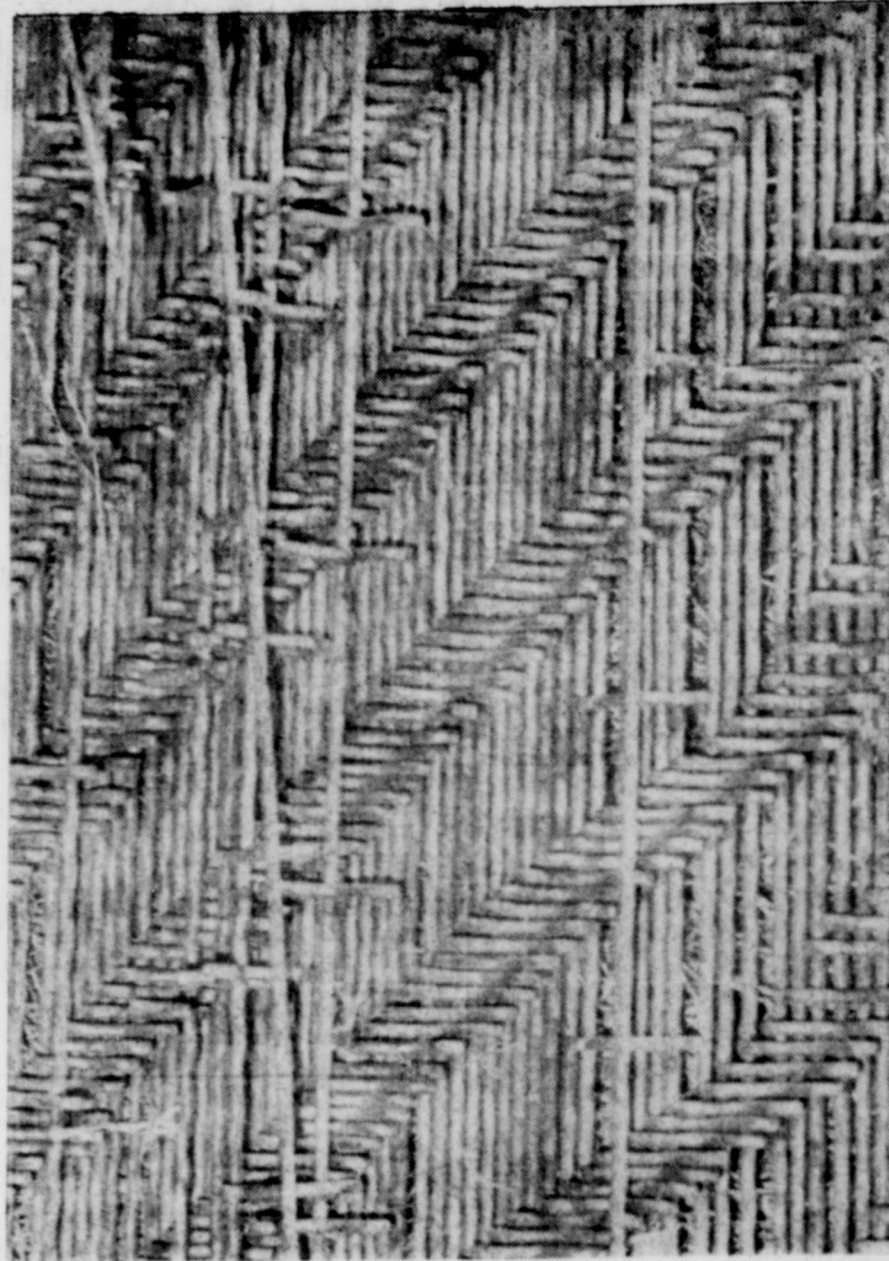
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dupler spent Christmas day in Hobbs with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dupler.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gib Dupler on Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dupler and daughters, Mr. R. E. Sowder from Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Edwards and children from Sundown, Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Sowder and children from Progress and Miss Linda Edwards, who is a student at West Texas State.



Most of the kids are gone for the holidays so town is kinda dead. However we did manage to have four Christmas parties, and another party to watch is on the New Year's agenda.

The Morton High School Chapter of Future Teachers of America had a Christmas party at Lany Dolle's home Thursday night. The kids enjoyed refreshments and games, such as "Winkum" and "Pass the Orange". The kids had a real good time and a great big "thank-you" goes to the Dolle's for the use of their home!



Ice covered concrete forms . . .

THESE CONCRETE FORMS, used to keep re-enforcing mesh off the ground while concrete is being poured, were found in this ice covered form shortly after the latest snow and ice storm in Morton. The forms are being used in the courthouse addition improvements.

(Staff Photo by Byron Willis)

After the FTA party Thursday night some of the kids went on out to Donna Hofman's for an after-the-party-party. The couples had a ball decorating a Christmas tree, exchanging gifts, and singing Christmas carols. Rusty Rowden and Wayne Thompson played Santa Claus for the group. (??) After the boys left, the girls stayed for a slumber party.

Those attending the party were: Margaret Ledbetter, Billy Smart, Dana Webb, Wayne Thompson, Donna Hofman, Byron Willis, Carol Freeland, Dee Merritt, Patsy Collins, Bill Baker, Vivian McDaniel, Rusty Rowden, Peggy Thomas, Jerry Steed, and Sharon Irwin.

Another slumber party going on Thursday night was at DeAnna Coats' house. Those attending this party were: Janie DeLeon, Alice Black, LaNelda Romans, and DeAnna.

Friday night Rayla and Karl Griffith played host to another Christmas party. The five couples enjoyed eating pizza and playing cards. Those attending this party were: Carol Freeland, Dee Merritt, Karl Griffith, Dorothy Spence, Sharon Irwin, Jerry Steel, Rayla Griffith, LaMell Abbe, Patsy Collins, and Bill Baker.

Well, in case everybody's tired of our old Cheerleader's suits, we have big news. NEW SUITS!! They're not completed yet, in fact we haven't started them, but if everything goes right they'll be ready for our first game when we go back after the holidays.

A lot of people are here visiting over the holidays. Among some of the visitors are Lind and Vicki Strickland from Irving, Texas; Nolita and Wes Hagar from Carlsbad, New Mexico; Jan Banks from Lubbock; Rita and Rick Monroe from Anton; and Terry Lytle of Fort Worth.

This week has really seemed like "old-home week" with all the service and college kids home for Christmas. One person everyone was certainly glad to see was Tommy Combs, who just returned from a year's stay in Viet Nam.

The basketball team will start working out again today (Thursday) to try to get ready for their District games. ALL THE WAY TO DISTRICT 4-AA, INDIANS!!

Well gang, I guess this about winds up another year, doesn't it? Here's hoping we all make it through Sunday night!! HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

# Jim Parrish assumes duties as Brownfield telephone chief



Jim Parrish

J. J. (Jim) Parrish has assumed duties as manager of General Telephone's Brownfield division, a 17-city area in which General serves over 27,000 phones.

Cities included in Brownfield division: Levelland, Meadow, Morton, Post, Ropesville, Seagraves, Shallowater, Smyer, Tahoka, Sundown, Whiteface, Wilson and Wolforth.

Parrish comes to Brownfield from San Angelo, where for the past four years he has served as public relations programs manager in the phone firm's headquarters office.

The new assignment marks Parrish's second move to Brownfield, where from 1960-63 he served as public relations manager in General's western division office. He joined General in 1957 as a staff assistant, and was appointed to the company's public relations department in 1960.

A native of Ballinger, Texas, Parrish attended high school there, and in 1955 graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in business administration. Following a two-year tour of duty with the United States Army, he joined the General organization.

While in San Angelo, Parrish was an officer in the West Side Lions Club, and served as a director of both the Tom Green County TB Association and the San Angelo Servicemen's Center. He also served as chairman of the conventions committee of the Board of City Development, and chairman of the advancements committee of the local Boy Scout district.

Parrish is a member of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce information committee, and the State Football Official's Association (SFOA). He was a member of the board of stewards in the First Methodist Church of San Angelo.

During his previous assignment in Brownfield, Parrish was active in Chamber and Junior Chamber of Commerce work, and in 1962, served as president of the Terry County United Fund.

Parrish's wife, the former Deanie Roun-

tree of Ballinger and two children, and Doug, will move to Brownfield in January.

## SEASON'S GREETINGS



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3. Parents of winning baby must have resided in this area for not less than six months.
4. Winning parents must present each merchant's advertisement to him to claim prize.
5. In event of tie, awards will be distributed by drawing.



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For the Mother . . .

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ARRANGEMENT**

from

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402 W. Washington 266-8832

For the Proud Family . . .

**\$5 IN MERCHANDISE**

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**Ben Franklin  
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West Side Square Morton

For the First Baby . . .

**A SPECIAL  
BABY GIFT**

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**Truett's Food Store**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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TIRES CROSS-SWITCHED**

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**\$5 IN MERCHANDISE**

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**Wiley's Enco Service**

115 S. Main 266-8687

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**Kitty's Flowers**

Levelland Highway 266-5811

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# Through the telescope by luck

Things are slowly getting back to normal after the Christmas holidays. But the tempo isn't expected to be at full-speed until after the coming week-end. We felt fortunate that we didn't have a white Christmas. It makes the landscape look Christmas-card pretty, but can make traveling most hazardous.

Brother George and his wife, Mary Lynn, spent all day Friday waiting for her brother, Sgt. Glenn Cagle, to arrive from a year-long tour of Vietnam. He was due to arrive Friday night, then Saturday. He finally got to Lubbock Sunday morning... not too pleased with his Commander-in-Chief, Seems Glenn and many others on their way home were held over when the airport in Vietnam was closed for seven hours for the arrival of President Johnson. That caused Glenn to miss all of his flight connections in the United States. But he must be a young man who thrives on dangerous duty. He's on his way to Florida now, where he will be married Saturday.

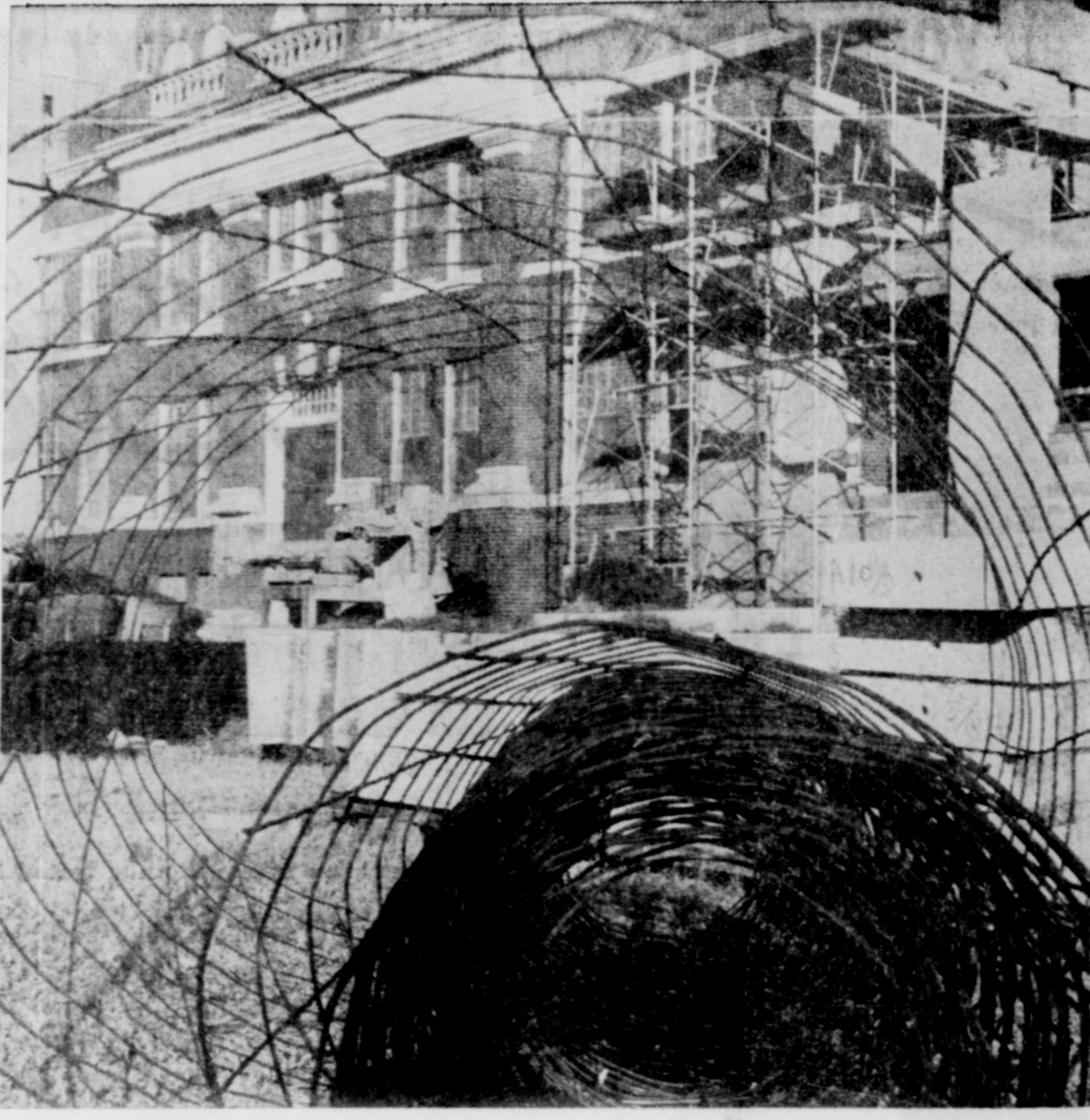
Our Christmas was quiet, but most enjoyable. Just lots of talking and eating with the wife's clan in Lubbock. We also managed to see a couple of football games on television. Both the Green Bay Packers and the Dallas Cowboys looked superb in winning easily over the Los Angeles Rams and the Cleveland Browns. That sets up a rematch between Dallas and Green Bay this weekend that could be a thriller. Most folks are still talking about the 34-27 game last year and the penalty that cost the Cowboys a possible title. We think Dallas will remember that loss and be plenty fired-up this week, although Green Bay plays with machine-like precision and the poise of champions.

Back in Morton, we strongly suspect that the happiest family was that of Mrs. Connie Gray. She got to come home from Methodist Hospital Saturday morning. Mrs. Gray was badly injured in a car wreck almost two months ago. Getting to come home for Christmas probably will be the best kind of therapy ever prescribed. She will have to return to the hospital in February to have a cast removed and possibly for another bit of surgery. But it is wonderful news to all her friends to know that she is home again.

School-age youngsters are enjoying their final holidays. They report back to classes on Tuesday, Jan. 2. But the disappointment they always feel after the holidays will be tempered by the stories they have about their presents and their trips.

A real crisis hit Morton Tuesday and we're not sure there won't be some casualties before it is over. The early-risers found that all three restaurants in town were closed and would remain closed until next week. While this is fine for the operators and employees, the many coffee drinkers are in a near panic. Those who are up and out by 6 a.m. are particularly distressed. They can be seen each morning driving aimless around the square, shaking slightly and wondering if they can hold out until a drug store opens. A few have resorted to making their own coffee at home before coming to town. In our case, we even substituted a Coke for our usual 6 a.m. coffee. We like Coke, but it just doesn't have the same soothing, slow-awakening effect as a hot cup of coffee and the morning newspaper. If this situation isn't changed quickly, we might have to form a chapter of Coffee Anonymous, designed to help the real addicts hold out for a few more hours.

After the Tribune went to press last week, Tom Merrill found enough outside funds to keep operating his electronics plant in Morton. He has located his opera-



Surrounded by mesh... CONCRETE REINFORCING MESH seemingly surrounds the Cochran County Courthouse as workmen take a break over the New Year's holidays. The mesh, which is used in concrete floors, provides another interesting pattern of construction. (Staff Photo by Byron Willis)

## ★ Flower school

Pre-enrollment is now underway for the Artistic Design School that will be conducted by the Cochran County Garden Club. The school will be held on Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29 in the county activity building. Persons interested in enrolling should contact Mrs. Murray Crone, Mrs. Wayne Porter, Mrs. Mrs. J. L. Schooler, Mrs. W. B. McSpadden or Mrs. Charles Jones.

tion in the old Design Studio location on South Main. Tom says he has a large number of back-orders for electronic muscle exercisers and is devoting fulltime to completing these right now. We are pleased that the operation stayed in Morton and feel that Tom will be able to enlarge the production staff before long.

Blessed beyond measure is the parent whose children didn't receive a single gift from Santa that runs on batteries, arrived disassembled with those baffling instructions, or was built to operate with a maximum of noise.

With eyedrops and a well-padded chair. A football fan may survive the wear of the coming New Year's weekend. But for the long-suffering wife, Patience and tranquilizers may be needed to save her life!

## Personals

Billie Ray Proctor, a student at West Texas University in Canyon is visiting in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Bill Proctor over the holidays.

Charles Ledbetter, a student at Baylor University, is visiting in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ledbetter over the holidays.

Mary St. Clair, a student at Texas Tech, is visiting in the home of her mother Mrs. James St. Clair over the holidays. Also visiting is John St. Clair, a student at South Plains College.

Glenda and Dena Smith, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith are visiting in the home of their parents over the holidays. They are students at South Plains College.

Mike Irwin, a student at North Texas State University is spending the Christmas holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Irwin.

Visiting in the Eddie Irwin home over the holidays were her brother, Walter Lytle and son Terry Lee, her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Thurl Lemons of Baileyboro and their children, Mrs. Bobby Kindle of Morton and Mrs. R. E. Thompson of Austin.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elra Oden over the holidays were his son Clint Oden of Hampton, Va. and family. They have been here since Dec. 17. Also visiting in the Oden home over Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Oden from Hereford.

## SAFE DRIVER OF THE WEEK



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## Rev. Fred Thomas presents program on the Holy Land

The Emlea Smith Junior Study Club met Tuesday, Dec. 19, in the home of Mrs. Loy Kern with Mrs. Glen Price as co-hostess.

The program was presented by Rev. Fred Thomas who presented an interesting and informative tour of the Holy Land through slides. Many points of religious interest were pointed out in Rome, Cairo, Jerusalem, Nazareth and other cities.

In the slides from Rome, Rev. Thomas showed St. Peter's Church and adjoining St. Peter's Square, many religious works of art such as the Music of Moses, Sorrowful Woman, the Toe of Peter and the dome painted by Michaelangelo. And shown were the Mannerheim Prison where Paul was imprisoned, the Catacombs, where the Christians held secret meetings, the Coliseum and the Parthian.

In the slides taken in Egypt, Rev. Thomas pointed out how the religion of the land surprised the people. The people accept their status in life without trying to better themselves because they believe Allah wills it so.

Rev. Thomas also showed slides of the Garden of Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives and the Jericho Road. Also the famous Good Samaritan Inn, the Way of the Cross, where Christ carried his cross. Also shown were Calvary and Joseph's tomb where Jesus was buried.

Following the program the club members were led in the club collect by Sherrill Griffith. First to be discussed was the club's radio program to be given Jan. 10. Giving the program were Mesdames Gary Willingham, Billie and James Dewbre.

Volunteers were then called for to help with the Christmas party for Mrs. Lynn Kern. Those volunteering were Mesdames Troy Price, Sherrill Griffith, Loy Kern, Bob Polvado, Dale DeBord, Danny Tinsley, Gary Willingham, Ted Whitlock, Jim Pat Claunch.

Mrs. Kern then told of a request for the Horizon Club to help in purchasing charms for a special award they have received. The club voted to send \$25.00 applied to the charms.

Mrs. Clyde Brownlow told reports of men of the upcoming district meeting discuss yearly reports. She encouraged all to be present to learn the new reports.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments served. The next meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 11 in the home of Mrs. T. C. Asbill with Mrs. Dale DeBord and Mrs. Ted Whitlock as co-hostess. The program will be presented by Rodney Fralin.

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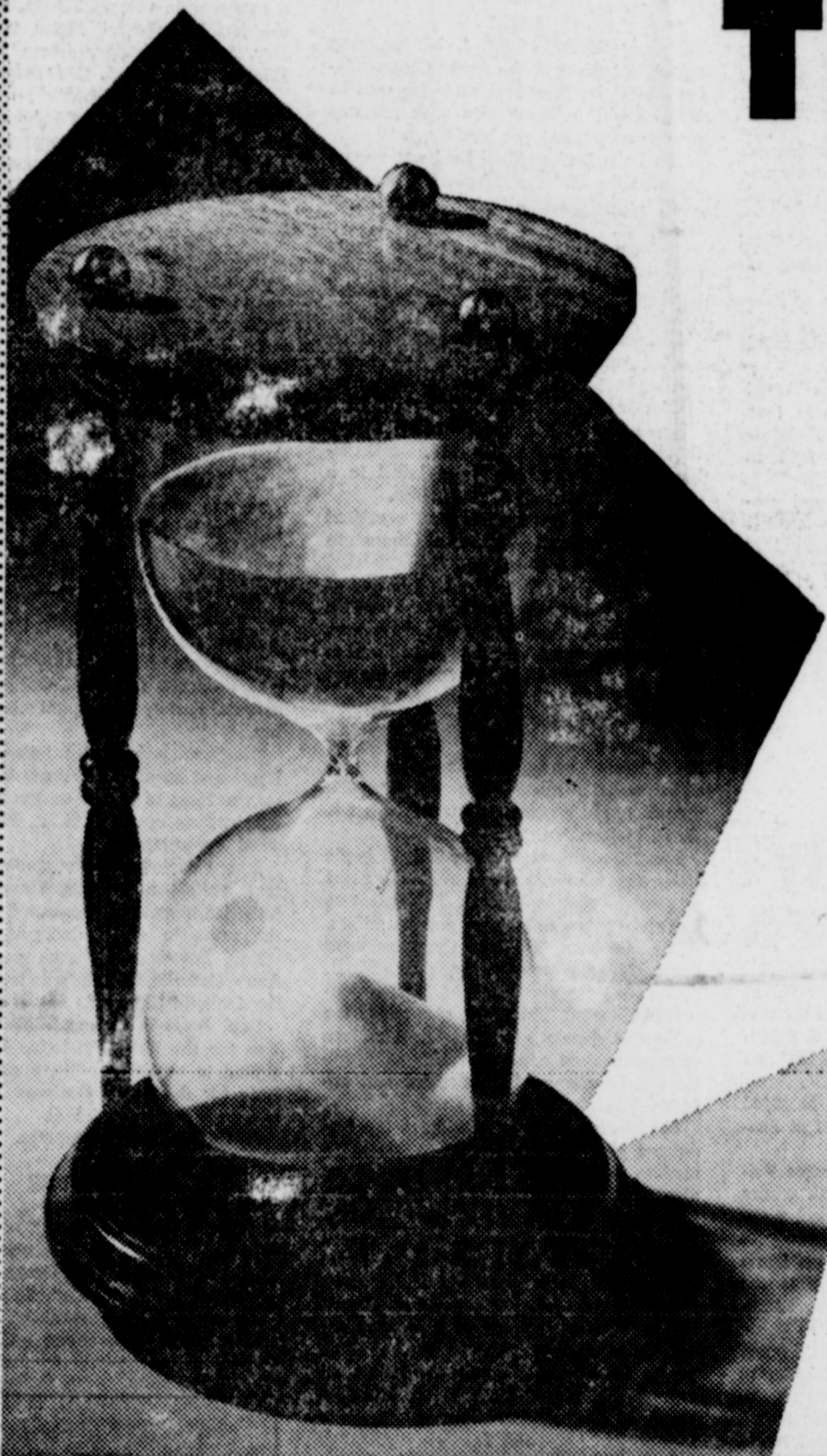
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# TIME...

As the old year passes and the new begins, we are more conscious of time itself than we are at any other time of the year.

These are days when most everything is geared to a higher speed. Automobiles are faster, aircraft set new records. Production is speeded up to make the best possible product in the shortest time... but this is a good time to slow down and review the past and to make plans for the future. Think of the past, but only of how you can improve on it. Plan now for the future. Make sure that you will have time for the Lord this New Year. Start now to attend church, make it a regular habit.



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.



**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
J. A. Woolley, Preacher  
S.W. 2nd and Taylor

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Bible Class — 10:00 a.m.  
Worship — 10:15 a.m.  
Evening Worship — 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays—  
Midweek Bible Class — 8:00 p.m.

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**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rex Mauldin, Minister  
411 West Taylor

Sundays—  
Church School Session — 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service — 10:55 a.m.  
Evening Fellowship Program — 5:00 p.m.  
Evangelism — 6:00 p.m.  
Mondays—  
Each First Monday, Official Board Meeting — 8:00 p.m.  
Each First Monday Commission Membership on Evangelism — 7:00 p.m.  
Second and Fourth Monday Wesleyan Service Guild 8:00 p.m.  
Tuesdays—  
Women's Society of Christian Service — 9:30 a.m.  
Each Second Saturday, Methodist Men's Breakfast — 7:00 a.m.

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Fred Thomas, Pastor  
202 S.E. First

Sundays—  
Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship — 10:55 a.m.  
Morning Service KRAN at 11:00  
Youth Choir — 5:00 p.m.  
Training Union — 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship — 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesdays—  
Helen Nixon W.M.U. — 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays—  
Graded Chorus — 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer Service — 7:30 p.m.  
Church Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m.

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**SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
Gilbert Gonzales  
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Sundays—  
Sunday School — 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship — 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Evangelistic Service — 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays—  
Evening Bible Study — 8 p.m.  
Thursdays—  
Evening Prayer Meet — 8:00 p.m.

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**EAST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Ceel Williams, Minister  
704 East Taylor

Sundays—  
Bible Study — 10:00 a.m.  
Worship — 10:45 a.m.  
Song Practice — 6:30 p.m.  
Worship — 7:00 p.m.  
Monday—  
Ladies Bible Class — 4:15 p.m.  
Wednesdays—  
Midweek Service — 7:30 p.m.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
Rev. Perry L. Shuffield  
Jefferson and Third

Sundays—  
Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship — 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Evangelist Service — 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays—  
Night Prayer Meeting and Christ's Ambassadors Convene Together — 7:30 p.m.  
Thursdays—  
Every 1st and 3rd, Women's Missionary Council — 2:30 p.m.  
Every 2nd and 4th, Girls' Missionette Club — 4:30 p.m.

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**FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
William S. Hobson, Pastor  
Main and Taylor

Radio Broadcast — 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship — 10:45 a.m.  
Training Service — 7:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship — 8:00 p.m.  
Monday—  
Mary Martha Circle — 2:30 p.m.  
Edna Bullard Circle — 3:00 p.m.  
GMA and LMB — 4:00 p.m.  
Sunbeams — 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays—  
Mid-Week Worship — 8:00 p.m.

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**ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
The Rev. David Greka, Pastor  
8th and Washington Sts.

Mass Schedule—  
Sunday — 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.  
Monday — 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday — 7:30 a.m.  
Wednesday — 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday — 7:30 a.m.  
Friday (1st of Month) 7:30 p.m.  
Friday (2nd, 3rd & 4th) 7:30 a.m.  
Saturday — 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday—Catechism Class, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Confessions—Sunday, Half hour before Mass.  
Baptisms: 12 noon Sunday and by appointment

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**FIRST BAPTIST MEXICAN MISSION**  
Moses Padilla

Sundays—  
Sunday School — 10:00 a.m.  
Training Union — 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship — 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays — 7:30 p.m.

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**NEW TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

Rev. Willie Johnson  
3rd and Jackson

Sundays—  
Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship Second and Fourth Sundays — 11:00 a.m.  
H.M.S. — 4:00 p.m.  
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 General Election  
 Nov. 5, 1968

For County Commissioner,  
 Precinct One:  
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## Year-end wrap-up

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superintendent of the Southside School District in San Antonio.

The Cochran County Garden Club was awarded several awards during the spring convention of the Texas Garden Clubs. Among the awards were outstanding year-book, presidents report, scrapbook and press-publicity book. The club was also awarded a Sears, Roebuck Civic Development award.

A bid for a new police car was awarded to Allsup-Perry Chevrolet. Eisel Young and his bottle collection was featured in a word-photo section of the Tribune.

The Arts and Crafts show, sponsored by the Town and Country Study Club, drew several hundred visitors during its one-day stand in the County Activity Building.

Gail Rowland was named valedictorian and John St. Clair was named salutatorian at Morton High School.

Noel Crow was presented a plaque by the Morton Lion Club for his activities as Cochran County's Outstanding Conservation Farmer of 1966.

Harold Drennan was named president of the Morton Lions Club. Drennan was named honoree by the Morton High School Annual.

The possibility of securing an electronics firm was discussed at a meeting of Morton investors.

### MAY

Gaylene Weed of Morton was named as Miss Levelland.

Mrs. Neal Rose was named as Texas' Outstanding Clubwoman with more than 10 years service during the Texas Federated Women's Clubs convention held in Dallas.

Shell Oil Co. awarded educational program contest prizes to the Area Council of Women's Clubs. The area council is composed of 1936 Study Club, L'Allegro Study Club, Town and Country Study Y-M Study Club, Emlea Smith Study Club,

D'Algodon Study Club and Whiteface Study Club.

Elvis Fleming, Morton High School history teacher, received grants totaling \$6,870 to do graduate history study at Southern Methodist Univ.

Morton High School concert band received the Outstanding Band trophy at the Tri-State Music Festival at Enid, Okla.

Marilyn Cade and Larry Hale earned a trip to the State 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M by winning firsts in the District 4-H contest held in Lubbock.

J. Wayne McDermitt was speaker of the House when the pages took over operation of the Texas Legislature.

The condition of crops in the Morton area was termed serious because of a lack of moisture, hot and cold temperatures, high winds and excessive irrigation.

The Chamber of Commerce announced that it was out of debt and was in good financial shape.

Whiteface, Bledsoe, Bula, Three Way and Morton High School held graduation activities.

### JUNE

Tommy Carter, of Rt. 1, Morton, was named recipient of the Army Commendation Medal for "heroism while engaged in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the Viet Cong."

The Babe Ruth softball field was named the Charles Hofman Memorial Baseball Field by the Cochran County Commissioners Court.

Cochran County was placed in a district served by Bill Clayton of Springlake. The redistricting move eliminated the entire district served by Rep. Jesse T. George.

Memorial Day ceremonies in Morton saluted American fighting men in Vietnam and supported the administration's policy in Vietnam.

Three people, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Culbreth of Eley, Ariz., and Nelson Brumley "Dade" Alasworth, were killed in a car-pickup crash south of Bledsoe.

Tommy Hawkins was elected president of the Morton Area Chamber of Commerce to fill the unexpired term of E. L. Reeder.

Rev. Rex Mauldin was named pastor of the First Methodist Church of Morton to succeed Rev. Kenneth Wyatt who was granted a sabbatical. Rev. Wyatt moved to Tulsa where he will be a speaker for the Knife and Fork Clubs of America.

Morton Memorial Hospital faced a possible closing as a result of a meeting of the Commissioners Court. The court refused to transfer money into the hospital's special fund or sign a contract with Dr. W. B. McSpadden.

Sound Tronics was scheduled to begin hiring the following week after the plant was established in Morton. The firm was to build radios, exercisers and amplifiers.

The Cochran County Commissioners Court signed a contract with Dr. W. B. McSpadden for the lease of Morton Memorial Hospital. The Court also called for a hospital district election. Legal notices were authorized calling for bids on hospital and courthouse improvement and addition improvements.

The Morton Tribune went from the traditional eight-column format to the more modern six-column format. The paper also announced that it had pulled down four prizes in state and national contests. The Tribune won a first in news pictures and a second in appearance at the Texas Press Assn. contest and honorable mentions in typography and general excellence in the National Newspaper Assn. contest.

Cochran County receives \$24.1 million yearly in economic stimulation from oil and gas, a report from Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Assn. showed.

### JULY

D. B. Lancaster, manager of the Bailey County Electric Cooperative, was dismissed. Advertisements for a new manager

were authorized by the Co-op's board of directors.

Cochran County receives 2.38 inches rain during a one week period.

Frontier Friendship Festival scheduled to be held in Morton July 17-22. The festival, sponsored by the Retail Trade Committee of the Morton Area Chamber of Commerce, is designed to say, "Thank You," to all area people for trading in Morton.

The possibility of closing Eastside Elementary school was faced by the Morton School Board. The Office of Education told the board the school would probably have to be closed because the Morton district is "making relatively little progress in desegregating its schools."

Sue Lewis of Whiteface High School, was named to the North All-Star basketball squad which performed at the Summer Girls Basketball Coaching Clinic in Duncannon.

The hospital district election passed by a county-wide vote of 372-121. Elected by the hospital district board were Jerry Iley, J. L. Schooler, Glenn Thompson, Douglas Dunn and J. C. O'Brien.

### AUGUST

H. R. Bundock, Inc. of Lubbock was the low bidder for general construction work for the courthouse and hospital additions and improvements. M. P. Todd & Co. were low bidders for mechanical work while Hodges Electric received the bid for electrical work. Stainless Metal Fixtures was the low bidder for hospital kitchen equipment and Southern Steel was low bidder for the jail equipment.

Jesse L. Johnson of Whiteface was killed near Whiteface in a two-car collision.

The Post Office Department announced plans to build a new post office building in Morton at the southeast corner of SW 1st and Taylor.

Dr. Evaldo Fernandez, a Cuban refugee, was named staff physician at Cochran Memorial Hospital.

The Texas Last Frontier Rodeo climaxed a three-day stand in the Morton Rodeo Arena. Janice Hall of Morton was crowned queen. Rayla Griffith and Micheline Marina were attendants.

A tax rate of 25-cents per \$100 valuation was proposed for the Cochran Memorial Hospital during the hospital's budget meeting.

Construction activities began on courthouse and hospital additions and improvements. First to arrive on the scene were construction crews of H. R. Bundock, general contractor.

School days began for students in Morton, Whiteface, Bledsoe, Three Way and Bula. Enrollment was expected to be about the same in all the schools.

Rev. Lawrence Bobsien, pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church, was transferred to the Catholic Church in Littlefield.

Rep. Jesse T. George, state representative for the 75th Legislative District, resigned to accept a position as liaison officer for the Small Business Administration in Washington, D.C.

A United Fund campaign for Morton was discussed.

### SEPTEMBER

Cecil Williams, Plains, was named pastor of the Eastside Church of Christ, replacing T. A. Grice who went to Almodor, N.M. Rev. David Greka was named pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

An early September storm caused extensive damage to cotton and grain sor-

ghum crops across Cochran County. Official rainfall was listed as 1.83 inches. Most of this fell in a period of a few hours.

A stop-gap election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of state representative Jesse T. George was called by Lieutenant Gov. Preston Smith. Filings for the election were Ted Weaver, Muleshoe, and John J. Kendrick, Brownfield.

Cochran County Commissioners Court approved the hiring of Roy L. McClung county agent for Cochran County. He replaces Homer E. Thompson, who is retiring.

J. W. Coppedge was named the manager of Bailey County Electric Cooperative.

Improvement plans for Strickland in Morton, were approved by the Morton City Council. The plan was presented to the Cochran County Garden Club.

The first meeting of the school year of the Morton School Board drew applications from six families for free lunches.

Maloy Sinnacher placed the first bale of ginned cotton on the corner of courthouse square late in September. Cotton, ginned at County Line Gin, weighed 436 pounds.

National 4-H Week was celebrated locally by 230 members of four local 4-H Clubs. Transfer of the Morton police department from the sheriff's office to City was approved by the Morton City Council.

### OCTOBER

Eddie Paxton, Levelland business announced as candidate for the seat formerly held by state representative Jesse T. George.

The record vault of the Whiteface School was cracked by crooks. Taken in the burglary were funds amounting to \$500.

Homecoming plans were announced for Morton and Whiteface High Schools. Whiteface Homecoming queen was Dolores Band queen at Morton was Margaret Usher while Janie DeLeon was homecoming queen.

The Morton School Board awarded a contract to Forrest Lumber Co. for installation of desks in the new classroom building.

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MORTON, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1967

## look at 1967, and a peek toward a new year

Christmas is over and most folks are taking inventory in preparation for the coming of a new calendar year.

As is true each year, Cochran County has accomplished some goals and has some short in others.

But the coming year of 1968 may prove to be the most critical since the county was settled. From the days of a cattle country, Cochran County developed into a cotton and irrigated farming. The big crop was, and still is, cotton.

But cotton no longer will adequately support the farmer in Cochran County. At least, the present quality of cotton won't do it. The alternatives are simple: improve the quality of cotton grown or produce other crops. An alternative to either of these is to see Cochran County revert to a county of abandoned farms and empty homes.

Efforts are being made to grow better quality cotton in Cochran County . . . experiments have proved that commercial quality cotton can be produced here. Also are being made to introduce new crops into the county economy.

There is some renewed drilling activity in the county, which might help some. Chamber still is working to relocate suitable industry in the county. These efforts might be successful. They also might fail.

The difference between success and failure is often slight. Cochran County has led other counties to pull ahead, to get the new crops, to find the new industries, to build the new plants. The county has a lot of catching-up to do.

The Chamber of Commerce can't do it alone. The County Agent can't do it himself. All of us must work together. This coming year can become the year Cochran County got up off the floor and began to come back.

## New travel book filled with interesting facts

One of the most delightful books we've read in a long time came in the mail last week. Our whole staff has enjoyed looking through it and commenting on the interesting information they have found.

It's the Texas Travel Handbook, compiled by the Texas Highway Department and distributed free of charge. Beginning with Abilene and ending with Zapata, it includes information on every community in the state.

Both the well-known and the virtually obscure tourist attractions are listed in the book, along with travel information and bits of history and drama. It tells you many things to see in Houston (population 1,081,900) but doesn't neglect the fact that Pine Springs (population 10) in Culberson County was the location of the station on the Butterfield Overland Mail Route.

Morton and Cochran County are included, with a special mention about the C. Slaughter Ranch Headquarters building that still stands.

Texas is expected to have an extra-large number of tourists this year, many coming through going to the Summer Olympic Games in Mexico City and many others heading for the HemisFair in San Antonio.

For history, for information, for just-good-reading, we hope you will take the time to look over a copy of the Texas Travel Handbook. It makes fascinating reading and will probably give you a first-class case of wanderlust for this great state.

## Year-end wrap-up

(Continued from Page 6)

A new heating system in the old gym and remodeling classrooms.

W. W. Tilger was named president of the Morton Area Chamber of Commerce in 1967.

A night freeze was reported Oct. 15 across most parts of the county.

The CROP drive, the Community Food Bank of the Church World Service, was conducted to get under way with a goal of \$100,000.

An announcement was made that numbers for all Morton telephone subscribers would be changed Dec. 18 to accommodate new dialing equipment.

Request for salary expenditures for the Morton police department was invoked at a meeting of the Morton City Commissioners Court and the Cochran Memorial Hospital Board. An opinion from the Attorney General's office was to be secured.

Neva Gilliam was crowned queen of the Bledsoe Homecoming at the end of Bledsoe High School's homecoming festivities.

Lynn French and Larry Hale were named as Gold Star 4-H winners during the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet held in Morton.

The Salvation Army released plans for their annual fund raising drive at a kick-off luncheon.

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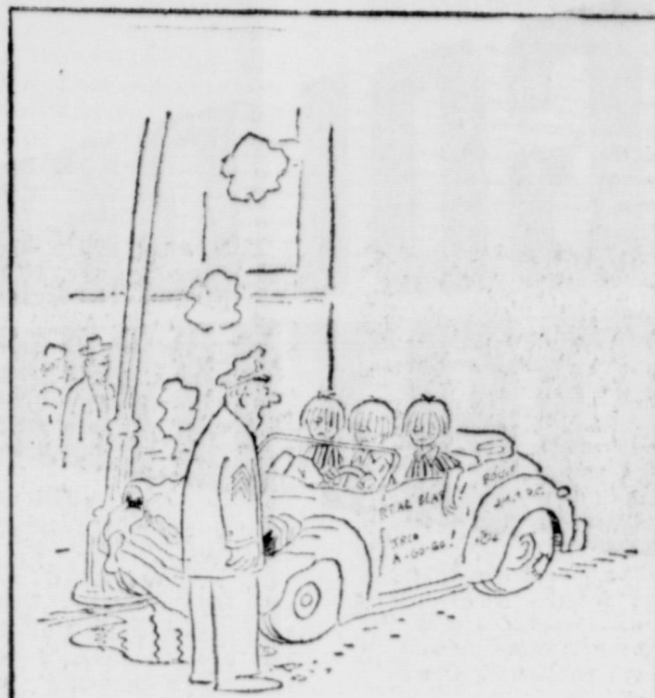
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## Was It Sudden?

Jerry Marcus



"All right, then. Who was able to see the pole?"

The Travelers Safety Service

One out of three fatal accidents involves a driver under 25 years of age.

## SO YOU WANT NEW INDUSTRY?

# Prospecting to find good industry prospect

(Editor's Note: This is the fifth and final article of a series written by James J. Kelly, assistant executive director of the Texas Industrial Commission, about the five major points found necessary to getting new industry.)

If you have read the first four "Points" in this series, you will understand why vigorous prospecting for new industries should begin in earnest only after these four concepts have been given full consideration and at least partially implemented.

Community Betterment programs must be underway, ideally with a long range plan and set of goals for the community. Research and Analysis must have been carried out, resulting in the identification of "candidate" industries.

All available means of financing must have been examined and, preferably, an Industrial Foundation formed.

Sites and buildings must have been inventoried and evaluated in terms of your "candidate" industries.

The Cochran County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service received an award as the most improved local chapter at the district level.

### DECEMBER

The record vault at Whiteface School was "peeled" by safe-crackers one of whom was believed to have been in on the original cracking of the safe some two months ago. Taken in the burglary were items valued at \$350.

Three Morton High School football players were named to the All-District football team in class 4-AA. Twelve members of the Morton High School Band were chosen All-District players. Three additional bandmen were named alternates.

John J. Kendrick was elected Texas State Representative from the 75th Legislative District, replacing Jesse T. George who resigned to accept a position with the Small Business Administration in Washington D.C.

The change over of all the numbers in the Morton telephone system was accomplished with only minor difficulties.

Fires destroyed two homes in slightly more than one week. One home was in Morton and the other was 10 miles west of Morton.

## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Otis McGarr, Tommy and LaDonna of Duncan, Okla. visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Scates while Mrs. Scates was in the hospital. Mrs. McGarr is a sister to Mrs. Scates.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy DeBusk returned to Alabama Tuesday after a visit with their parents Mr. and Mrs. R. L. DeBusk. Randy will leave for Thailand Dec. 26. He is in the United States Army.

Mayland Abbe, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Abbe, and a student at Texas Tech visited in the home of his parents on Christmas day.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Lytle were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lytle of Elfridia, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lytle and 10 children of Talahoma, Okla., Floyd Lytle and Judy of Oakland, Calif., Red Lytle of San Diego, Don Brown and daughter from Crossroads, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hinson and daughter of Shallowater, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stevens of Silverton, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Forbes of Silverton, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stevens and son of Plainview, and Donnie Stevens of Silverton who is home on leave from the Navy.

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS & SIDELIGHTS

# Master plan submitted for junior-senior college areas

AUSTIN, Tex. — Closer relationship between junior and senior colleges is inevitable.

Crowded senior college campuses across the state have convinced the Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System that educational emphasis cannot be laid solely on the larger schools in the future.

Answer seems to be a junior college program that offers two-year courses of study which then can be transferred to the four-year colleges for degree credit.

Dr. Jack Williams, commission of higher education, has submitted to the board a plan to establish guidelines for future relationship between the two fields of education. It also sets up 52 geographic regions in Texas for junior college development, 18 of which have no junior college.

IDEA BEHIND the regional approach is to prevent creation of any junior college in an area which cannot support it and to encourage the development of junior colleges in areas needing them.

None of the existing public junior colleges would be dislodged by the plan. But each of the 52 regions would have at least one junior college in it. Envisioned is a junior college system of 70 to 75 campuses.

In briefing junior college presidents on the proposal, Commissioner Williams cited the importance of community two-year colleges in the overall higher education picture. According to Williams, 727,000 Texas students will be attending colleges and universities in this state by 1985. And junior colleges must be able to take care of 305,525 of them.

New schools would be recommended only where enrollment of at least 500 students could be expected by the end of the third Fall term and 1,000 by the fifth term.

Recommended regions would include seven Panhandle divisions. These would center around Borger, Amarillo, Clarendon, Levelland, Lubbock, Plainview and the Oldham-Parmer-Deaf Smith-Castro Counties area.

In West Texas, the regions would encompass El Paso, the Trans-Pecos area, Odessa, Big Spring, Wichita Falls, San Angelo, the two junior colleges in Eastland County, Uvalde and a 12-county region around Mason County.

North Texas districts would center around Weatherford, Dallas-Fort Worth, Cooke County, Sherman, Paris, Texarkana, Hill County and Corsicana.

SOUTH TEXAS section of junior college education would be Laredo, San Antonio, the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Alice, Corpus Christi, Bee County, Wharton and the Caldwell - Guadalupe - Gonzales - Wilson Counties area.

East and Southeast Texas area would have schools in the regions of Longview and Panola County, Tyler, Lufkin, Houston, Beaumont - Port Arthur - Orange and two other four-county areas just northwest of Beaumont.

Central Texas junior college education would be centered around Waco, Bell County, Austin, Brenham, Bryan-College Station and San Marcos.

Public hearings on the proposals will be held in Austin on January 8.

COURTS SPEAK — District Court at Corpus Christi has upheld Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin's opinion that voter registration applications cannot be submitted in bulk by third parties. Court refused to serve a writ of mandamus to Nueces County tax assessor-collector to issue registration certificates where applications were turned in by someone other than the applicant's closest relatives. Decision will be appealed.

State Supreme Court will hear arguments February 21 as to whether the state may tax casinghead gas used for lifting oil to the surface.

A January 10 hearing has been set at Sarita (Kenedy County) on an injunction order that stopped Indiana and California firms from exploring ruins of an old Spanish ship on state-owned land near Port Mansfield.

NEW HIGHWAYS — Texas Highway Commission has approved a "consolidated highway program" which will include \$362,000,000 construction or reconstruction of 1,668 miles of non-interstate highways over the next two years.

Master plan places emphasis on what the Texas Highway Department calls its "bread and butter" routes. "These highways of the primary system are the transportation lifelines for a vast number of Texans," the Commission said. "Our people and commerce are deeply involved in these routes, yet many are outmoded."

That \$362,000,000 covers the state's part for acquisition of right-of-way on 557 miles of U.S. and state highways, which will cost \$27,000,000. Local governments will pay half of the cost.

LAND BONDS SOLD — Veterans Land Board sold \$30,000,000 worth of new Veterans Land Bonds at the low interest rate of 4.2823. First National City Bank of New York and Harris Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago and Associates were low bidders.

Land Commissioner Jerry Sadler termed the rate "impressive". He said it will enable veterans of World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam to purchase property at five per cent down payment and five and a half per cent interest on the balance over a 40-year period.

APPOINTMENTS — Gov. John Conally appointed Tommy V. Smith of Austin acting commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics to finish the unexpired term of

Charles H. King of Dallas who resigned. Conally also appointed Thomas A. Wheat, Liberty attorney, as 75th district judge (Liberty and Chambers counties). Wheat succeeds Judge P. C. Mathews who resigned effective December 25.

REGISTRATION DRIVE — Secretary of State John L. Hill, as chief election officer, has announced plans for a statewide voter registration drive throughout January.

Hill has asked daily newspaper to publish registration application forms at least every Sunday and weeklies to carry them in each issue. Forms may be filled in and sent to county tax assessor-collectors.

Hill noted that, for the first time, all persons over 60 who live in towns under 16,000 population or in rural areas must register in order to vote.

Deadline for all is January 31.

DISCONTINUANCE SEEN — Missouri Pacific Railroad's application to discontinue passenger trains 7 and 8 between San Antonio and Longview will be heard by the Railroad Commission early in February at Longview, Austin and San Antonio.

Railroad brotherhoods have filed a protest. Notices of applications have gone to all mayors of all towns along the route.

DRUG CONTROL — Rep. Burke Musgrove of Breckenridge wants to mobilize state-agency resources to see that laws against drug abuse are enforced and the public told about the dangers of drug use.

Musgrove, one of the sponsors of the anti-LSD bill passed by the last Legislature, met with representatives of a number of state agencies and private groups in Austin to clarify whatever problems exist and to suggest solutions.

It was generally agreed that the drug-law-enforcement division of the Department of Public Safety should be tripled in size and that the State Health Department should be made the clearing house for public information on drug use.

DRINKING DRIVERS — If a study conducted in San Antonio represents the state as a whole, the Texas Safety Association says almost half of the drivers and pedestrians in Texas traffic accidents may have been highly intoxicated.

A 10-year blood-alcohol study by the Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office shows 48 per cent of the persons killed in San Antonio traffic accidents had 15 per cent or more alcohol present in their blood.

That means that, theoretically, each of them had consumed more than three highballs or more than six beers in his final hour. A driver with an alcohol content of .10 per cent is considered by most experts to be too intoxicated to drive safely.

OIL ALLOWABLE — Railroad Commission boosted statewide oil allowable from 40.8 per cent to 45.7 per cent of potential for January. Figure permits 3,593,405 barrels daily production compared with the present 3,317,796 barrels.

Commission extended its temporary lease allowable system inaugurated in June to help increase production during the Mid-East crisis.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT — Two new source books on developing industry have been published by the Texas Industrial Commission. Titles are "Texas Community Profiles" and "Texas Plant Location Facts".

First book, compiled from information submitted by local organizations, gives industrial development data for 375 communities in the state. It should be valuable to firms planning to locate in Texas.

"Texas Plant Location Facts" is a series of four booklets giving information on the industrial climate in Texas, as concerns prospective immigrant industries.

WATER IDEA — Texas Water Development Board's staff has rejected the idea of moving Missouri River water to West Texas. Proposal is being pushed in Congress by U. S. Sen. John Tower and Cong. Bob Price of Pampa.

It conflicts with the Board's own Texas Water Plan of moving water from the Mississippi River to West Texas to supply future needs. Besides, such a project would require "slack water" operation of the Missouri's navigation system, say the board spokesmen.

SHORT SNORTS — Lt. Gov. Preston Smith became the first statewide candidate of 1968 to post the \$1,000 filing fee for a place on the Democratic ballot for governor.

Restocking has provided huntable deer population for 42 counties which formerly had few deer, says the Parks and Wildlife Commission.

Agriculture Commissioner John C. White received a Federal Land Bank Commemorative medal for distinguished service to agriculture.

Former state Rep. George H. Cook of Odessa, who served in the Texas House from 1959 through 1963, has been named director of field operations for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Federal approval has been given a \$91,950 grant for improving three city parks in McKinney and a \$108,850 grant for the development of the 478-acre Caddo Lake State Park near Jefferson.

Texas Water Rights Commission has recommended that Governor Conally approve an \$18,000,000 federal flood control plan to widen and otherwise rework Clear Creek just above where it flows into Galveston Bay.

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