

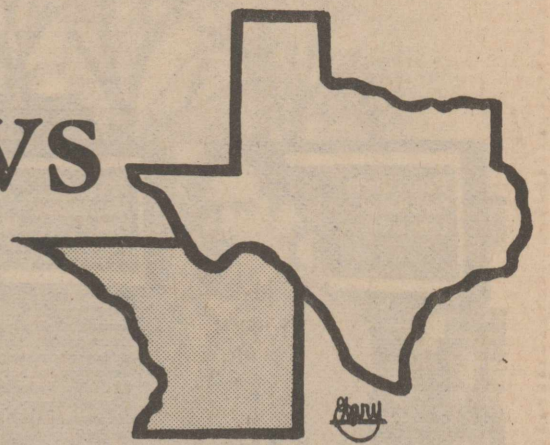
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Hearing delayed on pipeline

A Texas Railroad Commission hearing on the All American Pipeline Company request to operate a heated crude oil pipeline from West Texas to the Gulf Coast was delayed Tuesday after 7½ hours of testimony by about 50 individuals in Austin.

The one-month delay was granted by Sandra Joseph, RRC legal examiner, after a number of representative of environmental groups and landowners asked for a motion of continuance.

The main reason for the delay is that All American is in the process of conducting studies along the proposed pipeline route, and interested parties want to wait until the results of those studies are known before continuing the RRC hearing.

During the December 10 hearing,

everyone among the more than 200 persons present for the meeting in the William B. Travis Building who wished to do so could make opening statements about the proposed pipeline.

The proposed pipeline is to run from McCamey to Webster on the Gulf Coast as part of a 1,700-mile line beginning at Santa Barbara, CA.

The pipeline will pass through Upton, Crockett, Sutton, Kimble, Kerr, Gillespie, Blanco, Hays, Caldwell, Bastrop, Fayette, Colorado, Wharton, Fort Bend, Brazoria, Galveston and Harris counties.

All American plans to install electronic safety devices to detect any leak before it could reach 65 barrels according to Dan Moody Jr., an attorney for the pipeline com-

pany.

State Rep. Gerald Geistweidt of Mason was quoted in the December 11 Austin American-Statesman as saying that the pipeline company's credibility in ensuring adequate safeguards has been compromised by the behavior of surveyors and the tactics of right-of-way purchasers. "While they've given everyone public assurances that they are going to be fair, they've been trespassing and cutting down trees without the permission of landowners," Geistweidt was quoted as having said.

Many attending the hearing were particularly concerned with what might happen to the Edwards Aquifer underground water recharge zone.

Sen. Bill Sims of San Angelo spoke at the RRC hearing, expressing concern over possible dangers to the Edwards and Ellenberger Aquifers and thanking the RRC for expanding the scope of its hearing.

The pipeline company had planned to start construction from McCamey eastward on January 6.

The pipeline is an \$800 million project. Company representatives hope to pump an average of 300,000 barrels of crude oil (with a maximum of 450,000 barrels) through it each day. The oil could range from lightweight Alaskan oil to heavy off-shore California oil, would be heated from 100-160 degrees Fahrenheit to keep it moving through the 30-inch line. It would take 27 days for oil to travel from California to the Texas coast through the line.



Promoted at ONB

Evelyn Thompson and Dan Pullen

Pullen, Thompson promoted at ONB

Two persons, Dan Pullen and Evelyn Thompson, were promoted to new positions December 12 by the Ozona National Bank Board of Directors, ONB president Don Long announced this week.

Pullen was promoted from vice president to senior vice president, and Mrs. Thompson was promoted from secretary to Dan Pullen and new accounts representative to administrative assistant and assistant to the board of directors.

"It pleases me to announce these promotions," Long said. "They have been doing this work all along, and this is more a recognition by the board of their past work."

Bank directors include: Pleas L. Childress, chairman; Joe Bean, vice chairman; George Bunker Jr., Tom Cameron, Gary Buck Mitchell, Massie West, Frank White and John Lee Henderson Jr. Honorary members of the board include Hillery Phillips and Lowell Littleton.

Mrs. Thompson started working for ONB in January, 1979, after having worked for attorney Dixon Mahon for nine years. "The work is more complicated and detailed now. I was surprised by this promotion," she said.

Mrs. Thompson, the mother of four grown children, and her husband, John, are active member of the First Baptist Church. She serves as secretary of her Sunday School class and enjoys seeing her children. One daughter, Lynn Reed, and her husband, Jerry, live in Abilene with their daughter, Sarah. One son,

Greg, resides in Marble Falls and has two children, Wiley and Zachry, of Corpus Christi. Two other children, Kay Hufstедler (Mrs. Jay) and Jack Thompson attend Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

Pullen, who moved to Ozona in 1966, taught math at the Ozona Public Schools for 12 years. He worked at the bank from 1972-74, then returned to teaching. In 1980, he started working again for Ozona National Bank. "I have been in Ozona for almost 20 years and worked for two organizations, the school and the bank."

Pullen started in the bookkeeping

department filing checks. "The modernization with computers here has been amazing. Five years ago we were using a pen and ink ledger. The work is more complicated and detailed."

Pullen enjoys banking because of the many career opportunities. "I appreciate the confidence the board has shown in us by its latest action."

He is a former president of the hospital board, an active 4-H youth activities leader, a member of the Lion's Club and a member of the First Baptist Church. He is the father of two children, Susan, an 11 year old sixth grader, and Sarah, a 13 year old eighth grader.

All-district players announced

By Cynthia Harrell Hodges

Seven Ozona High School varsity football players have been named to the 7-AAA all district and honorable mention football teams.



Harvey Fierro

Harvey Fierro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fierro, was named to the first team, offense, as a wide receiver. The senior student extended his athletic prowess to the basketball team this week, as he was

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Services held for mother of Mary Logan

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Maidie) Ottenhouse of Batesville died December 16, 1985 in Pearsall. She was born March 17, 1895.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, December 18, at Dilley Cemetery in Dilley under direction of Harley Funeral Home of Pearsall.

Mrs. Ottenhouse is survived by two sons, Henry M. Ottenhouse of Corpus Christi and William Ottenhouse of Houston; four daughters, Mary Ottenhouse Logan of Ozona, Louise Ottenhouse Lindsey of Pearsall, Johnnie Ottenhouse Kretzer of San Antonio and Marribel Jane Ottenhouse of Baton Rouge, LA and Batesville.

She is survived by seven grandchildren, Richard Ben Logan, Jessie M. Lindsey III, Sharon Reid, Marlyn McMillian, Amy Blackwell, Karen Marie Ottenhouse, David Otten-

house and Kathryn Kretzer.

Great grandchildren are Jay Lindsey, Kevin Lindsey, George Reid, Thomas McMillian and Amanda Blackwell.

Reception to honor new ONB President

Mr. and Mrs. Don Long will be honored Monday, December 23, with a reception at Ozona National Bank between 9:00 and 12:00 a.m.

The new Ozona National Bank president and his wife will be greeting visitors in the lobby of the bank where refreshments will be served.

Hall promoted at CCONB

The Board of Directors of the Crockett County National Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of R. Louis Hall to the position of assistant cashier. The announcement was made by Drake L. McKinney, president and chief executive officer.

Mr. Hall began his banking career in 1982 at the First City National Bank of San Angelo while attending Angelo State University. He graduated in May, 1983, with a degree in marketing. In June of 1983, he joined the staff of Crockett County National Bank.

A dedicated civic leader, Mr. Hall has been actively involved in the Lions Club since 1984 where he is currently serving as secretary-

treasurer. He is also a member of the founding Board of Directors for the Helping Hands for the Elderly organization.

Mr. Hall and his wife, Rachel, are dedicated members of the Ozona Church of Christ.

Santa to be here Friday

Santa Claus is coming to town. The jolly old gent will be here Friday, December 20, to talk to lots of boys and girls.

Santa will fly to the Ozona Airport where he will be met by a firetruck. At approximately 2:30 p.m. he will be at the Fire Station to greet the children.

Hospital problem part of nationwide dilemma

By Cynthia Harrell Hodges

The Crockett County Hospital is following a nationwide trend of many rural hospitals, gradually falling into disuse by patients that can pay, attempting to use older equipment to keep costs down, facing an increasing number of government guidelines with regard to reimbursement for patient care and a reluctance by one local physician to use a facility he views as antiquated and unsafe.

Medicare decertification was just the latest step in a gradual decline that started years ago at the hospital. The facility, like many nationwide, will have to decrease staff, and will go from a 20 bed hospital to five.

Government agencies and private insurance companies, in an effort to keep medical care cost effective, are

issuing stricter guidelines for physicians to follow on non-emergency patient cases.

The two doctors serving Crockett County, Dr. Don Carlisle and Dr. Robert Owensby, have different viewpoints as to the results of the recent decision by the local hospital board to decertify from the Medicare system.

"There is no real effect. Medicare is an arrangement between the patient and the hospital," Dr. Owensby said recently. Though hesitant to comment further until an official statement could be issued by the hospital board, Owensby said most doctors will not accept Medicare assignment which limits them to the amount they may charge.

Patients that have coverage will have to file the claim themselves. Medicare has strict guidelines. "They say they will cover some things, but in the end, the treatment coverage is often denied. There is no way to contest it. The hospital had no alternative. It wasn't getting paid anyway. The Medicare program is bankrupt," Owensby explained. Medicare is attempting to phase out smaller class 4 hospitals such as Crockett County. Even if the Shannon management proposal is ac-

cepted, the hospital would have to decertify.

Dr. Carlisle, a physician here since 1969, feels he has been caught in the middle of the current hospital controversy. His decision more than a year ago not to admit patients to the hospital because he views it as an unsafe, antiquated medical facility, has been unpopular with the hospital board, hospital staff and many local citizens.

Dr. Bill Bass Jr. of Shannon Shamrock of San Angelo has presented proposals to the commissioners court, stated in late October that a time limit must be set for either acceptance or non-acceptance of the proposal.

"I feel I can give better treatment here at my clinic than in the hospital," Carlisle said. The economics of operating from his clinic are self-evident - he has a 99 percent collection rate at the clinic and the rate dipped to 50 percent when he used the hospital.

Although initially opposed to the plan, Dr. Carlisle believes acceptance of the current Shamrock proposal is the only viable alternative for the hospital. "It is going down the drain and no one will listen."

Carlisle believes that Shannon's diversified economic base would enable it to successfully operate the Crockett County facility.

Acceptance of the proposal presented by Shamrock means that "I will no longer be able to work in the comforts of my own clinic. I will have to dispose of large amounts of medical equipment (he has his own x-ray and lab facilities). I will have to find jobs for my employees. A 12 hour work day followed by 12 hours on call is a hard schedule...Limited working time will reduce income."

This hospital is like many other small hospitals. An all time low average occupancy rate of 38.3 percent in 1984 was experienced nationwide according to the August 1985 issue of Medical Economics.

Carlisle is critical of the past hospital administrators, the hospital board and the lack of continuing educational training by hospital nurses.

"The hospital board will only hear what the hospital administrator tells them. They do no independent research," Carlisle said.

Nurses at the hospital need to continue their training, Carlisle said. He conducted one basic emergency training class and only one nurse and

one aide attended.

The hospital, at the time of the decertification decision, had 17 pages worth of deficiencies noted by Medicare officials, Carlisle said. The board states that these are paper work deficiencies, but they are important.

The continuing education of the staff members is imperative, he continued. Carlisle has himself just returned from Parkland Hospital in Dallas to recertify in Advance Trauma Life Support training. This is required by all family practice physicians every six years.

"Small rural hospitals must accept an alternative role in the provision of community health care. They must, according to Carlisle, do the following five things, if they, as a hospital are to survive: 1. close in-patient services; 2. provide long-term care facilities, i.e. care centers, skilled nursing centers, etc.; 3. develop close contacts with regional hospitals to care for patients requiring hospitalization; 4. develop transportation and communication techniques with a regional hospital (in this case, Shannon); 5. educate the citizens as to changes that have occurred and the necessity for new roles."

The attempt of the hospital to attract additional doctors here is no viable solution to the problem, Carlisle said. During the 1960's, the federal government, in reaction to the restrictive admission policy by the then 68 medical colleges, heavily increased funding toward the creation of additional medical schools. There are now 128 medical schools, and many hospital officials are fearful of an increasing physician glut. According to recent studies, there are more than 100 subspecialties in medicine.

Only 10 percent of graduating residents enter family practice, Carlisle said. Family practice steps on the toes of the specialists, and many physicians want the increased monies available in large cities. "There have been 18 doctors here since 1969, and only two of us have stayed here. Most doctors want to enjoy an active social agenda, and do not want to live alone.

As early as 1967, the late Dr. Lloyd Sherrill advised that "I not come to Ozona to practice. It would take a new doctor three to 10 years to gain acceptance in this community."

I have always enjoyed my practice

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PAPER TO BE PRINTED EARLY DURING HOLIDAYS

The Crockett County News will be printed and mailed one day earlier than usual during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Please try to have news and advertising to the office by 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 20 and 27.

Cervantez Exxon sold to Alfred Enriquez



Alfred Enriquez and Leo Cervantez shake hands on the sale.

By Cynthia Harrell Hodges

A change of ownership at the Exxon Service Station on Highway 290 from Leo Cervantez to Alfred Enriquez on Friday, December 20, simply means goodbye to longtime friends and customer for one man and hello to new friends and customers for another Ozona native.

Cervantez, who purchased the station in 1980, wanted to own something on his own. "I wanted it to be mine, and tried to make a deal with the franchisee, Exxon. I just couldn't. By owning a service station, I could do better service, and have more long range planning for myself."

Enriquez, who has served as service manager and shop foreman at Buttery Motor Company, formerly L-B Motors, for the last four and one half years, is looking forward to "being my own boss. I am very excited by this opportunity. I'll be in contact with the people that I have grown up with, and I will be able to serve them."

Cervantez admits that it will be hard to leave his longtime customers. "I hope to serve these customers in some capacity at a later date. I appreciate having had the opportunity to serve the people of Ozona. I have worked up and down this strip for many years, including nine years at the Chevron station across the street."

Both men advise car owners to check the oil periodically, and when cold weather comes, check the coolant level. "Preventive maintenance will cost less in the long run," Enriquez said.

Cervantez is looking forward to having time away from the long hours and hard work that plague a businessman. "All the work and the hours pay off in the end."

"My life is dull. I just enjoy working," said the Crockett County National Bank director. Cervantez, a native Ozonan, and his wife, Elida, are members of Jerusalem Baptist Temple. They have three children, Evelyn, a Crockett County National Bank employee, Ninfa, an assistant librarian at the Crockett County Library, and Edward, a junior at Ozona High School.

Enriquez believes that people look for full service stations, even though many have become self-service recently. Cars are more technical and more complicated today than five years ago.

Enriquez received his training through the VICA auto mechanics program at Ozona High School. The 1981 graduate served as president of the VICA Club for two years, and was active in football and basketball. "The VICA classes gave me a good basic foundation."

"My wife, Ampara, and I made a mutual agreement to purchase the station. She works at the water department."

The hours of the station will be 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday - Sunday.

It's a girl

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jackson of Flint, Michigan are proud parents of a baby girl, Rachal Renee Jackson, who was born December 3 at 5:56 at Hurley Medical Center in Flint.

Rachel weighed seven pounds, nine ounces and was 21 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Mrs. Noreen Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goforth of Flint. Great-grandfather is Serafin Maskill Jr. from Ozona.

Bank directors attend national conference

Ozona National Bank directors Joe Bean and Pleas L. Childress have returned from a National Bank Directors' Conference in Coronado, CA.

The two day seminar was held to "help with the operation and management of a bank," Childress said.

Speakers at the informative conference included Washington, D. C. attorney James V. Elliott, Don Powell of Powell & Associates in Livingston, MT; Bob Rodgers, a retired banker from First Tennessee Banks in Memphis, TN; Paul Hogan of Paul B. Hogan & Associates of San Francisco, CA; Bank Commissioner Marlin Jackson of Little Rock, Arkansas; George Geerdes of Banking Consultants of America of Memphis, TN; Michael K. Jones, a

banker with Balboa National Bank in National City, CA; and Tony Scalzi, an FDIC official from San Francisco.

Subjects discussed at the conference included: director liability and responsibility, a review of bank committee services, a director's primer for the loan committee, what to look for in board reports, how directors should promote bank products, trends in director compensation and benefits, how banking has changed according to a bank regulator, how to raise capital and why regulators want more capital.

Fifty-two bank directors from 15 states attended the meeting. Mrs. Childress and Mrs. Bean accompanied their husbands to the conference.

Road signs used in advertising must be registered

San Angelo - Any owner of an off-premise advertising sign along a road or highway outside any incorporated city or town has until December 30, 1985 to register or remove the sign. An off-premise sign is a sign which advertised a service or product not principally sold on the premises where the sign is located. The new state law assigns the responsibility for regulation of advertising signs to the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation (DHT).

The law also requires that all signs both on-premise and off-premise

erected after September 1, 1985 must have a permit issued by the Department.

Anyone who is in doubt about whether their sign is required to be registered should contact the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation Office before December 30, 1985. Registration forms are available in the San Angelo District Office located at Loop 306 and Knickerbocker Road. The telephone number is (915) 944-1501, Extension 244.

Since Ozona is unincorporated, the law applies to all signs within the town.

Western Auto purchases White Stores, Inc.

Local White's Stores Inc. owners Mr. and Mrs. Ray Henderson were not surprised by the company announcement this week that White's had been purchased by Western Auto Supply Co.

White's, which was founded in 1930 by Tom C. White, W. Erle White and George Adams in Clinton, OK, moved its company headquarters to Wichita Falls in 1938. In 1966, the firm was sold to City Products, a division of Household Finance Corp. Canadian Tire Corp. of Toronto, Canada purchased the company in 1981.

"I guess they will put us out to pasture," Henderson said. He has been with White's for more than 20 years. "We won't know anything official for a few days. I have heard

unofficially that the firm had been losing \$3 million per week.

White officials met Saturday in Kansas City with Western Auto officials to discuss the transition of the firm to Western Auto ownership. During the last two years, White's had been shifting away from a general line to automotive products in efforts to decrease expenses. Approximately 100 employees at the home office in Wichita Falls have been laid off.

Jerry Hill, owner of the local Western Auto, said he had no idea the merger was in the works. "I can't see the company (White's) not taking care of its employees. That is not good business practice. I just don't know how it is going to work."

★ Hospital

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here. I am beginning not to enjoy it because of this consistent battle. If I am going to have to transfer patients out of town, I might as well establish a practice there," Carlisle said. "We must act soon on the Shannon-Shamrock proposal, or it will be terminated."

"The traditional methods of handling health care problems have changed more in the last 18 months than in the past 18 years, and we must change with them," Carlisle concluded.

Interim hospital administrator Bob

Boswell, declined comment on the current hospital situation. "I have just moved here and attended one half of one hospital board meeting. I defer comment on the decertification from Medicare to Sandy Stokes, hospital board president."

Decertification from Medicare is "only an interim step," said Sandy Stokes, hospital board president.

The hospital is still licensed as a 20 room facility technically. Four rooms have been converted to Care Center usage. However, these four rooms can be used again by the hospital as semi-private rooms, should the need arise, Stokes explained.

By voluntarily decertifying, "we hope to reduce staff, mainly through attrition."

The entire hospital board voted to decertify. "This is not a personality thing of one doctor against another," Stokes said.

The Shannon proposal is not a bad idea, he continued. "They would do the best they could for our hospital. The problem the board has is the prospect of losing the hospital license altogether. It is extremely difficult to get a license once it has been relinquished."

Under the Shannon proposal, the facility would become an emergency clinic and would no longer be operated as a hospital.

According to Stokes, the Shamrock proposal is a "road of no return. We may have to eventually go that way. We want some control over our hospital. Shannon was only willing to lease the hospital on a one year basis. If at the end of one year, the facility lost money, we would have to start completely over."

"The newly constructed Crane hospital cost taxpayers one million per bed, and we are hesitant to face this."

"There may be more beautiful times: but this one is ours."
Jean-Paul Sartre

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★ District

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named to the All Tournament team.

Fierro is a member of the National Honor Society, vice president of the student council, and was a member of the all district team last year. "I am very pleased with his selection to the first all district offense," said Head Coach Jim Green.

"I felt honored because our district is a tough district and has very talented players...I am glad that the other coaches realized that we had some talented people on our team," Fierro said.

The basketball, track and football participant enjoys sports because they "help you to be a better person mentally as well as physically."

Fierro, who was also named to the defensive all district second team as a secondary pass defender, plans to attend law school and eventually become a successful attorney.

Others named to the second all district offensive team include junior Roger Flores as a wide receiver and Chuy Hernandez as a running back.

Juniors Abel Lara and Don Gutierrez received honorable mention all district honors as offensive linemen.

Named to the second all district defensive team were: senior Chuy Hernandez and Art Gonzales as defensive linebackers.

Junior Butch Gonzales and Senior Brian Morrow received honorable mention as defensive ends.

Carlisle receives trauma training

Dr. and Mrs. Don Carlisle returned Sunday from Dallas where he received postgraduate training for certification in Advanced Trauma Life Support.

The training course held at Southwestern Medical School in the University of Texas Health Science Center is sponsored by the American College of Surgeons and is designed to provide emergency physicians and others who deal with major trauma on a daily basis the most updated skills and techniques to preserve life.

Holy meaning of Christmas

The English word for Christmas comes from Cristes Maesse, which means "the Mass of Christ". Most nations derive their term for Christmas from the lengthy Latin name Festum Nativitatis Domini Nostri Jesu Christi (The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ) or the shorter form Dies Natalis Domini (The Birthday of Our Lord). In Spain, Christmas is called La Navidad, in Portugal, Natal, and in Italy, Il Natale. Christmas is called Rozhdestvo Khrista in Russia, and the German word for Christmas, Weinachten stands for Holy Night or Blessed Night, referring to the Nativity only by implication.

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The public is cordially invited to attend a reception honoring Mr. & Mrs. Don Long. The reception will be on December 23rd from 9 to 12 a.m. in the Ozona National Bank Lobby. Don is the newly appointed president of ONB. Please come by and meet Don and Marcille and share some holiday cheer with us.



A Preacher's Pondering

Ralph O. Moore
Minister
Ozona Church of Christ

A human candle

The old saying, "Light a candle rather than curse the darkness," is a bit of advice that has meaning in our day. Saying is always easier than doing, but the need of the hour is action, not diction. The unfruitful realms of darkness, with their dangers and death, must have a light to dispell them rather than a curse to delay them.

Jesus defined the need in the Sermon on the Mount (cf. Mt. 5:14-16). The Master said His followers were "the light of the world" (v.14). As such, they were to let their light "shine" in order that others could "see" their "good works" and "glorify" the Father (v.16). This statement of Christ appears to be the thesis of His Sermon on the Mount, and it seems rather obvious that He is talking about one's life being the lamp or candle. Remember the song, "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine." The childish tune calls for mature thinking.

I wonder how many times we curse the darkness rather than circulating light. We often deplore our condition, agonize at our problems, and talk about what we should do - only to let those words beat the air instead of soothing the needs. Good works are evidences of candle lighting - acts that a Christian does, not to merit salvation, but because he is saved. Paul's instructions to Titus concerning good works or good deeds puts the match of faithfulness to the wick of one's life, meeting "pressing needs" and offering fruit to God (cf Titus 3:9, 14).

As one lets his light "shine", there are some actions that are seen by others. The human candle, fueled by an active faith of his own, will

ignite in the atmosphere of God's grace by:

1. Holding Forth the Word of Life - Read Philippians 2:12-18. God's light must hold the Word aloft for the world to see. The candle's constant glow will come forth as a service to man. The Christian's light helps others find Christ.

2. Being Alert at All Times - Inspired words written to the church at Thessalonica give details about the human candle's wick being trimmed by faith, love, and hope (cf. 1 Thess. 5:4-8). The Christian cannot be unprepared and dim. He must be awake and glowing. The parable of the ten virgins speaks of one's being ready to shine (Mt. 25:1-13).

3. Trusting in Christ for Candle Power - The apostle John writes, "...if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). The human candle is ignited, and kept lit, by the light of Christ. The vertical fueling process (Christ to man) insures the horizontal process (man to man) keeps illuminating and directing.

Don't curse the darkness. Be a Christian! The power that one life might yield is not measurable. God uses willing vessels and supplies them to diminish darkness. Look around you, near you, and in you - don't just gripe at the conditions you find, light your candle. God's answer to the human dilemma of sin was Christ, the Light of the World, and He continues to brighten the world's hope through a Christian, a human candle.

Jones addresses Society for Range Management

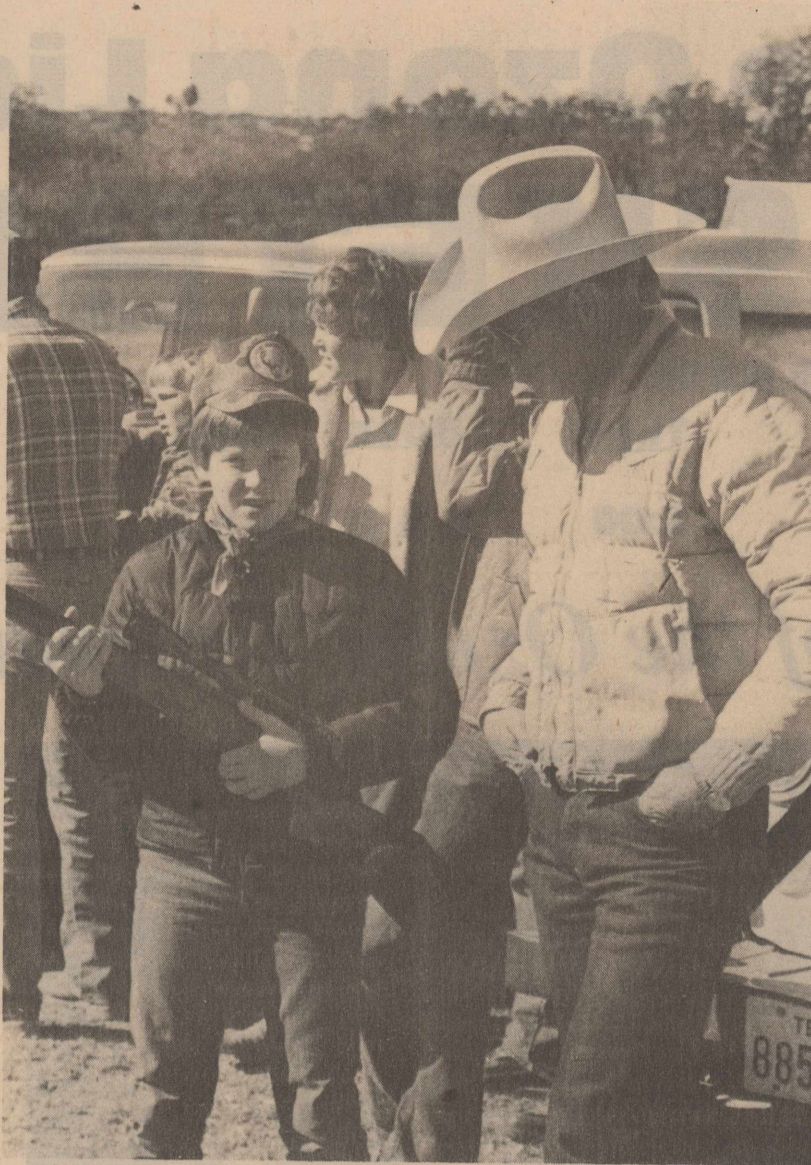
Brock Jones III attended the annual meeting of the Texas Section Society for Range Management held in Fort Worth on December 5, 6 and 7. He attended as the representative of the TSSRM Youth Range Workshop. Brock was selected as Trail Boss of the 1985 Range Workshop which provided him the opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the TSSRM and make a presentation to the members of the society on how the range workshop has benefitted him. The theme for the Dallas meeting was Rangelands: Water for Texas' Future.

The 1985 TSSRM Youth Range Workshop was held in June at Junction. Brock was sponsored to the workshop by the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District. He was chosen Trail Boss of the workshop for his outstanding leadership and participation in various activities.

The range workshop is designed to give the youth a better understanding of the various aspects of

range management. Subjects covered during the week long workshop included plant identification, range condition, proper grazing use, proper stocking, grazing with combinations of livestock classes, planned grazing systems, deferred grazing and many others. It is a very educational opportunity for the youth who attend as they can apply what they learn to their own family operation or they will have the knowledge when they do become manager of a ranch operation.

The TSSRM is proud of the Youth Range Workshop as it has been a very successful program through the years. They are also very proud of Brock for his accomplishments and know that he will continue to set a good example in his endeavors throughout his life. The Ozona High School senior has been involved in 4-H for a number of years.



Dad Ed Martin and Steven Rutledge at the Boys Ranch hunt on Perry Ranch. Steven bagged a turkey during the hunt.

Perry Ranch hosts hunt for Boys' Ranch youth

Last weekend the Texas Game Warden Association treated a group of boys from the West Texas Boys Ranch to a deer hunt on a local ranch. The first Crockett County Annual Texas Game Warden Association - West Texas Boys Ranch Youth Hunt was hosted by Gene and Betty Perry on the Perry Ranch on Taylor Box Road and conducted by active and associate members of the Texas Game Warden Association and Crockett County residents. Emphasis was placed on a weekend-long "Father-Son" hunting trip for ten boys from WTBR, who otherwise would not have had the opportunity to enjoy such an experience. Game taken on the trip was just "icing on the cake".

The boys arrived in Ozona about 6:00 p.m. Friday evening and were given an escort through town by a member of the Crockett County Sheriff's Department. Once at the ranch, the boys were assigned to a "Dad" for the weekend. State Game Warden Rod Chalmers gave the boys a talk at the ranch on the hunter's role in the wildlife management plan with instruction on why and how to tag game taken by the hunter. After a very long night, the boys and their respective Dads embarked on a hunt to long remember as they spread out to hunting blinds in quest of the wily whitetail and turkey. Frigid temperatures did not dampen spirits in the least (well, not the boys', anyway). Saturday noon brought lunch at camp and a session on firearm safety and familiarization in preparation for more hunting throughout the remainder of the weekend. By Sunday noon, the meat pole at camp held six deer, three turkeys and one javelina. All game returned to the Boys' Ranch with the mighty hunters. The end of father-son hunting trips aren't ordinarily accompanied by lumps in throats, but then, this was not your ordinary hunting trip. (We'll leave it up to the reader as to who had the lumps.)

Boys who brought down their deer were Chad Elvena with two deer and one turkey, Larry Moore, Andy Kligora and Ray Allen with a deer each and Lance McClure with a deer and javelina. Kligora also killed a turkey as did Steven Rutledge.

Special thanks need to go to the law firm of Webb, Stokes, Sparks, Parker, Junell, and Choate of San Angelo who furnished the groceries for the weekend, and graciously relinquished their hunting rights and facilities for a whole weekend of deer season.

Assisting as sponsors for the hunt were Warden Ryoce Wells, Alpine; Warden Robert Newman, Marfa; TGWA Executive Director Bob Daigle, Austin; Otis Layman, San Angelo; and Crockett County residents Dorris Haire, Ed Martin, Jeff Sutton, Richard Bridges, Reggie Quiett, Bob Harris, and Dee Keilers. Crockett County Deputies Fred Fierro, Victor DeLaGarza and Harvey Hill did a bang-up job of making sure the whole bunch went to bed on full stomachs. These men all deserve recognition for devoting their weekend to a very worthy cause. They don't, however, need to be told about the good they did. They could see it in the sparkle in the eyes of a

boy on his first deer hunt.

The Texas Game Warden Association is a non-profit, youth-oriented organization of game wardens and associate members across the state of Texas. TGWA was created about seven years ago by game wardens to accomplish goals of the officers, centered around the association's theme of "Conservation for Future Generations". Projects include such things as association sponsored college scholarships, an annual youth summer camp, and outdoor related activities and hunts targeting orphans and underprivileged youth of Texas. Membership in the association is open to the public, and TGWA recognizes that it is the public that enables it to accomplish its goals. Anyone interested is urged to contact their local game warden or another associate member to find out how to become a member of the organization and take an active part in worthwhile projects such as these.

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Snips, quips & lifts



By Lottie Lee Baker

The difference between back-talk and rebuttal is about fifteen years.

One objection to voting a split-ticket - you can't be sure which party to blame.

We favor pay television - they should pay us to watch it.

The extra mile will have no traffic jams.

Great minds have purposes, others have wishes.

The reason many a man does not go on a lark, is because his wife watches him like a hawk.

There is always something to laugh at every day, even if it is only about yourself.

It's difficult to take advice from some people; they need it so badly themselves.

Experience is the best teacher. It

should be, it costs the most.

Most freeways have three lanes: a left lane, a right lane, and the lane you're trapped in when you see your exit.

A word to the wise is usually sufficient. But what's the word?

Don't drop the ball and you won't have to complain how it bounces.

With teen drivers at the wheel, tires often scream their treads off. As the sand drains from our hourglass of time - we should be able to see more clearly.

A LIFT FOR THE WEEK

A failure only establishes this, that our determination to succeed was not strong enough.

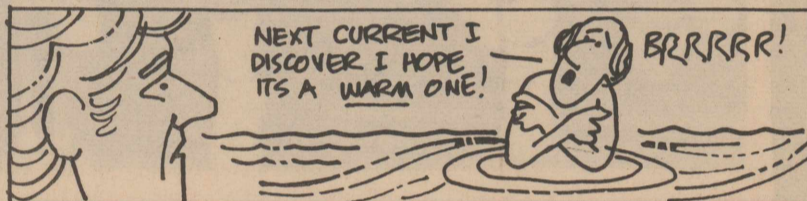
Padilla on Dean's List

Kimberly S. Padilla of Ozona is among the 90,000 students included in the eighth annual edition of **The National Dean's List** just published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois.

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Ms. Padilla is a student at Sul Ross State University in Alpine.



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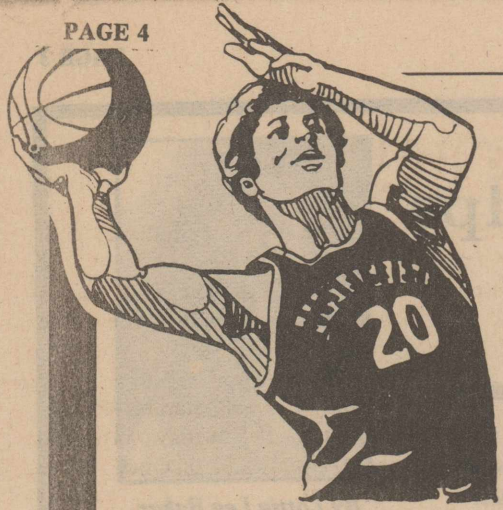
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1985 OZONA LIONS: Back Row [l-r] Rodney Najjar, Steve Sanchez, Mark Marshall, Scott Denman, Mike Morrow, Bret Thompson. Front row [l-r] Brad Thompson, Charles Flores, Sam Hightower, Roger Flores, Abel Lara, Harvey Fierro.



Steve Sanchez most valuable player

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State Department career gives Roy Harrell international viewpoint

By Linda Moore

An interest in Africa which began in childhood and a feeling of not being at ease in the field of law led Ozona's Roy A. Harrell Jr. into a career with the United States Department of State.

Harrell helps arrange food relief for countries in any part of the world suffering from natural or manmade disasters. Congress allocates relief funds annually according to a formula based on an estimated number of disasters.

As a logistics specialist with the Office of Foreign Disaster Coordination, Harrell was involved with the relief effort following the recent earthquake in Mexico City.

The Crockett Countian had not worked with Mexico until the May quake. The fact that he is bilingual in Spanish led to his current assignment as a logistics specialist. Harrell is also bilingual in Portuguese and fluent in French and Italian.

While in Ozona on a recent visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Harrell, Roy talked freely about the 23½ years he spent in Africa as an economics officer with the State Department.

The African famine relief effort of the U. S. Government is coordinated with that of other countries. "We're in careful and constant cooperation," said Harrell.

Logistics of getting supplies distributed in Africa are hard as there are a limited number of ports and roads. Staggered arrivals of food help with the problem of ports being jammed with goods which set and ruin. A 12 inch rain in 30 minutes last July caused 5,000 metric tons of wheat, corn and rice to have to be dumped into the Red Sea. It hadn't rained in the area in July since 1900, and delivery time had been based on that fact.

The "Long term prognosis (for Africa) is pretty grim," said Harrell, who feels that attempts at relaxation of apartheid are "to little, too late".

The word apartheid originates from the Dutch colonists who arrived at Cape Town in 1652 and means apart or separate. The term apartheid especially refers to the segregation of blacks from whites as a principle of society upheld by law and underlying the domestic policy of the South African government.

Harrell has been stationed in or visited Angola, Mozambique, South Africa, Guinea, Sudan, Chad, Niger, Ghana Mali and the Ivory Coast, says that Africa has become more developed over the past 20 years. The Southern tier of the country was not independent when he first went there in the mid-60's. All those countries have become independent with very little bloodshed despite the fact that the whites in control had said it would never happen.

South Africa and Namibia are not independent with 23.9 blacks ruled by 4.9 million whites. There is an "untenable situation" in South Africa now, said Harrell.

Politics in South Africa is rooted in the Old Testament fall of Ham. The basic problem is that whites refuse to see blacks in any role but that of a servant. Not wanting to relinquish power, an inordinate fear of blacks and fear of intermarriage help fuel white supremacy in South Africa. Mistrust of one African tribe for another is also a problem in the country.

Blacks must carry passbooks at all times, must be able to produce birth records that go back six generations, are told where to live and where they may work. "the weight of all these laws will cause apartheid to fall," said Harrell.

"I don't understand why the whites feel the way they do about the blacks." White Afrikaners were "appalled that a black dentist would be allowed to work on me." Harrell believes that this type attitude is why

South Africa was so behind Hitler during World War II. The late Hendrik Verwoerd, a leader at that time, used his position as a newspaper editor to preach the suppression of blacks.

Although he was once severely beaten in the Congo, "I never felt that my life was in danger in any way," said Harrell of his years in Africa.

Love of the land here helps Harrell to empathize with the African situation. His knowledge of ranching led to 25 windmills being flown to Africa to be placed as water points in corridors used for driving livestock for long distances.

"The French said they wouldn't work," commented Harrell. Peace Corps personnel helped put up the windmills, and they did work. A need for wood led the Africans to promptly cut the red rods from some of the mills, causing replacement to be made as much as four times.

There are many problems for a diplomat and his family in a foreign country, admits Harrell. "Schooling, unsafe situations, security, limited cultural opportunities, lack of fluency in language" are all considerations. It is important for family members to learn the language of the area where the diplomat is assigned, and families are pretty much left to their own devices when it comes to learning the language of the area.

"No one would think of entering an embassy and taking hostages when I entered the Foreign Service in 1962," commented Harrell concerning the safety of diplomats in foreign countries.

Harrell now resides with his family in Falls Church, Virginia. His wife, the former Charlotte Purcell of El Paso, is an accomplished flautist who performs with many symphony and chamber groups. She is presently working toward a degree in accounting.

Daughter Elizabeth, now 16, is an honor student in Falls Church schools and president of the school French club.

Harrell, who took up jogging five years ago, has competed in five marathons. Other hobbies filling his leisure time include leathercraft, photography, hunting and fishing.

Foreign Service has lost a lot of appeal to younger people according to Harrell. "I would not encourage any young person to go into Foreign Service today. National Security advisors have more impact" on the administration today than the Foreign Service said Harrell quoting President Reagan's labeling of the State Department as inefficient do-gooders.

Each political administration decides its emphasis area said Harrell citing Lyndon Johnson's focus on the poor majority, Richard Nixon's interdependency in the world, Gerald Ford's as a caretaker government, Jimmy Carter's emphasis on human rights in which "we felt our ideas applicable throughout the world," and Reagan's constructive engagement attempt to change South African attitudes and policies through diplomacy.

Harrell's decision to go into the Foreign Service resulted from a trip to Germany in 1952. Viewing the residue of World War II, he was "impressed by efforts to build a sustainable economic system. Peace in this world" through such a system became his vision.

Not pleased with his business courses, he decided that becoming an international lawyer was the thing to do.

While fixing fence at the family ranch following the 1954 flood, Harrell commented to the late Fat Alford that "there must be an easier way to make a living."

"You got to be educated, and you got to stick with it," advised Alford.

Harrell learned about an African studies program at Johns-Hopkins while attending American University. In 1962 he tested for the Foreign Service and was accepted.

He holds master's degrees from Duke and American Universities and received his doctorate from the University of Southern Africa near Capetown. He earned degrees in law and political science from the University of Texas and is a member of the Washington, D. C. Bar Association.

Freshmen swap games Boys win 49-34

By T. C. Tucker

The freshmen boys and girls traveled to McCamey December 12 for their third game of the year. The boys overpowered McCamey while the girls tumbled to their opponent.

The boys got off to a good start, leading 11-6 at the end of the first quarter and then 19-11 at the end of the half.

Ozona had few turnovers with only ten while stealing the ball from McCamey 28 times. The Lions controlled the boards well, having 18 rebounds. Wolv Rutherford led with seven.

Ozona stayed out on top by seven at the end of the third quarter. Then with the assistance of Rutherford who had 13 points on the night, and Juan Mendez with 12, the Lions left McCamey in the dust and won by 15, 49-34.

The Lions were 50 percent shooting from the free throw line. Copie Davis and Robbie Tambunga were the other scoring leaders with nine each.

Even though Chantele Pesson had six points and Dottie Gonzalez had four, the freshmen girls were quickly left behind from the beginning of the game as McCamey snatched the win away from Ozona 18-30.

McCamey jumped out to an 18-7 halftime lead. Ozona failed to come around in the last half, only able to come within 12 of McCamey.

Jr. boys win one, lose one

By T. C. Tucker

The 7th grade boys experienced some bad luck last Monday when they hosted Del Rio along with the 8th grade. The 8th grade proved to have little difficulty in their game as they went on to win 45-20.

The 7th grade game was close throughout, with one team taking the lead and then another grabbing it back.

The first half went along with both teams staying at each other's throats. The first half ended with Ozona on top 13-11.

In the third quarter, only four points were added to the board. But in the last quarter, the Cubs experienced a cold shooting period and turned the ball over a few too many times. Even with Jason Vitella's nine points and Ruben Borrego's six points and nine rebounds, the Cubs could not overcome a strong Del Rio attack as they went on to lose the first time this year, 20-26.

"We were not prepared mentally after our tournament victory," said Coach Don Payne.

The 8th grade Cubs met a little opposition in the first quarter of their game, but quickly overcame it in the second quarter to lead at halftime, 28-10.

"Our press worked well, and our defense was excellent," said Coach Payne. "We took good shots."

Lalo Rodriguez had 19 points and 12 rebounds while Roger Martinez had 11 points and seven rebounds, both of which aided in Ozona's rout in the last half as the Cubs went on to win 45-20.

George Ybarra led in steals with ten of the Cubs' 18. Ozona had only 16 turnovers.

The Cubs will play here January 6 against Sonora.



Although the United Nations has many offices in Switzerland, Switzerland is not a member of the United Nations.

Lions win Ozona tourney

By T. C. Tucker

The Ozona Lions played extremely well in front of a home crowd and took the first place title at the Ozona Basketball Tournament for the first time since 1958. The tournament was a four-team round-robin. The Lions had already won their first two games and went into the final game against Big Lake with an air of confidence, having already beaten them twice.

However, things looked bad in the first quarter when a late quarter rally from Big Lake helped scoot them to a 12-7 lead at the end of the quarter.

Big Lake continued to extend their lead as they sank basket after basket. At the end of the first half, Big Lake had a ten point lead, 26-16.

The Lions came roaring back in the third quarter, surprising the Owls and retaking the lead 37-36 with the aid of Mike Morrow who had 18 points for the night.

Steve Sanchez, who was voted Most Valuable Player, had six points in the last quarter to push Ozona past Big Lake 62-51. Sanchez had 14 points on the night.

Abel Lara had seven points for the night, followed by Scott Denman with six points and 11 rebounds.

"I'm proud of the boys. I feel that we had a good tournament," stated Coach John Curry. "We played well as a whole with all the players contributing."

Harvey Fierro, who had 20 points, ten assists and 15 steals for the tournament, was voted as one of the five All-Tournament players.

Lions 58, Stanton 41

Steve Sanchez had 24 points and Scott Denman had ten as the Lions crushed Stanton in their first game of the tournament.

Stanton stayed a few points behind in the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Lions left them behind and went on to win 58-42.

Lions 63, Junction 25

The Lions never let Junction into the game as they jumped out to a 33.12 halftime lead. Steve Sanchez again proved to be the leading scorer with 14 points.

Junction failed to ever produce any attacks to Ozona's lead.

Tuesday's Game
Lions 74, Iraan 45

In Tuesday night's game, the Lions hosted Iraan in what proved to be a warm-up of the weekend's tournament victories.

Steve Sanchez and Mike Morrow led the way with 21 and 18 points respectively. Mark Marshall followed with 13 points. The Lions seemed to be hitting everything they shot at, making 20 of 30 free throws.

Big Lake Girls 50, Coahoma 44

Most Valuable Player Leslie Gooch had 27 points to lead Big Lake to the first place title. The game proved to be very close as both teams swapped the lead until Big Lake grabbed it for good late in the third quarter.

Consolation Title
Crane 44, Stanton 26

Lady Lions Lose Two

The varsity girls met much misfortune in the Ozona tournament last weekend, losing two straight.

In their first game of the tourney, The Lady Lions played well. Even though Big Lake broke the gap open in the second quarter, the game remained close throughout.

Julie Reagor had 16 points on the

night while Stacy Lay followed with 14.

With this loss, the Lady Lions moved to the consolation side of the bracket.

Lady Lions 36, Stanton 45

The loss early Saturday morning to Stanton knocked Ozona out of the tournament.

The Lady Lions seemed as though let the air out of their tires, and could not get off the ground enough to do any sort of damage to Stanton.

Zelda Munoz led all scorers with nine points. Sharon McCrohan followed with eight.

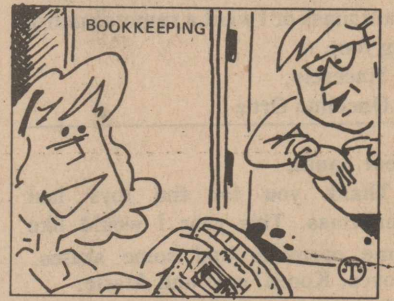
Tuesday Night's Game
Lady Lions 38, Iraan 55

The Lady Lions had a little preview of what the tournament proved to be last Tuesday when they hosted Iraan.

Even with Lydia Pena's 12 points and Julie Reagor's nine, Ozona never could get out of the fox hole and never got close enough to do anything drastic.

Reagor led all rebounders with 12. Stacy Lay followed with eight and Pena with seven.

Both the varsity boys and girls will host Irion County here this Friday starting at 5:00 with the J.V. games.



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Girls win one, lose two J.V. boys grab Junction tour

By T. C. Tucker

The Ozona J.V. boys and girls traveled to Junction over the weekend and took part in the J.V. tournament there. The boys came home with the first place trophy while the girls gained much needed experience. The tournament was based on a round-robin schedule of play.

The Lions faced the home competition, Junction, in the championship game. Ozona had little trouble securing a 30-12 lead at the end of the first half with the aid of Jim Etheridge and Bret Hood, both of whom had nine points.

In the third quarter, Junction came back to within ten, but the Lions pulled away in the last quarter and won 46-30.

Other leaders included Danny Sanchez with eight points, Hood with four rebounds and Jeff Sanchez with three.

"We played real well as a team," said Coach Jerry Porter. "I'm proud that we are finally getting some things right."

Ozونا 58, Mason 44

Derold Vargas and Will Seahorn had 12 points each as they led the J.V. boys to their first victory of the tournament.

Ozونا could not pull away from Mason until the third quarter when they extended their lead to 15 points.

Ozونا 58, Menard 36

The J.V. boys continued to dominate as the crushed Menard by 22 points. Jim Etheridge had 14 points and Jeff Sanchez had 11 to lead the Lions to their second victory of the tourney.

Tuesday Night's Game Ozونا 47, Iraan 37

Jim Etheridge sank seven field goals and two free throws to scoot the J.V. Lions past Iraan last Tuesday night. The game proved to be quite tough throughout, but Ozونا pulled away in the last quarter to win by ten.

J. V. Girls 40, Menard 15

The J.V. girls played well Friday night in the first game of the Junction tourney.

Cathy Moran had eight points, Kriss Corley had seven, and Regina Cervantez had six to aid the Lady Lions in their scalping of Menard.

Additional leaders included Cervantez with seven rebounds, followed by Dottie Gonzalez also with seven and Moran with five.

Ozونا 33, Mason 41

The J.V. girls hit a dry spell Saturday morning as they fell to Mason by eight points. The Lady Lions were left behind in the second quarter and finally woke up in the last to hold Mason to no points while adding 17 of their own.

Stacie Winkley and Kriss Corley led all scorers with seven and five respectively. Shannon Curry led all rebounders with nine, while Winkley followed with seven.

Ozونا 29, Junction 37

In their final game of the tournament, the J.V. Lady Lions met with the same misfortune as the previous game. Ozونا remained right behind Junction the entire game, but could never come close enough to take the lead.

Regina Cervantez led all scorers with 12 points while Kriss Corley followed with 11. Ozونا only had 12 turnovers while having 34 steals. Shannon Curry and Cathy Moran both had seven of their own.

Jr. girls face tough opponents

By T. C. Tucker

The Ozona Junior High boys and girls hosted Del Rio December 9. The girls faced stiff competition, but came out on top to win both games.

The 7th grade girls fell behind Del Rio and did not catch up until the last quarter. The first quarter proved exceptionally tough as Ozونا scored only four points while Del Rio sank six of their own.

Del Rio continued to stay a few points ahead in the second quarter. They added eight more points where as the Cubettes tallied six more. However, Del Rio held Ozona to zilch

points in the third quarter and stretched their lead to a 16-10 score.

The Cubettes, with the help of leading scorers Paula Galan and Ofie Rios, came storming back in the final quarter, scoring six points and holding Del Rio to none. With this Ozona response, the game was put into overtime.

The Cubettes played the boards quite well, having 36 rebounds. Tamie Reagor had 12 rebounds of her own as well as Letty Dominguez who had ten.

Ozونا sank four points in O.T. while Del Rio added none, and the Cubettes came from behind for the second straight time to win 20-16.

"The girls had to play a tough defensive game," stated Coach Martha Sims. "They stuck with it and won again."

Christy Cotton was the third scoring leader with four points. Galan also had seven rebounds of her own.

Polly Villarreal had 11 points and Kelly Williams had nine to help spur the 8th grade Cubettes to a 27-19 win over Del Rio.

The entire game was tough, but the girls controlled it from the start as they jumped out to an 8-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. The second quarter followed the same pattern as Ozona stayed three points ahead of Del Rio.

With the aid of Tammy Arrott, who had three points and two rebounds for the night, the Cubettes soared out to a nine point lead at the end of the third quarter.

Ozونا did their best not to allow Del Rio to have possession of the ball too much as team leaders in stealing, Judy Fierro had five steals and Williams had four.

Comings and Goings

By Cynthia Harrell Hodges

Mrs. Lottie Mae Evans celebrated her 87th birthday recently. Happy Birthday!

December Texas A&M University graduate Ralph Jones Van Shoubroek enjoyed a large family contingent in the audience during weekend graduation ceremonies last Saturday. Attending from Ozona were Mrs. Mary Lee Jones and Mrs. Bonnie Warth. "All of the relatives on both sides of the immediate family were able to attend the festivities," Mrs. Jones reported. The electrical engineering graduate plans to start work at the McDonald Douglas plant in California in January.

Lt. Colonel and Mrs. James D. Freeman of Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota are expected to be in West Texas for the Christmas holidays. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Freeman of Ozona, Col. and Mrs. Freeman will be visiting relatives in Odessa and Crane and are expected in Ozona after Christmas for a few days' visit with his parents.

Jacob and Mary Stringer of Mansfield enjoyed a brief visit Sunday with their daughter, Sara Hignight, and her husband, John, and their children, Amanda Joy and Jason.

Bob Childress has returned from a recent cutting horse competition in Dallas.

Matt Gutierrez III, a student at Texas A&M University, will spend the Christmas holidays with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Gutierrez Jr.

Several Ozonans got into the Christmas spirit this week by attending the San Angelo Symphony and Civic Ballet presentation of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*. Among those enjoying the performances were former Ozonan Janice Marley of San Angelo, Jennifer Davidson, Stefny Sutton, her mother, Carmen Sutton, her grandmother, Crystelle Childress, Jennifer Evans, Cynthia Hodges, her children, Harrell and Christine.

The wine and cheese party held recently at the Mike and Arlene Clayton home netted more than \$2,400 in donations for the American Cancer Society.

Jessie and Doc Baccus of Kerrville were in Ozona this week on business.

Rev. Ray Boykin has been released from the hospital and is recuperating at his home in Palacios. He is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown.

Killed at the David Cooke home this week was a red fox which had attacked and killed their chickens.

The Cubettes went on to win 27-19.

Leading rebounders were Williams with nine and Fierro with seven. Fierro had three assists.

"All my girls are super players," said Coach Renee Shultz, as the Cubettes proved Monday night.

The girls' next games will be January 6 here against Sonora.

Sutton. While there, they attended commencement exercises at the University of Texas where they saw Gloria receive her degree in pharmacology.

John Austin Stokes, son of Sandy and Vicki Stokes, had special family members here Sunday for his performance as a shepherd in the Christmas play, *The Littlest Star*, at Ozona United Methodist Church. Vicki's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson of Stiles, great-aunt Mrs. John Pogue of Comanche enjoyed the performance. Mrs. Pogue is staying here for a visit with her relatives.

Bob Wallace is out of the hospital following recent surgery and expects to be back in the office this week.

Mrs. Ruth Espy of Sonora enjoyed a brief visit Sunday with Mrs. Mary Lee Jones.

Kayce Cooke, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. David Cooke, celebrated her fifth birthday last week.

Joining the Randy Halls for the holidays will be her son and daughter, Kelley and Paul Hicks, and her mother, Francis Davis, all of Naples.

Ollie and Betty Raming of Henderson were here last week for a pre-Christmas visit with their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. James Pierson and children, Raven, Ollie and Robin.

Visiting Rev. and Mrs. Ken Harrison and helping their daughter, Becky celebrate her sixth birthday are his aunt, Betty Harrison, of Houston, and her friend, Lurl Diener, also of Houston.

Former Ozona businessman Paschall Northcutt of Tulsa, OK was admitted to a Tulsa nursing home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sutton, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Maudie Couch, were in Austin last weekend to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and Gloria

Mrs. Bonnie Warth enjoyed seeing longtime friends Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sedinec of Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. John Hogn of Sedona, AZ this week.

Two Ozona families were celebrities in the Ranch Magazine December issue. On the cover are the children of Wade and Jane Richardson, Kyle, 1, Clay Wesley, 3 and Codi, 2.

Other Ozonans featured in the magazine are Jack and Steve Wilkins with their Flying W American Gray Brahman cattle.

A special welcome to Ozona is extended to interim Crockett County Hospital administrator, Bob Boswell. The Brady native served as administrator of the Brady hospital for the last 10½ years.

His wife, Mickey, is a vice president of the Brady National Bank. The Boswells have two grown children, Vonda, an Angelo State University accounting student, and son David and his wife, Derinda, both of San Angelo.

Boswell began work at the hospital December 9.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last Christmas. This year I would like a camouflage tent and a camouflage bike with a set of transformers: Voltron I and Voltron III.
Your friend,
Jesse Mailleoux

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last Christmas. This year I would like a T.V. and crossbow, rifle, 4x4, trampoline, spurs, tank, tent, weights, yak 5 feet high.
Love,
Anthony Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last Christmas. This year I would like a three wheeler and some transformers. And if I can't have that, I want mask or I want a remote control big foot.
Sincerely,
Onecimo Ortiz

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last Christmas. This year I would like a boy Cabbage Patch Kid, Cabbage Patch clothes, a dog, a trampoline, and a waterbed.
Love,
Gloria Pena-Alfaro

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last Christmas. This year I would like some earmuffs and some skates, gloves, Koooa, coat and Atari.
Love,
Connie Fielder

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last Christmas. This year I would like a real live horse, Rainbow Brite, Princess of Power, a telescope and a globe. You pick out the rest.
Love,
Christy Hodges

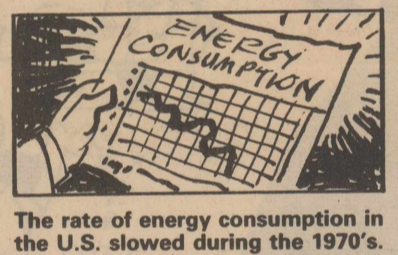
Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last Christmas. This year I would like a Yak 5 feet high, some drums, some football pads, a globe, phone, T.V., a bike and some clothes.
Love,
James Nelson

Dear Kris Kringle,
Thank you for the toys last Christmas. This year I would like a fishing pole and some fish hooks. I would like everything from Mask and Venom. I would also like a dynobot and incetacone and Octanas Prime and Melatrom.
I don't need all of this, I would really like a fishing pole.
Sincerely,
Micah
P.S. Thank you.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last Christmas. This year I would like a new bike, transformers and Mask. I also want Omega Surpream Voltron III.
Love,
Juan Trujillo,
Santa

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last Christmas. I want a tent, a wuzzel, a chimpanzee and the Transformer Autobot Wheejack.
Sincerely,
Doug Meador Jr.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last Christmas. This year I would like some Dynobots. If you can't get me the Tyrannosaurus rex it's name is Grimlock get me Mask.
Sincerely,
Stephen



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Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last Christmas. This year I would like a Cabbage Patch kid. Next I want a Roosa and a Premie. This year I want a trampoline. Second I would like a horse of Rainbow Brite, then I would like some pants.
Love,
Priscilla Martinez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last Christmas. This year I would like Transformers. If I can't have them I want Mask. I would also like Dynobots.
Sincerely,
Jacob Tambunga

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the toys last Christmas. This year I would like a premie and a Cabbage Patch Kid and also another charm necklace or a big stereo or a trampoline and some skates.
Love,
Eva Elizondo


Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last Christmas. This year I would like a transformer and a mask of Voltron III. I would like a Dynobot. I would also like a Submarine. How is Mrs. Santa and how are you?
Love,
Victor

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last Christmas. This year I would like a trampoline and a Cabbage Patch. If I can't get that I would like a telephone. If I can't get that I will like a car and some clothes.
Love,
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Rachel's reviews

By Rachel O. Hall



POSITIVE OUTLOOK HELPS AVOID CHRISTMAS DEPRESSION

Perhaps because we feel like we're supposed to be happy during the holidays, feeling depressed can be even more of a burden.

Actually, a report from the *Journal of the American Medical Association* shows a relatively low level of depression during December compared with other months. Their statistics show that the number of suicides, psychiatric hospitalizations and even letters to advice columns is relatively low in December. The pattern of major psychiatric illness declines before Christmas, although these problems show an increase in January.

But it's clear that in spite of the statistics, many people do become depressed at Christmastime. The causes could include guilt from over-indulging in food or drink, the absence of a family member, over-spending the family budget on gifts and entertainment, increased con-

tact with disliked relatives and even the public merriment that makes being depressed more painful.

According to the Texas Medical Association, the symptoms of depression include a sad mood; indecisiveness and lack of confidence; feelings of hopelessness; anxiety; suicidal thoughts; irritability; loss of appetite or sleep; inability to carry out a daily routine; headaches and fatigue.

Here are some ideas for dealing with Christmas depression:

- What's good for you the rest of the year also applies during the holidays. Get enough rest and eat and drink in moderation.

- Don't be trapped by unrealistic expectations that the good feelings associated with Christmas will magically solve personal or family problems.

- Appreciate the positive things about the season. It does, after all, give you the chance to do something special for family and friends and to spend more time with them.

Quick, easy fruitcakes

These tiny, individual fruitcakes can be made about a week in advance and put away in a covered container until you're ready to serve them. You'll need: one 1 pound fruit cake (dark), 1½ cups confectioners sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, 1 teaspoon cocoa, 6 to 8 teaspoons water. Place wire rack over waxed paper, extending paper a little beyond rack. Cut fruit cake into 1

inch cubes with sharp knife and stand on rack. In a bowl, mix the sugar, cocoa, vanilla and water until thick and smooth. Drizzle over fruit cake square, covering tops and sides as it runs down.

Top each square with a piece of candied fruit or a pecan half. Let stand an hour to set before storing in a covered container. Approximately 24 pieces.

Christmas in Pandale

Members of the Pandale Study Club met December 5 at the Community Building for their annual Christmas program.

During the business meeting, Christmas donations were made to Ozona Day Care, High Sky Children's Ranch, West Texas Boys' Ranch and San Angelo Volunteer Council.

The Christmas program was presented by Becky Young.

Enjoying refreshments served by hostesses Becky Young and Vivian Grimm were; Sue Arledge, Lou

Deaton, Sarah Hargraves, Barbara Malone, Myrtle Malone, Ginger Perner and Jessie White.

Lou Deaton, reporter

M & M

Baked Cheese Pie

- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 quarter lb. butter
- 4 eggs
- 1½ c. sugar
- 2 T. flour
- 3 drops vanilla
- 1/8 tsp. salt

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HISTORY BOOKS MAKE GOOD PRESENTS

There are about 200 Crockett County history books available at the museum for \$30.00. These would make idea Christmas presents says Mrs. P. L. Childress, director.

Holiday food safety

Those grand holidays - such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years -- are occasions for delicious feasts, not upset stomachs. Food safety requires special attention at holiday times because you are usually handling large amounts of foods, preparing it in a busy kitchen, and serving buffet style. All of these contribute to the possibility of food poisoning.

If you are serving buffet style, consider how many people you can safely serve. Be sure you have enough refrigerator space for perishable foods. Keep buffet servings small, and replenish the serving dishes as needed, directly from the refrigerator or stove. When all guests have finished eating, put perishables, especially meat and poultry back in refrigerator. Foods left on the buffet table more than two hours increase the chances of food poisoning.

Even though a holiday meat has been thoroughly cooked, food poisoning can develop after it has been cooled to room temperature. Germs can spread to foods not normally cooked, also. Handle cooked foods carefully; keep hot until served; and refrigerate leftovers promptly.

Eggs should be purchased from refrigerated display cases. Only fresh, clean unbroken eggs should be used anytime the eggs are not going to be thoroughly cooked -- salad dressings, ice creams and eggnog.

Food poisoning can also be prevented by washing hands and utensils with soap and hot water after handling one food and before moving to another. Cutting boards used for cutting raw meats should be thoroughly washed before using for

cooked meats.

Holiday dishes can be prepared ahead of time. When preparing a hot dish ahead, place it in the refrigerator within 30 minutes after cooking. Reheat thoroughly just before serving. Likewise, cold dishes should not be left at room temperature and refrigerate immediately after preparation.

TURKEY PIZZA

- 2 c. chopped cooked turkey
- 8-oz. pkg. refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1 c. frozen hash brown potatoes
- 1 c. grated sharp Cheddar cheese
- 5 eggs
- ¼ c. milk
- ½ tsp. oregano leaves
- ½ tsp. salt
- 2 fresh tomatoes, cut into ½" wedges
- 2 T. grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Separate roll dough into triangles. Place on ungreased 12" pizza pan with points toward center. Press over bottom and up sides to form a crust; seal perforations. Layer turkey, potatoes and cheese over crust. In bowl, combine eggs, milk, oregano and salt. Pour over crust. Arrange tomatoes around edge. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake 25 to 30 minutes until golden brown. To serve, cut into wedges.



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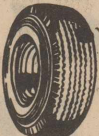
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Pecan Show judged



Plaques for outstanding pecan entries in the annual Bailey and Tom Lane. Beth Boyd, Pecan Show committee chairman, assisted at the presentation.



Pecan baking contest winners June Henderson, Janet Hill, adult division, and Courtney Phillips, Miranda Keith and Jennifer Jones show off their ribbons as Beth Boyd, committee chairman, looks on.

The annual Crockett County Pecan Show was held December 10 at Ozonal National Bank. Winning entries were Jo Davidson's Tejas, recipient of the grand champion award and champion in the shelling division.

Bob Bailey pecans, the champion in-shell entry, received reserve champion with Burkett.

Champion native pecans were exhibited by Tom Lane.

Results included:

Burkett - 1 Bob Bailey, 2 Katherine Russell, 3 June Henderson. Other entries: Jo Davidson, Herb Kunkel, Mrs. George Bunger Choctaw - 1 Bud Cox, 2 Jo Davidson

Desirable - 1 June Henderson Kiowa - Mike Vordick Mahan - 1 Eugene Miller, 2 Vickie Miller, 3 Buster Deaton, others -- Billy Carson

Stuart - 1 Buster Deaton, 2 Buster Deaton, 3 Fred Freeman, Louis Hall, Lou Deaton, Helen Wall, Tom Cameron and R. A. Harrell Success - 1 Buster Deaton

Wichita - 1 Judy Reagor, 2 Lou Deaton

Variety Seedling - 1 June Henderson, 2 Billy Carson, 3 Tom Cameron, and Mrs. George Bunger

Halbert - 1 Tom Cameron

Kincaid - 1 June Henderson

No. 60 - 1 Billy Carson

San Saba - 1 Mrs. C. O. Spencer, 2 Tom Stokes, 3 Herb Kunkel

Schley - 1 Wanda Bunger, 2 George Bunger

Tejas - 1 Jo Davidson

Western - 1 Judy Reagor, 2 Herb Kunkel, 3 Tom Stokes

Other Shelling - 1 Mrs. George Bunger, 2 Tom Stokes

Native - 1 Tom Lane, 2 R. A. Harrell, 3 George Bunger, Buster Deaton

Winners in the junior pecan baked

entries were: Courtney Phillips, first

division, cakes; Jennifer Jones, first

division, pies; Tom Martin, first

division, candy; Marandy Keith, first

division, cookies; Bonnie Martin, first

division, miscellaneous

Winners in the adult division,

baked goods, were: Janet Hill's

pumpkin roll, grand champion; June

Cameron's pecan pie, reserve

champion.

Other winners were:

Cakes - 1 & 2 Janet Hill; 3 Kaleta

Shepperson

Pies - 1 June Cameron, 2 Lupe

Sanchez, 3 Evelyn Keith

Candy - 1 Kaleta Shepperson, 2

Janet Hill

Cookies - 1 Janet Hill

Miscellaneous - 1 & 2 Janet Hill, 3

Nancy Hale

Breads - 1 Nancy Hale, 2 Janet

Hill

Pecan judges were Dr. Austin

Stockton and Dr. Charles Allen of

Fort Stockton. Food Judges were

Gail Rucker, LeAnn Prentice and

Pam Payton of Sonora.

Show officials responsible for the

planning, organizing and hosting the

show were: Beth Boyd - Overall

Chairman, Janet Hill - Food Chair-

man, Buster Deaton - Processing.

Assisting with the processing

were: Billy Carson, Buster and Lou

Deaton, Pleas and Sandra Childress

and Beth Boyd.

The living - dying tree

Charles Huffman, Pastor
Faith & Hope Lutheran Churches
Ozona and Sonora

READ: John 6:60-69

"You have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead" - Revelation 3:1

Some people prefer a so-called living Christmas tree. For a short time such trees are green and attractive, but they are doomed to die because they are cut off from their life sustaining roots. They are actually dead.

Some people look spiritually green and live, but they have cut themselves off from the source of their spiritual life, God's Word. Their spiritual vigor is declining. Their faith is growing weaker. Their resistance to Satan and his temptations is faltering. As Christ fades in their lives, the wicked world takes His place.

Separation from the means by which God keeps us in faith, His Word, doesn't seem to bother some people because there are no immediate consequences like the Christmas tree that though it is severed from its roots, remains green for a short time. Drifting from Christ is so gradual it is not readily noticed. But without God's Word to nourish it, faith slowly, but surely dies.

The first Christmas brought the shepherds hurrying to the stable to worship Jesus. The Wise Men travelled to Bethlehem to worship the new-born King. Simeon went to the temple where he took the Christ Child into his arms. All these went to Jesus, not away from Him.

An occasional contact with God's Word, perhaps twice a year, sustains faith as little as eating food twice a year keeps our physical bodies healthy and nourished.

The Christmas Gospel should cause all of us to renew our attention to God's Word, so that our faith might be strengthened and our relationship to God might be deepened. The only way to receive God's Gift is to come to Him in faith. Faith is the hand that grasps the Gift that God offers.

Assisting with food entries were Janet Hill Beth Boyd, Marge St. Clair and Patsy Hester.

The Pecan Show is sponsored by the Crockett County Extension Program Building Committee.

PECANPKIN PIE

June Cameron

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups canned or mashed pumpkin
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 unbaked 9 inch pie shell
- 1 1/2 cups chopped pecans

Break eggs into large bowl. Beat with wire whip. Add pumpkin, sugar, corn syrup, vanilla, cinnamon and salt. Stir until sugar is dissolved and ingredients are well blended.

Pour into pie shell and sprinkle with pecans. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven 40-50 minutes or until filling is set.



Dorothy Montgomery was working early this week on the display for an Indian artifact exhibit to be at Crockett County Museum beginning in late January.

Three OHS students named to Who's Who

Three students from Ozona have been included in the 19th annual edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, 1984-85.

Named from Ozona High School are Julie Reagor, Angela Dalby and Amy B. Scoggins.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches or by the publishing company based upon students' performance in scholarship award contests or extra-curricular activities.

Final selection is determined on the basis of criteria which include high achievement in academics and leadership in school activities, athletics or community service. Traditionally, 99 percent of *Who's Who* students have a grade point average of "B" or better and 97 percent are college bound.

The 19th edition of *Who's Who*, published in ten regional volumes,

features over 424,000 students, or six percent of the nation's 6,500,000 high school juniors and seniors. They represent 18,000 of the 22,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also compete for over \$50,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to over 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.



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Care Center News

By Ann McCartney
Director of Activities
and Social Care



It is Christmastime, time for decorating, cooking, sending cards. Last year I shared this bit of verse that was passed along to me from Minnie Karr. I think it is worth repeating.

A Holiday Recipe

- 4 c. Love
- 2 c. Loyalty
- 3 c. Forgiveness
- 1 c. Friendship
- 5 Spoons of Hope
- 2 Spoons of Tenderness
- 4 Qts. of Faith
- 1 Barrel of Laughter

Take love and loyalty, mix thoroughly with faith and friendship. Blend in tenderness, kindness, hope and forgiveness. Sprinkle abundantly with sunshine. Serve daily with generous helpings.

We began last week with some Christmas readings from the "Ideals" magazine sent to us by Helen Owensby.

This was followed later in the day by our monthly resident's birthday party. Our auxiliary president, Jo Davidson, was our hostess. Polly Mayes donated her lovely decorated cake, and Maxine's Flowers sent flowers to the following honorees: Peery Holmsley, Grace Cotter and Brownie Harvick.

On Tuesday night the Bob Bell Band came for their monthly performance. Band members Bob Bell, George Hester, Randy Kilpatrick and John Babb all gave their usual fine performance. Thanks also go to Clara Babb for coming along and to Pauline Clinton for singing some solos.

Pauline had her own program on Friday afternoon and once again sang several songs. Helping her with the music part of the entertainment were musicians Randy Kilpatrick on the guitar and J. McCartney on the fiddle. This program included country and wes-

tern pieces plus some Christmas cards. Guests joining this group included Davita McCartney Bounds and her one and one-half year old daughter, Brooke, who entertained with some dancing.

Doris Karr helped with ceramic class on Wednesday morning and Jeanne Wellman came by to clean some pieces. Thanks also go to San Shaw for helping us patch and clean some ceramic pieces.

Katharine Russell played some lovely piano pieces on Wednesday afternoon. Many of the Christmas songs we sang along with her.

Thursday's beauty shop was manned by Clara Byrd, Vivian Hughes and Clara Babb.

Ted Turnley brought our weekly Bible study on Thursday. Spanish Hour of Praise volunteers didn't post their names, but several came for a short service and to visit.

Tuesday and Friday bingo winners included: Minnie Karr, winner of the El Chato dinner for two certificate, Grace Cotter, winner of the first place gift certificate from The Teacher Store, and Moriama Perez, second place winner. Volunteers included Bonnie Warth, Mattie Cooper, Dorothy Doll, Anna Bell Patrick, Gwen Nelson, Minnie Karr, Elodia Zapata and Alice Ross.

Five members of the First Baptist Church, under the direction of their pastor, Jim Gray, brought the Sunday afternoon worship service. It is always good to have a lot of Sunday afternoon visitors for these services.

Maudie Couch, Dorothy Doll and Mattie Cooper helped put up our Christmas door decorations for all our residents. Maudie brought the idea of these decorations back from Tennessee and made several of them herself. We really do want to thank her. She also made a big Merry Christmas in needlepoint that we hung in the living room. It is just great to have people who will share their talents!

Thanks also go this week to Alena



Gifts from the Salvation Army to Care Center residents were presented Monday. Seated are residents Thomasa Ramoz, Juana Hernandez, Moriama Perez and Pauline Clinton. Standing are Ann McCartney, Ralph Lennon, West Texas District representative of the Salvation Army, Johnny Childress and Elvira Caldwell.

Slight increase in flu cases reported

Crockett County schools and doctors reported a slight seasonal increase in the number of respiratory ailments among children of the community.

"There has been no special increase," Dr. Robert Owensby said recently. "Many don't go to the doctor and there is no real epidemic."

At the Don Carlisle clinic, there has been a very "slight increase in the number of respiratory cases

Faye Hokit for making and donating a cute ceramic centerpiece (see it on top of our T.V.), to Donuts, Etc. for donuts, to Lynn and Catherine Brown for a nice donation in memory of Johnny Henderson, to Maudie Couch for sending us the Reader's Digest in large print, to the House of Flowers and Wynelle Bishop for sending a large poinsettia plant, to the Gene Lilly family for sending a large box of fruit, and to Martha Emert, sister of Nina Mayfield, for bringing us some good homemade candy.

Don't forget our residents' Christmas party is this Friday, December 20, starting at 6:30. Ya'll come!

seen," Mrs. Lee Carlisle said.

The only school reporting a large increase in absenteeism was Ozona Primary. Monday and Tuesday, there were 38 students and 35 students absent, compared with a normal eight to ten students per day. Mrs. Pat Glaze, secretary at Ozona Primary School reported.

At the Ozona Intermediate School, the absentee rate jumped from a normal five to six students per day to 17 Monday and 10 or 11 Tuesday. Mrs. Carolyn Pennington, secretary to the principal at the school reported. "We want to share the flu with everyone."

At the junior high, there have been more students out than usual, especially over the last three days, Mrs. Gail Spence, secretary to the junior high school principal, said.

Catalina Pena, attendance clerk at the high school, reported that the

average 20 absentees per day had jumped during the last week to 30 to 35 students.

Tuneful arrival of the yuletide

In pagan times it was thought that noise would drive away evil spirits. Today, in many areas of the Scandinavian countries and in Germany, a delightful (though somewhat noisy) holiday custom is observed that probably stems from that pagan belief.

A group of musicians take their instruments into the belfry of their local church where they play four Christmas carols, one in each direction of the compass.

Their music is played loud and clear and the finale is a joyful pealing of the church bells announcing the arrival of Christmas.

Holiday traffic deaths estimated

Highway Patrol captains to utilize troopers from other uniformed traffic law enforcement services to augment the regular patrol.

"Additional troopers will be assigned where large volumes of traffic or additional accidents are likely," Adams said.

During the 102 hour Christmas period in 1984, vehicle accidents caused 43 traffic deaths in Texas. A total of 42 deaths were attributed to crashes occurring during the 102 hour New Year's period last year.

The Department of Public Safety will provide state traffic death updates as part of the "Operation Motorcade" program. The counting period for Christmas begins at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 24, and concludes at midnight on Wednesday, December 25. The New Year's counting period begins at 6:00 p.m. Monday, December 30, and ends at midnight on Wednesday, January 1.

Texas Department of Public Safety officials have estimated that as many as 29 persons will die as a result of traffic accidents during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The DPS expects 12 fatalities during the 30 hour Christmas period and 17 deaths during the 54 hour New Year's period.

Colonel Jim Adams, DPS director, asked motorists to maintain safe driving habits during the holidays to minimize the loss of life in vehicle crashes. "We'd certainly like to see our fatality estimates prove to be too high," Adams said. "Unfortunately, there will be drivers who will ignore speed limits and attempt to operate vehicles after drinking. The best way to avoid becoming involved in an accident with a careless driver is to drive in a defensive manner. It also makes good sense to be sure everyone in the vehicle uses a safety belt."

Adams said he has authorized

Community activities

BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT QUIROZ AND PADILLO FAMILIES

A bake sale will be held Saturday, December 21, in the Village to benefit the Quiroz and Padillo families. Both families recently lost their belongings in house fires.

The sale is being conducted by the women of the Baptist Church from 9:00 until 12:00.

LIBRARY TO HAVE OPEN HOUSE

There will be a Christmas open house at Crockett County Library Monday, December 23 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to stop by during the day, tour the library and enjoy refreshments.

CHRISTMAS MELODRAMA SCHEDULED

"The Beggar's Dilemma", a funny melodrama, will be presented at 9:45 a.m. Friday in the Ozona High School auditorium.

Rehearsals for the play, which will be directed by teacher David Porter, began last month. The cast includes theater arts class members: Melody Stark as Dorothea Oz Dempling; Andy Dews as Twilley; Valerie Fierro as Pearl Twilley; and Diron Holt as Banker Von Bluejean.

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Commodity butter and cheese will be distributed at the Civic Center Wednesday, December 18, between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m.

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Board approves new employees

The Ozona Board of Trustees, meeting in regular session on Wednesday, December 22, approved the appointments of Mrs. Sharon Forehand and Mrs. Yvette Martinez to para-professional staff positions in the local school system.

Mrs. Forehand was hired as secretary to Mr. Bob Wallace, principal of Ozona Intermediate School, and she will take the place of Mrs. Carolyn Pennington. Mrs. Pennington, an employee of the district for the past seventeen years, and her husband will move to Lovington, N. when school is dismissed for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Martinez will take the place of Mrs. Jill De La Garza, a special education aide in Ozona High School who resigned in order to remain at home with her small child.

Pam Coates, Kathy Duncan, Perry Fenton, Mary Hillman, Peggy Skains and Ralph Moore were approved for employment as substitute teachers, and Mary Morrow was approved as a cafeteria substitute.

The Board also approved the appointment of fifteen faculty members to serve on the 1985-86 Ozona Textbook Committee. The members are: Garland Davis, Ted Cotton, Vicky Gonzales, Ellen Lipsey, Manuela Rodriguez, Mary Nations, Brent Scott, Jerry Tucker, Debbie Arrott, Chesta Stuart, Jacquelyn Shacklette, H. O. Hoover, Frank Reavis, Ruben Pena-Alfaro, and Pete Maldonado.

Superintendent Garland Davis reported that the high school library is now open from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. each Monday evening for those students who need additional time to

make book selections or work on research projects. Approximately 30 Ozona students are using the facility during the evening.

Mr. Davis also reported that juniors in Ozona High School did very well on the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (T.E.A.M.S.) test that was administered in October of this year. 86.4 percent of the students successfully passed the mathematics section of the test, and 89.8 percent of the juniors passed the English Language Arts section. Superintendent Davis went on to say that Assistant Superintendent Ted Cotton would give a more detailed report on the T.E.A.M.S. results during the January meeting of the Board.

Davis also reported that a field test on the wooden light poles at Lion's Stadium indicated the poles were deteriorating underground to the point of becoming a safety concern. Also, several light fixtures have become inoperable, and wiring connections are deteriorating and causing fuse breakers to overheat.

The trustees discussed a proposal by Musco Lighting, Incorporated for relighting the football field at Lion's Stadium. The company would remove all existing lights, electrical, wood poles, and steel towers and would re-install the four existing steel towers on the fifteen yardline, approximately seventy feet away from the sideline of the playing field. Metal Haylide lighting would be used for illumination, and all wiring would be underground for spectator safety.

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Bids should be given or mailed to Dick Kirby, County Auditor, Box 266, Ozona, Texas 76943.

The Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted.

Dick Kirby
County Auditor 2c25

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Ranchers Roundup in Kerrville

The 1986 International Ranchers Roundup will be held in Kerrville, according to organizers of the event.

The sixth annual IRR will be held August 18-21 at the Y O-Hilton in Kerrville. The theme will be "resource Management for Ranching Success." Organizers for the event are Dr. Dwight Guynn, wildlife specialist, and Dr. Tom Troxel, livestock specialist, both with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Eddie Holland, Kerr County Extension Agent, will coordinate local activities.

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"The past few years have been difficult for many ranchers," Troxel said. "This program will be developed to evaluate wildlife, livestock, range and ranching business resources in a positive approach to success."

Over 700 people attended last year's IRR held in Laredo. "However, many of our participants are from the Edwards Plateau and the Hill Country area, as well as the Rio Grande Plain. We're pleased to hold it in the Hill Country area," Guynn stated.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Kerr County Extension office, the Y O-Hilton and the Kerrville Chamber of Commerce will be coordinating what organizers feel are outstanding sessions on wildlife; livestock (cattle, sheep and goats); range and ranch business.

Further information may be received by contacting the Kerr County Extension office, or Drs. Guynn or Troxel at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center, P. O. Box 1849, Uvalde, Texas

posal, the Board voted to have Musco Lighting prepare a more detailed lighting diagram for presentation at its next meeting.

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Any interested bidder may obtain specifications by contacting Dick Kirby, County Auditor, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday before the bid opening.

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Card of Thanks

CHRISTMAS AT TEMPLO BAUTISTA JERUSALEM

There will be a Christmas program December 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Templo Bautista Jerusalem. The play, titled Aurora Resplandeciente, is directed by Lupe Gonzales.

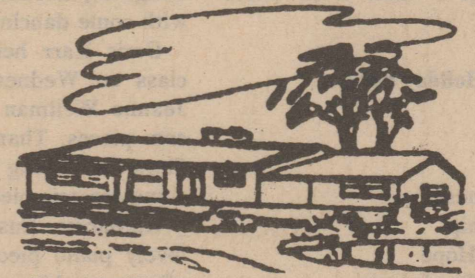
Everyone is invited and welcome to attend. The church is located at the corner of Santa Rosa and Blas.

We would like to thank all the people that participated in all the activities that took place at the benefit dance. We cannot find enough words to say how much we thank you all for your help. And please keep me in your prayers during my stay at the hospital this week.

May God bless you,
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