

All Around the Town by Mary Ann Sarchet

OUR NEWS IS IMPORTANT! The news about what you and your family are doing is an important part of your local newspaper.

From The County Agent's Desk

Favorable Weather Permitted Farmers to Accelerate Harvest

With favorable weather during the past week, farmers stepped up the harvesting of the remainder of the 1967 cotton crop.

Eight classing tables in operation processed 24,000 samples this week. The total samples classed for this season amounted to 100,000 as compared with 73,000 as of December 8, 1966.

The leading grades were: middling, 10%; strict low middling, 7%; middling light spotted, 62%; strict low middling light spotted, 9%; and middling spotted, 9%.

If you mail the letters to Santa, in care of Box 255, Silvertown, Texas 79257, they will be forwarded directly to the North Pole.

The staple lengths changed very little from the previous week, and ranged from 29/32 inch to 1 1/16 inches. The predominant length was 31/32 inch, with 47%.

Micronaire readings (fineness and maturity) showed a further decrease percentage-wise in the premium range of 3.5 - 4.9 with 2% compared with 77% the previous week.

Presley strength tests conducted in cooperation with the Cotton Research Committee of Texas continued to show the Eastern Pandal cotton to be of a strong fiber.

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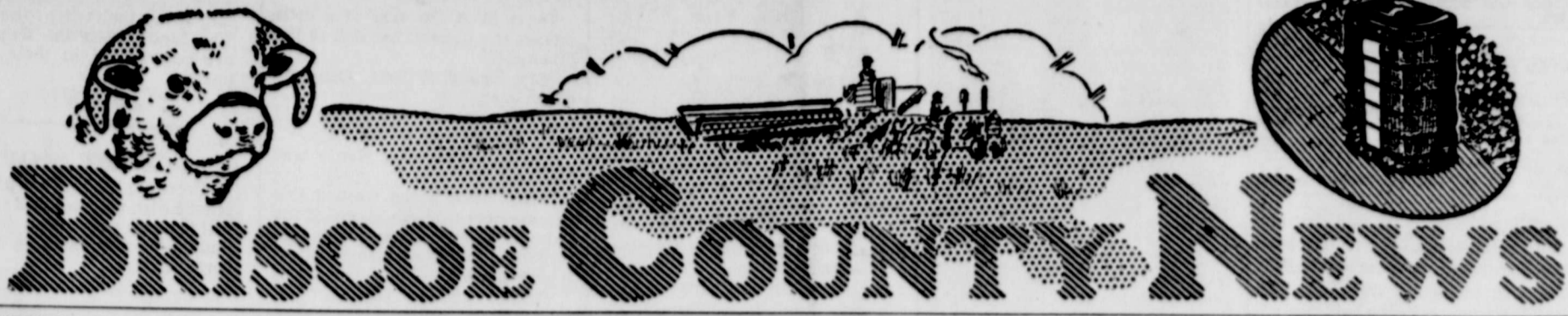
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Grain Drive To End December 14

The drive for grain for Boys Ranch will be concluded on December 14. It isn't too late for anyone wishing to assist this project to call the elevator where their grain is stored to ask them to set aside some of their grain for the Boys Ranch feeding program.

The Silvertown Young Farmers have sponsored the drive. All the grain donated is being rounded up and placed at the Silvertown Elevator. A truck from Boys Ranch will be here December 15 to get the grain. A complete list of the donors of grain sorghum will be provided for the Ranch headquarters.

Mrs. Mallow Hosts Christmas Party

W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Albert Mallow Tuesday for the circle's annual Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged, and Mrs. Robert Ledbetter gave a Christmas story, "The Pink Jade." Attending were Mrs. George Seaney, Mrs. Bob Hill, Mrs. G. Mayfield, Mrs. M. G. Moreland, Mrs. Lois Posey, Mrs. Gordon Alexander, Mrs. Arnold Turner, Mrs. Robert Ledbetter and Will, Mrs. Hardy Cole and Mrs. Mallow.

Santa To Be Here Saturday

W.S.C.S. Bake Sale Is Saturday

W. S. C. S. of the Silvertown Methodist Church will sponsor a bake sale Saturday morning at Nance's Food Store. The missionary society members ask that you let them do your Christmas baking by patronizing their bake sale Saturday.

It's Santa Letter Time Again!

It's time for all the kids to get their letters to Santa written and in the mail. All of the letters received before December 19 will be included in the special Christmas edition of the Briscoe County News.

If you mail the letters to Santa, in care of Box 255, Silvertown, Texas 79257, they will be forwarded directly to the North Pole. If the children prefer, they can address their letters directly to Santa at the North Pole, and through a special arrangement with the old gentleman has given his permission for all of them to be used in the December 21 edition of the Briscoe County News.

Christmas Tree Hints Given

Sugar may be good for coffee, but it doesn't help keep a Christmas tree fresh and green, says Briscoe County Agricultural Agent Ken Cook.

It is a myth that sugar or aspirin added to the water container in a Christmas tree stand will help keep the tree fresh.

There are some things that can be done to safely keep the tree fresh for a longer time, h says.

If the tree isn't put up right away, it should be kept in a cool location and sprinkled frequently with water. When the tree is moved into the house, the lower tip of the trunk should be cut off at an angle, exposing new wood. The base of the tree should be placed in water. A new tree may absorb as much as a quart of water in a day, so the water container should be checked daily. The moisture helps keep the needles full of water and reduces the fire hazard.

Here are some other tips. Place the tree away from heating units, fireplaces and television sets. Heat dries out the tree and creates a fire hazard.

Lights should be carefully hung on the tree. Each light puts out heat. If needles from the tree touch a bulb, it will dry them out and they will burn.

Most important, place the tree so that if it accidentally topples, it won't touch something that could be ignited or block a passageway.

Rock Creek Club Meets December 19

The Rock Creek Quilting Club will meet in the home of Mrs. D. Oneal for a tasting party on Tuesday afternoon, December 19.

Members are asked to bring a dish of their favorite recipes, and the other members will have an opportunity to taste everything that is brought.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Owens and Eddie in Quitaque were Dwain Henderson and Eural Vaughan. Mrs. Owens visited in the home of her son, Dwain Henderson, Monday.

L. O. A. Junior Study Club voted at their regular meeting on Tuesday to sponsor the visit of Santa Claus to Silvertown on Saturday afternoon, December 16.

Judge Appoints Fred Mercer As Commissioner

To Prepare Boxes For Shut-ins Here

The day and night circles of the W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist Church will meet at the church on Tuesday, December 19, at 9:30 a.m. for distribution of gifts for shut-ins of the community.

If any of the church members who aren't members of W. S. C. S. have things to be included in the boxes for shut-ins, any W. S. C. S. member will be glad to receive them.

Lions Club Zone Meeting Held Here

Silvertown Lions Club hosted a 2-T-1 Zone Meeting Monday night in the City Cafe dining room.

Following a steak dinner, Zone Chairman Glen Lindsey presided over the business meeting, and the Turkey, Flomot, Quitaque and Silvertown clubs, which make up this zone, voted to send the proceeds from their fruitcake sales to Girlstown U. S. A. at Borger.

It was also decided that the next Zone Meeting will be held in Turkey upon the invitation of that club.

Attending Monday night's meeting were Bob Ham, president, Pete Rice, James Cathey and M. L. Roberson of the Quitaque Club; Orville J. Lee, secretary of the Flomot Club; Loran Denton, president, and Arville Setliff, secretary, of the Turkey Club; Fred Mercer, J. L. Self, Cliff Allard, Dee McWilliams, Glen Lindsey, George Seaney, president, and Charles Sarchet, secretary, of the host club.

Girls Intermural Football Stars Named

The Silvertown High School coaching staff has selected their selections for the All-School players in girls intermural football for 1967.

Players are listed in order of their selection by the coaches.

Defensive All-Stars are Laquita Bomar, Linda McWilliams, Shirley Beames, Patti Tidwell, Judy Wilkinson, Lee Ann Tidwell, Maria Martinez. Honorable mention went to Nancy Reid, Pat McCoy and Betty Weathered.

Offensive All-Stars named were Nancy Reid, Lee Ann Tidwell, Judy Wilkinson, Pat McCoy, Maria Garcia, Shirley Beames, Laquita Bomar. Honorable mention was made of Ester Vasquez, Maria Vasquez and Betty Weathered.

Sp. 4 and Mrs. Ralph Hill are here on a 30-day leave from Fort Hood, Texas, where he is stationed. Sp. 4 Hill will be leaving on December 19 for Washington, and from there he expects to be shipped to Vietnam. His wife, the former Janice Hester, will be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hester, while her husband is overseas.

Sp. 4 Hill recently received his promotion to Specialist Four, which is about the equivalent of the rank of corporal, which is no longer used.

According to plans which were confirmed by Santa by telephone, the jolly fellow is expecting to meet all his Silvertown friends in the building south of Salem Dry Goods which was formerly occupied by City Cafe.

Turkey Shoot Set For December 16

The Silvertown Young Farmers will sponsor a Turkey Shoot at the Silvertown Gun Club Range on Saturday, December 16.

Prizes will be dressed turkeys and hams. A 12-gauge shotgun will be given away.

Birthday Party Held Monday Morning

A birthday party Monday morning at the High Plains Training Center and Sheltered Workshop for Retarded Children and Adults in Plainview honored Mary Frances, a six-year-old who is receiving training in order to be able to enter the public schools.

The cake, baked by Mrs. Randall Eddleman, was iced with pink and white and the birthday girl blew out the candles after the children had sung "Happy Birthday."

Mary Frances was also presented a necklace and ring set.

The party supplies, cake and favors for the party were furnished by L. O. A. Junior Study Club, and Mrs. Eddleman and Mrs. Charles Sarchet represented the club as hostesses at the party.

The High Plains Training Center is a project of the L. O. A. Junior Study Club, and the junior club is participating in a joint entry with Caprock District in the two-year C. I. P. contest, in an effort to win prize money which is badly needed for the Center.

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Bill Waters remains a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital.

Thanksgiving holiday visitors with Mrs. A. P. Dickenson were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilbur, Dee and Robert of Dalhart, Mr. and Mrs. George Terry of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Johnson from S. M. U.

Mrs. Jennie Fisher continues to receive treatment at Lockney General Hospital.

Briscoe County Judge M. G. Moreland has announced the official appointment of Fred Mercer as Commissioner of Precinct Three until a Commissioner is regularly elected in the general election next Fall and installed in that office January 1, 1969.

Merced will assume his duties as Commissioner on January 1, 1968. During the meeting of the Commissioners' Court here Monday morning, A. D. Arnold, who has served Precinct Three as Commissioner for the past 11 years, turned in his formal resignation which was accepted with regret by the Court.

Judge Moreland stated that it is his hope that the appointment will meet with the approval of the people in Precinct Three. "Fred was the first one that came to mind," said the Judge, "and he seemed to me to be the logical choice. I know he will serve the people of Briscoe County well during the coming year."

"We do, of course, accept Mr. Arnold's resignation with regret. We are sorry that he felt unable to serve the remainder of his term as Commissioner of Precinct Three," Judge Moreland added.

Tiffin Services Held On Wednesday

Funeral services for Howell Williams (Cowboy) Tiffin, 48, were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday at the First Methodist Church in Quitaque, with the Rev. J. W. Wells, pastor of Fairmont Baptist Church, and the Rev. Phillip Lopes, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Rest Haven Cemetery at Quitaque.

Mr. Tiffin died Sunday in the Albuquerque Veterans' Hospital. A native of Briscoe County, he farmed southeast of Quitaque. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Tena Cox of Quitaque; a son, Bob, of the U. S. Armed Forces stationed in Thailand; two brothers, Keyth, of Silvertown, and J. B. of Quitaque; a sister, Mrs. Mary Roria of Fort Worth, and two grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Sommerfeld are parents of a daughter, Debra Lyn, born at 10:55 a.m. December 5, in Swisher Memorial Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, fifteen and a half ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Welch of Clarendon and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Willmann of Mason. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Art Kneese of Fredericksburg and Emil Sommerfeld of Mason.

Mrs. A. H. Chappell has been a patient in Lockney General Hospital. She expected to return to her home Wednesday.

Bud Vaughan is a patient in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo after undergoing surgery there last week.

Mrs. J. E. Patton and children and Mrs. J. L. West were in Lockney, so the children could see a doctor, and in Plainview Monday morning.

Santa will have candy for the children who come to the workshop he will have set up there.

The project was undertaken when it was learned that no organization was making plans to invite Santa here for a visit with the children. According to Mrs. J. E. Patton, chairman of the projects committee of L. O. A. Junior Study Club, "We just couldn't stand to think about so many children not getting to see Santa during this Christmas season, so at the very last minute we gave it the go-ahead signal. By having Santa indoors, we won't have to worry about bad weather keeping the children away."

Last Call For The 1967 Greeting Page

Mrs. Burlison Buried Here Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruth Bain Burlison, 68, of Amarillo, were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Monday in Pleasant Valley Methodist Church, with the Rev. Frank Oglesby, pastor, officiating.

The body lay in state from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Silvertown Funeral Home.

Graveside rites were conducted at 3:00 p.m. in the Silvertown Cemetery with Earl Cantwell, minister of the Rock Creek Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Burlison died Friday in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Survivors include her husband, two sons, three brothers and six grandchildren. She was a relative of the McMurtry family of Silvertown.

ATTEND NEWS AND PHOTO CLINIC IN LUBBOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sarchet attended a News and Photo Conference at the KoKo Inn in Lubbock Friday and Saturday. The two-day meeting opened with a tour of the Texas Tech journalism school at 5:30 p.m. followed by a buffet supper at the student union. News people, photographers and photo experts attended from Austin, Houston, Mesquite, Junction, Perryton, Borger, Merton, Hale Center, Kress, McLean, Dallas and other cities in Texas. The meeting was sponsored by the Texas Press Association and the Texas Tech journalism department.

Jay Miller, who is serving in the U. S. Navy aboard the USS Oahkhill which is in port at San Francisco until March 1968, arrived home in leave December 8. He is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lark Miller, Steve and Judy, other relatives and friends, and expects to return to his base in California January 4.

Time To Sign Up For Medical Part Of Medicare

Persons 65 or older who did not sign up in the first enrollment period for the medical expense part of medicare may do so through March 1968, according to Travis C. Briggs, Amarillo social security district manager.

Coverage for the late enrollees would begin July 1, 1968.

This part of Medicare helps pay doctor bills and other medical services not provided under the hospital part of the law. Doctor's services are covered no matter where received—home, office or hospital.

The present monthly premium rate of \$3.00, with the Government paying the other half, will continue through March 1968. Before the end of 1967, the premium rate through 1969 will be announced.

This is the last call for names for the Christmas Greeting Page. All names to be included must be received at the office of the Briscoe County News by Saturday, December 16.

The project is being sponsored by the L. O. A. Junior Study Club.

The page will be similar to the one last year. A donation in any amount to the Silvertown Fire Department will place your name on the page, along with the explanation that you are donating to the club's project to assist the fire department in purchasing the equipment it needs instead of sending out Christmas cards locally.

Anyone who would like to extend Christmas greetings to Silvertown friends can take part in the project.

Donations to the fire department are being taken by all the members of L. O. A. Junior Study Club, according to members of the projects committee, Mrs. J. E. Patton, Mrs. Robert Haley Hill and Mrs. Charles Sarchet. Checks can be made to: Silvertown Fire Department Project Fund, and can be mailed to L. O. A. Junior Study Club, c/o Box 255, Silvertown, Texas 79257, or taken to the Briscoe County News office.

The project will close about December 15, 1967.

Miss De Anne Robertson of Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. James Ellis and family of Lockney; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lark Miller, Judy, Jay and Steve.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boling were in Lubbock Tuesday.

Area residents who wish additional information about this or other parts of the social security law should contact the office at 1006 S. Adams, Phone DR 6-5151 an Amarillo.

Additional information may be secured from the representative of the Amarillo office who will be in Silvertown on Thursday, December 21, from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. at the courthouse.

The field representative will be here to assist you with any matters relating to social security.

The Amarillo office is open 8:15 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and is open until 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

Young Homemakers See Demonstration

Silvertown Young Homemakers had a called meeting on Thursday, November 30, and heard Mrs. C. Kitchens present a demonstration on Sculptress products, fashions, make-up and in conclusion, Mrs. Kitchens presented each member with a compact.

Plans were discussed for the club's Christmas Party on December 14, in the P. C. A. community room.

Mrs. Joe Lee Bomar served cakes and donuts to Mmes. Kitchens, Ken Cook, Jarus Flowers, Gordon Lowrey and Wayne Stephens.

The next regular meeting will be tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the P. C. A. community room. A salad supper will be served.

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Correct Addresses On Overseas Mail Stressed

Postmaster Fred Strange today urged the citizens of Silverton to be sure to use the correct addresses on letters and packages going to servicemen overseas to avoid serious delays in delivery.

Postmaster Strange reported that millions of letters and packages going overseas have been delayed because they were insuffi-

ciently addressed. He said that one of the biggest problems has been the failure of persons to include the very important five-digit APO or FPO number in the military address. Mail not containing this number is incorrectly addressed.

He said that last year more than nine million pieces of mail were delayed in delivery. Of this number, 3 1/2 million pieces failed to include the complete five-digit APO or FPO number in the address. This improperly addressed mail had to be sent to a military locator directory where time-consuming searches were made to determine the proper addresses.



FAMILIAR SIGHTS . . . Three ingredients common to New York's Christmas season are shown in this photo: Santa Claus, a Salvation Army cadet and the famous Rockefeller Center Christmas tree.

The Christmas mail volume going overseas is expected to increase up to 30 percent or over four million pounds above last year, and every precaution should be taken by friends and relatives of servicemen to address their letters and packages properly to assure rapid delivery to its destination, the Postmaster added.

There are four essential elements to an overseas military address:

1. The serviceman's name, grade and service number
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3. His gateway post office, New York, San Francisco or Seattle.
4. APO or FPO five-digit number

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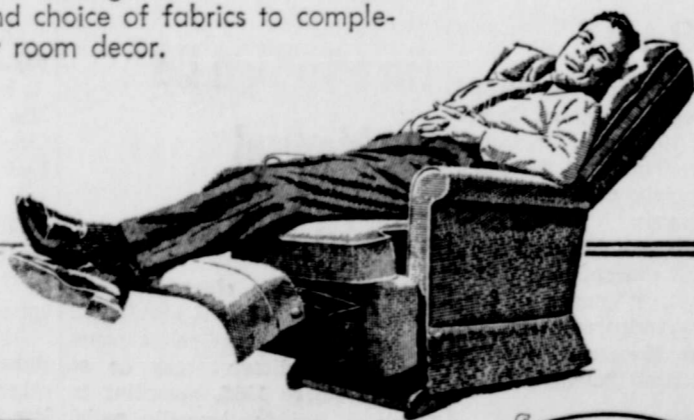
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You don't have to spend all your money to have a beautifully-decorated home at Christmas. Use ingenuity. Make most of your own decorations. In addition to the savings, you'll find that it's fun—and highly satisfying.

For example, stir up your own tree ornaments in a mixing bowl. Combine plastic starch and laundry detergent to make a stiff mixture. Then make frosty icicles by dipping bobby pins into the mixture. A loop of string tied through the closed end of the bobby pin serves as a handle for the dipping and as a hanger to put it on the tree.

Burned out flash or light bulbs make lovely tree balls if painted in gay colors. Stick on colorful seals, sequins, or ribbons for a finishing touch.

Popcorn strings, an old favorite, are colorful Christmas-tree ropes if you pop the corn two or three days before stringing, and dip it in a thin sugar syrup colored with vegetable coloring.

Save lids from paper ice cream cups, then trim by pasting on colored designs cut from old Christmas greeting cards. To hang, slip a paper clip or wire through a hole punched in the tab of the lid.

Doctoring Dolls Rewarding Task

Tears filled the eyes of a little girl as she handed her doll to the "doctor."
 "My Nancy is hurt. Can you help her?"
 "Don't worry," the doctor told her. "Nancy will be all right."
 And one hour later Nancy was all right.

The "doctor" who worked this non-medical miracle is one of the nation's foremost experts in the forgotten art of repairing dolls—Irving Chase.

"Doctor Chase" handles "patients" from all over the globe, but most of them come from New York, his home base.

Handed Down
 Doll repair has been the Chase family's vocation for at least three generations. Irving Chase learned from his father and grandfather, the latter of whom repaired dolls in Germany.

Chase is referred to by his customers as "Doctor Irving." He refers to the dolls as "patients" and calls his assistants "nurses."
 During a typical day Chase does everything from repairing a damaged head to complete refinishing a doll's surface (skin).

His busiest season is from December through February. In December, dolls are brought in to be repaired so they can be used as Christmas gifts. Following Christmas, his "hospital" is literally swamped with newly broken dolls.

WOMEN PAST 21 WITH BLADDER IRRITATION Suffer Many Troubles

After 21, common Kidney or Bladder Irritations affect twice as many women as men and may make you tense and nervous from too frequent, burning or itching urination both day and night. Secondly, you may lose sleep and suffer from Headaches, Backache and feel old, tired, depressed. In such irritation, CYSLEX usually brings fast, relaxing comfort by curbing irritating germs in strong, acid urine and by analgesic pain relief. Get CYSLEX at drug-gists. See how fast it can help you.



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What is perhaps the nation's most reprinted editorial was written in the year 1897, in response to a school girl's simple question about the validity of the Santa Claus legend. Virginia O'Hanlon, then eight years old, sent this question to the editor of the New York Sun: "Dear Editor: Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

The answer to this question, penned by an editorial writer named Francis Pharcellus Church has become an American classic. Here it is, in full:

"Dear Editor—Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus . . ."

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus but, even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else more real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

SANTA CLAUS, IND.

Two explanations have arisen for naming this small town near Evansville, Indiana, after the modified name of Saint Nicholas. About seventy five years ago this town applied for a post office and suggested the name Sant Fe. When it was learned that this name already applied to a post office in the state, the people decided to name it Santa-claus, changing it in 1928 to the customary words.

A second version says that in 1882, on Christmas Eve, while some residents were discussing in the general store the naming of their town, Santa Claus walked in. Unanimously they called out "Let's name it Santa Claus."

Whichever explanation is correct, the town has been busy both summer and winter in recent years. In summer, tourists stop in to see the museum, the original post office with its fine collection of toys of the past decades. A Santa Claus park, life size Mother Goose figures, Kriss Kringle Street, and a colored statue of the white bearded saint, twenty-three feet high, weighing forty-two tons — all these make it a rare attraction during the ten months when Christmas mail is of secondary interest.

TOYS TO PLEASE

Toy manufacturers say that very often toys are bought for the parent. Parents intend the purchase for their child but neglected to notice how the toy operates. A toy loses very much play value if it has to be operated by a parent. Choose the right toys for your child. It will be easy to determine which type toy is best by watching reactions — take him to the toy shop.

HAZARDOUS TOYS

Be sure that this year all the toys you give children, or toys your children receive, are safe. If they are electrical, be sure they carry an inspection label.

Also take care in giving and receiving toys requiring kerosene, alcohol, or carbide lamps. They are dangerous in juvenile hands.

Lamb Said It

No One Is Indifferent

Charles Lamb put it very concisely when he said that "No one ever regarded the First of January with indifference."

Curiosity, hope and superstition have marked man's observance of the New Year for centuries.

Among superstitious beliefs was that "dipping" provided an insight into the future. Dipping involved the opening of the family Bible while the head of the house, with eyes closed, indicated a passage with his finger; the text, supposedly properly interpreted, was supposed to foretell the good or bad luck in store in the months ahead.

Man has always been as curious about what the future

holds as he has been eager to learn about all things unknown. Have you ever noticed how many "forecasters" are present at New Year parties and gatherings? Almost everyone can tell you what is going to happen in the world of business and finance, in politics, in affairs of state, in our relations with other countries around the world.

Be indifferent about the New Year? It's hardly possible. Try as you may, you cannot help but dwell for a moment upon the personal events and happenings of 1967. And, you cannot deny that you have some hopes and plans for 1968.

We hope that is a very good year for you.

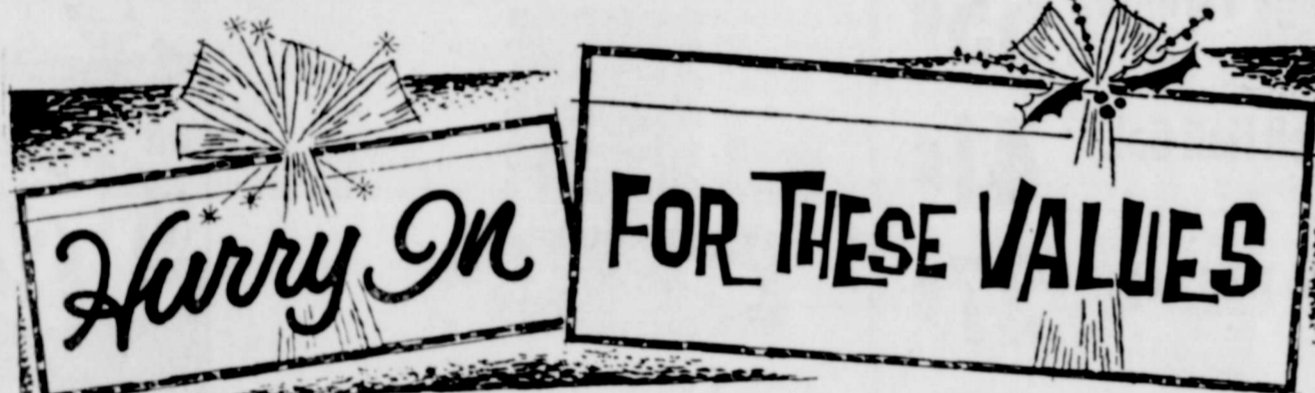


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It has been requested that the members of L. O. A. Junior Study Club publish the names of servicemen so that it will be easier to remember them with letters, gifts and Christmas cards. Several of those listed last week have been corrected.

If you know of further corrections to this list, please contact Mrs. Charles Sarchet, Phone 3381.

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BRISCOE COUNTY FARMER HAS NEAR RECORD MICRONAIRE

It is a quite interesting story to hear the experience of Joe B. Mercer, a member in the Briscoe County Co-Op Gin, who lives in Silvertown and farms on the High Plains near this city, as he relates his experience with a new cotton that was first released in 1966. Mr. Mercer has a verticillium wilt problem on his farm and he planted the new Gregg 25V that has the glandless seed, both years of 1966 and 1967, and no wilt showed up in the cotton. In 1966 he watered in July and then again just before the rain started around the 20th of August, which lasted for four or five weeks, and he says the cotton didn't make at all. This year he planted the same cotton again, but he managed it differently and he has quite a different story to tell.

Out of 97 wrap-ups from approximately 48 acres he had 80 bales ranging in micronaire from 3.7 to 4.3 with only 11 bales falling below the 3.5. The lint yield per acre averaged 1054 pounds compress weights; there were 61% of the staples ranging from one inch to 1 1/16; with 30% being 31/32, and the remainder

15/16. The planting was finished by April 18, and harvesting was completed by November 12.

Here is a salute to you, Mr. Mercer, a farmer of the Plains on the northern fringe of the cotton belt with a record like this on wilt infested ground, in a bad year for micronaire like '67. When Mr. Mercer was asked how he watered the cotton in '67, he replied, "I watered it July 20th, and that was it, and it never rained any afterwards." He also states that he had a neighbor who had the 25V in '66, and that he watered in July, but had not watered again when the rains started, and that he had one of the best fields of cotton around.

Just a reminder that the fully stormproof Gregg 35 in which a large percentage of the South Plains has been planted in the past is still a good cotton. And if you like a high production cotton with an excellent turnout you cannot pass up the new Gregg 45. The 35 and 45 are not tolerant to verticillium wilt. Gregg Seed Farms, 2700 Lockney Highway, Plainview, Texas. (Adv.)

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Friendship Tea Attended By Members Of Three Silverton Study Clubs

Members of Century of Progress Study Club and March of Time Study Club were guests of L. O. A. Junior Study Club for a Friendship Tea at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 12, in the P. C. A. community room.

The meeting was called to order by the L. O. A. Club president, Mrs. Randall Eddleman, and the program was given by Mrs. Charles Sarchet before all joined in repeating the Collect for Clubmen and saying the Pledge to the American Flag.

Presidents of the three clubs brought parts on the informal program by "Sharing the Highlights and Low Spots in Club." Mrs. J.

V. Self, first vice president of the March of Time Study Club, represented her club in the absence of Mrs. Roy Mayfield. She described her club's projects, and the library project in detail. Mrs. Edwin Dickerson reported on the Century of Progress Study Club projects and told some amusing notes in her club's life. She emphasized her club's participation in the Silverton Enterprises (to provide movies for teenagers) and their plans for a teen time party. Mrs. Eddleman described the L. O. A. projects and interests, stressing the reward the club has received through the servicemen's remembrance project and her

"TRAIL DUST" PUBLISHED BY DOUG MEADOR OF MATADOR

Doug Meador, editor of the Matador Tribune at Matador, Texas, has recently published a volume called "Trail Dust," containing items which have appeared in his column of the same name in his weekly newspaper during the

past 40 years. Born in Matador, Meador was six months old when his parents moved to a farm near Paducah. He walked more than three miles to a rural school and rode horseback to high school in Paducah. He developed a desire to write at an early age, and on occasions he arose before dawn, wrapped his feet in old quilts and began writing in an unheated room.

club's interest in helping the retarded children at the High Plains Training Center in Plainview.

Mrs. Joe Kitchens added "Aims of Clubs in Other Lands" pointing out some notable things about federated clubs in several foreign countries.

Hostesses for the occasion, Mrs. Champ McGavock, Mrs. Dean Rowell and Mrs. Sarchet, served cake, hot mulled cider, coffee, mints and nuts with crystal and silver appointments to the club members in attendance. The refreshment table was laid with a white lace cloth over green and a green, gold and white Christmas centerpiece with white lighted tapers was used. The registration table was covered with a gold lace cloth over green, with an arrangement of gilded flowers and green velvet roses surrounding a gold Christmas angel inside a golden "friendship chain."

Attending the tea were Mrs. Dickerson, Mrs. E. A. Birdwell and Mrs. O. C. Rampley, of the Century of Progress Study Club; Mrs. Self, Mrs. True Burson, Mrs. Tony Burson, Mrs. T. T. Crass, Miss Anna Lee Anderson and Mrs. Alvin Redin, of the March of Time Study Club; Mrs. Eddleman, Mrs. J. E. Patton, Mrs. Kitchens, Mrs. Leo Fleming, Mrs. McGavock, Mrs. Rowell and Mrs. Sarchet, of the L. O. A. Junior Study Club.

Meador pursued a writing career in Hollywood and sold three short plays before returning to Matador in his native Texas to work in a drug store. He married a few months before the stock market crash and soon was forced to seek other employment—he then secured his first newspaper job, in the advertising department of the Childress Daily Index. After three months, he returned to Matador to work for the Motley County News. Loosing this job because of the depression, he tried his hand at a number of jobs, and started the first Matador Tribune, which was printed in Floydada. After seven issues he was forced to cease publication.

In 1932, he started in the newspaper venture with \$143 out of a handset shop at Roaring Springs and after 15 months moved the newspaper plant to Matador, acquired a partner and formed the They purchased the Motley County News and combined the two. In 1935, Meador purchased his own and has been publisher of partner's interest (in the indebted newspaper for more than a third of a century.

Meador started the "Trail Dust" column in his first paper. It won an award as the best column traced interest in 1934 when it in Texas. It has appeared in all Baptist Standard, to books of types of publications from the quotations. Reader's Digest has used it three times recently. It has appeared often in "Quote" Magazine and is used by many newspapers, including the Los Angeles Times, as well as nearby country weeklies. It has won numerous state and regional awards as an outstanding column.

Meador is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, Professional Journalistic Society, and in 1952 was named Texas Newspaperman of the Year by the Dallas Chapter of the

organization. Following is a sample of the offering in the encyclopedia of vignette philosophy contained in the "Trail Dust" book. Included are parables in windmills and the weather, sagebrush or sunbonnets; will you try a few, and if you would like a copy of the book, order it from Tribune Publishing Company, Matador 79244. (\$3.85 plus tax)

THE UNDERPRIVILEGED

Many winters have passed since I sat before the open oven door of the kitchen range to dry my wet shoes and warm my cold feet. I never owned a pair of over-shoes until long after I had quit the feed lot, milking shed and wood pile. I know now that my family was underprivileged, but so were our neighbors and friends. We had plenty of wholesome food, but if our grocery bill was more than \$6 per month, my mother would cut down on the luxury of Post Toasties. Strangely enough, there are no regrets, which is a verbose way of saying underprivileged people are not always unhappy.

PATTER OF RAIN

Should destiny sanction that I be allowed to hear only one sound before the thundering drums of eternity, I should choose, without hesitancy, the slow patter of rain. In it, I would always hear flutes at evening, the mighty notes of a cathedral whose dome is the sky... a young mother singing to her child... a prayer...

THE COUNTRY GIRL

Somewhere in the changing of scenery for the automobile after the curtain descended without applause for the spring buggy, the country girl has become lost. There are no more country girls—only girls who live in the country.

AN ERA PASSES

A wide-tired wagon pulled by four mules lumbered slowly down a busy highway a few weeks ago. Two cars of eastern tourists passed without turning a head. There was little to command attention of a passing era—the old range chuck wagon. The romance of windswept prairies and cattle kingdoms were ghosts following the wagon on that gloryless road. The jingle of ten thousand spurs from as many hills are silenced tightly in the vise of time. The old bed grounds are field and garden lots. The old trails are buried, their ruts choked with concrete.

DAWN

There is something unearthly about a world swimming in the liquid silver of a western moon at daybreak. Dawn is a freckled girl in tattered raiment standing beside the jeweled mistress of the night...

WINDMILLS

Windmills, turning lazily, break the terror of endless prairies. They are man's faithful sentry, charged with the duty of guarding the treacherous enemy of dust, in scattering waterholes. They are stakes driven by progress to mark its path of conquest.

SUNBONNETS

Women usually select their millinery for the benefit of their contemporaries of their own sex because most hats look alike to a man. Without any means to advance a personal preference, I am certain that the beauty of a new sunbonnet, starched crisp and dainty, is unsurpassed as adorn-



MR. AND MRS. W. A. HOLT—1917

Anniversary To Be Observed Sunday

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt are planning a reception in honor of the couple's golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 17, from 3:00 until 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Holt family home in Silverton. They are extending an invitation to all the friends and neighbors of the family to join them in celebrating the anniversary. No invitations are being sent locally.

Hosting the reception will be Mr. and Mrs. Rex Holt, Karen, David and Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Garvin, Scott and Dara, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dale Kitchens, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kitchens and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Frizzell.

Mrs. Holt, the former Leona Seay, was born December 16, 1900, in Corryell County. Mr. Holt was born August 1, 1896, in Erath County. They were married December 29, 1917 in Silverton, and have lived here all of their married life with the exception of one year in California.

Mr. Holt, a retired farmer, and his wife have one son, Rex, who farms on the home place southwest of Silverton and a daughter,

ment for a feminine head.

BRIDGES OF DOUBT

There is something about the rumble of a wagon at night that is warming to the heart. To me it is a rejoicing of homecoming that sweeps me back to childhood, when evening shadows pulled curtains across the road where I watched for the return of my father. There was always the dark wing of fear that soared away when the rattle of chains and the rumble of his wagon could be heard. It was the bridge that carried me over doubt until I could hear his voice.

About the time I assume the management of an idea and develop it to the stage of being valuable to someone, I find that I have been anywhere from a day to a thousand years too slow, offering it to the world.

I DON'T DRINK

by a High School Girl
Everybody's doing it? No, not yet!
Because I'm somebody, don't forget!
Anyone with courage to stop and think
Is certainly somebody: I don't drink.
Many a "somebody" who didn't think
Became a nobody because of drink.
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Silverton Tourney Results Are Given

Winners of the Silverton Invitational Basketball Tournament held here last weekend were the Estelline girls and the Lockney boys. Turkey's girls and the Silverton Owls were winners of the second-place trophies, while the third-place girls trophy went to Hart and the boys from Kress took home a third-place trophy. The Lockney girls and the Estelline boys won the consolation trophies.

THE GAMES

Thursday, Girls' Games
 Estelline 52, Lockney 25
 Cheri Rapp, 32 Janice Smith, 14
 Hart 46, Flomot 42
 Margaret Swindle, 15
 Pam Morris, 23
 Turkey 45, Kress 39
 Kathy Wedge, 23
 Dianna Vaughan, 18
 Silverton 40, Matador 23
 Evelyn Wood, 11
 Brenda Wason, 9
 Thursday, Boys' Games
 Lockney 69, Estelline 42
 Bick Bickley, 20 Jim Adcock, 18
 Flomot 59, Hart 44
 George Calvert, 32
 Tommy Gonzales, 11
 Kress 58, Turkey 35
 Jim Rick, 15 Johnny King, 13
 Silverton 44, Matador 31
 (overtime)
 Dale Sissney, 27 Durrell Cruse, 8
 Friday Girls' Games
 Lockney 41, Flomot 39
 J. Smith, 24 P. Morris, 19
 Estelline 62, Hart 22
 C. Rapp, 44 Rebecca Futrell, 15
 Kress 44 Matador 23
 D. Vaughan, 15 Debbie Small-wood, 20
 Turkey 51, Silverton 36
 K. Wedge, 26 Ginger Martin, 17
 Friday Boys' Games
 Estelline 49, Hart 37
 J. Adcock, 16 T. Gonzales, 10
 Rex Henderson, 10
 Lockney 82, Flomot 76
 Tracy Dickson, 21 G. Calvert, 37
 B. Bickley, 21
 Turkey 70, Matador 45
 J. King, 23 D. Cruse, 12
 Silverton 56, Kress 54
 (overtime)
 D. Sissney, 23 Charles Harris, 19
 Saturday Girls' Games
 Consolation Bracket
 Lockney 50, Kress 31
 D. Brotherton, 25 Sherry Smith, 15
 Third Place
 Hart 33, Silverton 29
 R. Futrell, 18 G. Martin, 17
 Championship Bracket
 Estelline 56, Turkey 45
 C. Rapp, 46 K. Wedge, 28
 Saturday Boys' Games
 Consolation Bracket
 Estelline 41, Turkey 36
 J. Adcock, 12 David Majors, 14
 Third Place
 Kress 70, Flomot 53
 C. Hudson, 23 G. Calvert, 24
 Championship Bracket
 Lockney 66, Silverton 42
 T. Dickson, 13 D. Sissney, 13
 Tim Jeffress, 13
 B. Bickley, 13

THE OWL'S HOOT



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1967

Air Force Test Results Received Here

Results of the Air Force Qualifying Tests, given earlier to all Senior students in Silverton High School, arrived last week. T/Sgt. Stan Hare, Air Force recruiter from Amarillo, said that he was very pleased with the exceptionally high scores. Of 39 taking the tests, three made perfect scores; testing at Amarillo High School brought only five perfect scores out of some 200 who were tested. A certificate will be presented to the three Senior boys who made the top grade of 95 on all four parts of the test. The certificates will be presented in assembly to Terry Grimland, Gene Smith and Joe Mercer. The four areas of testing were mechanical, administrative, general and electronics.

Song Dedications

The Cheater—Brenda Beames
 Meet Me at Midnight—Mary Lane
 Judy in Disguise—Steve M. to Judy Wilkinson
 Let It Be Me—Ruby to Jimmie
 Cherish—Tim to Diana, Ronald to Ginger
 Big Boss Man—Jimmie Ray from Typing classes
 Going to the Chapel—Pat and Dale
 Happiness is Being With You—Lee Ann to Dale
 Red Baron—Larry Comer
 The Sound of Love—Kathy and Cletus
 Tippy Toeing—Art and Rosie
 Down, Down, Down—Clifford
 Last Kiss—Kathi and Wade
 My Girl—Ricky to Jackie Carol
 Sweet Things—Vicki and Ian
 Bobby—Bob Cole
 Teen Angel—Van to Jan
 Young Love—Bill and Cathy
 Young and in Love—Jerry and Barbara
 More—Teresa and ?
 It Takes Two—Maria M. and Johnny G.
 Yesterday Is Gone—Mary and ?
 What's That You've Got?—BoBo Cantwell
 When I Grow Up To Be a Man—Senior boys
 Got Along Without You Before
 We Knew You—Lynn F. from The Group
 Big Boss Man—Dale S.
 Two Boys for Every Girl—To Susan, Dale and???

Shopper's Corner

WANTED: One right index finger. Roy Wood.
 FOR SALE: Certain Seniors. Certain other Seniors.
 WANTED: Someone to love. Gary W.
 FOR SALE: Sixth Period dumb-dumb class. Sam Brown
 WANTED: A new car. Tim (His old one is worn out.)
 FOR SALE: One VERY worn-out paddle. O. C.
 WANTED: Theme for a banquet. Juniors.
 FOR SALE: My "job" in Typing II Jerry Shoemaker.
 WANTED: To STOMP Quitaque. Everybody
 WANTED: A Christmas present for a 15-year-old girl who has everything. Larry

LUNCHROOM -MENU-

Thursday—Fried chicken and gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, jello salad, rolls, butter, milk
 Friday—Hamburgers, French fries, cookies, milk
 Monday—Burrito, chili, cheese, green salad, buttered corn, fruit, bread, milk
 Tuesday—Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, bread, butter and milk

Senior Class News

In a meeting Tuesday of last week, J. R. Alexander, class sponsor, talked with the class for a few minutes before a regular meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the door decoration and Christmas party.

Owls Take Hart In Regular Games

December 6 saw both varsity teams take wins over Hart in games at Hart. In the first game, the girls held a 41-33 victory over Hart with Ginger Martin leading the Owlettes with 23 points. Margaret Swindle caged 15 points for Hart. Also scoring for the Owlettes were Jan Hutsell, 16, and Evelyn Wood, 2. At the end of the first quarter, Silverton led 12-4. The first half ended 19-12 and led to the 41-33 final score. In the second game, the Owls captured a 31-30 victory from the Longhorns. Dale Sissney led with 11 points, followed by Joe Mercer, 9; Randy Cantwell, 6; and Lynn Frizzell, 5. Tommy Gonzales got 10 points for Hart. The Owls led the entire game, the first quarter ending 6-3. At halftime, the score stood at 18-12 and the last period began with the Owls owning a 23-19 lead. The 'Horns came alive in the final minutes of play, and finished the game only one point behind.

Fifteen Senior Girls Take Test

Senior girls who are enrolled in home economics were given the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow test on December 5. The 45-minute test was given to find the best potential homemaker in Silverton, who will be able to compete for state and national honors. Mrs. Brenda Cook, home economics instructor, acted as supervisor. Taking the test were Ian Lanham, Vicki Vaughan, Rickie Bingham, Laquita Bomar, Joyce Brooks, Mary Lane Whitfill, Jan Hutsell, Venita Teeple, Karen Holt, Jane Self, Brenda Beames, Ruby Pitchford, Ninette Martin, Pat Grabbe and Ester Vasquez.

F. H. A. Meeting

Vicki Vaughan called the meeting of the Future Homemakers of America to order, and the members recited the Creed. It was announced that all money for candy must be turned in before the Christmas holidays. The work list for the cake sale Saturday was discussed, and instructions were given. The work list for the Tasting Party was made out.

Sophomore News

The Sophomore Class met Tuesday of last week, and selected the Annual Staff room door to decorate for Christmas. The committee appointed to decorate the door was composed of Jay Long, Steve Brown, Max Hamilton, Janet Montague, Cathy Jones and Paula Birdwell. Paula Birdwell, Pat Jarrett and Rhonda Drewry were appointed to plan a skit for the class to present during the Christmas party.

Christmas Party To Be December 19

The Student Council has planned the annual Christmas party for the high school students for Tuesday, December 19, the last day of school before the holidays. An assembly program will be held in the afternoon, with each class presenting Christmas entertainment. Refreshments will also be served. The day has been designated as "dress-up" day. The doors were to be decorated before Wednesday for the contest.

Safe, Durable Toys Best for Youngsters

Carefully selected toys will give children many happy hours of safer, constructive play. Poorly chosen toys, on the other hand, will collect dust on the shelf or need repairing a few days after Christmas.

Many winding and friction-drive toys are limited in their use and are not recommended for children. On the other hand, blocks, logs and other such toys will help develop a child's creativity.

If you choose a doll as a gift, be sure it is durable. Check the arms to see that they will bend easily. Also see that the fingers are not spread out so that it is difficult to dress the doll.

Make Clothes Simple
 Doll clothes should be attractive, yet made so the child can manage them herself. They should open down either the front or the back and fasten with snaps, large buttons or ties.

The construction and material used in toys is also important. Since hard plastics break easily, soft plastics, metal and wood are better for toys. Inspect metal toys carefully to be sure there are no sharp edges.

BOAR'S HEAD for Christmas



Turkey dominates the American holiday dinner menu but back in the days of Medieval England it was the boar's head which occupied the spot of honor at the Yuletide feasting table.

During late September or October, bands of hunters using trained boar-hounds pursued the ferocious boar. Once cornered by the hounds, the wild animal was surrounded and killed by spears or driven into a net and captured.

Chasing the boar was a dangerous sport for the animal was possessed of a nasty temper and very sharp teeth with which he could easily wound and sometimes kill the hunter and his dogs.

But the fruits of the chase were worth the effort and the bolder the boar, the louder were his praises sung as his steaming head was borne to the Christmas table.

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A flat box of letter paper can be disguised as a desk pad by using a real blotter on top with corners of metallic paper.

Be Different
 Everybody gets and gives neckties at Christmas, so why not make yours distinctive, by using a necktie knot in decorating the box containing the tie? Fasten the ends of the ribbon under the lid about 1/4 way down, bring to center, tie the knot and shape the ends tie fashion. Use dark blue, wine or green ribbon about one and one-half inches wide. These are attractive used on a striped or plaid paper.
 Or the package might resemble a tiny suitcase wrapped in paper with the ends bound in decorative tape. Add a handle and identification tag.

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Top Tree
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Black spruce—a hardy tree, but has a dark, un-Christmasy color. It is widely used for dyed and treated trees.

White spruce—another hardy, attractive tree, but unfortunately it gives off an unpleasant odor.

Some things to look for in selecting a tree: retention of needles; full symmetrical shape; limbs without sagging; fragrant odor, springy branches.



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 Danny V. could write?
 Laquita B. didn't giggle?
 Gary W. didn't watch cartoons on Saturday mornings?
 Ginger was ugly?
 Quitaque boys didn't come to the Silverton Tournament?
 Roland didn't wear sunglasses?
 Clifford was in love?
 Crockett wasn't so smart?
 James hadn't called Ninette?

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Election Precinct No. One shall consist of all of Commissioners' Precinct No. One and the boundaries thereof shall be identical; Election Precinct No. Two shall consist of all of Commissioners' Precinct No. Two and the boundaries thereof shall be identical; Election Precinct No. Three shall consist of all of Commissioners' Precinct No. Three and the boundaries thereof shall be identical;

Election Precinct No. Four shall consist of all of Commissioners' Precinct No. Four lying adjacent to and South of Tule Creek and the boundaries thereof shall be consistent therewith;

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Mrs. Charlie Rowell visited in the Dean Rowell home Monday evening.

Mrs. Gwan Lane Wilkinson of Guyton, Oklahoma, Mrs. Gwan Wilkinson, Judy and Shelia attended a shower for Miss Peggy Tiffin, bride-elect of Durwood Wilkinson, in Quitaque on November 25.

Gail Bullock is a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital.

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