

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



LEST WE FORGET! What Christmas really means to us, when baby Jesus was born on this day in a manger to his mother Mary, and father Joseph, and the Wise Men brought gifts. We have been caught up in such a whirl of shopping for presents and parties until we never stop to think about the true meaning of what Christmas is all about. It is so sad, that we don't take the time to slow down in life and enjoy the Christmas spirit in the right manner. The manger scene above is why we observe the Christmas season and our love for Jesus should abound in our lives every day. It saddens our hearts that the night after this picture was made vandals maliciously destroyed the scene to the point that it couldn't be restored at the Shallowater United Methodist Church.

News of Christ's Birth
First Told to Shepherds

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night".

So begins the scriptural account of the most thrilling announcement ever made to mankind: the birth of Jesus. It was not made, interestingly enough, to the rich and powerful or even to one of the many prophets that the tiny country of Israel seemed to produce in such abundance during Biblical times.

The "good news" that the Messiah had at last come to a waiting world was first announced to a group of shepherds tending their flock through the night, St. Luke tells us. Even though Christ was probably not born during the winter, when we traditionally celebrate His birth (scientists believe that it actually occurred in the springtime) the shepherds were probably doing their best to keep warm in the chill night air; one can imagine them huddled around a fire, perhaps making the lonely hours pass with occasional conversation.

Suddenly, there is a dazzling sight; so dazzling that, St. Luke tells us, "they were sore afraid". The angel that appeared in the midst of them sought to reassure them, saying "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people".

The angel describes the Christ Child to the awestruck shepherds and soon they see an even more dazzling sight ... a multitude of the heavenly host praising God.

With the words of the angels echoing in their ears - "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" - the amazed shepherds decide that they will go into Bethlehem and see this wonderful event for themselves. And so they went to Bethlehem "with haste," the scriptures say, to find Mary and Joseph with the Christ Child lying in a manger.

No further mention is made of those shepherds in the scriptures ... they appear on the horizon at a momentous time in history, only to disappear.

Local Gymnasts Bring Home Honors

Everyone of the eight girls who represented the Hamilton Gymnastics of Lubbock Team came home with honors from the Odessa Invitational Gymnastics meet Saturday, December 17.

Dawn DuLaney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack DuLaney of Shallowater, won a trophy and gold medal for being first place All-Around Gymnast in the 10-12 age group. She also won first place on Beam and Floor-Exercise, Second place on Uneven Bars and Fourth place in Vault.

Melanie Ready, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ready of Levelland, won sixth place All-Around in the 10-12 age group. She also won first place on Uneven Bars.

Shelby MacLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe MacLean of Lubbock, won first place in Tumbling and third place on Beam.

Charla Hohertz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hohertz of Shallowater won third place in Tumbling.

These girls won the Third place Team Trophy for the 10-12 age group.

Competing in the Nine and under age group were:

Jennifer Jones, daughter of Mrs. Brenda Jones of Levelland and Glenn Jones of Lubbock. She won a trophy and a silver medal for being second place All-Around Gymnast in the 9 and under age group. She also won first place on Uneven bars, second place on Beam, third place on Vault and fourth place on Floor-Exercise.

Natalie Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walker of Levelland, won a trophy and the bronze medal for third place All-Around Gymnast in the 9 and under age group. She also won second on Uneven bars, third on

Beam, fourth on Vault and fifth on Floor-Exercise.

Steffany Wolski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Wolski of Shallowater, placed third in Floor-Exercise, fifth in Tumbling, and sixth in Beam and Vault.

Karmen MacLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe MacLean of Lubbock, won third place in Tumbling.

These girls together, won the First place Team Trophy for the 9 and under age group.

The girls competed with teams from Odessa, Gonzales, Gyros of Ft. Worth, Houston, Midland, Pampa, Flying Matadors of Lubbock, Nards of Amarillo, San Angelo, El Paso, and Mavericks of Amarillo.

Coach for the team is Johnny Hamilton of Lubbock and their assistant coach is Wayne Downing of Levelland.

Hamilton is an All American Gymnast and a graduate of the University of Michigan. He has coached in Kentucky and Indiana and did professional gymnastic exhibitions for two years. He is presently teaching several classes at Texas Tech University along with running Hamilton Gymnastics of Lubbock.



These members of the Hamilton Gymnastics of Lubbock team brought home honors from a gymnastic meet in Odessa December 17. Pictured left to right are Melanie Ready, Shelby MacLean, Dawn DuLaney, and Charla Hohertz.

Lions Club Has Annual Party

The Shallowater Lions Club at the South Park Inn on Dec. 8th at 7:30 p.m., with 28 lions and at 7:30 p.m., with 28 lions and lionesses present and 20 guests present. Guests were Rev. and Mrs. Ranay Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Jackson and Cindy Jackson, the Lions Club Queen, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ellis and Darla Ellis, the Lions Club Princess, Mrs. Renny White and Miss Darlene Nale and eleven children from the Little Folks Day Nursery presented the Christmas Program.

Santa came to give each one a

candy cane and presented Lion Boss Bryan Burgett a temporary mustache until he can grow another one since he donated his to the Harvest Festival Auction.

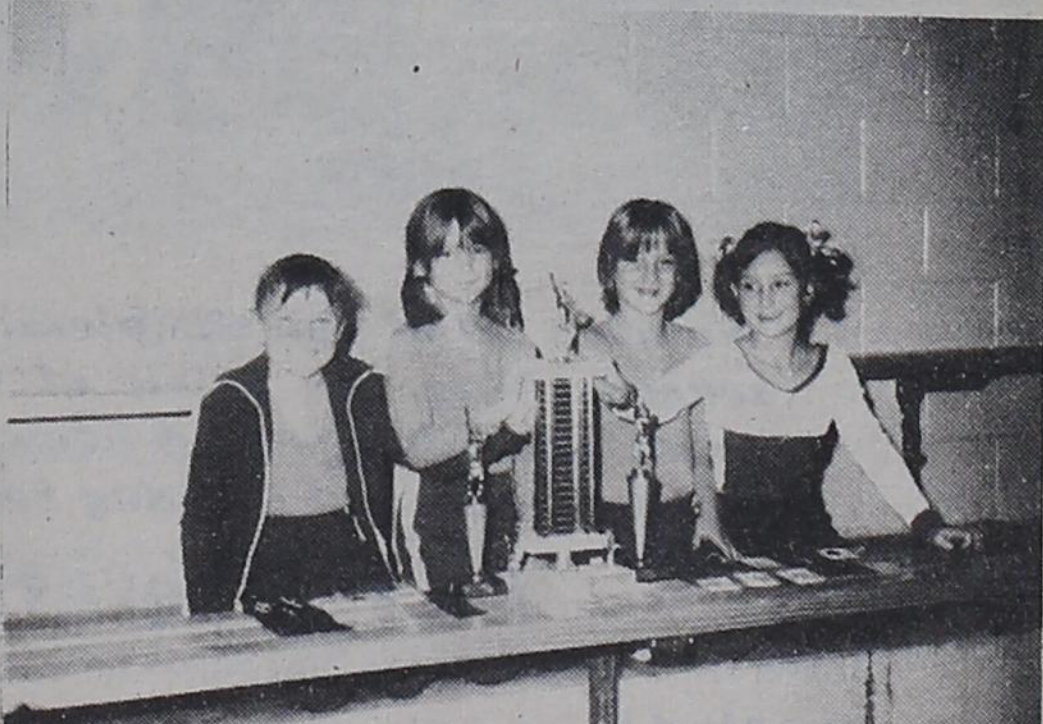
The Lions and Lioness wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Children from the Little Folks Day Nursery were Kenny Hodges, Keith Hodges, Lichele Hopson, Kristi Montis, Laura Mora, Becky Morales, Dena Potter, Angela Sires, Heather Smith, Charydi White and Trent Rowden.

Notice

Suburban Today will not be published next week. Persons having advertising or news, please hold it for the week of January 5th.

The Suburban Today staff wishes you and yours a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year."



These members of the Hamilton Gymnastics of Lubbock team brought home honors from a gymnastic meet in Odessa Dec. 17. Shown are Natalie Walker, Steffany Wolski, Jennifer Jones and Karmen MacLean. Their coach is Johnny Hamilton.

Party Line

Mrs. Danny Everette was released from St. Mary's Hospital the last of the week after being hospitalized for surgery on her arm and elbow. She is doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. N.K. Ballew of

Van Horn spent the weekend here, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Reed and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Downey and other relatives.

The children at Little Folks Day Nursery had their annual Christmas party, Friday, December 16th and special guests were parents of the children. A program was presented to the parents by the children and Santa visited, distributing a fruit sack and candy cane.

DPS Urges Traffic Safety

Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, announced a special program to involve every Texan in an effort to reduce traffic accidents and fatalities during the Christmas and New Year holiday periods.

In the program, which is called "Light the Way for a Safe Holiday," motorists will be urged to drive with their low-beam headlights turned on in the daytime as well as night during the Christmas and New Year weekends.

"It is our belief that most motorists do not intentionally violate the law and need only to be reminded that holiday periods are more dangerous.

"We feel the 'Light the Way' program, particularly with widespread participation on the part of drivers, will serve as a very meaningful reminder to others to drive safely," Speir said.

A similar effort called "Drive Lighted and Live" was conducted in Texas about 15 years ago with the active support of the state's newspapers and broadcast industry.

Speir said DPS Troopers will burn the headlights on their patrol cars during the period from 6 p.m. Friday, December 23, through midnight Monday, December 26, and again from 6 p.m. Friday, December 30, through midnight Monday, January 2.

"I urge every Texan to join us and help 'Light the Way for a Safe Holiday' in Texas," the DPS director added.



Christmas is a time for everyone to join in sending greetings to someone special, decorate their homes and businesses for the occasion and get in the festive mood. The City Hall in Shallowater was appropriately decorated for open house that was observed Monday, December 19th. Shown is City Secretary Martha Gidden serving Debra Magness.

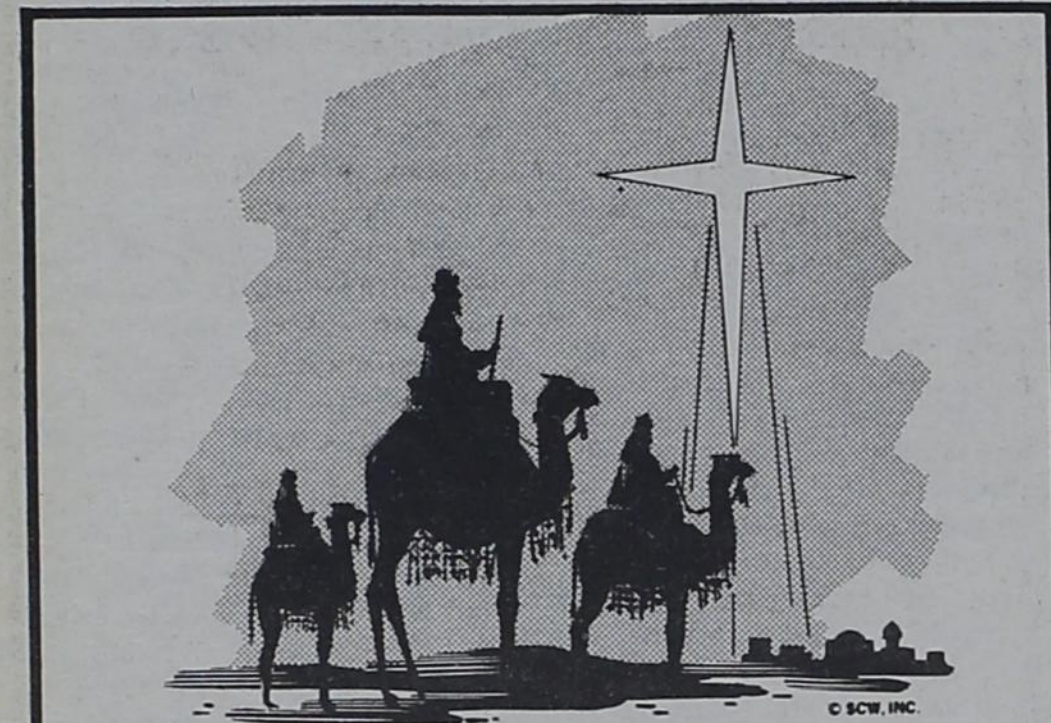
First Methodist to Have Special Services

The First United Methodist Church will have a special Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service, Saturday, Dec. 24. It will be a come and go service between 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The invitation is to the public to take part in this service.

On Christmas Day, Sunday Dec. 25, the church will have just the one service, a worship service starting at 10 a.m.

What could be a better way to

honor the birth of God's son than to have communion and worship with your family.
Come one, come all.



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The age-old tradition of Christmas reminds us of all the beauty and joy in life. Have a happy and blessed holiday season!

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1 qt. apple juice
1 1/2 cups Tang
3/4 cup lemon juice
2 7 1/2-oz. pkg. red hots

Put water in large pan, add red hots, heat until they are melted, add other ingredients. Refrigerate and use quantity as needed.

Rocky Road Candy

1 1-lb. Hershey Bar
3 cups tiny marshmallows
3/4 cup, or more, chopped walnuts
Slowly melt chocolate in double boiler or low heat stirring constantly. Remove from heat, beat til smooth, add marshmallows and nuts, spread in buttered 8x8x2 pan, chill, cut in squares.

OH, SILENT AND HOLY NIGHT...



We wish all of you the blessings of the season. May the spirit of Christmas guide you always and keep you well. Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus

I am 5 years old and I'm in Mrs. White's Kindergarten class at school. I make real good grades — nearly all ☆'s. I like school and Mrs. White. I am a big boy now and I clean my own room. I even make up my own bed some times.

Please go to Lubbock and fix those toys and take them to some kids that don't have any. That man gave me some pencils and some stickers I shared with my little brother Stephen.

I want a green machine and a surprize. Thank you. Don't look for me and Stephen in my bed Christmas. Uncle Gaylon and Aunt Anita will be in our bed. We'll sleep in Mother and Daddy's room. (Grandmommie and Paw Paw Bill will be in the other bed.) Bye — Tell Rudolph Hi!

Love Rodney.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 3 years old and I have been very good all year. I have helped my mommy a lot.

Please bring me a Big Crane that picks up "stuff." I really like those things that pull or carry other toys. I would also like to get a train like I saw on Captain Kangaroo. (Tooneyville Choo-Choo). Also bring my mommy a new van and my daddy a new pickup. Thank you and Merry Christmas. Oh yes! — Don't forget the toys we took to toys for tots.

Love, STEPHEN KING

1011-13th

Shallowater, Texas

Dear Santa,

My mother is writing this for me. I am a little girl five years old and in Mrs. White Kindergarten class. I have been a very good girl this year, so here is my list. I would like a Baby doll that walks,

a talking alarm clock, a type writer, a pizza hut oven, and I would like you to bring my Daddy some tools, and something for our new house for my Moma. Thank You. I love you.

Lisha Ann Jones

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Belinda and I am four years old. I have been a good girl most of the time. For Christmas I would like to have a heartbeat baby, a bicycle, a dishwasher, a peg board and a shopping basket.

I have a little sister name Emily, she is 17 months old. She wants a doll, a baby buggy, baby bed and a inch worm. She has been a good girl, also.

We will be at our Grandad's and Grandma's house for Christmas, so you need to come there.

Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Santa
Belinda Boland

School Board Has Christmas Party

Members of the Shallowater School Board had their Christmas party Saturday night at Hutton's Drive In.

The tables were decorated with the Christmas theme and delicious steaks and all the trimmings were enjoyed.

Those present were Board President, Jay Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Dunk Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Gates, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. Boyd Pearce, Charles Hohertz, Beryl Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Newman Lusk, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Brazell and Tommy Pointer.

Hamilton Honored

Clifford Hamilton of Hamilton and Son, Lubbock, was honored recently for outstanding sales achievement in 1977 as a dealer for Pioneer brand seeds. And to mark the occasion, he received a specially designed Silver Dollar Award from Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

"Only 15 to 16 percent of the approximate 800 Pioneer dealers eligible for this award will qualify each year," Jim Lindsey, president of the Plainview, Texas based company, noted in announcing this year's honorees. "And we're particularly proud of Clifford Hamilton because he qualified in only his second year as a Pioneer seed dealer."

"To make this kind of achievement requires considerable individual effort," Lindsey continued. And he noted that the most vital ingredient for the success of Pioneer is people like Clifford Hamilton and the approximate 100 other 1977 award winners.

Pioneer markets planting seed in the Southwest for sorghum, corn, cotton, wheat and alfalfa through dealers in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The Plainview based firm is a division of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa.

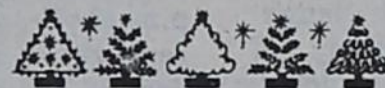
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



You're cut out for a wonderful holiday season! Have the best Christmas ever; we're glad to have served you!

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Dena-Roy King



"And His name shall be called

Emmanuel, meaning:

God with us."

First United Methodist Church

9th Street and Texas Avenue

May God, The Father,

The Son,

and The Holy Spirit

bless you and yours

this holiday season and the coming New Year.

Mrs. Whittaker Dies Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Ollie Whittaker, longtime Shallowater area resident, were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church of Shallowater with the pastor, Rev. Boyd Pearce, officiating.

Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock, directed by Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Whittaker had been hospitalized in Methodist Hospital for several weeks and died at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

A native of Wood County, Mrs. Whittaker had been an area resident for 33 years. She was a member of the Bykata Sunday School class and the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Gleena Sealy of Shallowater and Mrs. Clydene

Hay of Lubbock; five brothers, M.H. Watson of Wharton, Noble Watson of Shallowater, W.M. Watson of Hamlin, Leonard Watson of Stamford and Owen Watson of Anson; a sister, Mrs. Velma Fields of Washington, D.C.; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were M.J. Stanton, Jack Don DuLaney, Hap Covington, John Shipp, Jay Stanton and John Anglin.

the SPC Technical Arts Building.

Classes begin Jan. 16. Bulletins listing information on courses offered are available in the SPC registrar's office, located in the Administration Building. Extension courses will be offered at Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Muleshoe, Brownfield and Littlefield, in addition to classes on the main campus.

Persons needing further information should contact the Office of the Registrar at 894-4921.

Registration

Spring 1978 registration at South Plains College will be Jan. 12-13.

Registration is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 4 p.m. both days, with evening registration from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 12. All enrollment will be in



KELLY'S HEROES

by Joe Kelly

Merry Christmas! It may be a day or so early, but just as heartfelt. I hope that all of you have a wonderful holiday season and that the new year will bring fresh hopes and promises.

Just when it looked as though this would be a quiet Christmas, our youngest son and his bride said that they would spend Christmas here. I know what we'll be doing Friday night, of course. We all will be around the TV set watching the Red Raiders.

Speaking of the Raiders, they have few days left in which to prepare for the Florida State Seminoles. In fact, if they aren't ready now, they never will be. This is just polish time.

It promises to be a good game, maybe a high scoring affair. The Seminoles like to throw and they've been successful. Tech is weakest on pass defense, so it will be a real challenge. By the same token, Tech is capable of good offense, too.

The Seminoles lost only two games, to Miami, 23-17, and San Diego State, 41-16. They numbered among their victims Kansas State, Oklahoma State, Auburn, North Texas State (which finished in the top 20 AP rankings—and don't ask how) and Florida.

Their lowest point total in any game was 14, but that was a shut out of Cincinnati. They held Auburn to a field goal and only single touchdowns to Southern Mississippi, Memphis State and Florida.

If you want to crank up the computer, it will show that Tech has an edge in scoring average per game, 25.6 points to 24.9. Defensively, the Seminoles hold the edge, giving up an average of 13.9 points each outing to 18.7 for Tech.

The Raiders, of course, built their reputation this past season mainly on their defense. They finished the season ranked among the top three in every conference statistic.

Speaking of statistics, they show an interesting point. Tech was third in total defense (behind Texas, 223 yards a game) and Arkansas (247 yards), giving up 269 yards.

Tech trailed only Texas in rushing defense, allowing 141 yards a game (Texas, only 91 yards), while second to Arkansas in pass defense, giving up 128 yards a game (Arkansas, only 89 yards).

In passing, though, the deception comes in TDs. Tech yielded 16, exceeded only by Rice's yield of 17.

Offensively, the Raiders were way down. They ranked seventh in total offense with 311 yards a game, beating only TCU and Rice. In rushing offense they ranked sixth, beating SMU, TCU and Rice, and seventh in passing offense, only 101 yards a game, beating Baylor and A&M.

It indicates that the Raiders will have to sharpen their teeth to beat Florida State. Ironically, Steve Sloan opened his Tech career by beating the Seminoles and now he closes it against them.

Hopefully, Rodney Allison will be at top strength. A completely healthy Allison could be the difference, and Tech needs him like a starving man needs a free meal.

If Allison isn't much stronger than he was against Arkansas, it could be tough for the Raiders. As Rodney goes, so go the Raiders. He can, and does, make the difference in the offense, and Tech is going to need all the offense it can muster.

Tech's basketball outfit came back from Tennessee with third place, which seems to be getting to be a habit, but the Red Raiders played nationally ranked Utah a good game in the opener.

They beat Dartmouth, which in itself isn't a great achievement, except for the fact that when you lose as Tech did, it's tough to get up mentally for a third place game. To their credit, they did and, while not playing one of their better games, they won.

Now the Raiders, after a break for Christmas, are getting ready for the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu and, once again, they will be running into some great opposition.

Brigham Young, always strong, has beaten Tech twice previously, while the Raiders haven't met such powers as North Carolina, Stanford and Providence. Hawaii, Rhode Island and Lafayette round out the field and Rhode Island, at one time, had nationally ranked teams.

It's good experience, good training, and should help the Raiders be an even better club. They come back for a short rest before warming up for the tough conference race.

Everything indicates that the conference is going to be a real challenge. Four teams appear to be strong—Texas, A&M, Houston and favorite Arkansas. SMU is playing a demanding, tough schedule, while Baylor has flashed signs of strength.

Baseball trades are about over until next year, but there have been some big ones. The Texas Rangers might well have come out of it with the best bolstering for the pennant chase.

Meanwhile, a lot of players have changed uniforms and it will be interesting to see what the players do next season. A change in uniform doesn't mean instant success for any club, as witness the trade of uniforms Tom Seaver made to go with Cincinnati.

Our Christmas Wishes

May you enjoy the Best Wishes for a healthy and Happy Holiday Season in the comfort of family and friends.

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Thanks for your patronage!

The Fall Before Christmas

*'Twas the fall before Christmas when all through the gin
Not a person was idle, not even the boss men.
The scales were all balanced—The weigher was there
In hopes of weighing cotton with the greatest of care.
The ginner were stationed at all four stands
Waiting to gin it with competent hands.
Press hands and suction feeders were at their places.
The manager was waiting for familiar faces.
When across the scales there arose such a clatter—
But no one ran to see what was the matter.
Away to the engine room they flew like a flash
Lighted the gas burner with a dash.
The son on a trailer of new cotton below
Signaled a farmer was ready to go.
When what to their wondering eyes should appear—
Lorenzo Revilla with the first bale of the year.
When drivers so lively, and drivers so quick
They knew in a moment things were beginning to click.
More rapid than jets the farmers they came.
The manager waved and shouted and called them by name:
Granville— Lonnie— Ernie — Truman— O.D. — Pat—
Walter— Newman— Don Mc— James Mc— Doyle— Gus—
Raymond— Melvin— Doyce— Charles— Howard— Tommy—
Neff— J.D.— Joe— Abie— Lorenzo— Hector— Keny— John—
H.C.— Domingo— Alfredo— Donald— Glenn— Bryan— Bill—
Glen— Jim— Roy— Bobby— Jerry— David— Jack— Archie—
Angel— Don— Z.L.— Hilton— Jimmy— Murl— Tony— Mike—
Leroy— James H.— Ruth— Lynn— Phil— Charles Ray—
Willie— Jay— Johnny— Calvin— T.B.— and Homer.
Danny— Dude— T.B.— Earl— Norman— Werner—
Turk— Dewayne— M.J.— and Hank!
Across the Scales — to the yard — to the wall —
Park — Unhitch — Park — Unhitch — Unhitch All.
As moths that to a cotton square do fly
When they come fluttering furiously from the sky—
So across the scales farmers their trailers drew
Some one balers, some two balers and modules too.
Their clothes were dotted with cotton from head to foot
Some faces were dotted with cotton and soot.
Their cotton they unloaded and then came back.
They were peddlers and this was their pack.
Their eyes how they twinkled, their voices how cheery,
Their greetings never showed they were weary.
They spoke no idle words, but kept right at their work.
Pulling full trailers and empties too with a jerk.
And when they had made their last trip to the gin
The ginner waved and exclaimed with a grin
Thank you neighbors and friends all
You made this a terrific fall.*

Merry Christmas — Good Will To Men
From Your Grateful
Shallowater Co-op Gin
Carey Gooch, Mgr.

Ag Booster Bake Sale Successful

The Ag Boosters wish to thank those who contributed to their bake sale last Saturday. The proceeds from the bake sale each year goes for prize money to be awarded at the Shallowater Stock Show on January 7, and the Southwest Stock Show in March.

Those who contributed and deserve special thanks are: Mrs. Doris Oliver, Mrs. Pag Hagood, Mrs. Joyce Carr, Mr. Roger Pettiett, Mrs. Jim Anderson, Mrs. Tommy Powe, and Mrs. Burnis Penny.

Special thanks go to Mrs. Hagood and Mrs. Carr for braving the sand and wind to sell the goods. There was another bake sale this Wednesday and the contributors for that day will be in the next issue.

During January the Ag Boosters, FFA, and 4-H parents will be responsible for the Concession Stand at the Shallowater Ball Games. We hope that each parent will willingly cooperate when this time comes. Letters will be sent out.

The FFA members and Ag Boosters have held two Turkey Shoots the past two Sundays. We thank each person who came out and participated. The Turkey Shoots helped raise monies toward our needed goal of \$1300.

Extension Update

by Georgia Doherty

Lubbock County Extension Agent

Happy Holidays! This is such a family oriented season that you certainly want everything as perfect as possible. It would be

very tragic at any time, but especially now, if something should happen to a child in your family.

Unfortunately, more children die from accidents than from the five leading childhood illnesses put together. And an estimated 50% of these accidents are due to the swallowing of a poisonous substance.

Most poisonings take place in the home. The most commonly ingested poisons are medicines and household cleaners. Although the list of products that can poison a youngster is endless, the following eight make up a large majority of all poisonings must always be kept out of reach:

- Insecticides
- Medicines, especially aspirin and barbiturates
- Laundry Bleach
- Cosmetics
- Kerosene
- Turpentine
- Furniture Polish

•Rubbing Alcohol

Here are a few rules that must be followed by parents of small children.

- 1) Store all medicines in a locked cabinet or on a very high shelf.
- 2) Throw out old, unused medicine.
- 3) Never give medication to your child in a dark room.
- 4) Label all medicines.
- 5) Don't keep cleansers under sinks.
- 6) Never leave small children unattended near medications or near potentially dangerous household products.

So, keep your holiday season safe and happy. Take a few extra precautions.

The Legend of St. Winfred

A legend about St. Winfred, who was a missionary to the Scandinavians in the 8th century, explains the origin of the Christmas tree.

It seems that St. Winfred was cutting down a large oak tree, when suddenly a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary declared this miraculous tree to be holy and gave it to the Scandinavians to commemorate the birth of the Savior.



Merry Christmas!

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SPC Offers Short Course

Short courses offered this spring by South Plains College run the gamut of hobbies and interests, from advanced leather craft to West Texas weather and climate.

"Practical Grammar for Secretaries" is a new course that kicks off the schedule Jan. 30. The six-week class will meet from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays in Room 109, Technical Arts Building. Cost is \$15.

A schedule of remaining short courses is as follows:

"West Texas Weather and Climate," 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Feb. 2, for 10 weeks, \$20, it will be held in Room T-109.

"Rapid Comprehension Through Effective Reading," 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 6, seven weeks, \$15, Administration Building, Room 5.

"Basic Lathe Operation for Gunsmiths," 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 7, 10 weeks, \$40, T-110.

"Beginning Leather Craft," 7 to 10 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 9, six weeks, \$30, FA-15.

"Home Landscape Development, Course I, Winter Emphasis," 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 27, two weeks, \$15, AG-2.

"Advanced Floral Arrangement," 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, March 7, six weeks, \$12, FA-15.

"Small Gasoline Engine Repair," 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, March 14, eight weeks, \$25, AG-2.

"Simple Home Repairs," 7 to 10 p.m., March 16, five weeks, \$25, AG Shop.

"Advanced Leather Craft," 7 to 10 p.m. Thursdays, March 30, six weeks, \$30, FA-15.

"Flower Pot Gardening," 10:30 a.m. to noon, April 7, five weeks, \$30, B-106.

"Home Landscape Development Course II, Spring Emphasis," 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays, April 10, two weeks, AG-2, \$10 fee.

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Dr. Ernest Wallace, retired Texas Tech history professor, will be teaching a night class on the "Plains Indians" during the spring semester at Lubbock Christian College.

Wallace, an expert on Plains Indians, will instruct the semester long class beginning January 17. The course is of special interest to area history/social studies teachers that are interested in this study and would like 3 hours of college credit.

The study will include the Indian tribes that inhabited the

great plains of the mid-continent from Canada to Texas. Included in this are investigations of the cultures of the various tribes and their relations with the French, Spanish and Anglo-American.

Wallace is a noted author and lecturer. He is known for his work, *The Comanches: Lords of the South Plains*, which was published in 1952. Dr. Wallace has written eight other books since that time and is currently working on two others.

He has served as president of the West Texas Historical Association and as a Fellow of the Texas State Historical Association. He is currently serving as president of the T.S.H.A.

The class will meet on Tuesday nights from 6-9 p.m. on the LCC campus. Registration will be from 4-6 p.m. on the 17th in the registrar's office. Cost of the 3 hour course is \$51.00 per hour.

Only Three More Days Til Christmas



BETHLEHEM'S STAR INSPIRES SPECULATION

"And, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was".

This description by Matthew of the Wise Men's visit to the Christ Child has caused speculation for centuries about the nature of that star.

While some believe that there is no natural explanation for this star seen "in the east" by the Wise Men, others have attempted to find an astronomical explanation for the phenomenon.

It is important to realize how much the people of Christ's time depended on astrology, scientists have pointed out.

A configuration of Jupiter, Saturn and Mars that occurred in February of 6 B.C. is considered as a possibility in searching for the star of Bethlehem. It is believed that such a massing of planets must have been quite spectacular, and of sufficient import to have caused the Magi to travel great distances. Since the exact year of Christ's birth is not known, (the year A.D. 1 was selected by Dionysius in the mistaken idea that Jesus was born in the 28th year of the reign of Emperor Augustus) this date is a distinct possibility.

Another explanation is that the "star" was in fact the glow caused by Jupiter passing Saturn in the year 6 B.C.

Whatever the explanation for the star of Bethlehem—natural or supernatural—the faithful will continue to follow its guiding light to find the Infant Jesus, even as the Wise Men did two thousand years ago.

O Holy Night



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It is thought that the Christmas tree originated with the Alsations. We know for a fact that Prince Albert introduced it to Victorian England but interestingly enough, America had it before then—thanks to her German settlers and the Hessian soldiers who fought in the Revolution.

Today it is one of the most popular Christmas symbols.

Here in the United States, popcorn and tinsel, ornaments and electric lights, artificial snow and icicles decorate trees in homes and offices.

In Italy, the Christmas tree is not really a tree; rather, it is a pyramid of shelves, called a ceppo. At the base of this wooden frame, there is often a manger scene, a presepio. Other tiers in the pyramid hold candy, fruit, small gifts and gilded pine cones. Lighted candles are placed at the corners of these shelves.



In Denmark, lighted candles are placed on the tree, along with Danish cookies, confections of marzipan, and heart-shaped baskets of colored paper, with pieces of candy tucked inside. Celebrants dance around the lighted tree, singing "First we'll look at the tree, later we'll eat it," a traditional Danish song.

Although the Christmas tree may vary from country to country, wherever it is used, it is a symbol of joy and expectation.



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There is a lovely legend about how the poinsettia came to be and it begins in Mexico, a country that is just south of the United States.

There was a young boy who was very sad one Christmas Eve. You see, in his little town it was the custom to offer gifts to the Christ Child. People would come to the church on Christmas Eve and place their gifts upon the altar.

But Manuelito, as we shall call him, was very poor. He had no gift to bring before the Infant Jesus.

Too shy to go inside the church without a gift, he knelt outside a window and began to pray. We don't know what Manuelito said, but perhaps he was telling the Holy Infant how sorry he was that

he did not have a gift to offer. For that is what prayer is, you know; talking to God.

As he rose to his feet, he noticed a beautiful red flower growing in the very spot where he had knelt. Amazed, he bent down to examine the flower. He had never seen one like it before.

Suddenly he realized that this lovely flower was a gift from heaven, an answer to his prayer!

Joyfully, Manuelito plucked the flower and carried it inside, to lay before the altar.

And that is why the poinsettia is known as "The Flower of the Holy Night" in Mexico.



O Holy Night

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Kimberley Ann Young and Carroll Shanks II exchanged marriage vows in a double ring ceremony at two o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 18, at the Twelfth Street Church of Christ in Shallowater. Darrell Boswell, minister, officiated.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Young of Shallowater and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Shanks of Roswell, New Mexico. Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey Young of Shallowater, Mr. and Mrs. H.E. West of

Vernon, and Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Shanks and Mrs. R.I. Willson, all of Roswell.

A wedding chorus directed by Dr. B. Wayne Hinds of Lubbock presented wedding music.

The bride's dress of candlelight tulle over satin featured a V-necked bodice of lace, an empire waist, and full flowing sleeves. A short train fell from a yoke, and the three-quarter length veil was trimmed with matching lace. The gown was something new, her garter something blue, and something

old and borrowed was her mother's pearl necklace. Her bouquet was of white spider mums and white and red roses.

The groom and other male members of the wedding party wore candlelight formal suits with brown trim. The bride's attendants wore floor-length dresses with long sleeves and draw-string necklines. Two of the dresses were beige, two red, and the maid of honor wore green. Their bouquets were spider mums.

Colleen Cato of Abilene was the maid of honor and bridesmaids were Jeanye Hunter, Dana Weaver, Donna McCully, and Karen Connelly.

Mark Davis served as best man. Groomsmen were Steve Trncak, Keith Kitchens, Grant Dukes, and Angel Berlinger. Ushers were Jim Henderson, Kenneth Young, and Danny Flaherty.

Linda Lindsey registered guests at the church building. Members of the house party at the reception held at First State Bank were Kendall May, Debbie Grimes, Nancy Thomas and Carol Shropshire. Shannon Flaherty distributed rice bags to the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Shanks are at home in Lubbock where he teaches at Dunbar High School and she will attend Texas Tech University and work at Margaret's.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Shanks, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Shanks, Mr. and Mrs. John Herring, Mr. and Mrs.



Mrs. Carroll Shanks II

Damon Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Richards, Riche Richards, and Mrs. Gerald Ringheimer, all of Roswell, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Flaherty, Danny and Shannon of El Paso.

Others were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cato of Abilene and Lisa McDonald and Michael Robertson of Odessa.

Also in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. H.E. West of Vernon,

Mrs. D.E. May and Kendall of Carrollton, Kenneth West of Lewisville, Juanita Baird of Graham, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd House of Ira.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Shanks of Roswell were hosts at a rehearsal dinner at the Gridiron restaurant Saturday night for the members of the wedding party for their son Carroll Shanks II and Kim Young.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

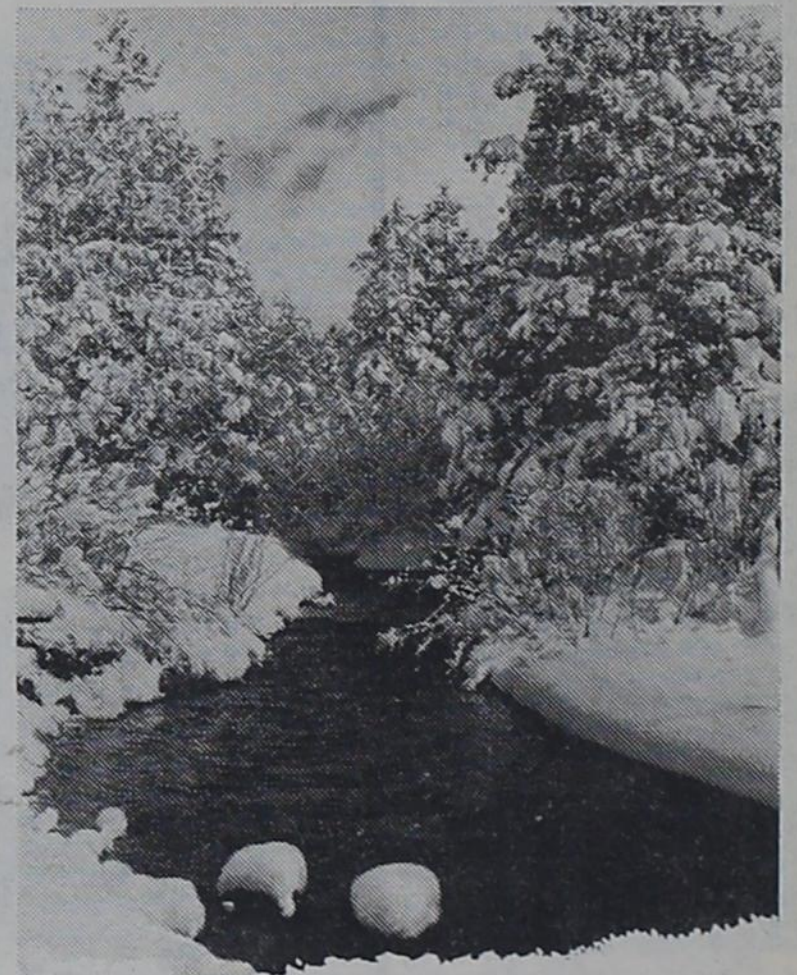
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by Marieta Childs, C.G.

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The Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society invites persons interested in that area to become members. Annual dues are \$6 and should be sent to the Chairman, Membership Committee, Box 628, Enterprise, Ala. 36330.

Loys F. Scott, 505 Pillar, Bowie, Texas 76230 is tracing the family of William Anderson SCOTT, b. in Tennessee, 1799-1800. He was in the Madison County, Ala. state militia in 1821 and resigned in 1835, moving to Pickinsville, Ala. During this time he was sheriff of Jefferson County, Ala., 1829-1833. He was census enumerator for Jefferson County in 1830. At this time he m. Flora Ann CAMERON, b. in Georgia c. 1809. Their children were 1. Eliza Ann, b. 1833, m. Henry SHILLITO, Mobile County, Ala., 1853; 2. James Madison, b. 1835, m. Mary Cornelia YOUNG; 3. Thomas W., b. 1840, m. Ida? (They had 3 children, a. Lela, b. 1877, Grapevine, Texas; m. H.W. REITCH, Aug. 12, 1896 in the First Methodist Church, Palestine, Texas; buried in Palestine; b. Calvin, and c. Howard); 4. Mary J., b. 1846; d.c. 1860, Rusk County, Texas (possibly P.O. New London); 5. Cameron, b. 1849; d. before 1860 census; 6. Robert A., b. 1852, m. Martha COZBY, 1878, Wolfe City, Texas. (Their 5 children included Robert, d. 1888) All of William A. and Flora SCOTT's children were b. in Alabama. The family came to Texas between 1852-1860, except Eliza who remained in Alabama.

Mrs. Irene Boon Spears, 209 Walnut Creek Dr., Mansfield, Texas 76023 seeks information on Dan and Squire BOONE, who were brothers. Squire lived in San Angelo, Texas, 1908, 1910-1911, and was a tax assessor. Dan was living in Santa Anna with his wife Sally. Their children were Ethel, Mary, Maggie, and D.S. (son). Dan was a printer and part-time Methodist preacher in 1912. They were cousins of Mrs. Spears' father and were direct descendants of Daniel BOONE of Kentucky. Mrs. Spears also had an uncle, Crockett BOONE, who was an editor of several papers around Texas. He died in Harlington, Texas in 1910.

This week we will continue the Confederate muster roll of Col. M.F. LOCKE's 3rd regiment, Texas Cavalry, Capt. MCKNIGHT's Company, 1861: Chas. D. MCKNIGHT, R.H. BARNES.

Tho (sic) J. CRABB, J.J.T. WRIGHT, Jno W. RIGGLE, Simin THOMPSON, Sam I HURT, J.R. ROWLAND, Jas. W. YARBROUGH, Jas. W. MCMILLAN, Wesley S. TROUT, Jno C. HASH, Joe B. SICELUFF (?), Robt. H. NOYES, Thomas M. ALLRED, Jno A. ALLRED, Chas. B. BRYANT, Alex. BRYANT, Jno A. BRATCHER, J.R. BUTLER, Jno BYRAM, E.L. BAXTER, Mack BATES, Wm. L. CASE, Alex COOK, Abm. CARTER, B.Z. COOPER, Sam I. T. CRABB, Richd T. CONDIU, Jno DENVENT, Wm. L. ESSARY, Z.R. FINLEY, Robt. R. FLOURNOY Saml. H. FLOURNOY, Andw. J. FAULKNER, Wm H. FOWLER, Martin V. GOODE, Wm. J. GHOLSON, Tho. J. GRAVES, Chapman L. HORTON, Agustus (sic H. JONES, Asbury A. JONES, James C. JONES, Wm. M. KERR, Wm. P. LINDSEY, Jno. M. LINDSEY (to be continued).

Hoping all of you have a very Merry Christmas!

Please send your queries and genealogical information to Marieta Childs, 2308 21st St., Lubbock, 79411.

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day..."

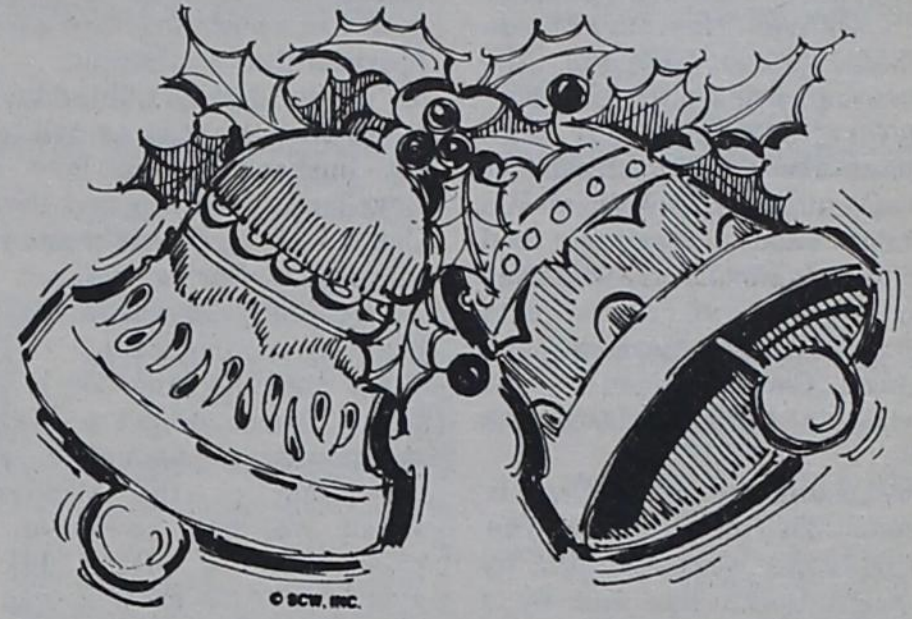
Silver bells, jingle bells, sleigh bells ... it's hard to imagine Christmas without some sort of chiming or ringing. But bells were not initially part of the holiday celebration.

The first large bell for a Christian church was installed in Italy, about the 5th century A.D., and the custom of Christmas bell-ringing really didn't become firmly established until the Middle Ages, in England.

In that era, Christmas chimes began at vespers on the first Sunday of Advent and were repeated on successive Sundays. Then, on each of the last three mornings before Christmas, the bells announced the approach of the big day.

From sunset on December 24 to sunset on December 25, bells could be heard every hour. Occasional peals rang out in between hours for no particular reason.

But the most important part of the tolling occurred during the hour before midnight on Christ-



mas Eve, when the bells were rung as if someone were dying. At midnight the death knell changed to a joyous peal, announcing the death of Satan and the birth of the

Christ Child.

To the people of the Middle Ages, the sound of the Christmas bells recalled the song of the angels on that first holy night.

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"We knew Levelland was the place for us," says Mrs. Cortez

Mr. and Mrs. Cortez, owners of La Cumbre Restaurant in Lubbock, have been in the restaurant business for 25 years.

Before opening their own business the couple worked for Cortez' cousin in a chain of Rio Grande Valley Mexican food restaurants. Finally, in 1960, they opened their own chain, with stores in Laredo, Mercedes and Lubbock. Cortez opened the La Cumbre in Lubbock December 1976.

The La Cumbre in Levelland is located at 301 North College. The two buildings were operated by Busy B's Donut Bar and by a convenience grocery. They renovated the two stores and put in additional partitions, paneling, etc. to get the new look.

The men worked hard trying to have the restaurant open by Christmas, but didn't make it. "We had everyone working late in to the night," Mrs. Cortez said. "We had plumbers, carpenters, electricians and refrigeration men everywhere," she said, shaking her head. They didn't make the Christmas deadline, but opened before the end of 1976.

About a year ago Cortez began writing to Chambers of Com-

merce around the South Plains in search of a place to locate another Mexican food restaurant.

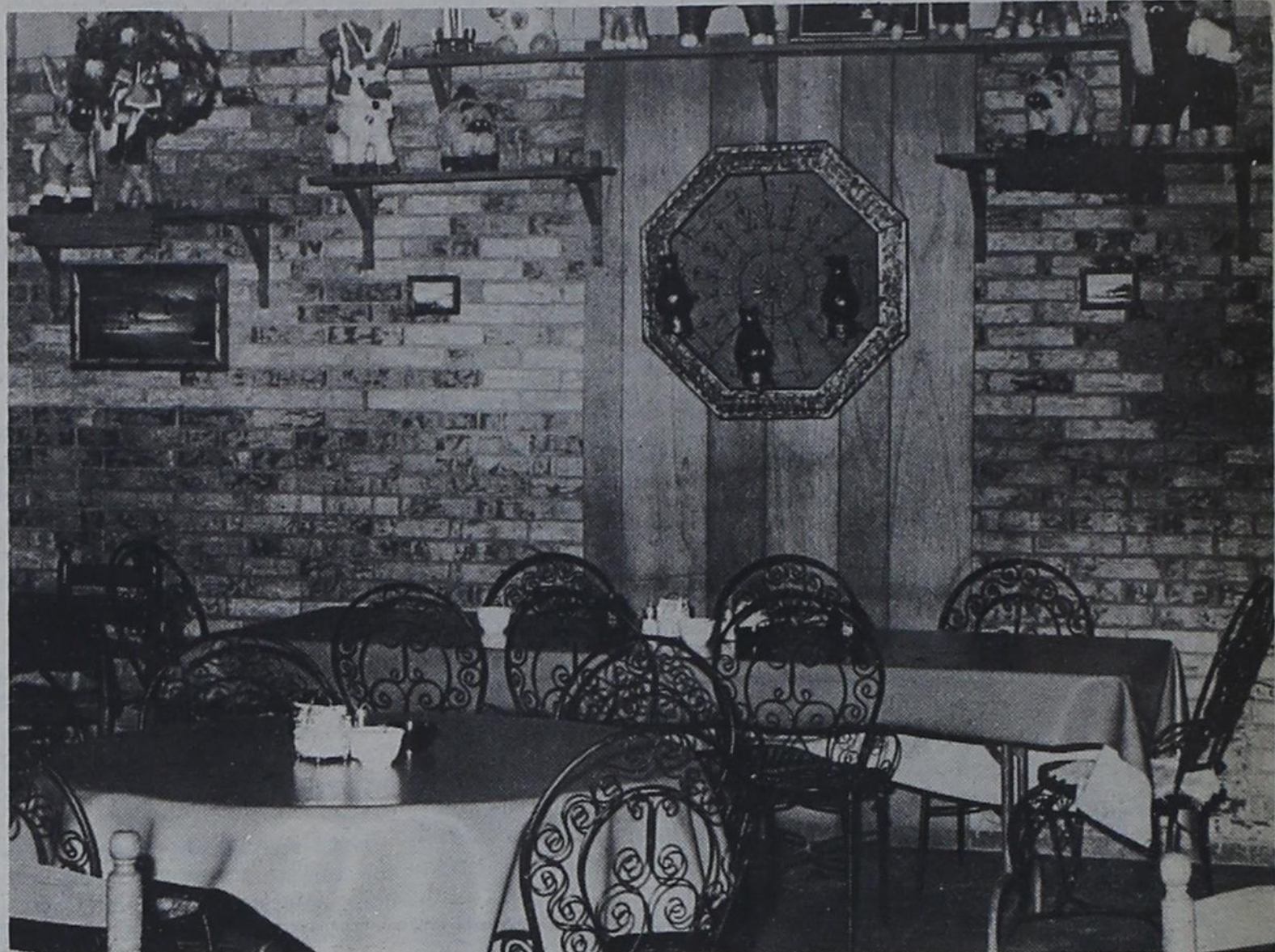
"We decided we wanted to open a new restaurant in a small town. My husband fell in love with Levelland, so we opened the "La Cumbre of the Plains" restaurant there, Mrs. Cortez said.

"We knew Levelland was the place for us," she said.

We were looking for a town where "there wasn't a Mexican restaurant or enough ... the population ... the businesses. When we saw Levelland had practically a little bit of everything, we knew it was the place. My husband was so in love with the town that he was even considering moving there," she said.

We have reared several children and all of them have helped in management and operation of the various restaurants. Most of them are married now or they're in or graduated from college.

The La Cumbre in Levelland is managed by a daughter, Angela Molina. When the restaurant in Levelland opened, Angela had a daughter in the second grade. Mrs. Molina's husband is a



lecturer-instructor for Silva Mind Control Institute.

After we opened in Levelland, we weren't sure how things were going to go. Then people started dropping by from the chamber, the bank and others who just wanted to wish us well, she said.

What followed was even better, she said. The turnout for the first day was considerably better than expected. We got a last-minute advertisement in the newspaper and several "spots" on the radio to let the people know La Cumbre was open for business.

"We didn't have enough help

that day, because we didn't think we'd need it, but the response the first day was fantastic," she said.

"La Cumbre" means "the summit." The entire name is "La Cumbre of the Plains."

"There's no summit on the plains, but summit means 'top', and we believe we're the tops."

The first thing to greet diners when they enter La Cumbre is an assortment of imported pottery, ceramics, paintings, Spanish furniture and other decorative items on sale. These items are from Mexico, Spain and Portugal.

The area is referred to as "El

Mercado," which means "the marketplace."

"We do our own shopping in Mexico, every two or three months," Mrs. Cortez said.

We offer carry-out service on anything on the menu. Customers may call ahead and come pick it up.

We also give a special treat for everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary. By giving us an advance notice, "we'll make a great big sopapita cake and cut a hole in it, like a donut, and put strawberries and whipped cream on it, and serve it to the honoree and all the guests, compliments of La Cumbre," Mrs. Cortez said.

Cortez also invented "Frijoles Rancheros," a special bean soup served with most menu items.

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BACH'S MUSIC ADDS TO JOY OF CHRISTMAS

Of all the inspiring music that is heard at Christmastime, none can excel the glorious sounds of Johann Sebastian Bach.

A deeply religious man, Bach through his music conveys to us all the rich heritage of his German background and the fruits of his genius are never more inspiring than during the holiday season.

Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" consists of six cantatas that feature a narrative of New Testament readings, interspersed with arias and chorales. This work was originally performed on six separate days: on three days at Christmastime, New Year's Day, the following Sunday and on the feast of the Epiphany.

The "Christmas Oratorio" is still performed by choirs here in the United States at Christmastime, although not in its entirety.

Another Bach favorite at Christmastime is his "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" from Cantata No. 147. The rich choral measures and melodic background of this beautiful work, together with the worshipful text, cannot but inspire devotion in the hearer:

"Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom siring love most bright, through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings!"

Bach died in comparative obscurity in 1750 and for many years his works were forgotten. But today his genius is recognized, and shines forth brightly before all men.

Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

Christmas is upon us and so are all those hoarded film releases that are boxed and wrapped and ribboned for the holiday season, on the presumption that moviegoers have nothing else to do but spend all that Christmas money at the local box offices.

The list for Lubbock is stupendous, considering the dearth of anything but what we have in the past called B-pictures on tap for the past month or so at the local screen palaces.

Here's the check-list of Holiday fare, without comment: Showplace Four (K-Mart Square), "The Goodbye Girl," Neil Simon's hailed comedy starring his real-life wife, Marsha Mason; the pro football film the novel "Semi-Tough," Burt Reynolds and Kris Kristofferson; Richard Pryor's new three-role comedy, "Which Way Is UP."

The Fox Four complex: "Saturday Night Fever," being John Travolta ("Kotter") debut; "Pete's Dragon," combined animation and live treatment, Walt Disney's Christmas release; "Telefon," action with Charles Bronson, Donald Pleasance and Lee Remick; and "The Gauntlet," Clint Eastwood's Christmas film.

South Plains Cinema I-II: the controversial UFO epic, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," read on for this one; and "The Choirboys," Los Angeles Police Department again, by the author of a flock of similarly-set novels.

Winchester Theater, "The World's Greatest Lover," satire on Valentino with Gene Wilder. Cinema West, "The Attack of the Model T's," unknown quantity.

Plus a healthy fare on the Home Box Office, headed by Streisand and Kristofferson in the so-so "A Star Is Born" plus "The Ritz," "The Enforcer," "The Front" and "Ode to Billy Joe" in the holiday week. And, "The Sting," "The Man Who Fell to Earth," "Bugsy Malone" and "Fun with Dick and Jane" to roundout the home viewing treats.

The remainder of this column is to be devoted to some thoughts about the season's most-talked about release, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," now embarked on a long run at South Plains Cinema I-II.

But, before I give you my reactions, I want to step aside and extend my personal and deeply-felt wishes for the happiest of Christmases and best that a New Year can offer each and everyone of us. It was just two years ago this month that "Sheridan's Ride" found a new home under the aegis of West Texas Times and its good-man publisher, Norman L. Williamson. It has been a long and happy relationship and it has meant very much indeed, to me. I want to thank Mr. Williamson for his outlet, my readers for their support and to hope that our association continues brightly and productively right into another year. It's nice to know you "belong" and you all have made it possible for me to feel so. Thank you and have happy days.

Another quick item before "Close Encounters." The Lubbock Theatre Centre has announced an exciting program trip for the springtime. It's "Backstage on Broadway," and will include round trip air fare to New York City, three days and two nights at the Taft Hotel on Times Square, tickets to the two "hot" Broadway musicals, "Annie" and "A Chorus Line," two-hour seminar with leading Broadway professionals, tour behind-the-scenes of a major Broadway play and a tour of Greenwich Village. Dates are March 23-25, 1978, limited to 24 people. Cost is \$350 for the package and I suggest you call Lisa Giss-Donahue at LTC, 744-3681, for information. Better hurry. It could be the Easter Egg of your theatre-going life!

"Close Encounters of the Third Kind." Now, there's a title for you! And, title it is, of the biggest of the Christmas releases. It is a PG-rated, 135 minute, Columbia Pictures product and it is now current at Cinema I-II down at the South Plains Mall. The title may be awkward to the undisciplined eye and to those who do not make a practice of reading the daily movie news. And, so maybe, to set matters straight I should tell you that this mammoth, technically awesome film deals with Unidentified Flying Objects (visitors from outer space via flying saucers and lights) and you see, a "Close Encounter" of the first kind, is the sighting of objects and/or lights; "Close Encounter" of the second kind is the evidence of same, and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" is the actual contact.

Using this as the basic premise, the gifted young Hollywoodian, Steven Spielberg, who gave us "Jaws" two years ago, has spent two years writing and ultimately directing this Space Age analysis. Some reviewers have cited that "it touches the soul," others have become benumbed by the sheer power of the technical achievements contained in this provocative film to rave about its sublime nature, that Spielberg is trying to tell us that this is a step forward, that we learn to communicate with each other before we can communicate with others, even the interplanetary people. I think the average moviegoer is going to put in some puzzled moments in the two hours and 15 minutes and some will find the truth about the search for truth, others are going to wind up as baffled as they will be as this unique film starts. Imagination and sheer inventive genius is embodied in this eerie tale—the technicalities are unbelievable in the hands of Douglas Trumbull who made his mark with the equally awesome "2001: A Space Odessey."

It's too bad that Spielberg's writing zeal produces a hole-y script. For the first hour and a half is, as the King in "The King and I" petulantly put it—"a puzzlement." Boiling clouds, whizzing craft and the center of electronic disturbances caused by the "Things" in a Muncie, Indiana home, the crash through toll gates on a highway—all of these are treated in a bewildering melange of light and humor. It is only in the second half, when Richard Dreyfuss as the power company employee who has been party to these strange occurrences, Melinda Dillon whose home turns into a midway grotesquerie and witnesses the abduction of her innocent-eyed, believing in "toys," son by the "saucer" and the quest of finding the center location of the ultimate contact and its fascinating resolution.

"Close Encounters of the Third Kind" is the season's most dazzling, most irritating, most awesome film and certainly in the weeks to come nationally it will be the most praised, damned and controversially discussed release of the current Yuletide landslide of releases. You've got to see it if you have any human contacts at all. Because, an awful lot of people are going to cram into the nation's theaters to see this epic film and there is going to be a ton of divergent opinions.

Time and space have run out. We'll be talking about this one in detail as we go. It's the kind of movie.

And, in the meantime, have a very happy, earthy Christmas weekend and, remember always the spiritual message that motivates the day, the season and those precious "days off" from the everyday working world. God bless.



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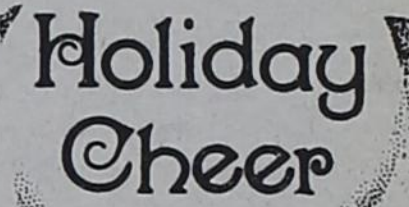
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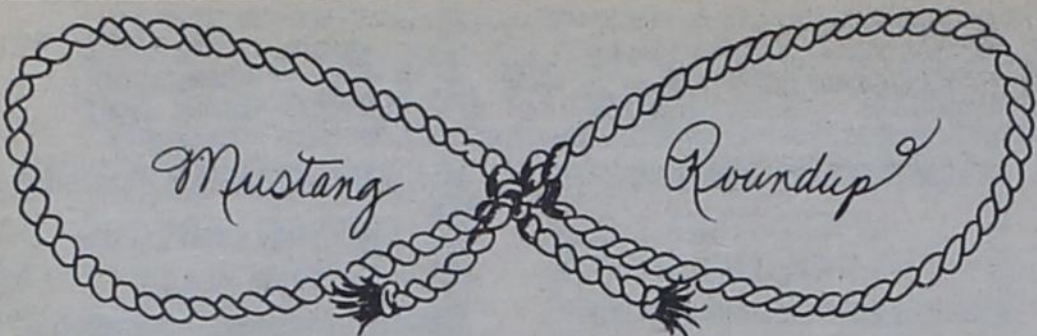
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Boys Win 1st, 2nd, and 3rd In Booster's Tournament

The 7th, 8th, and 9th grade boys were involved in the Shallowater Tournament, December 17th-18th. All three teams were able to win a trophy.

The 7th grade boys did a fantastic job. We won the Championship Trophy. The first team we played Christ The King. The boys defeated them 31-19. Joe Maldonado was high scorer with 12 points and Jordan Cox with 9 points. The final game we played LCHS. It was a tough and exciting game. We defeated them 20-14. Rod Burgett had 7 points for the Ponies and Joe Maldonado had 5 points.

The 8th grade boys won

Consolation. We lost our first game to LCHS 44-22. Lynn Menton was high scorer with 8 points and Billy Elliot with 7 points. In the final game, we played Frenship and won 24-12. Billy Elliot had 12 points and Lynn Menton had 6 points.

The Freshman won the 2nd place trophy. We played New Deal for the first game and won 33-22. Robert Sanders had 10 points and Kelly Blair had 9 points. The second game the Freshman played Christ The King and lost 50-34. Robert Sanders was high scorer with 9 points and Mark Jungman with 7 points.

Varsity Mustangs Capture First

by Melissa Epperson

The Mustangs are on the road to district, but there has been an obstacle put in their path. This obstacle is known as the Anton Bulldogs. The Mustangs tried to rid themselves of the Bulldogs but they were too tough for us. We lost by a one point margin, 49-48 in a game played Dec. 13 here. Clay Dixon was the High point player with 17 points. He was also the outstanding player.

The Mustangs have gone off to another tournament and come home victorious. The only difference is, it was the O'Donnell Tournament and the prize was the first place trophy.

The Mustangs first opponent was the team from Wilson. The

Mustangs handily put this team under by a score of 54-42. The outstanding player was Clay Dixon who had 17 rebounds. The high point players were Lane Giles and Rodney Jackson. The Mustangs then advanced to play the O'Donnell Eagles. We put the Eagles to shame by beating them 52 to 39. The outstanding player was Clay Dixon, the high point players were Clay Dixon and Rod Warren. The next team to fall under the Mustangs' wrath was Meadow. The Mustangs did away with this team also. The final score was 58-42 in favor of the Mustangs. The Mustangs came home with the first place trophy to garnish our trophy case. Their season record is now 12-3.

J.V. Have Winning Streak

by Cindy Jackson

On December 13th the J.V. Fillies sent the Anton Bulldogs back to their doghouse. The final score was 38-22.

The Fillies led throughout the game. The halftime score was 15-13. Fillies on top.

High point was Josie Ponce with 13. Michelle Price had 7 and Maureen Pair had 6.

The J.V. Boys demolished the Anton Bulldogs. The final score was 54-41.

The J.V. Boys had a significant lead throughout the game. At halftime the score was 32-18.

The high point man was Randy Middlebrook with 12 points and Allan Judah contributed 9 more.

December 19th the J.V. Girls lost to the Littlefield J.V. by the score of 20-47.

High point for the Fillies was Josie Ponce with 16 and Rhonda Phillips put in 3.

On the 19th the J.V. Boys crunched the Whitharrel Panthers by a score of 56-33.

High point men were Allan Judah and Randy Middlebrook both throwing in 8 points. Willie Johnson and Angel Maldonado contributed 6 a piece.

Fruit News

by Tony Heinen

The oranges and grapefruit have arrived and are being delivered. If one has a complaint or has not yet received their fruit contact the salesperson that sold the fruit to them.

The smoked turkeys have also arrived and will be delivered as soon as possible.

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Fillies Win One, Lose One

by Robin Truelock

December 13, 1977, the Fillies meet the Anton Bulldogs. The Fillies played a hard game but couldn't pull it together. The game ended Anton 42 Fillies 34. High Point was Terri Stanton with 23. Outstanding guards were Robin Truelock with 6 steals, and Lindy Blumer with 4 rebounds.

December 19, the Fillies played the Whitharrel Panthers. They were down the first half and came back after half time. The score read Fillies 60 Panthers 52. High Point was Terri Stanton with 23, next was LaDonna Pair with 18, and Lori had 13. Outstanding guards were Donna Evans with 4 steals and with 4 rebounds each was Donna Evans, Lindy Blumer and Cindy Jackson.

Door Contest

by Tony Heinen

The Student Council has sponsored their annual door decorating contest. The winners were as follows: Grand prize was won by Room 104 which was decorated by the Junior Class and they received \$25. In the religious category, the chemistry class won first and received fifteen dollars. In the non-religious category the sophomore class received fifteen dollars for winning first place. There was a tie for second between the FHA and Newspaper Staff and both received ten dollars each.

The Student Council appreciates the hard work of all these organizations. Thank You.

Assembly Thrills Group!

by Terri Stanton

The student body of Shallowater High School was invited to a concert presented by the Mustang Band. The program featured various selections and melodies that included religious and traditional carols. Marches and popular tunes from football season were also played.

At the close of the program, the 90-member band led the student body in the school song. Mr. Nutt, director of the bands, closed the program and returned the students to their classes.

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Where there is doubt,
faith
Where there is despair,
hope
Where there is
darkness, light
And where there is
sadness, joy
O Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

The Legend of The Christmas Angel

There is a beautiful legend about how Mary, the mother of Jesus, chooses children each Christmas to sing carols for the Holy Babe.

Fillies Take 1st

by Terri Stanton

The 7th and 8th girls took 1st place in the 2nd Annual Shallowater Junior High Tournament, Dec. 17, 18, and 19.

The 7th girls took on CTK Thursday. We put them away 15-6, led by Carmen Harry's 8 points. Next in line was LCJH, but they weren't as easy. Shallowater was behind the entire game, but we fought it out and won 18-17. Ester Alvarolda was high point with 6.

The 8th girls first game was tough all the way. The Fillies were ahead at half 15-6, but the fourth quarter we fell behind. The last minute the Fillies got a extra spark and won the game by a small margin, 23-22. Bertha Menton led the Fillies with 11 points. The final game against CTK was much easier. We won 38-18. Ruth Romez was high point with 16.

The Freshman girls won 1st place in the Shallowater Tournament also.

New Deal was the first team the Fillies beat 25-22. Thelma Menton was high point with 8. For the final game the Fillies beat Cooper 43-30. Kathy led the Fillies with 14 points.

We would like to congratulate all the girls for their hard work!

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