

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Donley County Steer Show Here Friday

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1975 Progressive Busy Year In Clarendon

Take a turn around the town, in retrospect, and see what changes have taken place in the last year to help Clarendon and the entire trade community.

Some of the things that happened are the beginning of 1 + dialing, so very much looked forward to for some time; the new Courthouse Annex has been completed and the offices moved into the new facility; new businesses like Gibson's Discount Center, Ricky's T.V. Service and Sears Catalog Store that offer the area shopper a choice of merchandise.

Several businesses have changed hands, Junior's Food Store sold to Johnny Brown and is now Bylow Food with Marvin Elliott as manager; John's Clothing Store purchased by Tex Selvidge from John Payne; Janie's Beauty Shop sold by Minnie Gerdes to Janie Crump, when the Gerdes family moved to Tulsa; the purchase of the Charm Beauty Shop by Pat Knowles

Donley 4-H'ers To Show Steers In Odessa Show

On Saturday, January 3, Mark Mann, Paul and Mary Jo Hermesmeier, Lisa and Jamie McAnear, and Lance and Drew Thornberry will leave for the Sand Hills Hereford Show in Odessa. These 4-H Club Members will be exhibiting 10 Hereford steers at this show. The steers will be judged Thursday, January 8, and the auction sale will be held Friday.

from Odell Wallace. This seems to be an indication that a great number of persons have faith in the continuing economic health of our area.

Part of the vacant hospital building has been leased to Dr. R.L. Gilkey so he is able to use the clinic for his office; another change of address was the move of Attorney Michael Sanders from the office at 115 W. 3rd to the newly remodeled beautiful suite of offices north of the Farmers State Bank Building. T. and M. General Store moved to make way for this new office by crossing the street and settling next door to Clifford Grocery.

The old vacant building that once housed Stocking Drug Store has had a face lift and looks great! Another round in this game of musical chairs was the exchange of buildings for Barbara's Fabric Shop & Sears Catalog Store and Rattan T.V. In every instance the occupants are better satisfied and improvements have made.

The Dutchess Beauty Shop is another new business opened in an old familiar place. East of town Pete Riley has bought The Curiosity Shop from George Umbarger, and Everette Anglin sold his motel with his display of antique clocks.

All year long things have progressed, business has done very well in spite of the national average that was not always rosy. Not all business reports are available but a drive down Clarendon's main street is pleasant when you remember how many empty buildings have been there in the past.



READY FOR SHOW — County Extension Agent Ronald Gooch (center) helps Rodney McAnear (left) and his sister Jamie prepare their steer they will enter in the Donley County Steer Show this Friday. The event will be in the Clarendon Show Barn with activities set to begin at 1 p.m.

Clarendon To Close For New Year

Clarendon will close out 1975 and open the bicentennial year of 1976 along with the rest of the nation Thursday.

While service stations, food stores and other businesses who serve the traveling public will remain open New Years Day, many Clarendon stores and business offices will be closed for the first holiday of the new year.

Clarendon's two banks, the Donley County State Bank and the Farmers State Bank will close at noon on Wednesday and remain closed Thursday for News Years Day.

The Post Office will be closed for Christmas but incoming and outgoing mail will be dispatched as usual.

The Donley County Courthouse will close at noon Wednesday and remain

closed Thursday for New Years Day, reopening Friday morning for business. City offices will also observe the holiday.

The office of the Donley County Medical Center will be closed Thursday while the office and clinic of Dr. R.L. Gilkey, closed since before

Terms To Expire For Local Officials

Politics hasn't even begun to simmer as Clarendon and Donley County approach the new year.

Although no one has yet announced their intentions, 13 county, city and school elected officials will have their terms expire at the end of the bicentennial year.

Five county officials will be among those whose terms expire including Sheriff Frank Lindsey, Jr., Maurice

Christmas, will open again Monday, January 5.

Clarendon public schools will reopen Monday, January 5 after a long Christmas holiday while Clarendon College will begin registering for the second semester on Monday, January 19.

Risley, County School Superintendent; John Knorpp, County Attorney; and two commissioners, Gene White of Precinct 1 and Junior Hill of Precinct 3 at Hedley.

The new county officials will be subject to the Democratic Primary which this year falls on Saturday, May 1.

On the City Council, three alderman, Bob Kidd, Dave Croslin and Charles Deyhle will have terms to expire while two trustees of the Clarendon Independent School District, James Mc-

The Clarendon Press will join other local businesses to close for the holiday Thursday but will reopen Friday with a new editor, Don Brown who moved to Clarendon over the weekend with his family into a new home he has purchased at Lake Greenbelt.

Anear, Sr. and Gene Alderson will complete their three-year terms.

Also to be elected will be three regents for Clarendon College. Terms will expire for R.E. Drennan, W.O. Mooring and Delbert W. Robertson.

DRIVERS LICENSE OFFICER HERE

Department of Public Safety Drivers License officer will be in Clarendon on January 2, in the Lions Club Hall from 8:30 a.m. until about 2:30.

Donley County 4-H Club members have been busy all week in preparation for the Donley County Steer Show Friday.

The event will be in Clarendon's Show Barn with showing set to begin at 1 p.m. Don Reeves, Collingsworth County Extension Agent, will serve as judge.

The steers will be divided into four classes according to weight, Ronald Gooch, Donley County extension agent, reported.

The winner of each class will be awarded a \$10 first prize. Each class winner will then be judged to select the Grand Champion of the show. A Reserve Grand Champion steer will also be selected.

Members of Donley County 4-H Clubs and FFAs have been invited to show their animals. Gooch said he expects around thirty entries. Club members who will be exhibiting animals include: Richard Richardson, Jake Longan, Terri Sparks, Lori Robinson, Paul and Mary Jo Hermesmeier, Starla Mann, Lance and Drew Thornberry, Dean Hawkins, Ray and Jay Lindley, Rodney, Jamie and Lisa McAnear, Mark Mann, Clint Robinson and Dwight Hardin.

Gooch said volunteers from local agriculture organizations have been getting the Clarendon Show Barn ready for Friday's show all week. Workers have been cleaning the buildings, cutting down overgrown weeds and clearing away trash since Monday.

The annual event is jointly sponsored by the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce and the Donley County Championship Club.

"The show gives these kids a good chance to gain experience in showing animals," Gooch said. "It also lets the local people come out and see what kind of stock we've got and what the local agriculture clubs have been doing."

Gooch said all of the animals will probably be at the show barn early Friday morning for those interested in seeing the animals before judging begins.

"We've been busy getting the show barn ready this week," Gooch said, "But getting these steers in shape for the show is pretty much a year round thing."

A concession stand will be sponsored by the Donley County 4-H Club open at the show barn Friday.

"We'd like everyone to come out and give their support to the boys and girls Friday," Gooch said.

Sharon Grady and Jack Clark of Amarillo visited with her mother, Mrs. Johnny Grady, and brother John and his wife Carol one day last week.

Ten Year Old

Bags Two Deer

Hud Hudson, ten year old son of Dr. Keith Hudson of Saginaw, bagged his first deer, two of them last week while hunting at Flat Top, his father's place near Stephenville.

The first deer was sighted and shot while Hud was alone. The second was shot while his father was with him, using a 243 Roberts.

Hud has been trained for hunting by his father for some years now and is an avid sportsman. Both of the deer were does, which may be hunted in that section of the state.

This is quite an accomplishment for a sportsman of any age, especially one of ten years old. He is to be congratulated.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Bell and Jack Bell took Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bell and Steve Bell to the airport in Amarillo for their return trip to Lake Oswego, Oregon after Christmas.

Business Of The Week

Donley County Abstract Chronicles History Of County

Attorney J.C. Killough founded the Donley County Abstract Company in 1907, convinced that Clarendon would become a city, and indications at the time pointed in that direction.

In 1907 Clarendon had a four year Methodist College, the Ft. Worth & Denver railroad shops and was the hub of trade for the surrounding ranches and farms.

Killough came to Clarendon from Hillsboro and his daughter Lola worked in the office abstracting the instruments by hand.

The first office was in the Courthouse and all the instruments were abstracted from the county clerk's office from 1882 up to 1907.

In 1918 J.C. Killough and I.W. Carhart built the present building of solid concrete with walls 10 inches thick, and it has been used with only minor changes to this day. Now room is at a premium and Jane Bownds and Sandra Mooring, third

and fourth generation family members to work the business, cannot decide to go up or out in an attempt to get more space.

Donley County Abstract Company is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, businesses in the county. C.E.(Jack) Killough, son of J.C. Killough, joined his father in the abstract business and succeeded him after his death. Jack Killough was the father of Jane Bownds and was the last county surveyor in Donley County. He quit this part of the business in the early 1930's, but had surveyed most of the J.A. Ranch before that time.

Abstracts on every square foot of land in Donley County are in the office. One order the largest single one was for 39 complete abstracts. These abstracts were made necessary as the result of a fire in the ranch home of one of the large ranches. The new abstracts of the ranch are currently kept in two footlockers at the office.

Jack Killough in addition to surveying, sold insurance for a time, eventually selling the business to Curry Powell. He was also Secretary for the Federal Land Bank of Donley County.

Jane Killough worked for her father in the business when she was about 16 years old for a while and did not work again until January 1949, as Jane Bownds, wife of Joe Bownds. Jane's daughter Sandra Mooring, has come into the business so that Jane may be able to return. Sandra is the fourth generation of the family to work in the abstract business, beginning April 1, 1974. She, like her mother, Jane, finds the work demanding, absorbing, and at times, highly humorous.

Sandra had had some previous experience that helped when she went into the abstract office, having been employed in an attorney's office, and some of the work is very similar. One of the unique things

about Clarendon, and the abstract business, is the lack of addresses for property owners. On one occasion, Jane had a request for the address for a certain piece of property. When she informed the individual there was no address, he attempted to help her by requesting the house number or the mailing address. Failing to receive the desired information, he called to make his point.

"There is no address for the property you refer to," Jane explained. "However if it is that necessary I will give you one." The man, finally convinced that Clarendon had property with no identifying address, agreed and so Jane gave him number 1 Peach Street.

This same factor, no address, has kept anyone from publishing a city directory; it is impossible when there is simply no address. When this information comes from the office



BUSINESS FEATURED -- Sandra Mooring (left), manager of the Donley County Abstract Company, is shown with Jane Bownds, company secretary. This Clarendon business, featured in this edition as Business of the Week, was established in 1907.

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Mrs. Bill Mears spent part of Christmas Day at the Palo Duro Convalescent Home with her daughter, Bonnie Ann.

Mrs. U.T. Maxey is in Childress this week with her daughter and family helping with her new grandson.

Letter To Editor Senior Citizens Have Party

I am seeking men and officers who served aboard the mighty aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. TICONDEROGA. Every man who ever served on this fine ship is entitled to join our group. We will be having our next Annual Reunion this coming May at Ticonderoga, N.Y. If interested, for more details, write me, giving your rate/rank, the Division or Air Group, and years on board. James H. Morgan, Jr., Big "T" Veterans' Assoc., Waterside Lane, So. Berwick, Maine 03908.

When was the last time you attended a Taffy Pulling Party? Well the Donley County Senior Citizens Association had one at the Center Monday evening. Other than the taffy, popcorn balls were also made. There was much singing of carols and songs of the past. It was truly a party that nearly forty persons really enjoyed.

Christmas was celebrated Sunday Dec. 28, for the Bill Mears family with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mears of L'Lean, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Beck, Melissa and Brian of Spearman and Bonnie Ann all home for the day. A happy day of gift exchanging, picture taking and enjoying good food was spent by the family. Mrs. Annie McGowan and Tommy visited in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hudson were visiting at Flat Top with their son, Dr. Keith Hudson, and grandchildren, Hud and Gigi, of Hendersonville, Tenn. over the Christmas holidays.

School Menu table with columns for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and items like Burritos with cheese, Mixed vegetables, Buttered Spinach, etc.

Business Of Week

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of persons who know everything there is to know about the land business in town, you know it is for real. A typical example of how to find the location of anyone in town (and perfectly acceptable to anyone who lives in Clarendon) is to find a landmark and give directions from there. Of course it goes without saying that if you do not know 'where old man Jones lives' you certainly cannot find out 'where old lady Smith lives.' Newcomers constantly confuse the whole issue by using street addresses and send the oldtimers for the telephone book to find a name on a street and THEN they can tell any inquirer the location.

Mrs. Bownds says a prospective customer came in and asked "How can a fellow go about buying that old house up that way," pointing in the direction of the plot in question, "that nobody lives in?" The property in question was not for sale, and after some thought, Jane came up with the location she was asked about. Sometimes it is not that easy.

All kinds of information are asked for and in most cases given out. Some of the inquiries have been about what food doctor to go to and where should one go to buy draperies.

Almost every town has at least one ultra conservative spender, sometimes referred to as a tightwad. Donley County Abstract Company had done an abstract for a certain man who fitted this description. "How much you charge a leaf," the old fellow asked. "Seventy five cents a leaf," he was told. "Well, one of these leaves isn't full," he said, waiting for an explanation of the partly filled page.

Jane and Sandra hear all kinds of rumors about houses

and land being for sale, but as far as they are concerned

it is just that, rumor, until they are instructed to make an abstract. That means it is official.

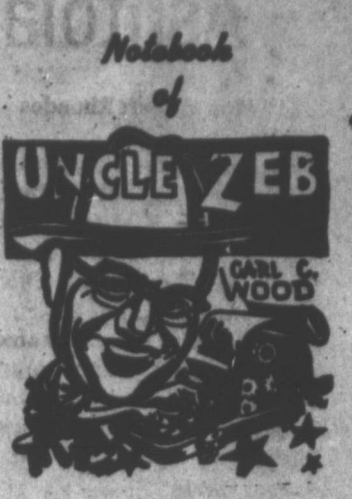
From the beautifully handwritten index records of I.C. Killough beginning in 1907, to the photostatic copies of the ones of today is recorded, the history and destiny of persons well known to Clarendon and as well as those never known to any one here. Some of these pages tell of success and others only record the shattered dreams and hopes of others. Whatever is there, Jane Bownds and her daughter, Sandra Mooring, have in some of the complete records of the all land documents that are in the Donley County Courthouse.

Jane is married to Joe Bownds, who is retired from the United States Post Office. They enjoy traveling and Joe likes to fish. Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs, Arkansas is a favorite area for them, and Jane looks forward to complete retirement.

Sandra is the mother of three children, Ricky, 18, Stacy, 13, and Joe Kent, 11. Ricky will graduate from high school this year.

Sandra's husband is Arlis Mooring who, travels as a manufacturer's representative for sporting goods.

To the residents of Clarendon, Jane, Sandra, and Jane's mother, Mrs. Jack Killough, are familiar persons at the abstract company and have been for many years. Jane has worked there for a number of years of course, and Sandra grew up around the business. Mrs. Killough, although she was never an employee of the firm, lent her own special personality to it, for she rarely misses a day at the office even now, just to be there as a member of the family.



Geathel D. Cochrum of Box 68, Enid, Oklahoma sends me his personal creed ...I want to join him and make it my New Year's Thoughts to begin 1976...

My Personal Creed I have dreamed many a dream that never came true; but I have had enough dreams come true to make me forever believe in dreams and keep on dreaming.

I have prayed many a prayer that was never answered; but enough of my prayers have been answered to make me forever believe in prayer and keep on praying.

I have trusted many a person who failed me; but I have found enough true friends to make me believe in humanity, and keep on trusting.

I have fought many a battle and lost; but I have won enough battles to make me believe in life's struggle, and to keep on fighting.

I have taught many a poor lesson which shamed me; but I have seen enough hearts touched and lives changed to make me forever believe in teaching, and to keep on trying.

Geathel D. Cochrum.. Please write Geathel a note at the above address. He has had a severe heart problem... Is better now, but would love a letter. And isn't it a beautiful thought? I tried to copy it exactly, I didn't want to change a thing to fit my life. He is retired, and has sent me many things.

The following are all the grips we want to carry even to Dec. 31st, much less into a precious new year:

After mailing all my cards and packages we were humming the new country song: "The Good Lord Giveth, And Uncle Sam Taketh Away."

Bob Hope put this mean thought in my head the other night; he said "The extra 3 cents was for storage - it took so long to deliver these days." But this 3 cents has taken a delay, I hope forever the only part of the mail that pays its way got the big jump-someone said we didn't have a lobby in Washington.

1975 can not help but hold a sad MEMORY for me, but on the whole there were so many good ones, and now my friend, my loved ones, and you my readers have given me the works..You have gone all out. You are most wonderful, and I wish EACH OF YOU the BEST ever for 1976.

You are the most from Uncle Zeb and I

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

As 1976 makes its debut, here's hoping it will bring you all the special things that fill your heart with happiness and cheer. Happy New Year to you all!

- Buddy Ford Jim McElroy Foundations Cellars Basements

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Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pick Cox were their daughters Mr. and Mrs. Charles Layton and son of Dumont; Mr. and Mrs. Elgie McCleskey and sons of Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Walker and son of Canyon and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Poole of Amarillo. Other Christmas Day guests were Mrs. W.O. Cox of Matador, sister of Pick Cox, and Mr. and Mrs. T.F. Cox, his parents, also of Matador. On Saturday Mrs. Edna Rucker of Childress and Mrs. Cox' sister Mrs. Ray Woolery and sons of Dimmitt came to visit.

Mrs. Uva Dever's guests for Christmas were her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Yarbrough and children of Memphis; Mr. and Mrs. Neely Hudson of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Nath Helton of Groom.

Steve Lane Attends

Jehovah's Witness Meeting

Steven Lane returned to Clarendon from Amarillo where he and local Jehovah's Witnesses attended "As For Us, We Shall Serve Jehovah" semi-annual circuit assembly at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Mr. Lane said 1,753 heard J.R. Heckman, traveling minister of Jehovah's Witnesses, discuss "Is there a God who cares?" Mr. Heckman said, "If there is a God who cares, why has he permitted wickedness? Will life ever be free of trouble?" As Mr. Heckman developed the answers to these questions, he first asked "Who can best answer? Is God to blame? How did wickedness begin? And why has it been permitted so long?"

Mr. Heckman added "There is a God who cares -- the question now is do we care? If we do, how do we show it? Do we put our lives in harmony with God's purpose?"

Heckman showed from the Bible that "Soon now wickedness will be destroyed. And with a righteous new order of things, God will make wars to cease! Never again will mankind suffer from hunger."

In conclusion Heckman encouraged "If life in pleasant surroundings were being given away, would you not want to know how to qualify? God's new order offers far more, but we must take the time to learn how to qualify."

Mr. Lane said with the return home from Amarillo, all regular activities at the Kingdom Hall at 507 North Eighth St. in Memphis will be resumed. Also a copy in booklet form of the talk will be distributed in Memphis and the surrounding area.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rose and children Jeff and Kelly of Abilene spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Knorpp.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Chamberlain Community Center will be the place for a 42 party and a covered dish supper on Friday, January 2, at 7:45 p.m.

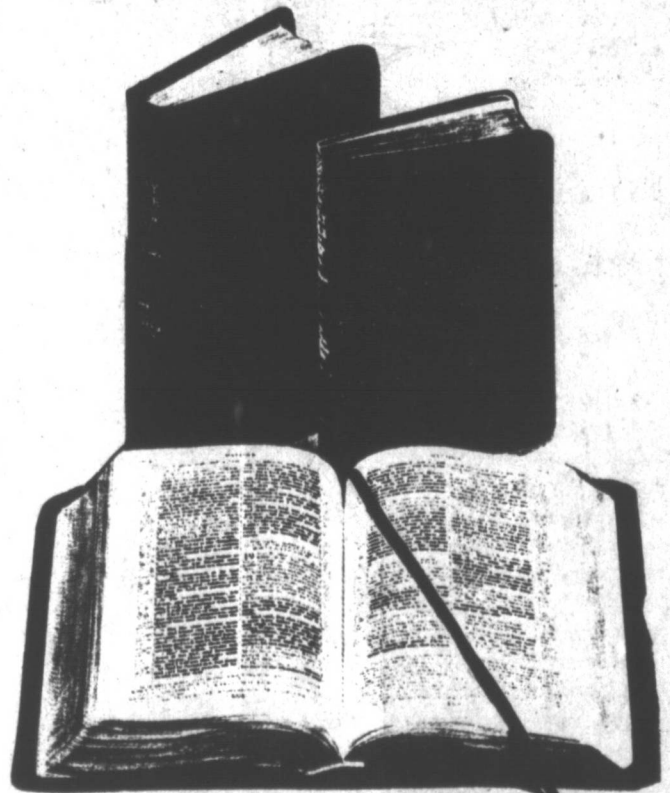
Hostesses for the occasion will be Blanche Higgins and Gertrude Reed. Everyone come on out and start the New Year right by having a good time.

Guests in the Lee Leek home on Christmas Day were Mrs. Ottie Adams, Donna and Diana; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Elmore, Regena and Lisha of Irving; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thocker and Melody all of Lefors; Robert Snider of Memphis; Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Skaggs, Lenn, Kay and Vicke of Hedley; Mr. and Mrs. Kent Neighbors and Daria of Borger.

"BUT SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

Table listing church services for various denominations including Church of Choice, Calvary Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, etc., with times and locations.

Sponsored by the following local merchants who wish to extend a welcome to all visitors. You will find a warm, friendly and sincere welcome.



"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." - Matthew 6:33

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