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The traditional greeting of this season has a great deal of substance this New Year's Day. There are many things to be happy about.

The first which comes to mind is last week's marvelous trip into outer space. Not only the fact that this is the greatest exploratory achievement to date, but also that it demonstrated accuracies of computation which seem almost unbelievable. Amazingly precise calculations controlled the flight from beginning to end.

They determined the duration of power bursts required to send the huge vehicle into orbit, then out of orbit and toward the moon, into the moon orbit and out again for the return to earth, re-entry into earth orbit and finally the retro-blast for splash down at the precise time and place originally planned. Not only what was done but how is a matter of intense national pride — something that has a very definite bearing on this happy new year.

Another factor that figures in a happy greeting is nationwide delight in the return of the Pueblo crew. While regretting that we had to sign to a phony admission of guilt, few will deny that it was worth the price. It accomplished our purpose and very likely it will do little if any harm. While it apparently has some propaganda value to the enemy there is still the important fact that it has little bearing on world opinion. People believe what they want to. Some take the reds' word, some take ours, depending on how their sympathies lean. Regardless of all that, our first concern was the crew's return. And that's another big reason for a happy new year.

Prospects for peace also help to make the new year happy. At this time the nation seems more optimistic than ever, apparently confident that the year will bring a reasonable solution.

Likewise there's a feeling that domestic strife is on its way out. The success of tough policy in dealing with the trouble makers is getting more popular in cities and colleges. A move toward restoration of law and order seems to be started and presents another big reason for a happy new year.

Politically, too, the outlook is encouraging. President-elect Nixon is inspiring confidence by his candid and practical discussions of current problems. There is a widespread feeling that his administration will check and reverse our present trends toward inflation, centralization, deficit spending, socialism, welfareism, etc. Another factor that appears promising is the more conservative attitude of the next Congress. The thought of our nation reviving its faith in traditional Americanism also makes the outlook somewhat happier in the new year.

On the other hand, a new problem now rising on the state level is less cheering. The proposed shake-up in the public school system is a headache to most small communities.

Extensive press coverage on the subject during the past weekend serves warning to small communities all over the state that their existence is in jeopardy. We wonder whether the professional educationists have considered the extent of social and economic grief that will be caused by closing hundreds of small schools.

The committee rightfully (Continued on page 8)

School Committee Proposal Limits 219 Counties to One District Each

AUSTIN, Tex. —Just before the New Year dawned the Governor's Committee on Public School Education unfolded details of a controversial plan to shake up school district boundaries and dramatically revise finance formulas.

Indications are that it will have rough sledding in the Legislature. Committee's reorganization plan to make Texas schools better and more efficient would limit 219 of 254 counties to one school district each. General rule is that all operating 12 - grade systems should be either countywide in size or contain at least 2,600 students in average daily attendance.

Exception would be sparse districts stretching over a county or more with less than 1,600 pupils and 24 special-purpose units like that operated in connection with military bases.

Governor's Committee recommended that the Legislature adopt its proposed district maps for further study by special local countywide study committees charged with approving the new pattern or recommending something better to suit their own area needs. State Board of Education would compile the final

reorganization plan by June 1, 1971.

Projected plan would slash the number of school districts from 1,218 to 354. All but 19 of 662 districts which now have less than 500 pupils would be eliminated. There would be 35 multi - district counties (those of larger population) with from two to 13 districts. All of the latter would have fewer districts than they now have.

Committee's proposals for figuring local districts' adjusted share of a basic foundation school program will also prove controversial, particularly in rural areas. Local share is calculated on the actual property taxpaying ability in each district.

In many counties the number of districts would be reduced drastically. They include the following

Bowie from 14 to two; Cameron 14 to three; McLennan 20 to four; Williamson 12 to two; Grayson 14 to two; Collin 16 to three; Denton 11 to two; Tom Green nine to one; Hunt, Taylor, Henderson, Cherokee, Nacogdoches 10 to one; Rusk nine to one; El Paso nine to three; Nueces 17 to four; Hidalgo 19 to eight; Fannin and Lamar 11 to one; Cameron 14 to three; Johnson 12 to two, and Ellis 11 to two.

News of the Men in Service

On Transfer Leave

Pvt. Chris Walter got home for Christmas on a two-week leave to visit his parents, the Oscar Walters. He has completed basic at Fort Bliss, El Paso, and is enroute to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, for a new assignment. He'll be with the Medics.

Holiday Visitors

Airman Wayne Sicking is on holiday leave from Minot AFB, North Dakota, visiting his parents and family, the Bernard Sicking. He arrived in time to join in a Christmas reunion.

Home On Leave

Spec. 4 Donald Hellman flew in from Fort Jackson, S. C., on Dec. 27 to spend a week's leave with his parents and family, the Charley Hellmans.

Earns Promotion

Tom Flusche, on duty in Vietnam, has been advanced to Specialist 4. An Army buddy who was in Vietnam with him and has returned to the states telephoned Tom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Flusche, from New Jersey to tell them the latest about Tom and his Vietnam assignment.

Settled In Vietnam

Pfc Donald Vogel writes his parents, the Joe Vogels, about getting settled at his new assignment in Vietnam. He's based at Long Binh, some 15 miles from Saigon, assigned to the First Logistical Command. He mentioned that Jerry Whitley of Pilot Point went over with him and while they are not assigned together Jerry is stationed nearby. Address: Pfc Donald Vogel, US 5445-366; H Hd 1st Log. Cnd. (AGPR); APO San Francisco, California 96384.

Enroute To Vietnam

Sgt. and Mrs. Glenn Fleitman are spending his 30-day overseas leave with their families, the Albert Fleitmans here and the L. M. Todds at Leonard. Glenn checked out at Fort Ord, Calif., in time to make the trip home for Christmas with his parents. He will report to Fort Lewis, Wash., and go from there for assignment in Vietnam.

Headed For Thailand

Airman Ray Rumley is on overseas leave before a new assignment in Thailand. He had been stationed at McConnell AFB, Wichita, Kansas, and is spending his leave here with his mother, Mrs. Melba Kinsey and family.

Trojan Letterman

Dale Felderhoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Felderhoff and a junior at Subiaco Academy, was among the 30 Trojans receiving letters for their contribution to the 1968 Trojan grid squad that went 6-3 for the season. Dale played offensive tackle for the Trojans.

The only exercise some folks get is jumping to conclusions, running down their friends, side-stepping their responsibility, and pushing their luck.

'68 Rain Measure Was Second High In Past 23 Years

The second wettest year on record in this community has just ended. The moisture according to Steve Moster's official US record is 43.56 inches, which is topped only by the huge total of 51.80 in 1957, and which barely nudges past the 43.53 record for 1950.

Rain of the past week was .55 inch measured on the 28th. That brought the month's total to 1.29.

The record of local rainfall has been kept since 1946, and this year is the sixth in the 23 years that the total has been above 40. The other three totals are 41.78 in 1946, 41.67 in 1962, and 41.56 in 1964. The driest year on record is 1956 with 19.06 and next driest was 1963 with 21.32. Average yearly rainfall for the 23 years has been about 34 inches.

State Shares in Salvaged Treasure From Spanish Ship

Land Commissioner Jerry Sadler displayed the treasure salvaged from a Spanish ship sunk by a hurricane off the Texas coast in 1553. It's the first such treasure-trove found in Texas waters.

A gold crucifix, which Sadler estimated to be worth \$100,000, plus a gold bar (showing a ragged end where the tax collector had cut off the crown's share), over 500 coins of Charles V of Spain and his mother, Queen Joanna "the Mad", and some 30-pound "plates" of bulk silver were among the items displayed.

Exact value of the treasure hasn't been set, but may run into "millions," Sadler said. Texas and the Indiana salvage firm working the wreck will split the treasure 50-50, which Sadler says is the best deal worked out for any government. Legally, the treasure—or the money from it — belongs to the Permanent School Fund, which owns the land on which the ship sank. Details on the exact sharing of the booty have yet to be worked out. And there are four other ships which sank in the same area during the hurricane that are expected to yield more "goodies."

KC Change Date Of Next Meeting

Members of the Muenster KC Council were advised this week that their regular monthly meeting was postponed from the first Wednesday to the second. The reason was conflict with New Year observance.

Also mentioned in the monthly bulletin was the council's recent gift of eight handsome red jackets to Sacred Heart Church for the ushers. They were worn the first time the Sunday before Christmas.

A father was examining his son's report card. "One thing is definitely in your favor son. With this report card, you couldn't possibly be cheating."

First Quarter of City Sales Tax Nets \$4,964

The first benefit of a city sales tax returned to Muenster last week. It was a check for \$4,964.51 from the State Treasurer as the city's share of sales tax collected here during the quarter of July 1 to September 30.

Mayor Earl Fisher said the check was accompanied by a statement showing that the amount actually collected as city sales tax was \$5,319.01, and 2 per cent was kept by the state as a collection fee. That left \$5,212.63 as the city's share, of which \$248.12 remains on deposit to the city's credit to provide for possible discrepancies.

Basketball Teams Win 2 Trophies in Holiday Tourney

Coach Charles Cash and his Muenster High basketball teams returned from the Sanger holiday tournament with a pair of handsome trophies. Inscription on the boys' trophy reads Consolation First Place. On the girls trophy it reads Consolation Fourth Place.

The tournament presented sixteen trophies in all. There were four each in champ and consolation brackets of boys' and girls' divisions. Every team that reached the semifinals received one. The semifinal winners played for first and second, semifinal losers played for third and fourth.

The Hornets got into the consolation bracket by a 41-34 loss to Pilot Point in the opener and after that they won three in a row.

The opener was hot for 3 periods, Muenster leading 8-7 at the quarter, trailing 22-19 at the half, and tied 32-32 at the third period. A cold final period hurt the Hornets and the final count was 41-34. MHS scorers were Sam Sparkman 15, John Monday 8, Tom Henschel 7, John Felderhoff 2, Dale Cash 1, Mike Hennigan 1.

Next game, at 11 a.m. Friday, they took on the B team of Class 4-A Diamond Hill and won 56-49. Hornets were comfortably ahead in the first half by scores of 16-10 and 31-20 but lost ground in the third for a lead of 42-39, and finally came out with the 7 point margin. The scorers were Sparkman 22, D. Cash 16, Felderhoff 9, Monday 8, Henschel 1.

The semifinal encounter was with Class A Boyd at 4:30 Friday. Three quarters were smooth for the Hornets as scores were 10-6, 22-13 and 30-20, but Boyd's fourth quarter rally almost dumped them. MHS won 36-33. Point makers were Sparkman 13, Monday 10, D. Cash 6, Henschel 4, Felderhoff 3.

Valley View was the opponent in the consolation final as Muenster led all the way by counts of 13-5, 27-14, 38-29 and 48-41. Monday was hot for 24 points as Sparkman and D. Cash hit 9 each and Henschel 4 and Felderhoff 3.

MHS girls did not get along as well. After the opening loss to Pilot Point they beat Sanger B, then lost to Collinsville and Valley View.

Both teams had shooting troubles in the first game as Pilot Point held slim leads

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Mayor Fisher estimated that the check just received will probably be about normal for the four quarters. That for the quarter just ended is expected to be considerably higher because of Christmas buying and that for the quarter just starting will reflect decreased sales as many people pay their taxes.

The 1 per cent city sales tax was adopted by strong endorsement of city voters early last year and became effective on July 1. Also on that date the state sales tax increased from 2 to 3 percent. The effect here was to double the tax rate — from 2 to 4 per cent.

Muenster Firemen Answered 58 Calls During the Year

Muenster's volunteer firemen crowded most of their activity last year into a small fraction of their time. Of the 54 calls they answered, 32 occurred in just three months: 13 December, 10 in September and 9 in August.

The easiest months were May and July which had 1 alarm each. Also the first half year was easier. It had only 12 calls whereas the second half had 42.

Grass fires continue to be the principal source of trouble. There were 43 of them during the year, 26 in town and 17 in the rural area. The city fires were usually small and easily brought under control. Out of town they were mostly pasture fires requiring a great deal more work. One of them cleared off more than 300 acres of range land before being brought under control.

Most frequent cause of the city fires was permitting trash fires to get out of control. Most frequent single cause of rural fires was locomotive sparks along the Katy right of way. Five fires were answered there.

Again this year the majority of calls came from the country. Twenty eight were out of town, twenty six in town.

A sizeable and welcome decrease from the previous year's 82 alarms is explained mostly by the heavy rainfall of 1968, especially during the early part of the year. During much of that time grass would not even catch fire, and if so it burned slowly.

Only one fire involved a house. It was at the Houtchens place north of town. Starting between a fireplace and a wall it was hard to find and hard to put out. Damage was relatively light considering the length of time involved.

Biggest single loss was Bruno Fleitman's barn and three thousand bales of hay. It was beyond control when discovered. A smaller total loss was a shed on the Endres farm occupied by Paul Sicking. A lucky save was Louis Sicking's hay barn. Pickup exhaust started the fire in the hay. Quick discovery and (Continued on page 8)

News of the Sick

Thomas Sicking is a patient at Gainesville Hospital since suffering a heart attack Friday, Dec. 3.

Herb McDaniel is on the mend, continuing convalescence at home after being a patient at Muenster Hospital for treatment of pneumonia.

Tony Hoenig is getting back into circulation following dismissal from Muenster Hospital where he underwent surgery.

Julie Ann, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hacker, who was hospitalized at Children's Hospital in Dallas following her birth at Gainesville Hospital Dec. 21, was dismissed from hospital care Tuesday. The baby responded to treatment for a heart ailment and it is expected she will continue recovery at home.

Al Wiesman is a patient at Muenster Hospital since Saturday when he sustained a broken hip in a fall at his home. His wife who was hospitalized at the time for treatment of influenza was dismissed from hospital care Monday.

Mrs. Joe Stockman who has been with Mrs. R. M. Zipper the past several months has returned to her home at Tulsa and has entered a hospital there for surgery.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Thursday, Dec. 19: Admit — Burt Galmor, Saint Jo, Howard Sledge, Forestburg, Mrs. Joe Stockman.

Friday: Admit — William Forrester, Saint Jo, Mrs. Jerry Orrell, Forestburg, Orrell baby boy born, Mrs. C.W. Wilson. Dismiss — Mrs. Billy Pennington, Forestburg, Lois Embry, Saint Jo, Carrie Freeman, Saint Jo, Burt Galmor, Saint Jo, Mrs. Sallie Berry, Saint Jo (died), Tony Hoenig, Mrs. W. H. Endres.

Saturday: Admit — Mrs. Wm. Forrester, Saint Jo, J. T. Bryant, Montague, Mrs. W. H. Endres. Dismiss — Charles Hogan, Saint Jo, Herbert McDaniel.

Sunday: Admit — Chris Clayton, Saint Jo, Paul Baird, Alvord, Xula Higgenbotham,

Saint Jo, Lois Embry, Saint Jo. Dismiss — Paul Baird, Alvord, Oliver Lowry, Valley View (died), Lois Embry, Saint Jo (died), Mrs. W. H. Endres.

Monday: Admit — Edd McGannon, Mrs. Norbert Kleemert, Wenzel Muck. Dismiss — Chris Clayton, Saint Jo, Mrs. Jerry Orrell and baby boy, Forestburg, Howard Sledge, Forestburg, Gayle Knabe.

Tuesday: Admit — Edward Van Zandt, Saint Jo, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Embry, Saint Jo. Dismiss — Mrs. Xula Higgenbotham, Saint Jo, Mrs. Joe Stockman.

Wednesday: Admit — Alvie McMillion, Forestburg, Mrs. Lois Embry, Saint Jo.

Thursday: Admit — Mrs. Wm. Belew Jr., Dallas, Mrs. Dean Forney, Great Falls, Mont., Paul Baird, Alvord, Mrs. Al Wiesman, Mrs. Joe Doughty, Mrs. Al Walterscheid, Monte Wimmer, Connie Walterscheid, Patrick Walterscheid. Dismiss — Edward Van Zandt, Saint Jo.

Friday: Admit — Mrs. Robert Montgomery, Gainesville, Mrs. Lambert Beyer, Gainesville, Marth Glassley, Nocco, Frank Inghish, Rosston, Joe Doughty. Dismiss — Betty Morrow, Gainesville, Alvie McMillion, Forestburg.

Saturday: Admit — Mrs. Clifford Hudspeth, Forestburg, Mrs. Frank Williams, Saint Jo, Al Wiesman. Dismiss — Paul Baird, Alvord, Mrs. Dean Forney, Great Falls, Mont., Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Embry, Saint Jo, Monte Wimmer.

Sunday: Admit — Mrs. B. A. Harry, Forestburg, Mrs. Ray Brock, Gainesville, Clarence Hess, Mrs. Wilfred Bindel. Dismiss — Mrs. Wm. Belew Jr., Dallas, Elizabeth Herr, Connie Walterscheid, Patrick Walterscheid.

Monday: Dismiss — J. T. Bryant, Montague, Frank Inghish, Rosston, Mrs. Frank Williams, Saint Jo, Mrs. Wm. Forrester, Saint Jo, Mrs. Robert Montgomery, Gainesville, Mrs. Al Walterscheid, Mrs. Al Wiesman, Mrs. Mary Voth.

Tuesday: Admit — Bessie Brown. Dismiss — Mrs. Joe Doughty, Mrs. Floyd Vaughn, Mrs. Wilfred Bindel, Clarence Hess.

Ten Year Moisture Record

Yr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
'58	2.90	1.26	3.29	3.90	6.57	3.58	3.34	.51	2.89	.44	2.79	1.02	32.53
'59	.40	.65	1.52	.97	2.73	5.70	3.48	2.22	2.79	8.57	.50	3.83	33.36
'60	3.48	1.37	1.80	1.76	3.24	1.17	6.26	1.25	3.19	4.35	.29	3.54	31.70
'61	1.67	2.57	5.23	.26	3.18	2.69	.34	1.98	4.92	3.50	2.89	1.70	30.91
'62	.75	.49	2.13	5.79	1.17	8.76	2.38	2.44	11.11	1.67	3.74	1.34	41.77
'63	.10	.40	1.19	4.29	4.69	.67	2.37	.66	.63	.92	2.67	2.20	21.32
'64	2.59	.91	3.98	3.53	4.61	.64	.06	3.24	11.12	.01	9.92	.95	41.56
'65	2.63	2.54	.99	1.42	7.52	4.10	.18	5.29	6.99	3.03	1.45	1.49	37.68
'66	2.50	4.55	1.83	8.43	2.30	3.57	1.54	6.94	4.58	.67	.63	1.47	37.51
'67	.15	.87	1.46	3.82	7.92	1.52	2.02	1.16	4.25	2.00	.96	1.70	27.82
'68	4.67	1.71	5.36	4.68	5.93	5.29	5.21	.81	2.76	3.31	2.63	1.29	43.56

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FOR WHOM DO YOU WORK?

We thought we were becoming shock-proof as crisis piled upon crisis and we concentrated on doing our daily chores as usual. Then we chanced upon a report of a speech delivered by Walter Knott, head of the famous Knott's Berry Farm in California, in San Francisco. Here is part of what he said — the shocking part:

"Mrs. Knott and I started as tenant farmers 46 years ago on a piece of land that had never raised enough to pay any income taxes or had never made employment for a many as 10 people. Today it furnishes employment for more than 1,000 and, beside all the city taxes, county taxes, state taxes, franchise taxes and sales taxes, we are able to make enough to pay the Federal Government more than \$1 million a year in income taxes. We felt we know how to run the place and even take a little pride in ownership.

"When the government agent moved into my office for six months I found out that we really did not own the place. We were running it for the government. This man looked into every aspect of our business, spoke to all our employees; and when he found one who was doing any anti-Communist work, any free enterprise work, such as making talks like I am doing today, he told me to take them off the payroll. When I asked if I could not hire whom I pleased, he replied, 'Don't you know that when you spend money on what you call education and we call propaganda, that you are spending 70 cents of our money for every 30 cents of yours? We are not going to have our money spent like that.'

"And he took these people off the payroll and charged them back to me personally. This is one more example which shows that as government gets bigger, controls get tighter and yet freedom was the basis on which our whole system worked...."

Over the years, Walter Knott has been one of that breed of businessmen, too rare, who has dared to "put his money where his mouth is." He has sought to preserve for others, and succeeding generations, the freedom which permitted him to labor, save, invest and prosper. Thousands upon thousands of Americans can attest to that: they have visited the patriotic exhibits at the famed Knott's Berry Farm.

Too late, we may all wake up to find that someone has killed the goose that laid the golden egg. Only paper gold will remain.

For whom do you work?
 —Okeechobee, Fla., News

THE DAY AFTER ELECTION

One of the most hotly-contested issues before the last session of Congress was the compulsory gun registration bill. The Administration proposed such legislation and thousands of Americans wrote or wired their objections to Congress. The Congress responded by defeating all gun registration bills. The only gun bill passed in the session was one restricting interstate and mail-order sales of firearms.

But on November 6 — the day after the Federal elections — announcement of a Federal gun registration edict was made in Washington, Congress notwithstanding. What bureaucrat presumes to impose such regulations? Believe it or not, the Collector of Internal Revenue.

In the Federal Register for November 6, 1968, Volume 23, No. 217, the Internal Revenue Service served notice that it is prepared to enforce new rules on reporting the sales of ammunition and firearms. Under the new rules, any person buying firearms or ammunition from a dealer will have to report his name and address, height and weight, place and date of birth, and provide identification. Further, the rules will empower the regional offices of the Internal Revenue Service to require regular reports from all deal-

ers on the names and addresses of every person who buys firearms or ammunition.

Thus, every firearm, and every purchase of ammunition, will be a permanent record in the files of the Internal Revenue Service. And that is gun registration by bureaucrat, in defiance of the clearly expressed will of the Congress of the United States.

It will be more difficult to arouse public opinion on the issue now, because those citizens who screamed last summer have relaxed in the belief that the Congress rejected gun registration. And it did. But the frightening fact is that the Internal Revenue Service is prepared to do, on its own, what the Congress refused to make the law of the land.

Delusions of grandeur are not unknown among bureaucrats. But no manifestation has been so conspicuous as this travesty. It is a bad joke. And unless Congress has become a joke, it will quickly correct the Federal Register for November 6, 1968.

—U. S. Press Assn.

GUEST EDITORIAL

The following is a partial transcript of the statement made by Comdr. Lloyd M. Bucher, captain of the Pueblo, immediately upon his release:

"...I think that I don't know what has been said here in the United States since our capture. I haven't seen a single piece of paper or magazine other than propaganda-type magazines, which I've been reading for the past year or thereabouts. I haven't seen a single piece of paper or anything that was printed anywhere other than in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. And so I don't have the slightest idea what was said about me or about the crew.

"And I want to re-emphasize once again two things. First of all, that the crew that I had on board that ship are just the most tremendous bunch of sailors that it has ever been my privilege to sail with. And this includes, of course, the two Marines who were aboard as interpreters and had just come aboard.

"Both of these marines by this time have actually more Navy blood, I think. And I don't know what their intentions are for their next enlistment, but I'm going to try to get them into the Navy.

"The other thing I want to say is and make clear — and make this crystal clear — and this is that at no time did the USS Pueblo ever intrude into the territorial waters of North Korea. We never closed land closer than 13 miles — land or offshore islands.

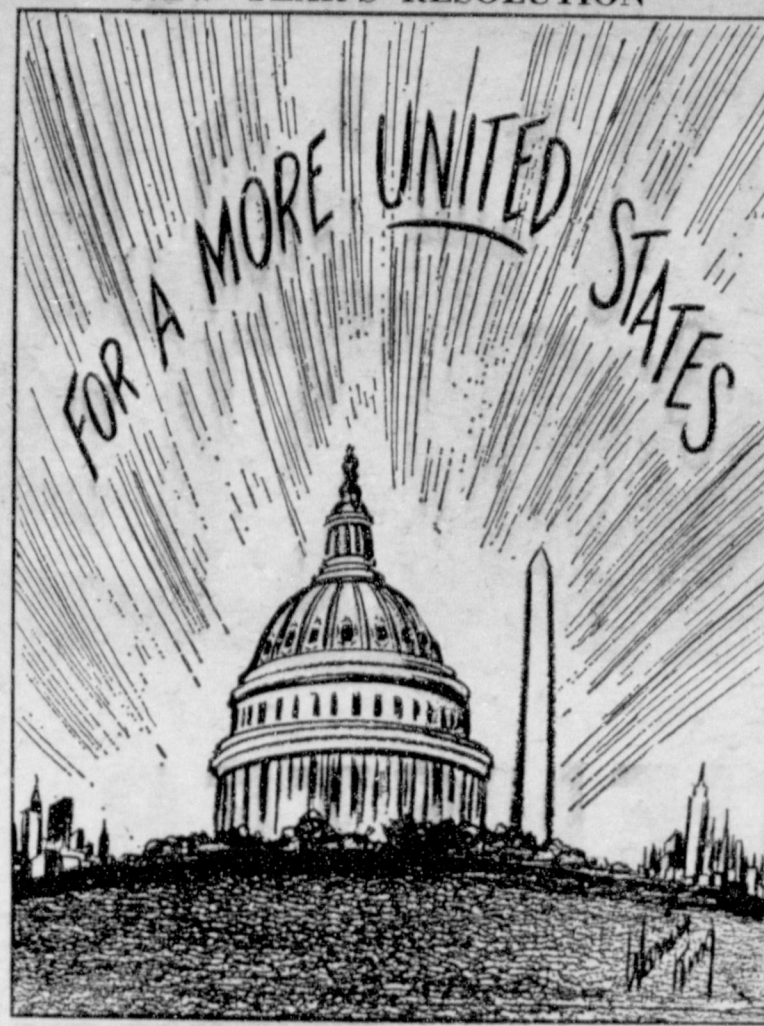
"We were attacked on the open seas and we were captured on the open seas. It is pure and simple and plain as that. All the records that we had on the ship proved that, and any doctoring of the records that has been done since that time in the phony press conference that we held up North is just — would just never stand up to the court of law...."

"I have no further general statement to make except I do want very much to tell the people of the United States how much the crew of Pueblo and myself had faith in them in the entirety of our detention...."

You may wish to clip and save this remarkable testament. Our guess is that it will be most interesting to compare it with what Washington, the Navy and the Communist enemy have to say on the matter in the weeks and months to come.

—U. S. Press Assn.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION



A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

President-elect Richard M. Nixon has pledged that "the great objective" of his administration will be "to bring the American people together."

He explained that he will have an open Administration, "open to new ideas, open to men and women of both parties, open to critics as well as those who support us."

We have the opportunity to assist the Administration in achieving this worthwhile objective during the year 1969. Petty political maneuvering must give way to sound, positive action at the executive, legislative, administrative and public levels.

Each of us should lend positive public support to sound constructive objectives, which not only will achieve the goal of togetherness, but will accelerate our economy into a better America for all.

GREETINGS!

One of the first things that will greet every working person with the dawn of the new year will be increase in social security taxes. Social security payment deductions from wage and salary checks will rise to 4.8 per cent of earnings up to \$7,800. This means that any employee with earnings of \$7,800 will pay \$374.40 in social security taxes. Employers will pay an equal amount. Thus, the total tax take in the name of "social security" will reach nearly 10 per cent of taxable payrolls. Nearly 10 per cent of every dollar up to maximum taxable earnings will go to the federal government to pay for social security and medicare — as much as \$748.80 per employee. And more increases in this tax are coming in the year ahead. By 1987, it will amount to 5.9 per cent each for employee and employer.

A little pamphlet issued by the Associated Industries of Alabama, entitled "Another Chunk Out of Your Check," explains why social security costs are increasing so rapidly. There are two main reasons. One, a great number of people are now getting benefits which come to more than the taxes they and their employers have paid into social security. Two, Congress has changed the law many times to (a) add more groups to the program, (b) make it easier to get benefits, (c) increase the benefits, and (d) add medicare. Each change costs both employees and employers more money.

So remember, among those who will be first to greet you in the new year will be the tax collector.

—Industrial News Review

Advice to all eaters: If you are thin, don't eat fast. If you are fat, don't eat. Fast.

Rep. Purcell Honored at Chicago 4-H Congress



Graham Purcell

Although Congressman Graham Purcell (D-Texas, 13th Congressional Dist.) has been busy with studies and conferences throughout the world, he continues to be an ardent supporter of 4-H and other youth groups.

He recently received the highest 4-H award given to former members, the 4-H Alumni Key award. He accepted the gold key on Dec. 4 at the 47th National 4-H Congress held in Chicago. It was presented by Richard Hiendlmayr, vice president and general manager of the Olin Agricultural Division of the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation, 4-H Alumni Recognition program sponsor.

His work abroad includes studying agricultural projects in Egypt, Greece and several countries behind the Iron Curtain. He attended the United Nations Foreign Agriculture Conference held in Rome. He

was one of 15 members of the National Commission on Food Marketing to make a two-year study of the food industry from producer to consumer.

Before his election as Representative to the 87th Congress in 1962, he was a district judge in Wichita Falls, Tex., and prior to that time a practicing attorney in Big Springs and Wichita Falls. He was twice honored as outstanding citizen of Wichita Falls because of his community service.

He received his L.L.B. degree at Baylor University in Waco in 1949. He received his B.S. degree in animal husbandry at Texas A&M University in 1936, then his education was interrupted while he served in the armed forces during World War II.

His 4-H background was in Archer County where he was selected as the first Gold Star Boy. He showed blue ribbon and reserve champion steers at district shows and was president of his local 4-H Club. In addition to supporting 4-H, he has served for many years on the Executive Board of the Northwest Texas Council of the Boy Scouts.

A member of the Presbyterian Church, he is vice president of the House of Representatives Private Prayer group.

He and his wife reside at 9026 Old Mount Vernon Rd., Alexandria, Va. They have four children with the eldest studying veterinary medicine at Texas A&M.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It's time once more to wish you and your family a New Year filled with good health and happiness. We value the privilege of serving you.

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Family Reunions Are Highlights of Holiday Season

It seemed quiet at the home of Mrs. R. R. Endres Monday after having her children and grandchildren in and out during the holiday season and having them all together for Christmas dinner. Joining the Muenster group were Mr. and Mrs. Gene LaGessee and children of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. David Endres and children of Garland and Sister Margie Endres of Fort Worth. While they were together they visited by telephone with the Frank Hennigans of Albuquerque, N. M. About 40 attended the reunion.

Holidaying with the Herbert Meurers were their daughters Miss Martha Meurer of Den-

ver, Colo., and Mrs. Kenneth Wiesman and children Klair and Kurt of Austin. Martha spent a week, returned to Denver Tuesday, Dec. 31. Mrs. Wiesman and children came for Christmas and left Monday. Also a visitor during the holidays was Miss Gayle Golden, formerly of Muenster, now teaching in Fort Worth and the John Meurers and children Brian and Anita.

At the Bill Kathman home there were two holiday gatherings and gift exchanges. Their daughter and family the Stan Wylies of Grand Prairie were Sunday visitors and stayed over night. The other daughter and son-in-law, the W. E. Insells, Linda and Eddie were there for Christmas day. The Insells and their married daughter and her husband, the Mike Hendersons of Oklahoma City also visited the Kathmans on Dec. 21 giving

the Hendersons an opportunity to see her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilde hosted his family for Christmas dinner and a gift exchange. Guests included his mother, Mrs. Joe Wilde, and his sisters and their families the Rufus Bezners and the James Bezners of Lindsay.

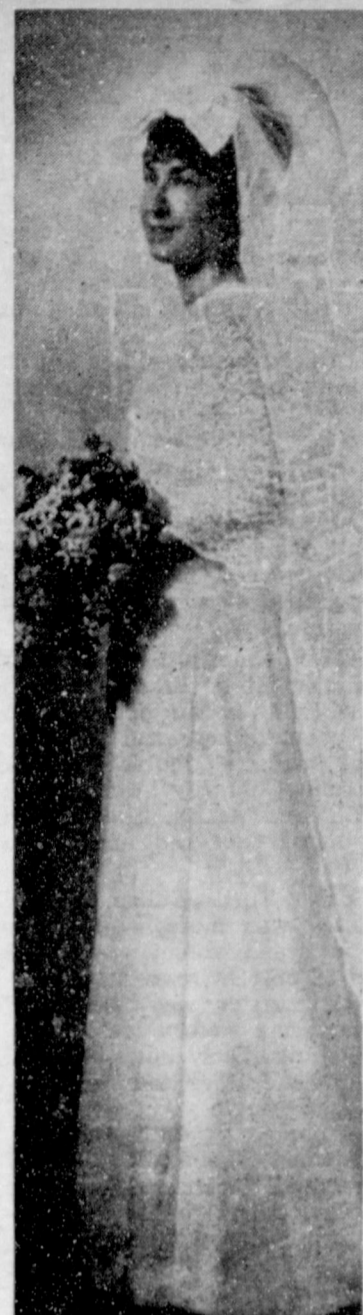
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hartman was the scene of the traditional Christmas reunion and gift exchange and noon dinner with children and grandchildren flocking in from Arlington, Denton, Gainesville and Muenster. While they were together they visited by telephone with the Teddy Gremmings of Denver, Colo., to exchange greetings and family news. The Gene Hartmans and children went on to another reunion and holiday meal at the home of her mother, Mrs. Dick Cain.

Christmas reunion and gift exchange at the J. J. Haverkamp home had all the children and grandchildren present including the Ferd Haverkamps and Willard Zimmerers and their families of Dallas, the Raymond Hesse family of Denison, the Wally Luttmers and the Ray Koppers and their children of Lindsay, along with the Muenster group. Highlight of the occasion was having Ray Kupper present. He was dismissed from the VA Hospital in Dallas before Christmas.

Holiday joys were multiplied for the M. F. Milners who had their son and daughter and families — including their five grandchildren — with them. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Milner and sons Jon and Marc arrived on the 23rd from Rolla, Mo., to spend five days. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haynes Jr. and children Marie, Kenneth and David of Euless spent the

25th. The Lawrence Milners left during the week to spend the rest of their holiday vacation with her parent at Sherman.

The Oscar Walters welcomed their soldier son, Pvt. Chris Walter at home for Christmas and the holidays. He's completed training at Fort Bliss, El Paso, and has a two-week leave before reporting to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio for further training. Other holiday guests on the 21st were the Rodney Walters and children of Dallas who were enroute to Lubbock to spend Christmas with her family. Arriving on the 24th for Christmas Eve dinner were David Walter of Dallas and Mrs. Judy Wolf and daughter Kelley of Gainesville. Others for Christmas included Mrs. C. J. Hellman and daughters of Lubbock. C. J. joined them Monday.



another sister, served the wedding cake.

After their wedding trip the newlyweds will establish temporary residence at Whitesboro. He farms in Muenster and she will continue nursing in Sherman.

She was graduated from Frankfurt American High School in Germany and the University of Iowa in Iowa City, where she received a nursing degree. He is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and has completed a tour of duty with the Army with overseas service in Germany. The couple met in Germany six years ago while he was stationed there and she was with her family while her father was on a civil service assignment.

Among wedding guests in addition to the bride's family were Father Aloys Fuhrmann of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. David Endres and children John, Howard and Karla of Garland, Mr. and Mrs. John Fuhrmann and daughter Rose, New Braunfels, Paula, Bill and Brian Bauer of Atlanta, Sister Michael Marie Fuhrmann of Cameron and Sister Mary Helen Fuhrman of Sherman.

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Nuptial Mass Unites Carol Floyd and Michael Fuhrmann

Saint Mary's Church in Sherman was the scene of the wedding of Miss Carol Ann Floyd and Michael G. Fuhrmann who pledged vows in a double ring ceremony at nuptial Mass, Saturday, Dec. 28, at 2 p.m. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Robert Forliti, pastor, officiated.

The bride, a nurse at Wilson N. Jones Hospital in Sherman, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Floyd of Annandale, Virginia. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Fuhrmann of Muenster.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an A-line gown of white velvet with lace Empire bodice and bell sleeves. A velvet Dior bow held her veil and she carried a white orchid and carnations.

Mrs. Jan Hodgson of Clarksville, Tenn., college classmate of the bride, was matron of honor, and Miss Juanita Jo Floyd of Annandale, bride's sister, was bridesmaid. They wore floor length gowns of red velvet and carried red roses and pink carnations.

Jerome Fuhrmann, best man, and Leon Fuhrmann, groomsman, attended their brother. Another brother, Francis Fuhrmann and a cousin, Paul Hesse of Dallas, were ushers.

After Mass Karla Endres, niece of the bridegroom, presented a bouquet of white roses to the bride and she placed it on the Blessed Virgin's altar.

Wedding reception was held in Holiday Inn, Sherman. Mrs. David Endres, bridegroom's sister from Garland and Mrs. Leon Fuhrmann presided at the punch service and Mrs. Cletus Bauer of Atlanta, Tex.,

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We are grateful for the many expressions of sympathy, the flowers, food, help and other kindnesses extended us at the death of our loved one.—The Lois W. Embry Family.

A note of thanks to everyone who remembered me while I was a patient at Muenster Hospital. The cards, prayers and other thoughtful deeds are much appreciated. Thanks also to the doctors, nurses, hospital staff and Reverend Fathers. Ann and Lisa are grateful too.—Herb McDaniel.

Many thanks for many kind and thoughtful deeds that came my way while I was a patient at Muenster Hospital. The cards, prayers, flowers, visits and other favors meant much to me. Special thanks to the Rev. Fathers, Bishop Danglmayr, the doctors, nurses and hospital staff.—Elizabeth Herr.

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BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Voth proudly announce a son, weight nine pounds four ounces on arrival at Muenster Hospital Tuesday, Dec. 31, 10:30 p.m. Now they have two boys and their six girls have another brother. Mrs. Barney Voth, Muenster, and Mrs. Paul Arendt Sr., Lindsay have another grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Voth of Lindsay announce an eight pound nine ounce son born Friday, Dec. 27, at Gainesville Hospital 4:35 a.m. Now they have two boys and two girls, the other children are Connie, Janet and Tony. There are two grandmothers, Mrs. Alfons Walterscheid of Muenster and Mrs. Frank Haverkamp Sr. of Lindsay, and a great-grandmother, Mrs. John Schilling of Muenster.

From Germany has come announcement of the birth of a daughter, four pounds 12 ounces to S. Sgt. and Mrs. Tony Marr, their first child, and a granddaughter for Mr. and Mrs. John Herr. The baby was born Dec. 10 in Amberg, Germany, where the father is serving in the Army. The Marrs are due to leave there and return to the states and Muenster in January. The new baby's paternal grandparents live in Greensbury, Ky.

Mrs. Royce Rennels delivered her finest Christmas present on Christmas Day at Gainesville Hospital when she presented her husband with their first child, a five pound 15 ounce boy, born at 5:05 a.m. Proud grandparents for the first time are Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Rennels of Myra. The young couple is formerly of Myra and Gainesville. They are spending some time with his parents. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe I. Gonzales of El Paso. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Welch of Gainesville are the paternal great-grandparents. There's a maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. R. P. Davis in El Paso. The baby's name is Curtis James.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fleitman of Denison have announced the birth of a son, James Eric, Tuesday Dec. 17, weighing five pounds eight and a half ounces. He a brother for Mike and Don and a grandson for Mr. and Mrs. Nick Block of Lindsay and Mr. and Mrs. Al Fleitman of Muenster.

FHA Chapter Had Real Yule Spirit

Muenster High Future Homemakers of America had the true Christmas spirit.

At their December meeting the girls made candy and baked cookies, wrapped the goodies in individual packages and delivered them to patients at Muenster Hospital and residents of Golden Years Rest Home the night they went Christmas caroling.

Earlier, FHA members had donated Christmas gifts to children at the State School in Denton and just before the 25th the Chapter donated and wrapped gifts for the girls at the State School in Gainesville.

Mrs. Henry Weinzapfel, chapter adviser, supervised all the activity, accompanied the girls on their caroling rounds and delivered the gifts to the Gainesville school.

Basketball Teams--

of 3-2, 12-6, 17-12 and 24-18. Muenster scorers were Debbie Cain 9, Debbie Yosten 4, Sue Flusche 3, Joan Monday 2.

The game with Sanger B was tied 5-5 at the quarter and 8-8 at the half, then Muenster started clicking. Scores at the third period and end were 19-10 and 34-14. Cain hit 15, Yosten 11, Flusche 6 and Monday 1.

The semifinal was with Collinsville, the team which took the consolation first and which had previously trimmed Muenster 47-19. Cash's girls did their season's best so far in allowing Collinsville a slim 35-32 win. Scores ending three periods were 11-11, 20-16 and 27-26. Cain led the MHS scoring with 23 points while Flusche made 7 and Yosten 2.

The last game was a jinx, in which nothing seemed to work for the Hornets. For instance they made only 5 of 33 free throws, and Valley View's gals sailed to an easy win. Scores by periods were 12-1, 27-10, 32-24 and 44-21. MHS scorers were Cain 10, Yosten 6, Flusche 4 and Kathy Swirczynski 1.

MHS teams will be on the road for their two dates this week — at Saint Jo Thursday and at Lake Dallas Friday.

Trophy winners of the tournament are listed in order as follows. Boys Champ: Sanger, Pilot Point, Collinsville, Saint Jo. Girls Champ: Boyd, Sanger, Saint Jo, Pilot Point. Boys Consolation: Muenster, Valley View, Ponder, Boyd. Girls Consolation: Collinsville, Ponder, Valley View Muenster.

Williams Family Has Yule Reunion

A reunion on Dec. 25 in the home of Mrs. Calvin Williams at Myra had seven of her eight children and their families present for a four-generation gathering.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Huchton and granddaughter Rene Ann Stelzer, the John Huchtons and children, and the David Huchtons of Muenster, the Maynard Williams and Bill Blanton families of Gainesville, the C. L. Williamses and daughter and Mrs. Jackie Aytes and daughter Vivian of Myra.

Also Mrs. Aytes' daughter and son-in-law, the Cecil Raney and daughter of Pampa, and another daughter, Mrs. Dean Forney and children Clay and Helen of Great Falls, Mont.

Joining the reunion by phone were Mrs. Jerry Gorie, her husband and daughter of Miami, Fla., greeting her mother, Mrs. Williams, and the rest of the relationship. They were having as holiday guests his folks from Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. Forney and children extended their visit until Friday this week to permit her to recover from pneumonia that hospitalized her the day after Christmas. She was at Muenster Hospital until Saturday.

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- Apple, Peach, Pineapple **PIE, Bama** 29c

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- BRICK CHILI** lb. 69c
- Sliced, no rind **Slab Bacon** lb. 59c
- Franks, bulk 2 lb. 89c
- SAUSAGE, Pagel's** lb. 69c

**IT HAPPENED
30 YEARS AGO**

Dec. 30, 1938

Prospects are seen for snappiest oil activity in Muenster's history. Christmas fire at John Grewing's destroys family clothing and damages closet. Tommy Hesse and Alcuin Paul Kubis are Christmas babies for Messrs. and Mmes. Meinrad Hesse and Albert Kubis. The Matt Fuhrmann family moves from Muenster to Lindsay. Christmas rain results in increase of milk production. Theo Vogel and Marie Hoeng marry. Father Frowin is guest at Hyacinth Study Club meeting.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 31, 1943

William Hellman, 66, is found dead in bed; heart attack is given as cause of death. Sgt. Frank Moster is casualty in Italy on Dec. 9; death came

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from wounds received in action as a member of the Fifth Army's 36th Division. The Ernest Biffles of Myra receive word that their son, Bill Biffle, missing two years, is a Japanese war prisoner; he was with the "lost battalion" in Java; parents get Christmas card saying he is well. Sgt. Tony Koessler writes from New Guinea. More than 700 cases of flu are reported in Cooke County.

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 31, 1948

Sacred Heart Parish vacates church this week and begins clearing location for new church. Peter Hellinger, 76, Lindsay resident 48 years dies Dec. 23. Peter Kappas, husband of the former Marie Voth of Muenster, dies in California. Mary Jo Walter and Norma Jean Mosser are hurt in car crash. Muenster State Bank declares 26th annual five percent dividend. Parish St. Anne Society sponsors shower for burned out Ed Endres family. Dan Starke, enlistee in the Air Force, is training at San Antonio.

15 YEARS AGO

Jan. 1, 1954

Muenster postal receipts gain \$300 in 1953. Rainfall for



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year was below normal with 32.05 inches. Program to triple capacity is started at cheese plant. Lindsay observes golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fuhrmann and first solemn Mass of their newly ordained son Father Aloysius Fuhrmann. Bank directors okay dividend and bonus. Muenster firemen get new equipment including ladder, masks, lanterns and axes. Mrs. Henry Stelzer is recovering from leg burns sustained from gas heater. Patty Kay, nine-month-old daughter of the Frank Felderhoffs, is recovering from arm and shoulder burns sustained when she pulled a cup of boiling coffee from the table and spilled it on herself.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 2, 1959

Year end snowfall measures two inches; schools are dismissed. Display at the Andy Hofbauer home wins first place in Christmas lighting contest. Henry Picks celebrate silver wedding anniversary. Shirley Stiles and William Pace marry. Stella Anderson and Charles Fail say vows. Total rainfall for 1958 was almost normal with a total of 32.53 inches. Arthur Bayer is back in circulation — on crutches — recovering from a leg injury.

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 3, 1964

Drought of past year almost breaks a record with only 21.32 inches. Bank deposits of county decline slightly in 1963. Walter Klement is KC grand knight to fill unexpired term of James Walterscheid who has entered the army. Mrs. T. S. Myrick has knee surgery. Mrs. J. M. Weinzapfel breaks ankle. Eddie Schmitts have early observance of silver wedding anniversary while family is together. Theo Vogels celebrate 25th wedding anniversary. Jaycees start building tennis court at city park. New arrivals: boys for the A. J. Huchtons, Melvin Schoechs and Larry Gilleys; girls for the Pete Hellingers and Michael Drievers.

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**Family Reunions
Are Highlights of
Holiday Season**

Reunions, gift exchanges, and dinner parties made the holidays and Christmas happy for families everywhere and Muenster had its share.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Klement were their children and grandchildren including Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lamanna, Joey and Stacie of Denver, Colo., who had a week's vacation and started back home Dec. 27. Also Christmas guests from out of town were a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Klement of Dallas.

At the Al Hess home all the family was together for Christmas day dinner and a gift exchange. The Bob Fitches and children Wayne, Leann and Christi and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hess, all of Dallas and Miss Ronnie Hess of Austin joined the Muenster group including the Roy Mondays and Craig. The Dennis Hesses joined a Christmas Eve reunion and gift exchange in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walterscheid. Others there included the Daniel Hudspeths and daughter Kelly of Dallas and the James Walterscheids of Arlington. And the Roy Mondays joined a Christmas Eve reunion and gift exchange in the home of his parents, the Andy Mondays. Guests there included the Charles Wimmers and two daughters of Oklahoma City.

Holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Wimmer were three daughters, two sons-in-law and five grandchildren: Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Miller, Brian, Darrell and Amy of Plano, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Reiter, Janet and Tammy Sue of Dallas and Miss Mary Wimmer of TWU. Mary is on vacation until Jan. 6 when her classes in Denton resume after the holidays.

Holiday visitors through Jan. 1 with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Evans are their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Murlin Joe Evans of Dallas and Pearl's sister, Mrs. Ruby Dickerson of Oklahoma City. Other guests for Christmas were Mrs. Dickerson's daughter and family, the Johnny Antoons of Oklahoma City.

Helping make the holidays special for Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Klement were their son Dave Klement who flew in from Detroit, Mich., to spend the 25th to the 28th, and their daughter and family, the Dick Schleichers, Cliff and Susan of Fort Worth, joined by the Harold Bindel family, Dave who is a writer for the Detroit Free Press stopped enroute back at Florence, Ky., to spend the final holidays with his brother and family, the Jerry Klements who couldn't make the trip home this December.

Holiday visitors, Christmas guests of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Tisdale were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tisdale of Temple, his brother Pat of A&M University and his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Doss and son Allen of Austin.

At the Wilfred Sicking home Christmas guests for dinner and a gift exchange included Mrs. Sicking's brother and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dankesreiter who were accompanied by her father T. J. Conway and his daughter, Sister Jane Marie, also of Fort Worth. The nun is a concert pianist and entertained the group. When the Fort Worth visitors returned that night they took Janet and Karla Sicking with them for a visit until Sunday with the Larry Dankesreiters. Back at home Sunday night Janet celebrated her 12th birthday at supper, a slumber party and breakfast Monday. Guests were Karen Luttmer, Kathy Luke and Janet Bayer.

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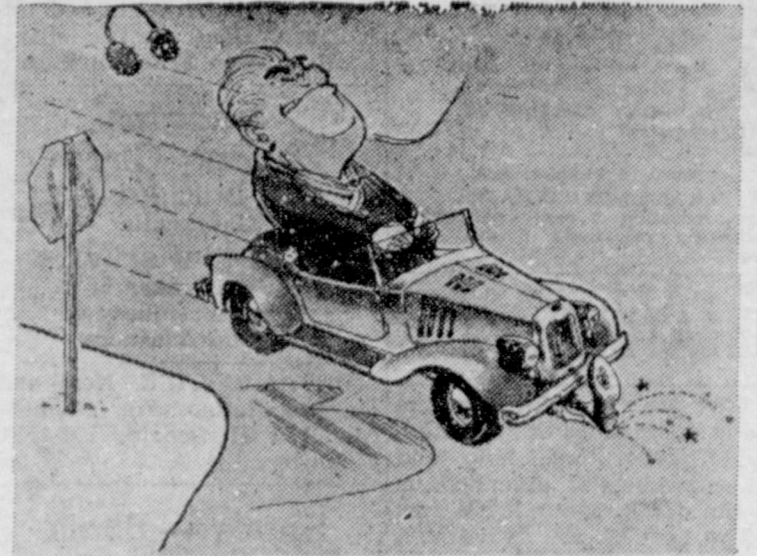
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Trachta Families Together Holidays

Last of the holiday visitors with Mrs. Frank Trachta and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Henscheid left Monday after joining in reunion Sunday night at the Henscheid home.

Sister Bernice Trachta who had visited her mother since Dec. 26 returned to San Antonio with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Trachta, also of San Antonio who had been visitors since the 27th.

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Henscheid, Sister Bernice and the Harold Trachtas drove to Irving to visit the Henscheids' son and family the Jerry Henscheids and their daughter and family, the Damian Hellmans. Sunday this group, joined by Mrs. Frank Trachta and Mr.

and Mrs. Vincent Trachta, visitors from Ardmore for the day, went to Bonham to visit their son and brother Roman Trachta at the VA Center. Mrs. Roman Trachta and son Jimmy of Fort Worth joined them there.

Joining them Sunday night for a reunion dinner were the hosts' daughter, Miss Carol Henscheid, and her fiancé, Lenton McClendon, both of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Oris Russell of Gainesville. Miss Henscheid and Mr. McClendon spent the weekend with her parents and he got acquainted with his future in-laws. The young couple will be married in Dallas on January 25.

Foreign countries all seem to have the same slogan: "Yankee, go home and leave us a loan."

Family Reunions Are Highlights of Holiday Season

Mrs. Bob Yosten's home was the gathering place for her family's traditional Christmas Day supper and gift exchange. Some 50 attended including the Paul and Stan Yostens and the Don Wiesmans and their children of Fort Worth, the Tony Wiesmans and Bill Terry and children of Gainesville, the Curtis Hollands and children of Cleburne, Andy Yosten of Fort Worth, the Al Leonard, Larry and Buddy Yostens and family members, the John Yostens and Paula Jean and the Clyde Walters, all of Muenster. It was a four-generation reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bruns, Bobby and Beverly, joined the traditional Christmas reunion at the home of her mother Mrs. C. E. Dunn at Saint Jo where four generations gathered.

Mrs. Leona Eberhart was united with her sons for Christmas at the home of the Allen Dale Eberharts at Gainesville. Gene Eberhart of Dallas brought a friend with him.

Marysville Groups Join in Reunions

A number of Marysville family get-togethers have been reported for the Yule Season.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Davidson were hosts in their home Sunday for an early Christmas dinner when all their children came. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Snow of Tawakoni came on Friday to spend over Sunday and be a helper to her mother in the meal preparation which was a 4 o'clock dinner. Others joining them were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roe, Callisburg; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunnam and daughter, Vickie, of Whitesboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davidson and family. A decorated tree held a gift exchange which old and young enjoyed.

Sparkman
A dinner was enjoyed Sunday for an early Christmas reunion at the Sam Sparkman home. Attending were her family, Mr. and Mrs. Melton Ramsey and sons of Whitesboro and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ramsey and Larry Sparkman of Dallas and Herschel Coffman and children, Rufus and Nola Coffman, of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Robison and Mrs. Mary Pruitt of Gainesville. All furnished covered dishes for the meal and also enjoyed a gift exchange from the lighted tree.

Wilcox
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilcox attended a dinner and gift exchange at his mother's Mrs. M. M. Wilcox, in Nocona, on Dec. 22. Five of her nine children were present.

Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Price; his brother Mutt Price; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wilcox, Lawton; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Shoppe of Lockesburg, Ark.; Mrs. Cleo Wilson, Gainesville.

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren attending were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wilcox and daughters, Regina and Cerina, Lawton; Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Green and children, Denton; Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Wilcox and Billy Reed of Nocona. Mrs. M. M. Wilcox accompanied her children back to Lawton to spend the Christmas holidays.

Well, What Do You Know? fun, games and knowledge

by MARTHA GLAUBER SHAPP, Editor, The New Book of Knowledge

Can Penguins fly?

While Penguins cannot fly in the air, they do, however, "fly" in the water, at speeds up to 30 miles an hour. While swimming, they can dive with a thrust of their flippers and travel 30 feet underwater before surfacing. Penguins differ from most other birds in that their feathers cover the body completely and are so small they look like scales. Densely packed together, the feathers shed water and help keep the birds warm. Penguins spend most of their lives in the water.

Why do you blow out the candles on your birthday cake?

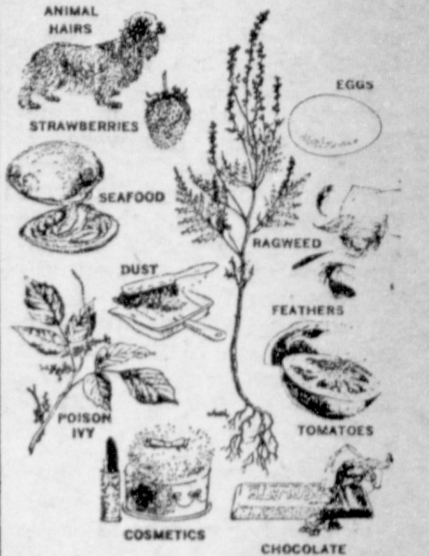
When you blow out the candles on your birthday cake, you are following a very old custom. People used to believe that by blowing out birthday candles they were blowing away all the bad luck of past years. That is why there is a candle for every year.

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What is an allergy?

A normally harmless thing like dust or pollen can make some people weep, wheeze, itch, or sneeze. This is because they are sensitive to the substance. Their bodies react to it in an unusual way. A sensitivity of this kind is an allergy. Substances that are



breathed in, foods, and things that touch the skin can all cause allergic reactions. Most often allergies affect the nose, the lungs, or the skin. The most common allergic diseases are hay fever, asthma, hives and eczema.

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Lindsay News

Best Christmas gift for the Ray Kupper family was having Ray at home, dismissed from the VA Hospital in Dallas.

Joining a Christmas reunion in Pilot Point were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pelzel and children Michelle and Matt. They had dinner with Gene's parents, the John Pelzels whose nine children and all the grandchildren gathered in their home. A special guest was Gene's grandmother, Mrs. Ed Blumberg, making four generations present. Gifts were exchanged around a decorated tree and home movies were made. From there the Gene Pelzel family went to another reunion, meal and gift exchange in the home of her father, Joe Magas at Muenster. Hosts for the Magas reunion were Messrs. and Mrs. Nick Dieter and Johnny Schmitz of Gainesville.

Lee Ann Dieter of Gainesville spent her school holidays with her cousins Michelle and Matt Pelzel at the Gene Pelzel home.

New church wardens elected Sunday by members of St. Peter Parish are Johnnie Arendt, Clem B. Hermes and Gene Pelzel. Serving another term as wardens are Damon Fuhrmann, Billy Zimmerer and Henry Fleitman. Wardens whose terms expired are Bill Gruber, Henry Zimmerer and Leonard Bengfort.

The new altar in the church sanctuary is the handwork of George Tschoepe of Pilot Point.

Father Aloys Fuhrmann is back in his hometown, coming over from Fort Worth to be in charge of the parish this week while Father John Walbe is having a vacation visit with relatives in Arkansas.

Post-Christmas reunion and dinner and gifts saved for an exchange was an event of Sunday, Dec. 29 with the Bruno Zimmerers hosting a Zimmerer reunion in their home. Honored guest was Sister Dorothy Theresa of Pasadena, Texas, who is on a holiday vacation with her father I. A. Zimmerer, until Jan. 2. Coming from out of town to join the Lindsay relationship were the Lennie Zimmerers of Dallas and the Truman Wolfs and son Scott of Plano.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Metzler, Mark, Jerry, Roy and Debbie were hosts for a family gathering and pre-Christmas dinner and gift exchange in their home on Dec. 21. It was a complete reunion of her family with all 30 members present including her parents, the Henry Henschels, the John Kelleys and children of Fort Worth, the Albert Schumachers and children of Rhineland, the Rufus and Ted Henschels and their families and Anthony Grewing and daughters of Muenster. The Schumachers and Kelleys remained through Sunday with relatives. On Christmas day in the afternoon the Metzlers joined other relatives at the home of her parents in Muenster.

Among holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bezner were their daughters, Sister Ann Rose of Ennis, Sister Kathleen of Tulsa and Miss Viola Bezner of New Orleans, and Mr. Bezner's sister, Sister Alban Bezner of West.

An early Christmas reunion on Dec. 22, had 50 family members together in the home of Mrs. Joe Bezner Sr. Guests for dinner and a gift exchange among the four generation group included the relationship from Wichita Falls, Richardson, Irving, Euless, Noncon, Plano, Austin and Lindsay and included also visitors from Michigan and California who are holiday guests of the Frank Benenate family in Dallas.

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The Tommy Zimmerers and daughter Tonia are settled in Grapevine now, moving there from Denton.

Christmas was a big day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hess with all the family there for a turkey dinner and supper and gift exchange. Keeping things lively were the ten grandchildren. Joining the kin from Lindsay were the ones from Muenster and Windthorst.

Swirczynskis Have Week of Reunions

Holiday reunioning extended through a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Swirczynski with family members in and out and getting together.

Sister Monica of Pocahontas, Ark., was home for Christmas with her parents and remained to Jan. 1. Brother Gerald Swirczynski of Oklahoma City visited his parents one day and overnight.

The Johnny Swirczynski and daughter Carrie Jo of Dallas were guests on Dec. 24, the Clifford Swirczynski came from Amarillo on Dec. 28. Virgil Swirczynski of the University of Houston spent the holidays.

Mrs. Loffie Smith came from Carrollton and her husband flew in from Denver, Colo. They returned to Denver together to secure living quarters. He has been there on a job about two weeks. Mrs. Smith will return to visit her parents this weekend and then begin getting things ready for the move to Denver.

Muenster Firemen -- Lots of Hustle Had it Under Control by the Time Firemen Arrived

Other fires included a car, a bulldozer, a truck load of cotton, oil field equipment, an oil slush pit and an oil lease shed.

As the year closes the fire department has an active membership of 24, and three new members will be added the first meeting of January. Four members were added to the roll last year and four dropped out because of moving away or having conflict of their work time with meeting or drill time.

Present members, headed by Alvin Hartman as chief, are Walter Bartel, Ed Andrew, Clyde Fisher, Earl Fisher, Tommy Herr, Gene Hoedebeck, Dink Hudspeth, Herbie Knabe, Pat Knabe, Joe Moser, Henry Pels, Ed Schneider, Harvey Schmitt, Jim Vogel, Robert Vogel, Jim Voth, Conrad Walterscheid, Herbert Walterscheid, Lambert Walterscheid, Robert Walterscheid, Jerry Wimmer, Billy Don Wolf, John Yosten, Donnie Hess is on leave of absence in the armed service.

Members to be added are Dr. Gerald Graham, Gilbert Hess and Roy Monday.

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She arrived from Little Rock, Ark., on Dec. 21, flying to Dallas where she was met by a welcoming committee and others joined in welcoming her at the Zimmerer home for a complete reunion including the Richard Zimmerers and sons of Grapevine, the Ray Zimmerers Jr and son of Wichita Falls, Miss Linda Zimmerer of the University of Dallas and Clifford Zimmerer of the home.

A number of dinner parties at home, and out with uncles, aunts and cousins and other informal get-togethers are honoring Sister Silvaria during the holidays.

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points to some deficiencies in our present system. Some schools are not up to prescribed academic standards. Rural districts on an average do not pay as much local tax and therefore are more of a burden on the state. Another complaint is that student opportunity is limited in small schools - because of fewer available courses.

The complaints no doubt are legitimate. But does the cure need to be so drastic? Is it necessary to wipe out all small schools and create serious problems to correct those faults? Surely solutions can be found that are more satisfactory.

In the matter of equal taxation, for instance, the charge is that average rural children get more state support than city children. If that's the case, why not equalize the amount of state aid and notify the rural districts that they have to increase their local tax? That fault can be corrected without closing the school.

Regarding accreditation, too,

standards can be improved by allowing the small districts to improve themselves. Or, where districts are too small to offer a good system, they should have the traditional privilege of promoting mergers of their own choice.

There is no doubt that improvements are in order but is it necessary to wreck what we have to meet the higher standards? Isn't it more reasonable, more in keeping with American principle, to let people have a choice in the matter instead of cramming this arbitrary solution down their throats?

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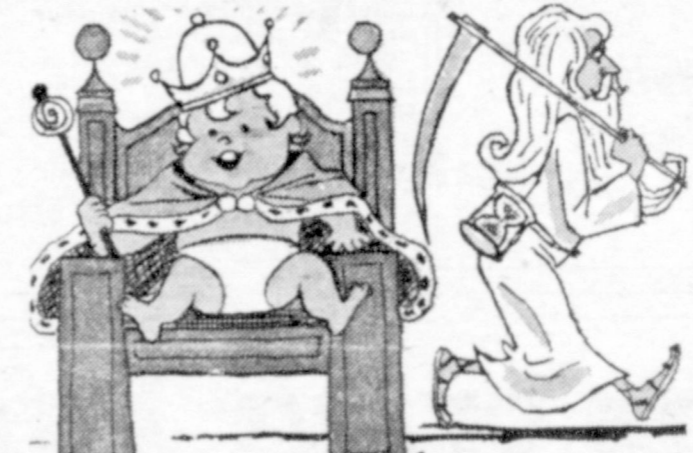
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