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Texas Boys Ranch To Present Benefit Show

Larry Rountree, Director of Financial Development presents: "The Texas Boys Ranch Benefit Bluegrass Show" starring Chubby Wise, national champion fiddler, Judy Mallet, former Miss Texas on the fiddle playing such numbers as "Orange Blossom Special" composed by Chubby Wise a few years back when he used to play with Bill Monroe.

Also appearing will be Bill Harrod, conductor of the Lubbock Symphony, playing a duo with Judy Mallet. Jimmy Henley, an 11 year old boy from Hobbs, New Mexico who won the national banjo picking contest in Nashville, Tennessee. Jimmy Giles, a 16 year old boy from Oklahoma, who currently holds the mandolin playing's highest award. He will be playing such numbers as "Dualing Banjos" with Jimmy Henley.

Ray Chapman, Homer Hunt, and Prentiss Peak, all board members of the Texas Boys Ranch, will be attempting to do a surprise number.

Rule Yarborough and his Bluegrass Group will be coming from Alabama to help make the show a success and provide some

Thank You

The Postmaster and Staff of the Ropesville Post Office wish to thank each one for their splendid cooperation during this Christmas Season, and to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you.

From Wanda, Martha, Mary and Roy.

Rays of Hope

by Pat Stanton

"For God so loved the world..." (John 3:16a). This was the beginning of the Christmas Spirit. And years and years later, this is still the true meaning of the Christmas season.

When God first spoke the world into existence, He said, "Light Shine!" and in doing this, he gave physical light to the whole world. At a later time in history, in Luke 1:78-79, it was announced that spiritual light would be given to the whole world.

This story is given in John 1:1-14. This is how the story reads from the Living Bible:

Before anything else existed, there was Christ, with God. He has always been alive and is himself God. He created everything there is, nothing exists that he didn't make. Eternal life is in him, and this life gives light to all mankind. His life is the light that shines through the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

God sent John the Baptist as a witness to the fact that Jesus Christ is the true light. John himself was not the light; he was only a witness to identify it. Later on, the one who is the true light arrived to shine on everyone coming into the world.

But although he made the

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good clean wholesome music for everyone in the audience.

Possibly a surprise local guest star to make an appearance on the show.

All proceeds go to Texas Boys Ranch. Your tickets will help provide a home for needy youngsters here in our own community.

The show will be presented January 11, 1975, at 8:00 p.m. in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$3, \$4, and \$5. Write Texas Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 6040, Lubbock, 79413; or call 747-3187 or come by 3610 Avenue Q, Lubbock.

Cecil Caldwell will be the master of ceremonies, he usually does this for the ABC Rodeo.

Ropes School Lunch Menu

Thursday, January 2

Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy
Green Beans, Creamed Potatoes
Tossed Salad, Rolls, Butter
Cake and Milk

Friday, January 3

Fish Portions, Tartar Sauce
French Fries, Catsup
Cabbage Salad, Buttered Corn
Corn Meal Rolls, Butter
Peaches and Milk

Accident Near Wolfforth Leaves 3 Persons Injured

A car accident occurred near Wolfforth Tuesday afternoon, causing injury to three people.

Seventeen year old Rose Mendola from Seagraves was treated and released, 17 year old William, also of Seagraves, is still in fair condition.

Mr. Avis McWhorter of Wolfforth, who is 72 years old, is under observation.

Ropesville Area News

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Winningham of Hamilton, Texas, visited in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Snider, last week. The Snider's children and grandchildren also visited at that time. *****

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilkison of Lubbock visited in the home of his aunts, Mrs. Isla Etheridge and Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Gailey, Sunday. *****

Mr. and Mrs. O.K. Briggs visited in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Moore and family, Sunday. *****

Grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. O.K. Briggs are visiting them this week. *****

Randy Carter who is attending Wayland Baptist College in Plainview is home for the holidays. *****

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rogers left Monday for Oklahoma where they will spend the holidays. *****

New 4-H Horse Program Aids



Paul F. Cornelsen, executive vice president, Ralston Purina Company, and a member of the National 4-H Service Committee (right) views slide for the new 4-H horse program educational series, as Dr. Melvin Bradley, project leader and extension horse specialist, University of Missouri, Columbia, looks on. Dr.

Bradley heads a committee of specialists developing the visual and printed materials which are expected to deal with up to 75 topics. Purina Horse Chows is underwriting the developmental costs of the educational aids.

"Horses have not been outstanding on limited intelligence tests although they do complex things routinely when trained," says Dr. Melvin Bradley, author of a new lesson, Practical Horse Psychology for 4-H members.

Project leader and extension horse specialist at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Dr. Bradley also points out that "horses usually are considered to have memories second only to elephants. Thus a well-trained young horse never forgets his training."

The lesson is one of 10 recently completed for national distribution by a 4-H horse program committee of state extension specialists. Development of the lessons, including visual aids and a worksheet, is made possible by the support of Purina Horse Chows, Ralston Purina Company, and the National 4-H Service Committee, Chi-

cago, is coordinating production and distribution of the new aids.

With plans for the eventual development of some 75 separate topics, the currently available lessons run the gamut of young horse owners' interests. Individual lessons treat breeding, riding, health, safety, training, hoof care and horse shoeing.

Assisting Dr. Bradley in the development of the educational aids are leading extension horse specialists from across the nation. They include William Culbertson, Colorado State University, Fort Collins; Dr. S. W. Sabin, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.; Gary Potter and B. F. Yeates, Texas A&M University, College Station; and Dixon Hubbard, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. These and other experts are sharing the authorship of the educational aids sponsored by Purina Horse Chows.

According to figures released by the Cooperative Extension Service interest in horses is expanding rapidly among 4-H members. Enrollment in 1973, the last available figures, approximated 326,000 members, a 10 percent increase over 1972. And in the past five years, 4-H horse program enrollment has increased a whopping 45 percent.

While the new educational materials have been developed for youth, adult horse enthusiasts may find them equally useful, say development committee members.

For information about local 4-H horse program activities and participation opportunities contact the county extension office. Inquiries regarding the new educational aids may be directed to the National 4-H Service Committee, 150 N. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill., 60606. * * *

GSPA Executive Predicts Deficit Grain Supply For Southwestern Area of U.S.

The tightest grain supply in recent history is forecast for the southwestern part of the United States in the spring and summer of 1975.

That is the prediction of Grain Sorghum Producers Association Executive Director Elbert Harp "if the present rate of consumption continues."

Harp points out that, although the number of cattle on feed is down, the number of cattle currently on feed is higher in relation to the feed supply a year ago.

The USDA cattle on feed report for November, 1974, showed the cattle on feed number about 71 percent of the level of the previous year.

good times, there is little danger in their use. For many others, to be overextended is to risk their families' future and happiness. As the economic future is uncertain as 1975 approaches, follow the sure road to security and peace of mind—spend less than you earn.

The total 1974 production of corn and grain sorghum for the Southwestern United States is only 68 percent of 1973. With the heavier weight cattle going into the feedlots, the average daily consumption may be higher, adding additional stress to the figures.

The exports of grain sorghum for the last six months of 1974 are running about 86 percent of 1973. In comparison to the production of 1974 the export market is using a larger percentage. The exports for the last six months of 1973 were 3.75 percent of the crop that year. The relationship was 4.95 percent for 1974.

"Under present consumption trends, it appears that grain will have to be shipped into the southwestern feedlots from the corn belt by late spring and summer," Harp predicted. "We encourage all cattle feeders to study these figures while grain is still available, in order to avoid the additional freight expenses."

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Home Highlights

by Jewel Robinson
Hockley County Extension Agent DEALING WITH SHORTAGES
Dealing with shortages by hoarding food and household goods does not make more of the product appear on the market. The consumer's best alternative is to examine present use of the "shortage" item and determine ways to reduce the amount used without sacrificing too much. Finding substitutes is one way to bypass products that are in limited supply. When consumers reduce their demand for an item, the manufacturer has a better chance of maintaining an adequate

supply at the present price. When too many people are willing to pay the present price, the demand is greater than the supply of that item—and shortage results. Selective use of shortage items is not the same as boycotting. Boycotts are as disruptive to the economy as shortages because they place small businesses in greater jeopardy than big businesses. This may remove competitors who have helped keep prices down.
Consumer 'Zingers'
Earrings were first worn to ward off evil spirits from entering the head. Shop at bazaars sponsored by churches or other groups for inexpensive gift ideas. Give children fewer things and more of yourself during the holidays.

Collections are never as good as they should be.

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SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the Texas Tech athletic department all you could hear was J.T. King moaning, "I've gotta made a decision."

Well, maybe Jake didn't get quite that far. Before you can make a decision, you have to have the field narrowed down to the point where you can make a decision. And, if he's reached that point, he ain't talking. The betting is that each day he gets closer.

There are those supporting a wide variety, and if you listen, each is supposed to have the inside track. The only really established candidates are Richard Bell and Tom Wilson. The names of others crop up in conversations, such as Gil Bartosh, Hayden Fry, et al.

I'd almost bet that Jake makes an announcement right after Christmas and before the Cotton Bowl game. Then, like many other ADs before him, he could take his new coach to Dallas and get good copy.

One man brought up an interesting point the other day. Said he, I don't think Tech will hire Wilson because then you'd have two head coaches (Gerald Myers) who were both Tech graduates.

I don't think that rules out Tom, but I'd be happy with either him or Richard Bell. The latter is an Arkansas graduate, whom we respected as an outstanding player when Tech faced the Porkers. In addition, he's one of the sharpest defensive coaches around, is highly personable, meets people easily and is a good speaker.

If Tech hadn't run into some "homers" on the road, Myers' bunch would be 5-1, instead of a respectable 3-3. The Raiders should have won both the Vanderbilt and LaSalle games.

But Vanderbilt received enough free throws to win two games and LaSalle was so clean that, using a fast break and a tough defense, only nine fouls were whistled—and Tech went to the free throw line in anger only once in 40 minutes.

The single free throw might have established a new record for the Guinness Book of Records. Even in the days of Doc Hayes' regime at SMU, the Ponies didn't play that cleanly.

SMU teams, in those days, were so immaculate that other teams woke up in the night hearing whistles, while the Ponies didn't know what they were. It led Bobby Rogers, then A&M coach, to cut short a press conference. He told the writers that he had to supervise the taking of showers by his players. He wanted them clean enough to play SMU!

Regardless of the two road losses, the Raiders have become a changed team. It probably started with the Vandy game, that they should, by all rights, have won. It carried over to New Mexico, when they looked poised, polished and potent.

They knocked off a Dayton team in a major upset and obviously played well, then came back to do a great job on LaSalle, only to lose because they didn't get any free throw attempts.

The potential for a strong team was there all along. It just took time for the players to jell. They started slowly against Adams State, suffered jitters against K-State and then have come on fast.

Tech lost both of its starting guards, but four men have begun to shape up as strong replacements. And there never really was any question about the front line. It was especially capable, two of the threesome being among the two best players Tech ever has had.

Saturday night, hours after the Peach Bowl game, the Raiders have another warmup game that should give them a good test and help them polish their talents.

Mississippi arrives Saturday night and it should be a good game. The Rebels are in the tough Southeast Conference and won't be easy. A victory for Tech will be hard earned, but it will put the Raiders above .500 and help them down the line, just as the other games have helped.

The football Raiders put prestige and pride on the line Saturday morning when they kickoff the start of spring training in the Peach Bowl. There's not much else riding on the game.

What the Raiders will do is anyone's guess. They'll be playing for a coach who will leave right after the game to take up his new duties at another school. And another coach will be walking the sidelines for the last time. John Conley also will take up new duties.

As I said, no one really knows what the Raiders will do, except that competition gets the adrenalin flowing. Therefore, I look for the Raiders to give a good account of themselves. After all, a good performance will help impress the new coach, whoever he is.

But, more than that, Tech will be representing the Southwest Conference, as well as the school, Lubbock, the South Plains and West Texas, to say nothing of the state. It's a good challenge.

The Raiders should be in good physical condition, which will help. They've been under no pressure in practice and they have some formerly injured players back that should help.

Despite the obvious tensions, I'd be willing to bet that the Raiders come out full of enthusiasm and play a good game. A victory would kick the new program off well and give players a lot of satisfaction. The Raiders are capable of an outstanding game. I look for them to have it.

This column changes base, as of Christmas Day, to Dallas, where I will be helping Wilbur Evans with Cotton Bowl activities. The next column will come from Big D.

Meanwhile, apologies for getting so wrapped up in time that I lost track of time and failed to do what everyone should do. And thus, a belated, but most sincere, Merry Christmas to all our readers and a wish for 1975 that the new year will bring you peace, hope, love, and prosperity. Happy New Year!

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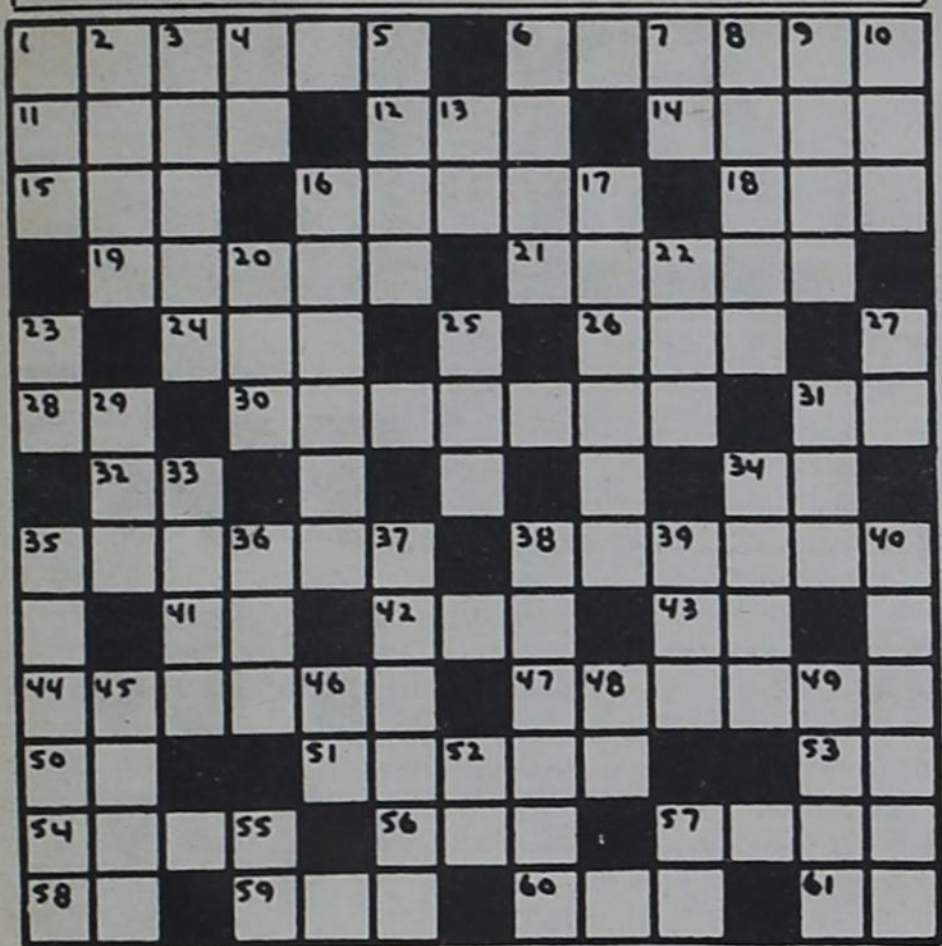
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CROSSWORD ~ ~ ~ By A. C. Gordon



ACROSS

- 1 - Type of head covering
- 6 - European river (poss.)
- 11 - On a voyage
- 12 - ... Grande
- 14 - Island of the East Indies
- 15 - To equip
- 16 - Articles
- 18 - Debits (abb.)
- 19 - Asiatics
- 21 - Weird
- 24 - Unrefined mineral
- 26 - Gondol...
- 28 - Preposition
- 30 - Type of old violin
- 31 - Male title
- 32 - That is (Latin abbrev.)
- 34 - Samarium (chem.)
- 35 - Ocean
- 38 - Midway
- 41 - Argon (chem.)
- 42 - A limb
- 43 - Indefinite article
- 44 - Entitlers
- 47 - Ancient Asiatic empire
- 50 - Roman numeral
- 51 - Mohammedan religious system

- 53 - Theoretical force
- 54 - First-class (two words)
- 56 - Be indisposed
- 57 - Scandinavian
- 58 - Nothing New (abb.)
- 59 - Male nickname
- 60 - Conceit
- 61 - Tin (chem.)

DOWN

- 1 - Equality
- 2 - Continent
- 3 - South American river
- 4 - Automobile Academy (abb.)
- 5 - Skills
- 6 - The "Eternal City"
- 7 - In the same place (abb.)
- 8 - Lowest point
- 9 - German river
- 10 - Feminine relative (abb.)
- 13 - That is (Latin abbrev.)
- 16 - European peninsula
- 17 - French river (poss.)
- 20 - Circle segment
- 22 - Rural Educational Association (abb.)
- 23 - Sodium (chem.)
- 25 - Little demon
- 27 - Abraham's birthplace
- 29 - Metal
- 31 - Isle of ...
- 33 - Cheese
- 34 - Without
- 35 - European sea
- 36 - Anger
- 37 - Bahaman city
- 38 - Pierce with
- 39 - Nautical ... board
- 40 - To retard
- 45 - English river
- 46 - Small U. S. state (abb.)
- 48 - Printer's unit
- 49 - Electrified particles
- 52 - Chinese unit of measure
- 55 - Aerial train
- 57 - Act



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MISCELLANEOUS

HOME SERVICES

Rays of Hope
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world, the world didn't recognize Him when He came.

Even in His own land and among His own people, the Jews, He was not accepted. Only a few would welcome and receive Him. But to all who received Him, He gave the right to become children of God. All they needed to do was to trust Him to save them. All those who believe this are reborn. Not a physical rebirth resulting from human passion or plan, but from the will of God.

And Christ became a human being and lived here on earth among us and was full of loving forgiveness and truth. And some of us have seen His glory, the glory of the only Son of the heavenly Father."

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Wolfforth Area News

The 7th, 8th and 9th grade girls play Tahoka there Monday, Jan. 6; and the boys play Tahoka here starting at 5:30 p.m.

The Frenship varsity girls will play the WTGIBB Tourney at Slaton Thursday, Dec. 26 thru Tuesday, Dec. 31st. The varsity boys will play a tournament at Caprock from Thursday, Dec. 26 thru Saturday, Dec. 28th.

Varsity boys and girls and JV boys will play Abernathy here Tuesday, Dec. 31 beginning at 5 p.m. and the varsity boys and girls and JV girls play Slaton here Friday, Jan. 3rd starting at 5 p.m.

Varsity and JV girls play Cooper here Tuesday, Jan. 7th at 6:30 p.m. and the varsity and JV boys play Petersburg there Tuesday, Jan. 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Frenship School Lunch Menu

Thursday, January 2

- Meat Loaf
- Mashed Potatoes, Kidney Beans
- Hot Rolls, Butter
- Cheese Cake, Milk

Friday, January 3

- Corn Dogs
- Apricots, Turnip Greens
- Peanut Butter Cookies, Milk

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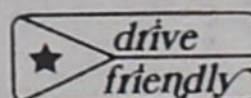
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