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Inquiry to Be Made at Lubbock State School

Wolfforth Receives Ambulance



Wolfforth's newest resident arrived in the city a week ago. About 30 people were on hand at city hall to welcome the newcomer to the city. The vehicle was delivered by the coordinator for the Emergency Medical Service System.

About 30 Wolfforth residents were on hand last week at city hall to welcome a new resident to that city.

At approximately 8 p.m. Wednesday night, a new ambulance, part of the county-wide Emergency Medical Service System, was delivered to the city by Stuart Haggard, coordinator of EMS.

The delivery included demonstration of equipment, including a saw used to cut through metal, tours of the vehicle, and later, rides for members of the community.

In a ceremony held in city hall, Haggard presented the keys to the vehicle to Mayor G.A.

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Former Aviation Writer Lands District Job

Mary Lou Mulch, a former Ropesville resident, has been named Director of Information for the Lubbock County Hospital District.

Mrs. Mulch was one of two people added last week to the 15 member staff which will aid in

planning the teaching hospital for the Texas Tech University School of Medicine.

The former Mary Lou Watts attended elementary school in Ropesville before moving to Lubbock. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Watts, also former Ropesville residents, now reside in Plainview.

A former *Avalanche-Journal* photographer and aviation writer, Mrs. Mulch has had 13 years of newsroom experience.

She attended Wayland College in Plainview, majored in political science at the University of California, and has studied law at the Lincoln University School of Law in San Francisco.

Currently, she has two daughters attending school at San Jose State University in Calif.

"I'm glad to be back in Lubbock," Mrs. Mulch said. "All my life I've considered it home."

When the teaching hospital is completed in 1977, it will receive referrals from 116 counties in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

Attempted Break-Ins at Two Locations Reported in Wolfforth

Both White's Auto and Frenship High School had unwanted visitors this past week.

Late Saturday night, persons unknown attempted to enter the high school through the Home Economics room by pushing an air-conditioner back into the building. The attempt was unsuccessful.

Mr. Walter "Mac" MacDonald, chief of police, said the incident was reported to him Sunday morning by Clyde Strong, Frenship High School principal.

"We believe it either happened late Saturday night, or early Sunday," MacDonald said.

The chief of police said he was "surprised at the area because it (the Home Ec room) was across the street from two teachers houses."

"There was no injury to the school," MacDonald reported. "The only damage was 5 or 6 screens" which had been sliced with a knife.

Another attempted burglary occurred at White's Auto Tuesday, the constable reported, "but the alarm saved the night."

"A person attempted to enter the White's building from the

Members of the Mental Health and Mental Retardation subcommittee of the Health Welfare Committee will look into allegations that six employees of the Lubbock State School were threatened with loss of their jobs if they testified during an inquiry by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (MHMR).

The investigation, which will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, December 15th in the High Plains Underground Water District Office in Lubbock will be chaired by Michael Ezzel, a state representative from Snyder.

Ezzel said the "main thing in the investigation was the allegation that people had been threatened as far as their jobs" if they testified during a previous inquiry last August.

At that time, Dr. Keith Stewart, assistant deputy com-

missioner of MHMR conducted an investigation into allegations of "improper personnel practices" regarding two former nurses at the school, child abuse, allegations that "amoebic dysentery was running rampant" at the institution, and unanswered questions about the death of another patient.

The August inquiry found "no basis" to the original charges which were brought against the school by the two former employees.

Ezzel said the subcommittee would look into the original charges "if they come out during investigation."

However, the Snyder resident said "the first thing we will concern ourselves with is a few individuals (who) felt they'd be fired if they testified."

The subcommittee decided to look into the matter when Ezzel was forwarded a copy of a letter sent to the commissioner of MHMR after the August investigation which said that six employees at the institution had been threatened with "loss of jobs" if they testified.

Dr. John Gladden, superintendent of the Lubbock State School, said he had not been contacted by the committee.

"I don't know what they're going to investigate," he said.

Gladden explained that the original investigation was started after a letter written by "two nurses and some others made charges about medical care and personnel practices" was sent to the State Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the central agency which administers the school.

According to Gladden, the letter said "that we have an amoebic parasite, that it's caused a large number of deaths, and that there's been a coverup."

The August investigation revealed that there were cases of amoebic dysentery, and that steps were taken to cure the problem.

"At the present time there are no actual cases" of amoebic dysentery, he stated.

Over the past six years, 130 residents of the school have died, Gladden said. The majority were natural deaths, though the number included two "accidental deaths."

"The rate isn't different than any other institution of the same size," Gladden stated, adding that the school deals with a large number of "birth anomalies," or children who, because of birth defects, stand a greater chance of early death.

The August investigation found "no evidence in any of the reports to suggest child abuse or neglect" in the case of one girl who died.

The same report did not find "any improper conduct resulting in the death" of another infant.

Gladden said the investigation "could be a response to some of our employees out here." In the past, the school had problems with a "few employees," but complaints against them were investigated, he said.

Gladden stated that he did not think there was a possibility that the nurses who wrote the original letters were upset by their co-worker's actions towards patients.



The district manager for General Telephone Company asked the Perryton city council last week to allow a 26 percent rate increase for local telephone usage because of rising operating costs.

If permitted, the increase would raise the rate of return on company earnings from 5.8 per cent to 9.4 per cent and increase company revenues \$206,000.

The company currently earns \$790,000 each year.

Perryton city council members postponed action on the request until January. Last February, the council granted a 19 per cent increase in rates to the telephone company.

A Vietnamese mother and her three children, waiting to be reunited with her husband in Iran, arrived in Slaton last week and will stay three or four weeks.

The family is sponsored by the Slaton First Baptist Church.

Linch Phan Thi, age 25, her two sons and a daughter have not been in contact with her husband since she was evacuated from South Vietnam in the airlift last summer.

Last Monday, Ms. Thi received word that the government had contacted her husband in Iran and was making arrangements to reunite the family there.

State senator Kent Hance, of Lubbock, is one of the senators

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The Frenship 4-H club held a Christmas party December 8th in the Casey cafeteria. Activities included games and the trimming of a Christmas tree.

Pictured above are officers of 4-H presenting toys and gifts to Future Farmers. Gifts were donated to the Toys for Tots program.

DPS Advises Public To Check Drivers License for Address

The Texas Department of Public Safety advises that all Texas drivers should examine their Texas drivers license to verify that the address on their license is correct. If his address is incorrect, it will be necessary to contact the local Drivers License Office as soon as possible. It is a misdemeanor offense for not changing your address within 10 days after moving. This particular law is going to be enforced more strictly in the future. The procedure for changing an address on a license is to have a duplicate license made with a new picture and a one dollar fee.

Anyone, or any group in the Wolfforth and Ropesville areas interested in having their events covered, or in contributing news to The Plainsman should contact Richard Mason, 763-4883 or Martha Morris at 866-4895.

Ropesville Area News

Visitors in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Adams and Brent over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips and Gail Gipson of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Moore visited in the home of their grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Young of Lubbock Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Young visited in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Scarborough of Dimmitt Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morrissett and baby of San Antonio visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Rasberry and Tandy during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. Vera Bridwell spent Saturday night and Sunday in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Staples and Rhonda of Lubbock.

the home of her granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Carrolland and baby of Levelland, Friday.

Mrs. Emory Hobbs and daughter, Mrs. Lillian Gryder of Brownfield, visited Mrs. Hobbs sister, Mrs. Ollie Grace of Denver City, Saturday. They also visited Lomas Hobbs who is in a rest home there.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall Sunday were their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Fowler, Randy and Cheryl and grandson, Robert Hall of Littlefield.

Mrs. W.E. Barnes of Meadow visited in the home of Mrs. Vera Bridwell Monday.

Mrs. Bob King of Lubbock is visiting her nieces, Flora Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berry this week.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Carrolland

of Levelland are the parents of a daughter born Wednesday, Dec. 3. She weighed 8 pounds and 2 1/2 ounces and was named Cicily Jo. Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Hobbs of Ropesville are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs are the maternal great grandparents.

Wolfforth Area News

Wolfforth Young Homemakers met Tuesday evening. The home service advisor from Pioneer Natural Gas Company presented the program.

Richard Pittman is slowly making progress at home.

Lynn Blackstock is in Highland Hospital.

Our sympathy goes to Wayne Gentry and his family at the death of his mother.

Bill Gaston is at home recovering from a back injury.

Brenda James, granddaughter of Mrs. Alice James and Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Coker, was married Nov. 28 to John Hoyle.

If you can't laugh at yourself, learn to occupy your time with a good hobby.

So They Say

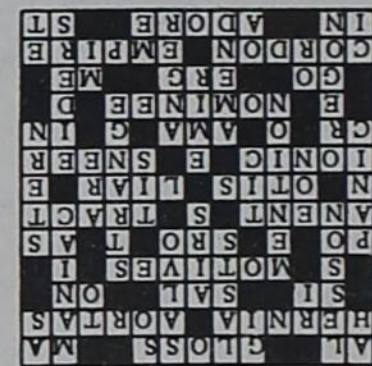
Babies are angels whose wings grow shorter as their legs grow longer.


—The Bee Line

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon

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- ACROSS**
- 1 - Male nickname
 - 3 - Luster
 - 7 - Parent
 - 9 - Abdominal ma lady
 - 11 - Blood vessels
 - 13 - Senor's "yes"
 - 14 - Salt
 - 16 - Preposition
 - 17 - Incentives
 - 19 - Italian river
 - 20 - Theatric sign of a full house
 - 21 - Like
 - 23 - Concerning
 - 26 - Region
 - 28 - Male name
 - 29 - Distorter of facts
 - 30 - Order of architecture
 - 33 - Look of scorn
 - 35 - Bookkeeping entry (abb.)
 - 36 - American Medical Ass'n (abb.)
 - 38 - Preposition
 - 39 - Standee for election
- DOWN**
- 1 - Exclamation
 - 2 - Demonstration
 - 3 - U. S. soldier
 - 4 - Endures
 - 5 - Round of applause
 - 6 - Thus
 - 7 - Demon
 - 8 - Like
 - 10 - Eastern U. S. state (abb.)
 - 12 - Preposition
 - 15 - Broadcasts
 - 17 - Refer to
 - 18 - Peculiar
 - 19 - Demoralizing terror
 - 22 - Austere
 - 24 - Age
 - 25 - Facial twitch
 - 26 - That thing is (contraction)
 - 27 - Have being
 - 31 - U. S. state
 - 32 - Arabian chief
 - 34 - Sea ducks
 - 36 - To improve
 - 37 - Fury
 - 41 - Either
 - 43 - Roman 1001
 - 44 - Roman 101
 - 45 - Old Anglican (abb.)
 - 47 - Pronoun
 - 48 - Latin "and"





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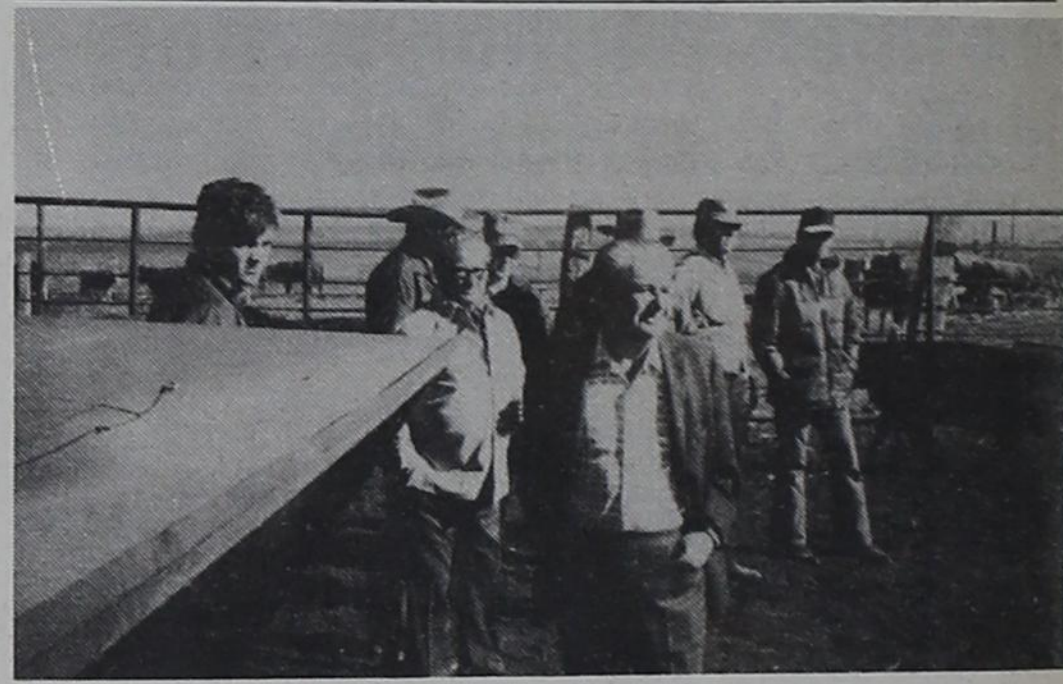
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Deadline Set for Christmas Issue

With the Christmas and New Year holidays just around the corner, The Plainsman staff is very busy preparing the Christmas edition for the reader's enjoyment. Since Christmas day falls on Thursday, the day the edition is usually mailed to subscribers, the paper will be published two days early, on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd. Therefore, the deadline for news in the Christmas edition will be on Saturday, Dec. 20. Anyone having news or advertising for this edition, is

urged to please get it in by the deadline date in order that the staff may get the paper published and in the mail. The paper will not be published on January 1 following the Christmas edition. The next issue will be Thursday, January 8, 1976. Remember the deadline date and get your news in early. It's always easy to find an excuse for delaying hard work. The individual who is willing to learn from experience can become better educated than the collegian who has a few degrees for hard work on his books.

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SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

Stated simply and plainly, Texas A&M can, if it wants, attribute its defeat at the hands of Arkansas to greed. Had the Aggies not agreed to change their scheduled game from Nov. 1 to Dec. 6, the odds are strong that they would have beaten the Hogs.

A&M was rolling along. Arkansas was having its share of problems. But A&M saw a chance for national exposure and a pretty good bundle of cash. It yielded to temptation.

The Aggies got national exposure, all right, of the type that no school wants. It also got a bundle of money, which won't salve wounds, repair scars or straighten dents in their image.

It was a costly licking. For the second straight year the Aggies blew the Southwest Conference title and a berth in the Cotton Bowl. And the question that must be going through the minds of all Aggies, in College Station and elsewhere, is, can we win the big one? It's a good question.

So far the answer must be no. They had a golden opportunity last year, were humiliated by Texas. They had the same chance Saturday, were humiliated by Arkansas. Last year the Aggies went nowhere. At least, as some balm, they go to the Liberty Bowl.

But this was the No. 2 team in the nation. This was the team that led in defense, both total and against rushing. It was inconceivable that an injured club like Arkansas would win.

The Aggies were caught in an ideal position. They had just come off a hard victory over Texas, a game that had to have more emotional outlet than could be obtained just a week later.

Arkansas had two weeks to heal some of its injured. The Razorbacks also had Frank Broyles, who manages to rise to the occasion. And when the Aggies missed that chip shot field goal, you could almost hear the air escape from their balloon.

Then momentum, that word that you read about so much, entered. With only seconds left in the half, Arkansas connected on a touchdown pass and the glove was thrown.

The Aggies didn't recover. Indeed, they went downhill more and more in the second half, fumbling, failing to make the big defensive play, looking demoralized. And when time mercifully ran out, even the defiant Aggie Warm Hymn couldn't erase the misery, the utter dejection, the complete defeat.

This was to have been A&M's finest hour—an undefeated season, a conference title, a Cotton Bowl berth, the Open Sesame key to top recruiting, national recognition.

This was a team that had, much like a Juarez fighting bull, been developed for just such success. It was laden with experience, size, strength. It stood on the threshold of the pinnacle of success—just in time for the rug to be pulled out from underneath its feet. The Aggies may never recover from the resulting crash.

Okay, Howard, tell it like it is. All right, Texas Tech's basketball team looked, for much of 40 minutes last Saturday, as though they were the Christians being thrown to the lions. And they helped those lions with exceeding generosity.

Oh, there were flashes of the team that beat Kansas State, but much of the time they played as though in shock. They didn't rebound well, they took bad shots, they let the press bother them, they couldn't hit free throws, they fouled, they had turnovers.

I felt sorry for Gerald Myers and his assistants, and I had to agree with Gerald when he said that he thought that, if they had played their usual game, they could have won.

Notre Dame was not that impressive and, on the occasions when the Raiders played good defense and worked for good shots, they looked capable. Unfortunately, they weren't consistent and the Irish gladly accepted Tech's generosity.

Possibly the most disappointing phase of the game was Tech's almost complete intimidation on the boards. Notre Dame outmuscled the Raiders, who seemed to fear injury.

Having seen Big 10 in person, officials grant much more leniency on the boards. It boils down almost to you can do anything that you're man enough to do, including shoving, elbowing, holding, pushing, or what have you.

The Raiders, in the foul-conscious SWC, are not used to such treatment. As a result, the Irish dominated the boards and the Raiders reached out gingerly instead of being aggressive, as you must in Big 10 territory.

Still, the tightness was obvious in their lack of free throw shooting ability, at least twice blowing two free throws with no apparent pressure on them.

It was disappointing, of course, not only for the Raiders themselves, but because they could have struck a blow for the conference. Instead, there will be tittering in other conference about "the best" in the SWC being beaten by 25 points.

It should make a better team. It also should make the Raiders a little easier to coach. If so, all is not lost by this game. Indeed, I think the Raiders will bounce back and become the team it is capable of becoming.

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Services Held for Maggie Lucille Price

Services for Maggie Lucille Price, 80, of 5510 27th St., were held Monday at 2 p.m. in Resthaven-Singleton-Wilson Funeral Home chapel with Owen Miller, minister of Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock, officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven-Singleton-Wilson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Price died at 11 a.m. Friday in Methodist Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She married Robert R. Price 60 years ago and was very active in the Church of Christ and her husband was minister of the Churches of Christ in Vernon, Childress in the 30's and in Richmond, California for the next 30 years, moving to the Lubbock area 5 years ago and served as minister for the Shallowater Church of Christ for 1½ years.

Mrs. Price taught Bible classes in the churches her husband ministered for over 50 years, from these classes, 8 youth are now preachers. She taught child psychology and also authored a book entitled "Class Notes and Chapter Highlights on the Book of Acts."

She is survived by her husband: a son, Dan R. of Seminole; three brothers, Henry Jones and Jack Jones, both of Fort Worth, and Fred Jones of Los Angeles, California; a sister, Mrs. Louise Cozby of Fort Worth; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

8th Street Birthday Club

The lovely Howard Preston home was the scene of the monthly 8th Street Birthday Club meeting Saturday morning with 17 ladies present for the event.

Ladies having the pleasure of being special guests, having December birthdays, were Mrs. Adolph Wages, Mrs. Ila Merrell, Mrs. Floyce Preston and Mrs. Jewell Stanton.

The Christmas motif was used throughout the house in decorations. The serving table was laid with a lovely white cloth, centered with a beautiful Christmas arrangement.

Refreshments of coffee, punch and Christmas cookie squares, decorated with holly berries was enjoyed, and gifts were exchanged by the group.

Mrs. Preston was assisted in hostess duties by Mrs. Scotty Moreland.

Methodist Women Hold Christmas Party Monday

United Methodist Women of Shallowater had their Christmas Party December 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. C.E. Pair. The party, attended by fourteen members, began with a prayer by Mrs. Joann Ewing. Mrs. C.M. Thomas, president, presented Mrs. Retha Crowther with a special membership pin in honor of her devoted work to the guild. After Mrs. R.R. Warren gave the devotional and

Engagement Announced



Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Worsham Jr. announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Debra Susan to Sgt. Curtis Brusenham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Nims of Ft. Worth.

The couple will exchange vows January 16, in the First United Methodist Church in Shallowater.

The future bride is a graduate of Shallowater High School and is employed by the Lubbock Fire Department.

Sgt. Brusenham is stationed in Kunsan, South Korea with the U.S. Air Force.

closing prayer, gifts were exchanged.

Besides wrapping paper to be given to the State School in Lubbock, members brought samples of their favorite Christmas cookies, cakes, cheese, rolls, and dips for refreshments. Hot spiced punch and coffee was served.

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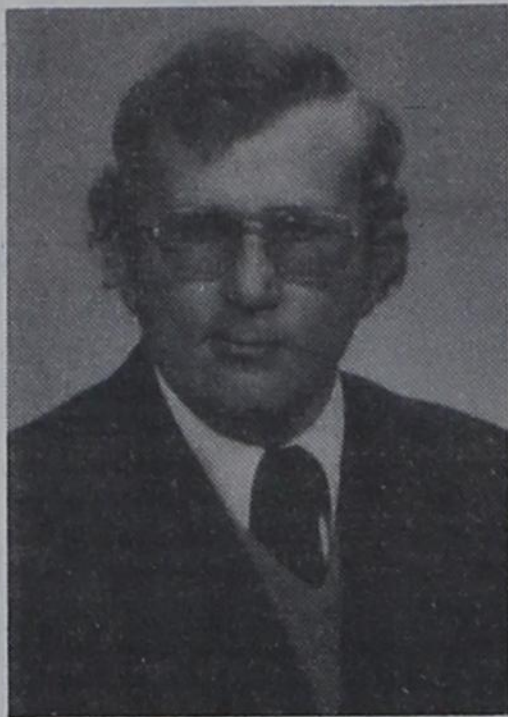
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Charles Whitfield, Frenship Kindergarten Teacher

When kindergarten students entered this past fall at M.E. Casey Elementary, they came into contact with a situation most students do not experience until they are in junior high.



Their teacher was a man. Charles Whitfield, 27, decided to become an elementary school teacher five years ago. The Lubbock resident had just spent 10 months in Vietnam as a casualty reporter and was working while his wife, Lynn, attended school.

"All of a sudden, it just came to me that I wanted to go back to school for four years," Whitfield said. "You're never happy in life unless you do what you want to do."

So in 1971, he enrolled in Texas Tech University with the intention of becoming a 5th or 6th grade teacher.

start very early. "80 per cent of a child's personality is formed by the time he's 5 years old," Whitfield noted. "And the earlier you can get to work with children, the better."

Since state law only requires a student to stay in school until he is 16, it may be too late to start correcting academic problems in high school students, Whitfield explained.

As an instructor, Whitfield sees himself as a "person who cares about children: someone the children can trust."

"I believe it's very important to provide a warm, nurturing atmosphere," he said.

Whitfield noted it was harder to work with younger children "because of the language problem. There is so much they don't know. It's hard to express yourself, coming down to their level."

The former marine said he has not had much trouble with parents accepting him as a male kindergarten teacher. "Mothers accept it a lot more so than the fathers. There are some people who have said, 'I can't believe a man would do that.'"

"I think that people have become socially concerned enough that they can see the importance. For boys that grow up without male influence, (the Process) can be a traumatic experience."

"Students may not see a male teacher until junior high school," he said.

And there has been "no problem

with student acceptance," Whitfield added.

As a teacher, Whitfield said he was still learning. "When I got out of Tech, I thought I knew it all. But I've learned quite a bit this last semester."

Instrumental in aiding him were Mrs. Parrish and Mrs. Omenson, two Casey teachers, he said.

Presently, in his spare time, Whitfield tinkers with electronics and mechanics. His wife, Lynn, teaches 6th grade at McWhorter Elementary School in Lubbock.

Surveying the teaching profession, Whitfield said "a good teacher can take children at any age and make significant changes in their lives."

Charles Whitfield wants to be that teacher.

Services Held for Ada Kimberlin

Services for Mrs. Ada Kimberlin, 86, of Ropesville, were held Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. in Ropesville United Methodist Church with Dr. Hubert Bratcher, pastor, and the Rev. Murle Rogers, pastor of Ropesville Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Ropesville Cemetery with Rix Funeral Directors of Lubbock handling the arrangements.

Mrs. Kimberlin died at 4:15 a.m. Tuesday in Brownfield Hospital.

Mrs. Kimberlin was married to the late J.C. Kimberlin Oct. 20,

1907. She moved to Ropesville in 1941 from Farmersville. She was a Methodist.

Mrs. Kimberlin is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Ina Watson of Ropesville, Mrs. Ava Lou Bralley of Arlington, Mrs. Sylvia Patterson of Farmersville, Mrs. Katherine Jones of Lubbock, and Mrs. Marie Webster of Odessa; two sons, J.G. of Goldsmith and J.E. "Pat" of Anchorage, Alaska; three brothers, Doyle Davis of Muleshoe, G.S. Davis of Lawton, Ohio, and Henry Davis of Greenville; 36 grandchildren, 71 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

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appointed to the Joint Committee on Textile Industry Development by Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby.

The committee, which consists of three senators, three House members and three citizens appointed by the governor, is responsible for the promotion and development of the textile industry in Texas.

Texas currently imports more than \$80 million in woven fabric from other states and countries to supply the apparel and garment industries.

Though Texas leads the nation in the production of cotton, wool and mohair, only 1.5 percent of the material is woven into fabric by state textile mills.

According to recent reports from the Department of Commerce, size is a factor in the cost of governmental operations in both cities and counties.

Smaller cities are more economical with taxpayer's money than are larger municipalities, Robert Brown, director of the Tax Foundation, said.

"Cities under 50,000 population spend an average of \$158 per year per capita for services. But in cities over a million, the average is \$682 per capita," Brown noted.

Counties with under 25,000 population spend an average of \$421 per capita while those with over 50,000 people spend \$680.

Ambulance . . .

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Edwards. Haggard told members of Wolforth's Emergency Medical Technician volunteers they could begin operating the ambulance after he and other members of EMS demonstrated the operation of the ambulance equipment.

Should an emergency arise, however, the volunteers could operate the vehicle, Haggard told the group.

Wolforth and Idalou were the first two of the five Lubbock County cities slated to receive an ambulance to have their's delivered. Slaton and Shallowater do not yet have the qualified personnel to operate a vehicle, and special provision must be made for Abernathy since part of the city lies in Hale County.

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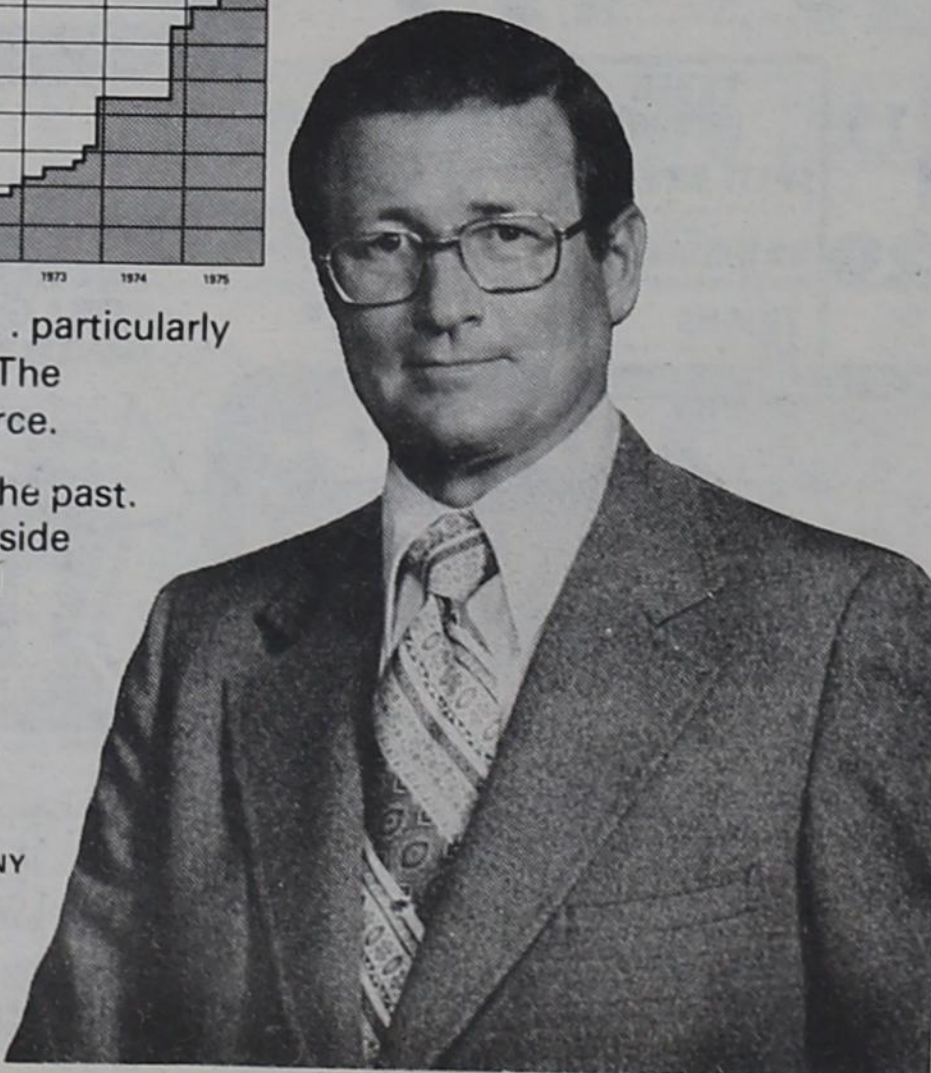
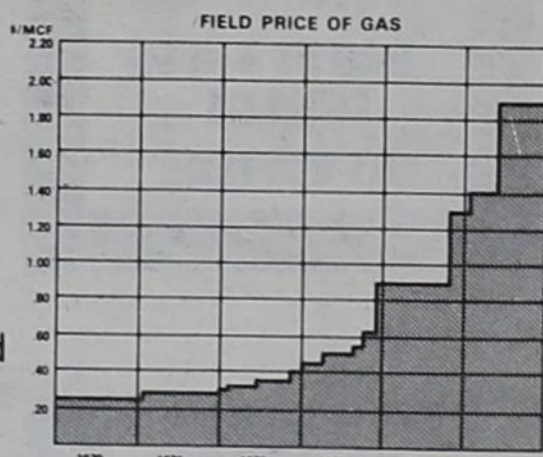
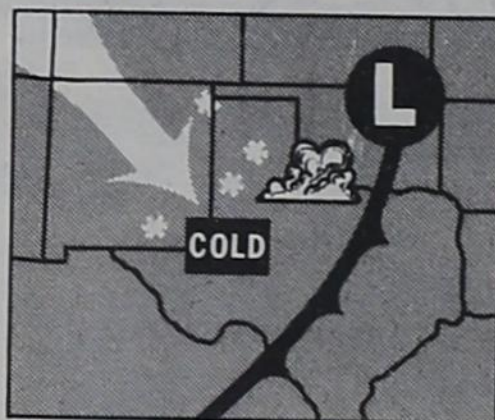
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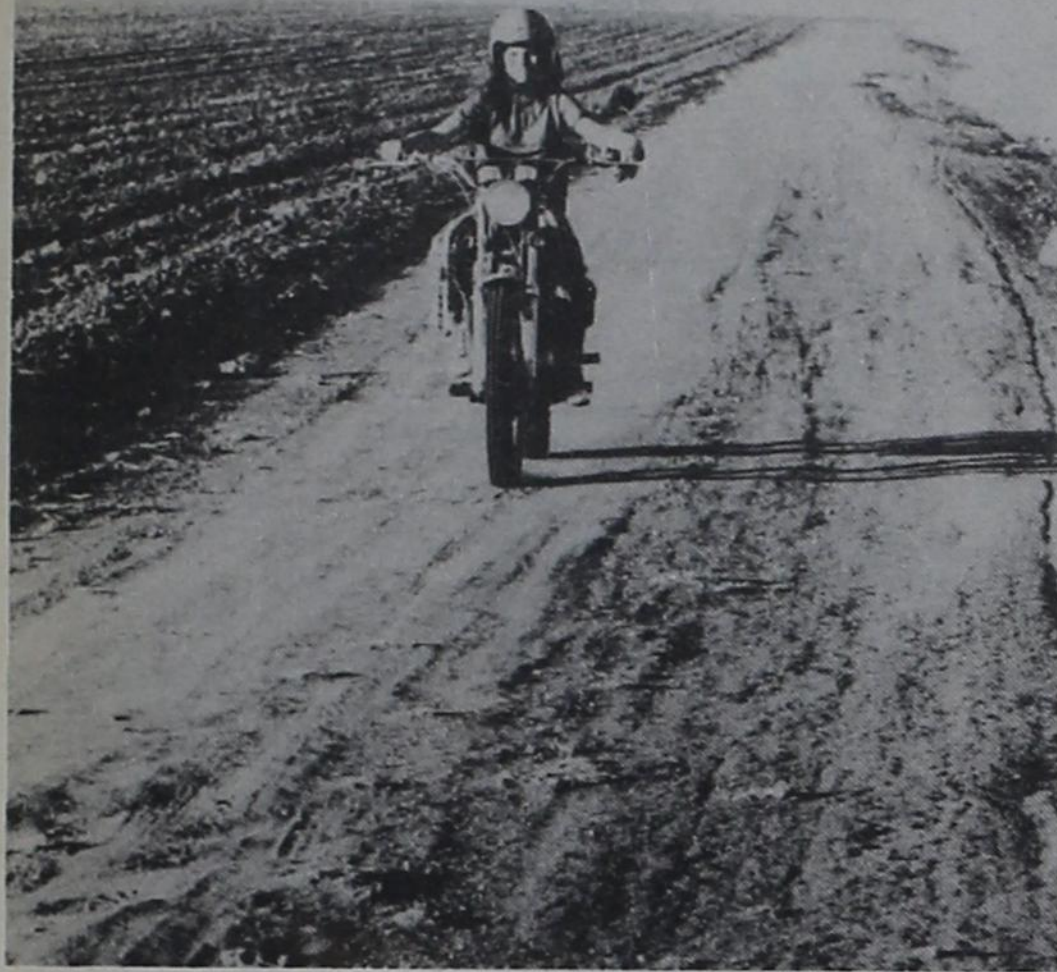
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Police Beat

Now that Christmas is near, so is the increase in house burglaries. Every year at this time, there is a sharp increase in house burglaries, as well as vehicle burglaries. The City of Shallowater will be no exception. Most vehicle break-ins are because people will leave packages in the car instead of putting them into the trunk. A lot of people forget to lock the door to their car. However, even if the car door is locked, it does not take long to open it. So always remember to place Christmas packages in the trunk of your car. If a burglar does not see any packages, he will not spend the time to open the car door. This would only increase the chances of his getting caught.

We are beginning to see the rise in house burglaries already in our city. We have had several more in the month of November than we had in October. If we don't try to do something to help the Police Department in stopping this, then we can look for more. There are several ways that you as citizens can help. They are:

1. If you are going to be gone from home for a while and do not want to tell the people next door, then call us and we will drive by your house while on patrol.

2. When you leave home, turn on some lights and leave the drapes open so we can see any movement inside the house when we drive by.

3. Leave your radio on. It will not cost much, and because of the noise, any burglary will not know whether or not you are home.

4. Get to know the people who live next door. Learn what car they drive and where they park it. (This can tell you whether something is wrong or not). Tell them that you will watch their house for them when they're gone and they may do the same for you.

5. If you see a vehicle or a person that does not belong in your part of town, call us. We try to watch everything, but we can not be every place all of the time. (One house was stripped in 25 to 30 minutes. It does not take long for these guys, because they work at this all of the time, and they have their own system worked out.)

6. If you are expecting a package to be delivered, tell your neighbor so they can sign for it if you are gone.

7. If for any reason you are

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going to be out of town for a day or two, have someone pick up your papers, have your milk and any other deliveries stopped until you return. Above all, call us and let us know. It does not take long, and it just may save you a hardship.

8. Above all, do not leave a porch light on. This is a sure give-away that you are not at home.

9. If you see a strange car driving around your area, one that you have never seen before, call us, then we can check on it.

10. Do not place all your valuables in one place in your house. Put them in different places. The burglar does not want to spend time looking for items in several places. Of course, the best thing to do is to get a safety deposit box and put valuables in it.

11. Either mark, or take the serial number of everything in your house. Make a note of where and how you marked them, then place these records in a safe place. Put either your driver's license or social security number on any items marked.

The Police Department has two marking pencils at City Hall for you to borrow; all you have to do is sign for one of them, use it and return. One thing you must always remember is that if you should come home and find that you have been burglarized or think that someone may be in your house, call us. It may save your life.

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but the harder we make it for the burglary, the better the chance the burglar will not try, and even if he does, it will increase the chances of his getting caught.

Again, we wish to let you, as the citizens of Shallowater, know how to get in touch with us. During the weekdays 8:30 to 5:30 call 832-4521 or 832-4791. Holidays, weekends or nights call 765-9363. This is the Lubbock County Sheriff's office. They will know where we are at all times and can get in touch with us by means of the radio.

In closing, the Shallowater Police Department, along with the employees of the City of Shallowater, would like to wish each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Shallowater Band Boosters Meet

Mrs. Floyd Epperson presided over the regular meeting of the Shallowater Band Boosters in the band hall Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Plans were made for the band boosters to have a concession stand for the Shallowater basketball tournament for grades 7-8-9 to be held December 18-19-20.

Workers are urgently needed to help in operating the concession stand and anyone desiring to donate their time and effort to a worthy cause are asked to contact Mrs. Joan Grimes during school hours at school or at her home by telephoning 832-4609 or call Mrs. Doris Epperson at 832-4669. Your help would be deeply appreciated.

During the Monday night meeting, films were shown of the Nov. 4 marching contest held at Jones Stadium in Lubbock, in which the Shallowater band won first in marching.

Bridal Shower To Honor Debbie Worsham

A bridal shower honoring Miss Debbie Worsham, bride-elect of Michael Brusenham, will be held

PERSONALS

CARD OF THANKS
We would like to express our sincere thanks to each of you for the beautiful floral offerings, cards, prayers, food visits and every act of kindness shown us during the illness and passing of our beloved mother and grandmother. May God bless each of you and it is our prayer that when your dark hour comes you will find yourselves among such friends as you have proven to be.

The family of Ada Kimberlin

WANTED—574 people to purchase Pawned and unredeemed merchandise at 815 Broadway, Lubbock.

Saturday, December 13, beginning at 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Shallowater.

Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

Shallowater Study Club Meets

The Shallowater Study Club met on December 9th at 1:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Jack Dulaney for their Christmas program. Hostesses were Mrs. A.R. Shipp and Mrs. Jack Dulaney. 23 members answered roll call to naming their favorite Christmas carol.

Devotional was given by Mrs. Carey Gooch on "Christmas Means Gladness". The program entitled "Gather Round, Let's All Sing" was presented by Mrs. James McMenamy and Mrs. Bert Sinclair.

Members exchanged gifts and refreshments were served. The next meeting will be Jan. 6, 1976 at 1:30 in the home of Mrs. M.J. Williams.

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Fire Dept. Hosts Salad Supper

Members of the Shallowater Volunteer Fire Department and their families enjoyed a delicious salad supper and 42 party Monday night in the Community Building.

Approximately 40 persons attended the get together in observance of the holiday season.

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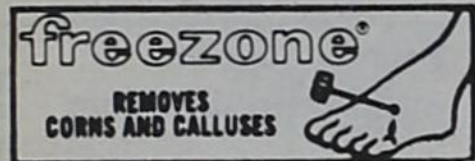
- Monday, December 15**
Macaroni, Cheese, Ham
Spinach, Apricots
Hot Rolls, Butter
Chocolate Cake, Milk
- Tuesday, December 16**
Barbecued Weiners
Mashed Potatoes, Green Limas
Corn Bread, Butter
Peaches, Milk
- Wednesday, December 17**
Turkery and Dressing
Gravy, Green Beans
Fruit Salad, Cranberry Cup
Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk
- Thursday, December 18**
Hamburger, Catsup
Lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle
French Fries, Blackeyed peas
Marshmallow Krispies, Mlk
- Friday, December 19**
Fish, Catsup
Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas
Cheese Sticks
Apple Pie, Milk

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Ropes School News

Ropes vs Meadow

The Eagles took on Meadow last Tuesday on their own home court. The Eagles downed the Broncos with a score of 83-52. Randy Melton popped the net with 24 points. Others with scoring credits are: Gary Means with 10, Monte Moore with 15, Riky Streety with 16, Jeff Arnwine with 7, Brad Pettiet with 8, Dicki Arant with 1 and Tim Berry with 3 points.

Tourney Champs

The Ropes Eagles really sorred high in Meadow last weekend. The Eagles took on Dimmitt JV Thursday and flew by them 80-43 with Gary Means netting 19 points. On Friday, the Big Green took on Christ the King and defeated them by a score of 85-80 with Randy Melton and Monte Moore tallying 14 points each.

On Saturday night the Eagles proved just how bad they wanted first place by breezing by Springlake-Earth with a score of

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65-45. Monte Moore was high point with 25. The Eagles did a great job and we are really proud of them.

The Ropes Tournament starts this Thursday and will continue through Saturday night. Teams entered are:

Boys—Ropes will take on Spade at 8:30 Thursday night; Whiteface will play Union at 11:30; Meadow will play Loop at 2:30; and Dawson will play at 5:30.

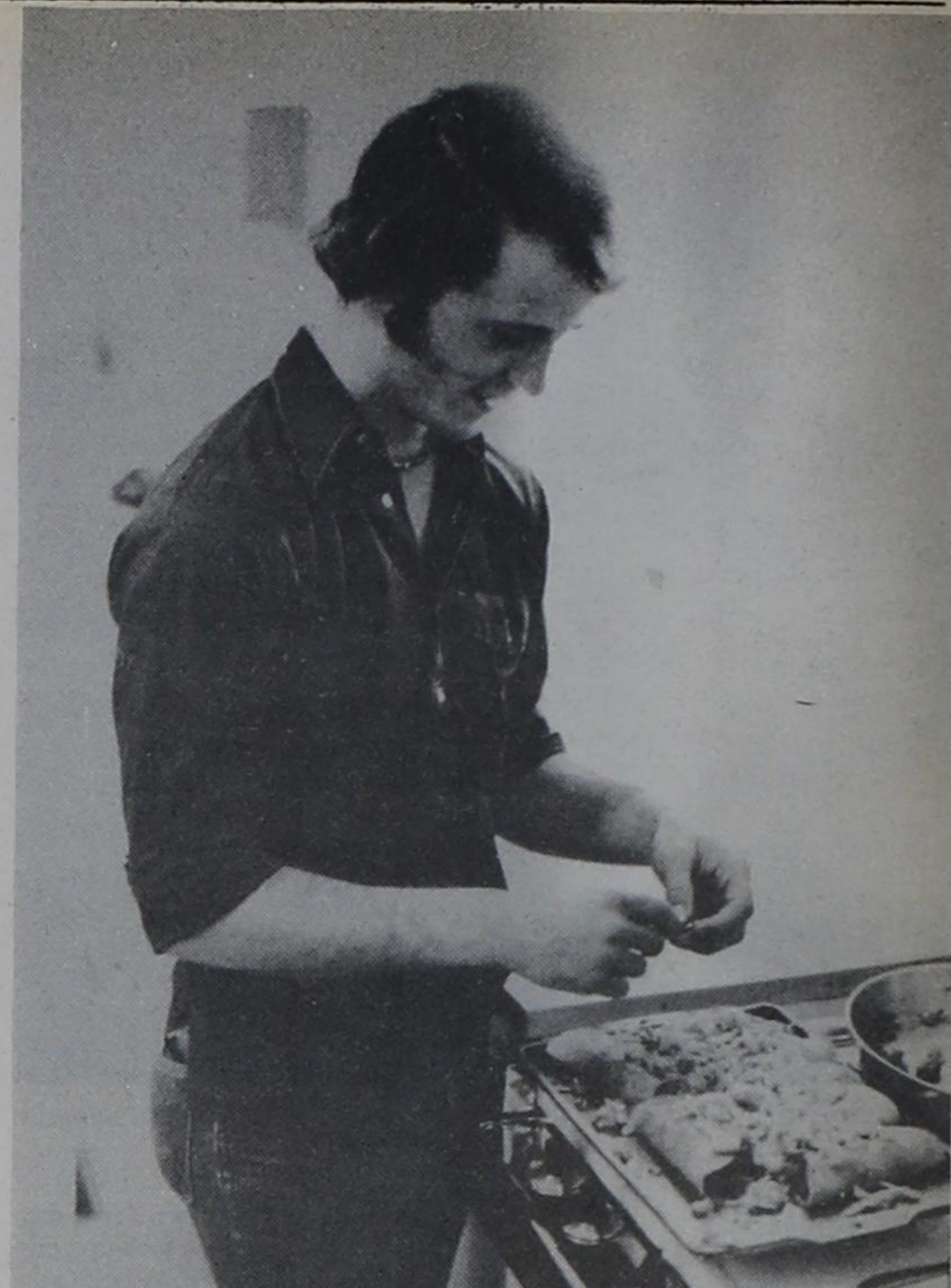
Girls teams entered are Ropes Whiteface, Union, Meadow, Loop, Dawson, Seagraves and Spade.

4-H Sweetheart

Martha Turnipseed was selected to serve the Ropes Starlight 4-H Club as sweetheart. Martha is a freshman at Ropes High School and is a member of the Eagle band, varsity basketball and F.H.A.

Ropes School Lunch Menu

- Monday, December 15**
Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy
Football Potatoes, Green Beans
Tossed Salad, Rolls, Butter
Fruit Cobbler, Milk
- Tuesday, December 16**
Enchiladas with Green Chilis
Pinto Beans, Salad
Cornbread, Butter
Peaches, Milk
- Wednesday, December 17**
Super Dogs, Mustard
Scalloped Potatoes
English Pea Salad
Rolls, Butter, Jello, Milk
- Thursday, December 18**
Hot Dogs with Chili
Ranch Style Beans
Buttered Corn
Banana Pudding, Milk
- Friday, December 19**
Turkey, Dressing, Giblet Gravy
Creamed Potatoes, Tossed Salad
Cranberry Sauce
Red and Green Jello with Whipped Topping
Rolls, Butter, Milk



Frenship High student, Gary Snowden, garnishes a taco special. Members of the afternoon Homemaking class cooked a Mexican dinner Tuesday.

Band Concert Set at Ropesville

The annual concert by the Ropes Schools music and band organizations will be Sunday afternoon, December 14th at 2:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Those performing will be the 4th grade music class, the 5th grade beginning band, the junior high

school band and the high school band. Also, the film of the high school band marching contest last November will be shown.

Admission will be \$1.00 for adults, and 75 cents for students and children. tickets can be purchased from any band student from 5th grade through 12th grade, or may also be purchased at the door.

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